

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

1991 Ph.D., Harvard University, Sociology
1985 M.A., Harvard University, Sociology
1981 B.A., Rutgers University, Modern History

Current Position

Associate Professor of Sociology, Wake Forest University

Professional Appointments

2003- Associate Professor of Sociology, Wake Forest University
2001-02 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Yale University
1999-03 Associate Professor of Sociology, Yale University
1999-00 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Yale University
1997 Faculty of Yale-China Summer Institute
1993-03 Joint Appointments:
 Institute for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University
 Ethics, Politics, and Economics, Yale University
 German Studies, Yale University
1993-99 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Yale University
1991-93 Lecturer, Social Studies, Harvard University
1989-90 Visiting Member, Senior Common Room, Nuffield College,

Oxford University

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

- 2006 Delta Delta Delta sorority’s “Apple Pie Professor” award at Wake Forest for “outstanding contributions to student life and for a demonstrated excellence in teaching.”
- 2004 Included in Marquis Who’s Who in America, 59th Edition, 2005.
- 2001 Name included on the “Wall of Tolerance” by Rosa Parks and the Southern Poverty Law Center honoring “people who have taken a stand for tolerance and justice.” The wall is in the Civil Rights Memorial complex in Montgomery, Alabama, designed by the Viet-Nam War Memorial architect, Maya Lin
- 2000 *Prize for Outstanding Book of 2000* from the Culture Section of the American Sociological Association for *The Decline of Privilege: the Modernization of Oxford University*
- 1991 De Lancey K. Jay Prize, Harvard University, for Best Ph.D. Dissertation on American or British institutions
- 1987-90 Jacob Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education
- 1986-87 Krupp Fellowship, Center for European Studies, Harvard University
- 1984-85 Harvard-Danforth Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- 1983 Bottenweiser Scholarship, Harvard University
- 1981 Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of New Jersey
- 1981 War Memorial Scholarship, Rutgers, Newark

Publications

Books

The Power of Privilege: Yale and America’s Elite Colleges. Stanford: Stanford University Press, April 2007.

The Decline of Privilege: the Modernization of Oxford University, Stanford: Stanford

University Press, 1999. Prize winner, Outstanding Book on Culture, ASA 2000.

Paperback released by Stanford University Press in December 2002.

Reviews:

Anderson, R.D. *History*, October 2000, Vol. 85, Issue 280: 740-741.

Ericson, R.V. *Canadian Journal of Sociology* 25 (4): 529-533 Fall 2000.

Evans, R.J.W. *The Journal of Modern History*, Vol. 73, Issue 4, December 2001: 951-3.

Halsey, A.H. *English Historical Review*, Vol. 115, Issue 463, September 2000: 1041-1042.

Halsey, John H. and W. Bruce Leslie. *The History of Education Quarterly* Summer 2002: 265-269.

Heirdeen, P.E. *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* Vol. 37, Issue 5, January 2000: 10002.

Le Mahieu, D.L. *American Historical Review* 105 (5): 1806-1807 Dec 2000.

Lewis, Lionel. *Contemporary Sociology* Vol. 33, Issue 1, Jan 2004.

Lloyd-Jones, Sir Hugh "Books in Review." *Society*, Vol. 37 No. 4, May/June 2000: 81-84.

Snow, Peter "Myth and Modernization." *Oxford Today The University Magazine*. Volume 12 No 2, Hilary Issue 2000: 22.

Comments:

Appleyard, Bryan. "The Truth About Toffs." *The Sunday Times*, June 4, 2000.

Brint, Steven. *Schools And Societies*. Pine Forge Press 1999: 53.

Coller, Xavier. *Estudio de casos*. Centro de Investigaciones Sociologicas, Madrid 2000: 37-38.

Gerson, Elliot F. *The American Rhodes Scholar* Vol. 6, No. 1, April 2000.

