

VITAE

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Degrees

Ph.D. Princeton University 1967
M.A. Princeton University 1962
B.A. cum laude, Brooklyn College 1959

Professional Experience

Academic Experience

Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, 1969-present.

Department of Sociology and School of Education, University of Illinois, 1964-1969.

Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, part-time, Fall 1962.

Administrative Assignments

Director, Local Community Research Group (LCRG in Social and Demographic Research Institute), 1991-present.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, 1976-1979.

Acting Director, The Center for the Study of New England Urban Policy, University of Massachusetts, 1973-1974.

Associate Director, NIMH Graduate Research Training Program in Family Sociology, University of Illinois, 1964-1968.

Non-Academic Research

Research Associate, United States Social Security Administration (Welfare Administration) project on underclass social functioning in Harlem, N.Y.C., 1962-1964.

Educational History

Attended the public schools of New York City, Los Angeles, and Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Was graduated from the High School of Music and Art (N.Y.C.) in June 1955. Attended Brooklyn College as an undergraduate plus one year (1959-1960) as a graduate. In residence at Princeton University as a graduate in Sociology 1960-1962.

Publications

Books and Monographs

Poisoning the Ivy: The Seven Deadly Sins and Other Vices of Higher Education in America. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 1997.

The Culture of Inequality. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1993. (Revised edition with new introduction.)

The Culture of Inequality. New York: New American Library, Meridian, 1979. (Hardcover publication by University of Massachusetts Press, 1978.)

Research in Social Problems and Public Policy. Vol. IV. Greenwich: JAI Press, 1987 (edited with JoAnn L. Miller).

Research in Social Problems and Public Policy. Vol. III. Greenwich: JAI Press, 1984 (edited with JoAnn L. Miller).

Research in Social Problems and Public Policy. Vol. II. Greenwich: JAI Press, 1982 (edited).

Research in Social Problems and Public Policy. Vol. I. Greenwich: JAI Press, 1979 (edited).

Urban America: Institutions and Experience. New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1973.

Community, Kinship and Competence. United States Office of Education, 1969, with B. Farber and D. Harvey.

The Poor of Harlem: Social Functioning in the Underclass. New York: Office of the Mayor and the U.S. Welfare Administration, 1965 (in collaboration with Joan Gordon et al.).

Chapters, Papers, and Articles

“Saving Sociology?”, Parts I & II, special section in Sociological Inquiry, Vol. 69, Winter & Spring, 1999. Edited with written introduction.

“Exchange: Academic Affirmative Action,” in Contemporary Sociology, Vol. 25, 1996.

“Review Essay ‘We Scholars,’” in Contemporary Sociology, Vol. 24, 1995.

“Editing a Special Series,” in Editors as Gatekeepers, Rita Simon and James Fyfe (eds.), Lanham, MD: Rowan & Littlefield, 1994.

“The Welfare Response to Black Americans: History and Projection,” in Research in Social Problems and Public Policy, Vol. II. Greenwich: JAI Press, 1982.

“Even on a Clear Day You Can't See Forever: Barrington Moore's Contemplation of Injustice” in the International Review of Modern Sociology, Vol. II, January, 1981.

“Drift and Definitional Expansion: Toward the Hypothesis of Race-Specific Etiologies in the

Theory of Criminal Deviance,” in Research in Social Problems and Public Policy, Vol. I. Greenwich: JAI Press, 1979, with A. Harris.

“Equality” - an exchange with Jame Neuchterlein in Commentary, Vol. 67, #3, March, 1979.

“The Poor We Have to Have,” Los Angeles Times, syndicated, February 12, 1978. Also published by the Cleveland Plain Dealer, February 4, 1978, and the Miami Herald (title varies with publication).

“The Reform of Urban Reform,” invited article for inaugural edition of South Atlantic Urban Studies, Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1977.

“The Symbolic Use of Parents: A Sociological Critique of Educational Practice,” in the Journal of Research and Development in Education, Vol. 8, #2, Winter, 1975, with B. Farber.

“Compensatory Education and Social Justice,” in the Peabody Journal of Education, Vol. 49, #2, January, 1972, reprinted in The Education Digest, March, 1972 and Urban Education, CR1 - 1972, with B. Farber.

“A Conspiracy Theory of Poverty,” in Mulch, (a journal of literature and ideas), Vol. 2, #1, Spring, 1972.

“Family Organization Interaction and Ritual: A Cross-Cultural Study in Bulgaria, Finland, Germany and Ireland,” in The Journal of Marriage and the Family, February, 1971, with G. Luschen, et al.

“The Negro Protest in Urban America,” in Protest, Reform, and Revolt, Joseph Gusfield (ed.), John Wiley and Sons, 1970.

“Structural Deviance and Normative Conformity: The 'Hustle' and the Gang,” in Crime in the City, Daniel Glaser (ed.), Harper and Row, 1970, reprinted in The Age of Crisis, A.M. Miranda, (ed.), Harper and Row, 1975.

