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Education

- Ph.D. Yale University, 1982 (Sociology); Dissertation: "The Bounds of Responsibility: A Study in the Social Psychology of Nursing Ethics."
*Awarded the Medical Sociology Dissertation Prize of the American Sociological Association
- M.A. Yale University, 1976 (Sociology)
- B.A. New College, 1975 (Sociology)

Research Areas

Organizations, Social Psychology, Comparative Research Methods, Higher Education

Teaching Positions

Eugene M. Tobin Distinguished Professor of Sociology, 2005 – present (inaugural holder). Awarded to "a member of the faculty who has distinguished himself/herself as an educator, as evidenced by innovative teaching techniques and a commitment to and concern for students which extends beyond the confines of the classroom."

Christian A. Johnson "Excellence in Teaching" Professor of Sociology, 2002 – 2005. Three-year position awarded for "exceptional commitment to, and interest in, undergraduate education."

Sidney Wertimer Professor of Sociology, 1997 – 2002. Five-year position awarded for "exceptional mentoring of students and fellow faculty."

Professor (from Instructor, Assistant, and Associate Professor) Department of Sociology, Hamilton College, July 1981 – present. Chair of the Department, 1993 – 1999; 2002 – 2005, 2007 – 2009.

Major Publications

Making Sense of the Social World: Methods of Investigation, with Russell K. Schutt (Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press/SAGE, March 2003). Second edition, April, 2006. Third edition, April 2009; Named “Best Revision of the Year,” by the SAGE Higher Education Staff (roughly 225 people in sales, marketing, and editorial). Fourth edition, forthcoming (2012).

Beyond Caring: Hospitals, Nurses, and the Social Organization of Ethics (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996 [2nd printing, 1998]). Excerpts reprinted as: “The Routinization of Disaster” in David R. Newman, ed., Sociology: Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life: Readings, 2nd and subsequent (to 7th) editions (Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, 1997 – 2008); “Getting In to Get the Story,” lead article in Writing Sociology, Vol. 4, No. 4 (July 1997); “What It Means to be a Nurse” in Kathy Charmaz and Debora A. Paterniti, Health, Illness, and Healing: Society, Social Context, and Self; An Anthology (Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury Publishing Company, 1998); “The Routinization of Disaster” in James M. Henslin, ed., Down to Earth Sociology, 10th edition (New York: Free Press, 1999); “Protecting the Routine from Chaos,” in Peter Kivisto, ed., Exploring the Social (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2000); “Nurses' Role: Caring, Professionalism, and Subordination,” in Philip Brown, Perspectives in Medical Sociology, (Waveland Press, 2000 – 2007 [4th edition]); “The Patient as Object,” in Konradi and Schmidt, eds., Reading Between the Lines, 2nd edition (Mayfield, 2001); “What It Means to be a Nurse,” in Women and Health: Power, Technology, Inequality, and Conflict in a Gendered World, ed., Kathryn S. Ratcliff (Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2002); “Just Another Routine Emergency,” in James M. Henslin, ed., Exploring Social Life, (Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2004, 2006); “Protecting the Routine from Chaos,” in Spencer E. Cahill and Kent Sandstrom, Inside Social Life: Readings in Sociological Psychology and Microsociology (Oxford University Press: 2010). In 2010, named one of the “7 Must-Read Books Nurses Say Inspired Them” by RNDegrees.net, an online clearing house for nursing education.

Japanese translation, Japanese Nursing Association Publishing Company, 2002, trans. Asano Yuko.

*Received the Eliot Freidson Prize of the American Sociological Association (best book on medical sociology of past two years), 1998.

“The Mundanity of Excellence: An Ethnographic Report on Stratification and Olympic Swimmers,” Sociological Theory, Spring 1989. Reprinted in Network News and Views, April 1990 (Vol. IX, No. 4) [Journal of the Educational Excellence Network]; reprinted as lead article in David M. Newman, Sociology: Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life: Readings (Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2007); one of 300 selected classic and contemporary articles available in Intersections: Readings in Sociology, a customized reader, eds., Ralph B. McNeal and Kathleen A. Tiemann (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2000, 2006); reprinted in David Karen and Robert

Major Publications (continued)

Washington, Sport and Society Reader. (Routledge: 2010); translated into French in Sciences Sociales et Sport, June 2010 (No. 3, pp. 45-76).

*Received the Theory Section Prize of the American Sociological Association, 1989 (best book or article on social theory of the past two years).

Champions: The Making of Olympic Swimmers (New York: Wm. Morrow and Company, 1988).

Excerpts reprinted in the Los Angeles Times Sunday Magazine, July 24, 1988; excerpts reprinted as “The Mundanity of Excellence” in Laurel Blossom, ed., Splash! Great Writing About Swimming (Hopewell, New Jersey: the Ecco Press, 1996).

*Received “Book of the Year” Prize of the United States Olympic Committee, 1991.

Work in Progress

How College Works (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, under contract) with Christopher G. Takacs.

Several articles on academic administration, assessment issues, and methodological problems in higher education research.