Ramirez, Francisco. "Eyes Wide Shut: university, state, and society," *European Educational Research Journal*, Vol. 1, Number 2, 2002.

Articles and Book Chapters

"Sociological Research Methods on Urban Health: the Neighborhood Effect." In: *Handbook of Urban Health*. Sandro Galea and David Vlahov (eds.), New York Academy of Medicine, Kluwer/Plenum Press, 2005.

"Who Goes to Graduate School? Social and Academic Determinants of Matriculation in Master's, First-Professional, and Ph.D. Programs" (with Ann Mullen and Kim

Goyette). *Sociology of Education*. Volume 76, Number 2: April 2003.

"A Reformulation of the Concept of Tradition," *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, Vol. 17 No. 6 1997.

Essays

"The Decline or Reaffirmation of Privilege?" *Newsletter of the Sociology of Culture Section of the American Sociological Association*, Vol. 15, No. 2, Winter 2001.

"Dancing with the Behemoth," *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 28, Number 2, March 1999.

"The American Debate on Political Correctness," *Isis*, Oxford University, Spring 1992.

The Social Life of American Cities, Internet Web Site:

<http://www.wfu.edu/academics/sociology/sociallifeofcities>.

And: www.yale.edu/socdept/slc/

Book Reviews

Review of David J. Frank and Jay Gabler's *Reconstructing the University: Worldwide Shifts in Academia in the 20th Century*, in *American Journal of Sociology*, Forthcoming.

Review of Aihwa Ong's *Buddha Is Hiding: Refugees, Citizenship, and the new America*, in *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 110, No. 5, March 2005.

Review of Anthony Elliott's *Critical Visions: New Directions in Social Theory*, in *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 33, Issue 5, September 2004: 613-614.

Review of Ronald G. Ehrenberg's *Tuition Rising: Why College Costs So Much*, in *American Journal of Sociology*, November 2003.

Review of Nina Eliasoph's *Avoiding Politics*, in *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol 29, Number 4, July 2000.

Review of Nico Stehr's *Knowledge Societies*, in *American Journal of Sociology*, March 1996.

Works in Progress

"The Effects of Parents' College Tier on Offspring's Educational Attainments: Why

Researchers Need “Scholastic Capital” Measures of Parents’ Education.”
(Under revision.)

“Ivied Meritocracy: a Tale of Elite Displacement or Status-Legend?”
Received a revise and resubmit from *Sociology of Education*, currently under revision.

“Cultural Capital and Elite Educational Attainment” (Under revision)

Invited Lectures

- 2003 “The Social Construction of an Ivy League Meritocracy.” Department of Sociology, University of California at Davis.
- 2002 “Myths on Meritocracy” Boston College, School of Education.
- 2002 “Decline of Privilege.” University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology.
- 2000 “Yale Yesterday and Today.” “Freshperson Orientation Conference,” Camp Jewell, Colebrook, CT., Dwight Hall, Yale University, August 2000. Reported in: Dwight Hall News, Fall 2000: 3.
- 1999 “Decline of Oxford?” Paper presented at the Oxford Alumni Association of New York in the National Arts Club.

Conference Panels and Papers

- 2006 “Cultural Capital and Tier One College Admissions,” delivered at the International Sociological Association’s Research Group Conference on Social Stratification and Mobility at the University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands, May 2006.
- 2004 Organizer of the Regular Session Panel on “Citizenship,” at the August 2004 Convention of the American Sociological Association.
- 2002 Organizer of a symposia on “The Social Effects of Institutional Stratification Within Higher Education,” for the Association for the Study of Higher Education’s General Conference, November, Sacramento, CA. Symposia participants: Professors Ted I.K. Youn and Karen D. Arnold, Boston College; Professor Roger Geiger, Pennsylvania State University; and Dr. Ann Mullen, Senior Research Associate, U.S. Department of Education.