“Familie und Verwandtschaft: Interaktion und die Funktion von Ritualen,” in Soziologie der Familie, G. Luschen and E. Lupri (eds.), Koln and Opladen: Westdeutscher Verlag 1970, with Luschen et al.

“Weave Music Into the Fabric of City Life,” invited article in the M.E.N.C. Journal, April, 1970.

“Annotated Bibliography of Sociological Contributions to American Studies,” in The American Quarterly, summer supplement, 1963, with S. Fava.

approximately 15 book reviews appearing in Contemporary Sociology, American Journal of Sociology and The Christian Science Monitor.

Papers and Reports Prepared for the Public Record

Evaluation: A Consumer's Guide, Healey Public Service Fund, Social and Demographic Research Institute, 1996.

Project Acces and Dropout Prevention, Social and Demographic Research Institute, 1990, with T.

Black.

Project Acces: The Lessons Learned, prepared for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1986, with T. Black.

Energy Scarcity: Sociological Models of Resource Allocation, prepared at the request of the National Science Foundation, 1975, with R. Leik.

Planned Change in Response to External Pressure. Final Report to the United States Office of Education, 1972, with G. Sutton.

Paper on the stigmatization of the Welfare poor, prepared at the request of the President's Commission on Income Maintenance Programs, 1969.

Report on School Desegregation in a Mid-Western Community. Final Report to the United States Office of Education, 1968.

Papers Prepared for Professional Meetings

“Remembering Bernard Farber,” presented at ASA meetings, August, 2001.

“Remembering Melvin Tumin,” presented at SSSP meetings, August, 1994.

“Remarks on Higher Education,” presented at ASA meetings, August, 1991.

“Can We and Should We Give Them What They Want: The Adventures of Sociologists in the Boardroom,” presented at SSSP meetings, August, 1989.

“Remarks on Qualitative Methodology,” presented at ASA meetings, August, 1985.

“Remarks on the Study of Professions,” presented at Eastern Sociological Society meetings, March, 1985.

“Comments on Social Welfare Analyses,” presented at ASA meetings, August, 1982.

“Social Planning: The Future of an Illusion,” presented at a thematic session of the Eastern Sociological Society, March, 1982.

“Race and Criminal Deviance,” presented at ASA meetings, August, 1975, with A. Harris.

“Remarks on Alford's Model for the Analysis of Community Delivery of Service,” presented at ASA meetings, August, 1975.

“Critical Remarks on Regulating the Poor by Piven and Cloward,” delivered at the Author Meets the Critics Plenary Session of the Eastern Sociological Society, April, 1975.

“A Conspiracy Theory of Poverty,” presented at SSSP meetings, August, 1970.

“Family Organization, Interaction and Ritual: A Cross-Cultural Study,” presented at the World Congress of Sociology, Bulgaria, August, 1970, with Luschen et al.

“Problems of Competence Development Among Ghetto Residents,” presented at the International Convention of the Council on Exceptional Children, April, 1970.

“Underdog Definitions of Social Problems,” presented at SSSP meetings, August, 1968.

Research Grants and Contracts

From the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a contract to conduct a telephone survey focusing on library needs and accessibility, to determine recommendations for optimal public service, 2002.

From C/W MARS, a contract to conduct a study to determine recommendations for improving its provision of services to the public libraries of western Massachusetts, 2001.

From the Institute for Community Economics, a contract to conduct a consumer satisfaction telephone survey, 2000-01.

From the Regional Employment Board of Hampden County, a contract to conduct a consumer satisfaction telephone survey, 2000.

From the Town of Monson, a contract to conduct a community survey focusing on the provision of public safety services, 1999-2000.

From the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a contract to conduct a telephone survey of lapsed members, 1999.

From the Wilbraham Public Library, a contract to conduct a needs assessment using focus groups and telephone surveys to determine recommendations for use in the Library’s planning process, 1998-99.

From the Du Bois Library at the University of Massachusetts, a contract to conduct a planning needs assessment study using focus groups to assess library services, 1997-98.

From the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, a contract to prepare a planning needs assessment for the Interim Planning Committee, 1996-97.

From the University of Massachusetts, a Healey/Public Service grant to prepare a consumer's guide for the purchase and use of program evaluation services, 1992-95.

Multiple contracts awarded to LCRG by New England communities and non-profit organizations, 1991-present.

From the National Science Foundation, a grant in support of minority education, 1989-90.

From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts-School Departments of Holyoke and Springfield, a grant to study the effectiveness of drop-out prevention programs, 1986-88.

From the Department of Economic Development, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a contract for the evaluation of public sector/private sector collaboration in the provision of job training, 1985.

From the National Science Foundation, a grant for the development of sociological models of reaction to energy scarcity, 1974-75, with Robert Leik.

From the University of Massachusetts, a faculty research grant for a study of academic deviance, this study is closely related to the U.S.O.E. study (1971-1972) noted below, 1972-73.

