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Education

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

Professional Positions

- Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ 1987-present.
- Affiliated 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.
- Member, Graduate Faculty, Peace and Conflict Studies, Rutgers University, Newark NJ 2012-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, Madison, WI 1977-1980.
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, New York, NY 1983.

Publications:

Books

- *Solitary Action: Acting on Our Own in Everyday Life*. New York: Oxford University Press. In Press.

- *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.

Articles and Essays

- In Preparation "Solitary Action: Behavior Beyond the Interaction Order."
- "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.
- "Autonomy and Credibility: Voice as Method" with Mary 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 se'curite' ontologique, la face sociale et la question de la motivation dans la the'orie de la structuration" translated into French by Michel Audet in *Structuration du social et modernite' 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 by Jesu's Albore's, "Teoria' de la Estructurascio' n y praxis social" in *La Teoria social hoy*, Anthony Giddens and Jonathan Turner. 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” in *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 and Entries

- “What is Solitary Action?” *Perspectives: Newsletter of the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association*. 35:2 November 2014.
- *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

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” pp. 627-628.

“Verstehen” p. 651

- “Structuration” in *Encyclopedia of Social Theory*, George Ritzer (ed.). London: Sage, pp. 811-814, 2005.
- “Structuration Theory” in *The Blackwell Dictionary of Twentieth Century Social Thought*, William Outhwaite and Tom Bottomore (eds.). Oxford: Basil Blackwell: pp. 649-50, 2003.
- “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

- “Moral Blindness by Zygmunt Bauman” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* (forthcoming).
- “The Textures of Time: Agency and Temporal Experience” by Michael Flaherty. *American Journal of Sociology* 117:2 pp. 872-674, 2012.
- “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 Nicos Mouzelis *American Journal of Sociology* 102:2: pp. 595-596, 1996.

- "Durkheim and Post Modern Culture" by Stephen 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 Wilhelm 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. 687-689, 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. Fukutake *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.
Forms of Solitary Action.
- Department of Sociology, University of Pisa, May 2009.
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

- Organizer and Commentator, session on “Mind, Creativity, and Action,” Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY August 2013.
- Organizer and Commentator, regular session on Social Theory, Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY August 2013.
- *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 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 Mini-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, DC, 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 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, 1983.
- *The Nationalization of the British Telegraphs: Kolko in a New Key*, Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Ann Arbor, MI, 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

- Member, Committee on Award for Distinguished Career, Section on the History of Social Theory, American Sociological Association, 2009-2011.
- 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

- Member, Committee on “Robust Core of Sciences and Humanities,” for the Rutgers Strategic Plan. New Brunswick, September-October 2014.
- Member, Committee on Governance and By-Laws. Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark. 2013-ongoing.

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
- Ciara Mendoza 2015

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 2009-2011
- 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 Advisory Board 1998-2000.
- 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.