- 2002 "Scholastic Capital and Educational Stratification." Presented at the Association for the Study of Higher Education's General Conference, November.
- 2002 "Ivied Meritocracy: a Tale of Elite Displacement or Status-Legend?" Presented at the Regular Session on Education at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting.
- 2002 "Cultural Capital and Elite Educational Reproduction of Ivy League Families in the 1960s and 1970s." Presented at the Regular Culture Session at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting.
- 2000 Panel Member, Natural and Social Sciences Panel, 2nd Annual Spring Teaching Forum, "Teaching in the Life of a Scholar," Yale University, April.
- 1998 "The Social Imagination of American Cities." Paper given at Cultural Section session at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting.
- 1997 Panel discussant for conference at Yale that produced the book, *The Consumer Revolution In Urban China*, Berkeley: University of California Press 2000.
- 1995 "Academic Cultural Traditions Under Siege" Paper given at the Culture Session of the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting.

Competitive Grants and Foundation Grants

- Research Grant, Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Research Fund, \$8,840, January to July 2005, Research on Wake Forest Alumni children's educational attainments.
- Research Grant, Yale College Dean's Office, \$3,000, July 2001
Research on Ivy League and University of California for second book.
- Research Grant, Yale Center for International and Area Studies, \$3,000, August 2000
Archival Research Assistance for ASA education paper of 2002.
- Mellon Foundation approved proposal for access to their privately owned College and Beyond Database. *The proposal asked the Foundation to finance and conduct the re-coding of parental-college selectivity for the database.* March 2000.
- Faculty Research Grant, Yale Provost's Office, \$2,800, November 1999
Research on Reunion Class Survey for ASA culture paper of 2002.

Junior Faculty Research Grant, Yale Provost's Office, \$1,800, November 1997
 Research on Business Census Data for ASA culture paper of 1998.

Academic and Professional Service

Member of the Institutional Review Board for Research on Human Subjects of Wake Forest University, Reynolda Campus, Three Year Term, July 2005 to June 2008.

Chairperson in charge of evaluating and resolving requests for transfer credit by any Wake undergraduate from any US university to Wake Forest in the subject of Sociology.

Participant in International Studies Focus Group in Preparation for Re-accreditation Committee Visitation at Wake Forest University, May 2005.

Chair of Wake Forest University's Clarence and Adele Patrick Lectureship Series, July 2004-June 2005; Guest Speakers included: Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Associate Professor of Sociology, Texas A&M; Roslyn Arlin Mickelson, Professor of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Theda Skocpol, Professor of Government and Sociology, Harvard University; Eleanor Palo Stoller, Selah Chamberlain Professor of Sociology, Case Western Reserve University.

Peer Reviewer for Grants Panel, Office of the Associate Provost for Research, Wake Forest University, Spring Semester 2004 and Spring Semester 2005.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology, July 2001-June 2002; July 1999-June 2000.

Peer Reviewer for Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Competition for Field-Initiated Studies, Education Research Grants, US Department of Education, 2001.

Peer Reviewer for: *American Sociological Review*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *Social Forces*; *Sociological Forum*; Yale University Press; University of California Press; Oxford University Press, New York.

Bouchet Mentor for a "Minority" Bouchet Fellow, Yale University, 1995-6.

Mellon Mentor for a "Minority" Mellon Fellow, Yale University, 1993-4.

Head of the Department's Computer Support Committee, April 1999-June 2000.

Re-accreditation Committee Visitation Participant for Yale University, November 1999.

Job Search Committees:

Three-Year Visiting Appointment, Wake University, 2007
 Head of Acquisitions for Sterling Library, Yale University, 1996.
 Social Science Librarian, Yale University, 1999.
 Head of Social Science Library, Yale University, 1994.

Organized conference for Department of Sociology and Yale University on "Sociology and Public Life," October 9-10, 1997. Keynote speaker: Professor William Julius Wilson. Other lectures given by Professors Herbert Gans, Steven Seidman, and Carol Brooks-Gardner.

