

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI
M.S. Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
B.A. Sociology and American Studies, Union College, Schenectady, NY

Professional Experience

Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ 1987-present
Member, Graduate Faculty in Sociology, Graduate Program in Sociology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 1987-present
Member, Graduate Faculty, Graduate Program in Liberal Studies, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ 1987-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ 1981-1987
Associate Member, Graduate Faculty, Graduate Program in Sociology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 1981-present
Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 1977-1980
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, New York, NY 1983

Selected Publications

Books

Structuration Theory: Anthony Giddens and the Constitution of Social Life, London: Macmillan; New York: St. Martin's Press, 1989

Translated into Spanish: *Teoría de la Estructuración: Anthony Giddens y la Constitución de la Vida Social* translated by Ángel Carlos González Ruiz, Iztapalapa: Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana 1996

In Progress, *A Sociology of Solitary Action* Cambridge (UK): Polity Press

Articles and Essays

Cambridge Dictionary of Sociology, Bryan Turner (ed.), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006

Featured Essays:

- “Agency and Structure” pp. 75-77
- “Ethnomethodology” pp. 177-180
- “Anthony Giddens” pp. 242-243
- “Erving Goffman” pp. 248-250
- “Modernity” pp. 389-394
- “Sociological theory” pp. 595-600
- “Value Freedom” pp. 648-64

Brief Essays and Entries:

- ”Everyday Life” p. 18
- “Harold Garfinkel” p. 225
- “Habitus and Field” p. 259.
- “Ideal Type” p. 277
- “George Herbert Mead” pp. 375-376
- “Roberto Michels” p. 384
- “Barrington Moore” p. 400
- “Ontology” p. 423
- “Pragmatism” pp. 469-470
- “Rationality” pp. 498-499
- “Rationalization” p. 499
- “Social Action” p. 557
- “Structuration” p. 613
- “Third-Way politics” p. pp. 627-628
- “Verstehen” p. 651

“Structuration” in *Encyclopedia of Social Theory*, George Ritzer (ed.), London: Sage, pp. 811-814, 2005

“Theories of Action and Praxis” in *A Companion to Social Theory*, Bryan S. Turner (ed.), Oxford: Basil Blackwell, pp. 73-111, 2002

“Anthony Giddens” in *Key Sociological Thinkers*, Rob Stones (ed.), London: Macmillan, pp. 291-305, 1999
Translated into Farsi and published in Iran in 2002

“Structuration Theory” in *The Blackwell Dictionary of Twentieth Century Social Thought*, William Outhwaite and Tom Bottomore (eds.), Oxford: Basil Blackwell: pp. 649-50, 2003

“Autonomy and Credibility: Voice as Method” with Mary F. Rogers, *Sociological Theory* 12:3: pp. 304-318, 1994
Reprinted in *Erving Goffman*, Gary Alan Fine and Gregory H. Smith (eds.), London and New York: Sage, 2000

“La securite' ontologique, la face sociale et la question dans la motivation dans la the'orie de la structuration” translated into French by Michel Audet in *structuration du social et moderne' avance'e*, Michel Audet and Hamid Bouchiki (eds.), Sainte-Foy : Les Presses de L'Universite' Laval: pp. 405-436, 1993

“Structuration Theory and Social Order” and “Cohen Replies to Stinchcombe” in *Anthony Giddens: Consensus and Controversy*, Jon Clark, Celia Modgil, Sohan Modgil (eds.), Basingstoke (UK): Falmer: pp. 33-45; 57-59, 1990
Reprinted in *Anthony Giddens: Critical Assessments*, David Jary and Christopher A. G. Bryant (eds.), London and New York: Routledge, 1996

“Structuration Theory and Social Praxis” in *Social Theory Today*, Anthony Giddens and Jonathan Turner (eds.), Stanford: Stanford University Press: pp. 273-308, 1987
Translated into Spanish: “Teoria` de la Estructurascio`n y praxis social” in *La Teoría social hoy*, Anthony Giddens y Jonathan Turner; Translated by Jesús Alborés. Madrid: Alianz pp. 351-397, 1991

