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## Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California at Berkeley, 1979; M.A. 1968.

A.B. Magna Cum Laude in Social Relations & History, Harvard College, 1967.

Training in survey sampling, University of Michigan Survey Research Center, 1983.

## Employment

Research Associate, Frontier Science and Technology Research Foundation, Amherst, NY. Responsible for design of data flow and integration process for various biomedical projects; computerized systems for handling viral genomic data; budgeting, proposal preparation, and reporting for several NIH-funded projects; statistical analysis; and establishing and overseeing systems for receiving and processing non-standardized electronic data; Jan. 1998 to date.

Fellow, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, Jan.-Aug. 1997.

Visiting Research Fellow, Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University, Jan.-Aug. 1997.

Fellowship for College Teachers and Independent Scholars, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1996.

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Sociology, State University of New York–Buffalo, 1993 to date.

Free-lance contract research, 1990-98. Clients included: National Center for Earthquake Engineering Research; Interfaith Funders; Presbyterian Church (USA); Center for Ethics and Corporate Policy; Vanderbilt University Divinity School; Search Institute. Projects involved analysis of survey data, reporting of survey results to non-technical audiences, sample design, evaluation of unit activities, consultation about survey design and organizational uses of research, and application of social theory to religious issues.

Visiting Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, 1992-93.

Director for Research and Director of Survey Research, Lutheran Church in America, 1982-90. Ran large-scale surveys, consulted with users of research, administered staff, analyzed and geographically linked demographic and administratively-collected data.

Assistant Professor of Sociology (and Lecturer), Wesleyan University, 1978-82.

Lecturer in Sociology, University of California at Berkeley, 1975; teaching assistant and research assistant, various times 1969-76.

Co-Director, Ecumenical Peace Institute, 1971-73. Organized peace education and action, working with congregations, seminaries, and regional religious bodies.

Computer programmer, Southern Pacific Company, 1965-66. Automated clerical processes (interviewing staff to understand processes, designing new systems, writing assembly language code to implement them, testing them in action); maintained and updated programs.

## Publications: Books and Articles in Academic Journals

*Cultural Dilemmas of Progressive Politics: Styles of Engagement Among Grassroots Activists* University of Chicago Press, 2001. A study of modes of discourse found in local political action organizations: how, why, and with what implications discourse is at some times ethically charged, transcendent (if not religious), and passionate, and at others has the opposite qualities. Analysis of what this says about the dilemmas and potentials for liberal or progressive politics. Based on participant observation supplemented by documentary analysis, interviews, and a survey. Awarded the 2002 Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights.

*What Does the Lord Require? How American Christians Think about Economic Justice* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992; paperback edition with new material, Rutgers University Press, 1996), a study of how religious traditions are used by grassroots Christians as resources for thinking and talking about economic justice issues, supporting both conservative and liberal to radical stances. Research consisted of depth interviews, complemented by opinion poll data. 1996 edition adds a chapter-length analysis of the current religio-political scene, based on secondary analysis of the most recent national poll data.

“Detection of drug-resistant minority variants of HIV-1 during virologic failure of indinavir, lamivudine, and zidovudine,” in *Journal of Infectious Diseases* 189 (2004):1091-06 (co-authored with Carrie Dykes et al).

“The Cultural Dimension of Social Movements: A Theoretical Reassessment and Literature Review,” *Sociology of Religion* 57 (1996): 87-100.

“Christian Faith and Nuclear Weapons: Rank-and-File Opinions,” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 26 (1987): 38-62.

“Privatization in American Religion and Society,” *Sociological Analysis* 47 (1987): 319-34.

“Religion and Changes in Family Patterns,” *Review of Religious Research* 28 (1986): 51-70.

“Erikson's Gandhi: Toward a Fusion of Religion and Politics,” *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 16 (1971-72): 121-48.

## Book Reviews (selected)

Review of Susan Burgerman, *Moral Victories: How Activists Provoke Multilateral Action*, in *Contemporary Sociology*, 31 (2002): 759-61.

Review of Craig Calhoun, *Neither Gods nor Emperors: Students and the Struggle for Democracy in China*, in *Contemporary Sociology*, 25 (1996): 631-33.

Review of Martin Marty and R. Scott Appleby, *Fundamentalisms and Society: Reclaiming the Sciences, the Family, and Education*, in *Contemporary Sociology*, 24 (1995): 169-71.

Review of Raymond Eve and Francis Harrold, *The Creationist Movement in Modern America*, in *Contemporary Sociology*, 21 (1992): 35-36.

Review of Henry Raynor, *Music and Society Since 1815*, in *American Journal of Sociology*, 84 (1979): 1024-28.