Course of Study Committee, Yale University, 1997.

Teaching and Learning Committee, Chair of Subcommittee and Author of Report on Credit/D/Fail Policy Presented to the Yale Faculty Senate, Yale University, 1994-96.

Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, Yale University, 1993-97.

Social Science Library Committee, Yale University, 1993-9.

Consulting and Community Service

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| 2003 | Brain Reserve, Inc., New York, New York. (Effects of education on lifestyle) |
| 2002 | Oxford University Admissions Study, Chaired by Professor Anthony Heath |
| 2000-1 | Mentoring Minority High School Students in New Haven for "Young Achievers." |
| 1994 | Disparity Study on Minorities' and Women's Set-Aside Ordinance for District Attorney's Office, City of Houston, Texas. |

Courses Taught**At Wake Forest University:**

Undergraduate Courses: Principles of Sociology; Social Theory; Sociology of Higher Education; Sociology of Culture; Community Life: the social forces that shape "going out," joining groups, and staying healthy.

At Yale University:

Graduate Seminars: Sociology of Culture; Sociology of Education; Foundations of Modern Social Theory

Undergraduate Courses: Public Culture in America; Sociology of Culture;
Intensive Two-Semester Research Colloquium for Senior Essays; One Semester
Senior Essay; Foundations of Modern Social Theory

At Harvard University:

Freshman Seminar: Historical Sociological Debates on the Rise of Capitalism
Freshman Seminar: the Sociology of Contemporary Culture
Social Studies 10: lectures and tutorials on social theory
Research Methods: junior seminar
Junior Seminar: Sociology of Culture

Undergraduate Honors Theses Advisor at Wake Forest University:

- 2005-6 Advised Shaughnessy O'Brien, Sociology Senior of the Year, on his Senior Honors Thesis, "Where First Generation Students Attend College: a study of tier stratification," a multinomial regression analysis using restricted access from National Educational Longitudinal Survey 1988 to 2000.
- 2004-5 Advised Anjali Garg, Truman Scholar, Sociology Senior of the Year, on her Senior Honors Thesis, a logistic regression analysis of who gives time or money to political campaigns, using the National Election Survey of 2000.

Dissertation Committees

- Xavier Coller, "Fragmented Identities and Political Conflict: Failed Nationalism in a Multinational State, the Case of Valencia in Spain," Current Position: Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Barcelona.
- Carla M. Eastis, "Organizing Ideologies of Motherhood." Current Position: Assistant Professor of Sociology, Cantawaba College, North Carolina.
- Paul Galatowitsch, "An Organizational, Institutional, and Cultural Analysis of New Haven, Connecticut's Response to the AIDS Epidemic, 1980-1991," Current Position: Youth Crisis Agency, New York City.
- Zehra Baris Gumus-Dawes, "Forsaken Paths: the Organization of the American Textile Industry in the 19th Century," Current Position: Research Director, Ameregis, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Francesca Polletta, "Strategy and Identity in 1960's Black Protest: the Activism of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, 1960-1967," Current Position: Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Columbia University.
- Alina Sokol, "Money, Coins, and Values in Francisco de Quevedo's Poetry," Current Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Language and Literature, Dartmouth University.

Sophia Tskraklides, "The Structuring of Civic Action in State Dominated Societies:
State

-Nonprofit Association Relations in Greece," Current Position: Assistant Professor,
Department of Sociology, Temple University.

James Willis, "Going to Hell in a Cradle: the Relationship Between Transportation and
Imprisonment in 18th and 19th Century Britain: Punishment, Liberty, and State,"
Current Position: Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of
Massachusetts, Boston.

Areas of Interest

Sociology of education; sociology of culture; historical sociology; history of social
thought; classic and contemporary theory; urban sociology.

Professional Memberships

Member of American Sociological Association, sections on Culture; Education;
Community and Urban; Historical.

Member of American Association of University Professors.