“The Status of Structuration Theory” *Theory, Culture, and Society* 3:1: pp. 123-134, 1986
Reprinted in *Anthony Giddens: Critical Assessments*, David Jary and Christopher A. G. Bryant (eds.), London and New York: Routledge, 1996

"Underemphasis on Democracy in Marx and Weber" in *A Weber-Marx Dialogue*, Robert J. Antonio and Ronald M. Glassman (eds.). Lawrence: University Press of Kansas: pp. 274-299, 1986

"Participant Observation and Professional Sociology: Transposing and Transforming Descriptions of Everyday Life" *Current Perspectives in Social Theory* (Vol. 5): pp. 71-100, 1984

"Max Weber on Modern Western Capitalism" introductory essay in Max Weber, *General Economic History*. New Brunswick, NJ:Transactions Press: pp. XV-LXXXIII, 1981

"Toward a Theory of State Intervention: The Nationalization of the British Telegraphs" *Social Science History* 4:2: pp. 155-205, 1980

Brief Essays

"General Editor's 'Forward'" in Steven Kalberg, *Max Weber and Modernity*, Oxford, UK and Malden, MA: Basil Blackwell, 2004

"General Editor's 'Forward'" in Mustafa Emirbayer, *Emile Durkheim: Sociologist of Modernity*, Oxford, UK and Malden, MA: Basil Blackwell, pp. xiii-xvi, 2003

"General Editor's 'Forward'" in Robert J. Antonio, *Marx and Modernity*, Oxford, UK and Malden, MA: Basil Blackwell, 2002

"What Is Classical About Classical Social Theory?" *Perspectives* 22: pp. 2ff, 2000

"On Hechter's Interpretation of Max Weber" *American Journal of Sociology* 81:4: pp. 363-365, 1976

Book Reviews

"Cultural Change and Everyday Life" by David Chaney, *American Journal of Sociology* 108:6 pp. 1434-1436, 2003

"The Contemporary Giddens" edited by Christopher A.G. Bryant and David Jary *Contemporary Sociology* 31:8 pp. 793-794, 2002

"The Hidden Weber" by Paul Honigsheim *Contemporary Sociology* 30:6 pp.652-653, 2001

"Sociological Theory: What Went Wrong? Diagnoses and Remedies" by by Nicos Mouzelis *American Journal of Sociology* 102:2: pp. 595-596, 1996

"Durkheim and Post Modern Culture" by Stjepan Mestrovic *Social Forces* 72:1 pp. 266, 1993

"Anthony Giddens" *Contemporary Sociology* 22:3 pp. 457-458, 1993

"Giddens' Theory of Structuration" edited by Christopher A.G. Bryant and David Jary
Contemporary Sociology 21:2: pp. 280-282m 1992

"Consequences of Modernity and Social Theory of Modern Societies" Anthony Giddens *British Journal of Sociology* 42:4, pp. 550-552, 1991
Reprinted in *Anthony Giddens: Critical Assessments*, David Jary and Christopher A. G. Bryant (eds.) London, UK and New York: Routledge, 1996

"Weber, Irrationality, and Social Order" by Alan Sica *American Political Science Review* 84:1 pp. 287-90, 1990

"Social Action and Human Nature" by Axel Honneth and Hans Joas *American Journal of Sociology* 94:4: pp. 1072-1074, 1990

"Max Weber: Essays in Reconstruction" by Willhelm Hennis *Contemporary Sociology* 19:2: pp. 319-320 1990

"The Production of Society: A Marxian Foundation for Social Theory" by Michael Brown
American Journal of Sociology 43:1: pp. 204-206, 1987

"The Spellbinders: Charismatic Political Leadership" by Ann Wilner *Contemporary Sociology* 14:4: pp. 506-507, 1985