## Other Publications (selected)

“Getting Organized,” *Christian Century*, Nov. 7, 2001.

“Cultural Sociology and Social Criticism,” *Culture* 9(3), Spring 1995.

“Culture and the Left,” *Dollars and Sense*, Nov.-Dec. 1993.

“Faith and Work: Challenges for Congregations,” *Christian Century*, July 15-22, 1992 (coauthored with David Krueger).

“Ethical Relativism, Left-Wing Politics,” *Dissent* 29 (1982): 483-86.

“The Social Context of Medical Ethics,” *Man and Medicine* 5 (1980): 177-81.

### **Papers, Lectures, and Reports (selected)**

Left Forum (formerly Socialist Scholars Conference), panel presentation on religion and politics, Apr. 2005.

10th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Diseases, senior author of poster presentation, “Global Mapping of HIV-1 Drug Resistance Patterns.” Feb. 2003.

7th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Diseases, poster presentation co-authored with Diana Huang et al., “Proficiency Testing of Sequence-based Genotypic Assays,” Feb. 2000.

Conference on the future of the American Left, sponsored by In These Times, The Nation, Dissent, and other periodicals: invited paper, “Religion and the Left,” Oct. 1998.

Princeton Seminar on Religion and Culture: invited paper, “Thick and Thin Discourse in Social Movements,” Feb. 1995.

Vanderbilt Divinity School: invited paper, “Organized Religion Beyond the Church: Sociological Perspectives,” at conference on parachurch organizations, Sept. 1994.

Purdue University: invited lecture, “Cultural Factors That Assist and Obstruct the Pursuit of Equality,” at conference on “Advancing Equality,” Apr. 1994.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion meetings: “Financial Support of the Church: Member Attitudes and Behavior,” Nov. 1990

Survey Research Center, University of California: “A Survey of 1975 Applicants to the Regents' Dissemination Program,” research report coauthored with William L. Nicholls II, Jan. 1976.

### **Other Professional Activities**

Editor, *Culture* (publication of the Section on Sociology of Culture of the American Sociological Association), 1993-97. Responsible for determining thematic emphases, commissioning articles, editorial review and revision, design.

Program Chair for 1994 Meetings and Council member, Religious Research Association. Responsible for design of 111-session program, including structural innovations, planning some sessions, and reviewing submissions for others.

Referee, *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociology of Religion*, Cambridge University Press, Rutgers University Press, 1994 to date.

Consultation pro bono on research and information in relation to planning for various users, including *The Other Side* magazine, a day care center, and several religious congregations.

## Teaching Fields

Sociology. General interest: introductory sociology, social problems, American society. Theory: contemporary and classical. Methods: applied sociology, survey research (including sampling), statistics (including ecological inference), computer techniques, qualitative methods, fieldwork. Substantive: culture, religion, social movements, public opinion, political sociology, social change, law and society.

Religious studies (possible course titles). Varieties of North American Religion. Religion and Politics. Sociological Perspectives on Religion. Religious Demographics and Geography. Religions as Social Organizations. Religion and Social Justice. Congregations—Narratives, Practices, and Organizations. Religion and the Right.

## Areas of Applied Professional Expertise

Data management for biomedical research.

Consultation with users of research and data to clarify their needs and clarify optimal strategies (given resources, situation, and constraints) to meet them.

Survey and related kinds of social research: study design; questionnaire writing; administration of data collection; sample design and sampling error calculation, including bootstrap analysis; statistical analysis; presentation and dissemination of results to varied kinds of audiences, using all modes (oral and written; intuitive/graphical/verbal or more technical).

Computer techniques: information system design (e.g. to automate previously manual processes); programming (in VisualBasic and VBA, Perl, ColdFusion, html, Fortran, assembly language, dBase); use of statistical software; graphical display of data and research findings; in-depth use (including customizing) of application software; experienced in PC, Unix, and legacy IBM mainframe environments.

Use and integration of data resources for meeting policy or organizational purposes, including using datasets for purposes other than those for which they were originally collected and linking varied datasets.

Qualitative research depth interviews; field work; content analysis.

Languages: good French, a little Spanish and German.

## Awards, Fellowships, Honors

Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award, 2002, from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights (for *Cultural Dilemmas of Progressive Politics*).

Professional certification: Sociologist certified in Social Policy and Evaluation Research by the American Sociological Association.

NEH Fellowship for College Teachers and Independent Scholars, held calendar year 1996.

Lilly Endowment research grant, awarded 1990.

NSF research grant for doctoral dissertation project, awarded 1976.

Ford Fellow (five-year fellowship while graduate student at Berkeley), 1967-72.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1967.