From the United States Office of Education, a grant for a study of faculty involvement in planned organizational change, with Gordon Sutton, 1971-72.

From the University of Illinois Research Board and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, two grants to support cross-cultural research on family, 1967-68.

From the United States Office of Education, a large-scale grant for a study of racial contacts in a middle-sized city, with particular reference to education, 1965-68.

From the Roger Strauss Council on the Humanities, Princeton University, a grant in support of dissertation research, 1962-64.

Professional Accomplishments of Public Record

Francis H. Sim Memorial Lecturer, Pennsylvania State University, 1998.

Guest on a variety of NPR and commercial radio stations re Poisoning the Ivy, 1997-1998.

Featured guest, "Studs Terkel's Radio Program," 1-hour interview, WFMT, Chicago—and national syndication—The Broadcasting Foundation of America, 1979.

Co-organizer of the Conference (with Robert Leik) Energy Scarcity: NSF, at the University of Massachusetts, July 1974.

Chairman of the Conference Intellectuals, Knowledge and the Public Arena, presented at the University of Massachusetts, May 1974.

Other Professional Activities

Associate Editor, Sociological Inquiry, 1996-present.

Series Editor, Research in Social Problems and Public Policy, JAI Publishers, 1977-1992.

Consultant, Governor's Task Force on Youth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1987.

Associate Editor, Sociological Perspectives, 1985-1988.

Member of the Distinguished Service Award Committee, Eastern Sociological Society, 1977-1978.

Member of the Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching, American Sociological Association, 1976-1979.

University Advisory Committee, Water Resources Research Institute, University of Massachusetts, 1975-1979.

Member of the Editorial Advisory Committee National Board, South Atlantic Urban Studies, 1975-1976.

Member of the University Advisory Committee for the Institute of Man and His Environment, University of Massachusetts, 1971-1975.

Evaluation Consultant to the State Department of Mental Health, State of Illinois, 1971.

Consultant to the Neighborhood Learning Centers Program, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1970, and at George Peabody College for Teachers, 1971-1978.

Consultant to the University of Illinois School of Architecture program for social planning and design of urban housing, 1968.

Sociological Consultant to the U.S. Department of Labor on the utilization of human resources, 1967.

Member of the advisory editorial committee on the Quarterly Digest of Urban and Regional Research (formerly the Research Digest), 1967-January 1970.

Consultant to U.S.O.E. pre-school curriculum development project for the disadvantaged at the University of Illinois, 1965-1969.

Areas of Teaching Competence and Experience

1. Distributive Justice and Social Welfare
2. Urban Issues
3. American Society and Culture
4. Higher Education
5. Social Theory
6. Methods of Field Research

Academic Awards and Honors

Distinguished Teaching Award, New England Sociological Association, 1990.

Member, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, University of Massachusetts, 1982 (Fall).

Senior Fulbright Lectureship, awarded 1975 (I declined the award).

Faculty Associate, Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois, Urbana, 1966-1967.

University Wilson Fellowship, Princeton University, 1960-1962.

Teaching Fellowship in Social Science, Brooklyn College, 1959-1960.

Society of the Sigma Xi (national science honorary—elected to associate member in 1958).

Personal Characteristics

Born: October 2, 1937
Marital Status: Divorced
Two children

APPENDIX

A Sample of Recent LCRG Research Projects

Public Service Endowment Grant. 8/1/92-5/31/95. Preparation of a Consumer's Guide for the Purchase and Use of Program Evaluation Services. \$14,725.

Town of Easthampton. 2/1/95-4/30/95. Easthampton Library Needs Assessment. \$3,400.

Western Mass. Regional Library System. 11/1/96-6/30/00. A Planning Needs Assessment. \$16,775.

C/W MARS, Inc. 5/1/97-8/31/97. A Planning Needs Assessment. \$5,240.

Palmer Police Department. 6/15/97-9/30/97. Public Safety Needs Assessment. \$4,917.

University of Massachusetts at Amherst Library System. 9/1/97-12/31/97. Planning Needs Assessment Study. \$4,300.

Wilbraham Public Library. 11/1/98-6/30/00. Needs Assessment. \$7,974.

Springfield Library & Museums Association. 4/15/99-5/31/99. Telephone Interview Study of Lapsed Members. \$3,003.

Town of Monson. 11/1/99-7/31/00. Community Survey. \$5,980.

Regional Employment Board of Hampden County, Inc. 2/15/00-6/30/00. Job Training Consumer Survey. \$8,000.

Institute for Community Economics. 3/1/00-2/15/01. Land Trust Consumer Survey. \$4,800.

C/W MARS, Inc. 5/1/01-9/1/01. Planning Study for Improvement of Services. \$8,259.

Springfield Library & Museums Association. 1/15/02-5/15/02. Optimal Public Service: A Telephone Survey on Library Needs. \$13,000.