"On Cultural Freedom: An Exploration of Public Life in Poland and America" by Jeffrey Goldfarb
American Journal of Sociology 90:3: pp. 687-689m 1984

"Positivism and Social Theory: Explaining Social Life" by Peter Halfpenny *Social Forces* 63:1: pp. 271-272, 1984

"The Japanese Social Structure: Its Evolution in the Modern Century" by T. Fuktake *American Journal of Sociology* 90:1: pp. 239-241, 1984

"Breaking New Ground in the Study of Capitalism: A Review Essay" *Contemporary Sociology* 12:4: pp. 363-365
Reprinted in *Anthony Giddens: Critical Assessments*, David Jary and Christopher A. G. Bryant, eds..London and New York: Routledge, 1996

"Functionalism in Modern Sociology: Understanding Talcott Parsons" by Benton Johnson
Contemporary Sociology 7:5: pp. 644-645 1978

Invited Lectures

Department of Sociology , Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan, May 2009

Forms of Solitary Action

Faculty of Sociology, University of Milan Bicocca, May 2009

Forms of Solitary Action

Department of Sociology, University of Genoa, may 2009

Department of Sociology, University of Pisa, May 2009

Forms of Solitary Action

Forms of Solitary Action

Department of Sociology, University of Naples, Federico II, March 2008.

The Elements of Solitary Action

Department of Sociology, Tbilisi State University, Republic of Georgia, July 2002

It is Not Written in Stone: A Syllabus for Contemporary Social Theory

What is Modernity?

The Classical Sensibility

Department of Sociology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 1990

Structuration Theory

Conference Presentations and Lectures

The Elements of Solitary Action Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston MA 2008.

Video Methods and the Sociology of Solitude, Interviewed by Richard Williams, Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, 2006

Comments on Formal Modeling, a Theory Section Mini-Conference, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta GA, 2003

Comments on Formal Critical Theory, a Theory Section Min-Conference, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta GA, 2003

The Classical Sensibility, Lecture Sponsored by the Open Society Institute, Department of Sociology, Tblisi State University, Republic of Georgia, July 2002

What is Modernity?, lecture sponsored by the Open Society Institute, Department of Sociology, Tblisi State University, Republic of Georgia, July 2002

Organizer and Commentator, Regular Session on Critical Theory, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, 2002

Detached Involvement, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., 2000

Detached Involvement: On the Sociology of Solitude, International Conference on Culture and Cognition, New Brunswick, NJ, 1999

All Solidarities are Local, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL 1996

A Place for Personal Experience in Everyday Life, Tenth Anniversary Conference, *Theory, Culture & Society*, Seven Springs Resort, Champion, PA 1992

Immanent Theory and Narrative Forms, Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, 1992

Ontological Security, Social Face, and the Problem of Motivation in Structuration Theory, Symposium on the Structuration of Modernity, Centre Culturel International de Cerisy-la-Salle: Cerisy-las-Salle, Normandy, France, July 1991

Personal Voice Versus Didactic Voice: Goffman and Garfinkel as Narrators (with Mary F. Rogers), Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association: Cincinnati, OH, 1991

Structuration Theory,

Structuration Theory and Symbolic Interactionism, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society: Minneapolis, MN, 1988

Obstacles to Communitarian Democracy, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association: Chicago, IL, 1987

Structuration Theory, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association: New York, NY, 1986

The Underemphasis on Democracy in Weber and Marx, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society: Chicago, IL, 1984

Popular Sovereignty, Legitimate Domination, and the Dialectic of Control, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association: Detroit, MI, 198????????????????????????????????

The Nationalization of the British Telegraphs: Kolko in a New Key, Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association: Ann Arbor, Michigan 1977

Editorial Positions

Editorial Advisory Board, *Cambridge Dictionary of Sociology*, Cambridge University Press, 2002-ongoing

International Advisory Board, *Sociology: Journal of the British Sociological Association*, 2000-04

Associate Editor, *Theory, Culture & Society*, 1985-ongoing

General Editor, *Modernity and Society*, a series of books published by Basil Blackwell

Offices Held

Elected Member, Council, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 1987-1990

Elected Chair, Nominations Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 1998-1999

Elected Chair, Theory Prize Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 1997-1998

Elected Member, Theory Prize Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 1991-1992, 1995-1996

Elected Chair, Nominations Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 1993-4, 1998-1999

Elected Member, Nominations Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 1997-1998

Elected Regional Representative, Alpha Kappa Delta: International Sociological Honor Society 1992-1994

External Service

Tenure Assessment, University of Essex, Colchester, U.K.2000

Tenure Assessment, Colorado College, 1994

Tenure Assessment, Santa Clara University, 1991

Outside Reader, for Dissertations and Honors Programs

Tenure Assessment, Department of Sociology, University of New South Wales, Kensington,

Tenure Assessment, New South Wales, Australia,1993

Tenure Assessment, Department of Sociology, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria, Australia, 1990

Tenure Assessment, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium, 1989

Outside Examiner in Modern Social Theory, Honors Program, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA 1986, 1994

University Service

Newark Campus Graduate Student Supervision

Lara Kuhn, Ph.D. awarded 2006

Kellianne Sheridan, M.A. awarded October 1999

Julio Fuentes, M.A. awarded June 1993

Margot Suydam, M.A. awarded June 1993

Badia Seymour, M.A. awarded June 1993

Joan Strickler, M.A. awarded June 1992

Janet Poland, M.A. candidate in Liberal Studies in progress

Newark Campus Undergraduate Honors Program Supervision

Rosa Marques 1992

New Brunswick Campus Graduate Student Supervision

Dissertations Chaired

Mary Gatta, Ph.D. awarded October 2000

James Pennell, Ph.D. awarded October 1997

Gregory Metz, Ph.D. awarded January 1995

Dissertations Committee Member

Ruth Simpson, Ph.D. awarded 2006

C. Lynn Carr, Ph.D. awarded October 2002

Mary Chayko, Ph.D. awarded June 1998

Sam Richards, Ph.D. awarded June 1992

Elizabeth Mitchell, Ph.D. awarded June 1991

Newark Campus Administrative Committees

Courses of Study Committee 2009-

Undergraduate Program Evaluation Committee 2007- 2008

Executive Board, Graduate Liberal Studies, 2000-2007

Review Committee Member, Rutgers Dialogues, Curriculum Seed Grant, and Teaching and Curriculum Evaluation Grant 2001

Honors College Task Force 1998-1999-2000 Advisory Board

Honors College Advisory Board

Faculty Advisory Board, Teaching Excellence Center, 1993-1994
Courses of Study Committee, Spring 1998, 1998-1999
Faculty Advisory Board, Teaching Excellence Center, 1993-1994
Executive Committee, Graduate Faculty, 1991-1994
Committee on Scholastic Standing, FAS, 1990-1993
Committee on Committees, FAS, 1986, 1989-1992
Faculty Secretary, FAS, 1987-1988

New Brunswick Campus Administrative Committees

Elected Member, Graduate Program Committee, Graduate Program in Sociology, Rutgers-
New Brunswick, 1983-1986, 1991-2007.

Teaching

Graduate Courses

Contemporary Social Theory (Sociology 516), New Brunswick Campus
Classical Social Theory (Sociology 515), New Brunswick Campus
The Modern Mind (Liberal Studies 505), Newark Campus

Undergraduate Courses

Classical Social Theory (Sociology 409)
Contemporary Social Theory (Sociology 415)
Sociology of Science (Sociology 386)
Historical Sociology (Sociology 320)
American Society (Sociology 326)
Introduction to Sociology I (Sociology 201)
Introduction to Sociology II: Critical Themes in Sociology (American Society) (Sociology 202).
Honors College, Honors Seminar