Positions and Awards

Member, Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 2001 – 2008 (Elected second term, 2005)

Executive Committee, 2004 – 2008

Membership Committee, 2004 – 2005

Committee on Followup Reports 2003

Committee on Evaluation Reports 2001 – 2003

Teagle Foundation Assessment Scholar, 2007 –

Director, “Hamilton in New York City” Program, Fall 2006; Spring 2012.

Project Director, Mellon Foundation Project for Assessment of Liberal Arts Education at Hamilton College, 2006 – 2010 (\$200,000 grant)

Project Director, Mellon Foundation Project for Assessment of Liberal Arts Education at Hamilton College, 2004 – 2006 (\$280,000 grant)

Project Director, Mellon Foundation Project for Assessment of Liberal Arts Education at Hamilton College, 2001 – 2004 (\$330,000 grant)

Project Director, Mellon Foundation Project for Assessment of Liberal Arts Education at Hamilton College, 1999 – 2000 (\$50,000 grant)

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Positions and Awards (continued)

Lyman L. Hooker Distinguished Visiting Professor, McMaster University (Ontario, Canada),
February 2002.

Eliot Freidson Prize in Medical Sociology, American Sociological Association, 1998

Chair, Department of Sociology, Hamilton College, 1993 – 1999; 2002 – 2005, 2007 – 2009

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Gender Equity in Athletics, Hamilton College, January 1995 – July
1996

Chair, Dean of Admissions Search Committee, Hamilton College, Spring 1994

Chair, Award Committee for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching, American Sociological
Association, 1994 – 95

“Book of the Year” Prize of the U. S. Olympic Committee, 1991

Hamilton College Nominee, CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education)
“Professor of the Year” award, 1991

Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship, Institute for the Medical Humanities, University of Texas,
January 1990 - June 1990

Fulbright-Hays Lectureship, University of Iceland, Fall 1989.

Theory Prize of the American Sociological Association, 1989

Acting Chair, Dept. of Sociology, Hamilton College, 1988 - 1989

Acting Chair, African-American Studies Committee, Hamilton College, 1988 – 1989

President, New College (FL) Alumni Association, 1987 – 1989

Assistant Coach, Varsity Swimming Team, Hamilton College, 1981 – 1989; Head Coach,
Clinton Swim Club [age group] 1981 – 1989. Twice named Head Coach for Adirondack
Region All-Star team; coached several “Top 20 in U.S.” age group swimmers.

Editor-in-Chief, Hamilton Social Science Review, 1985 – 1988

Medical Sociology Dissertation Prize of the American Sociological Association, 1982

Acting Instructor of Sociology, Yale University, Fall 1980

Positions and Awards (continued)

Chair, Graduate Student Union, Sociology Department, Yale University, 1979

Research Associate in Experimental Psychology, Arizona State University, Summer 1977

National Science Foundation Graduate Trainee in the Yale Institute for Social Policy Studies, 1976

Yale University Graduate Fellowship, 1975 – 1979

Trustee, New College Foundation, 1975 – 1978

Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Program, 1976, 1977

Honorable Mention, Danforth Graduate Fellowship Program, 1976

Herbert H. Lehman Fellowship in the Social Sciences, 1975

Editor-in-Chief, The Catalyst (college newspaper), 1973 – 1974

Other Publications and Papers

“Making Theories Out of Water,” invited essay for Steven Kleinknecht, Antony Puddephatt and William Shaffir, Ethnographies Revisited: The Stories Behind the Story (Routledge 2009).

“A Neglected Necessity in Liberal Arts Assessment: The Student as the Unit of Analysis.” Posted September 2007. LiberalArtsOnline. <http://liberalarts.wabash.edu/cila/home.cfm?news_id=4864>. Reprinted in Chris Schreiner, ed., Handbook of Research on Assessment Technologies, Methods and Applications in Higher Education, 2009. (Hershey, PA: IGI Global).

“How College Works: Lessons from a Study of Liberal Arts Colleges,” Keynote Plenary Address, Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, Iowa, April 2009.

“The Flawed Metaphor of the Spellings Summit.” Posted April 5, 2007. Inside Higher Ed. <<http://www.insidehighereducation.com/views/2007/04/05/Chambliss>>.

“Lessons from the Mellon Assessment Project at Hamilton College,” Keynote address at the Higher Education Data Sharing Winter Conference, January 2007, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Other Publications and Papers (continued)

“Hiring Department Faculty.” Resources for the Faculty. Initially posted November 2006. American Sociological Association. <www.asanet.org>.

“Examples of Liberal Arts Assessment that Works,” talk given to faculty of Oxford College of Emory University, October 2006.

“Liberal Arts Assessment that Works,” talk given to faculty of Sewanee: The University of the South, September 2006.

“Different Mission, Different Means: Assessment in Liberal Arts Colleges,” talk given to Northeastern Regional Computing Program workshop, April 5, 2006.

“Doing Assessment Right in Liberal Arts Colleges,” talk to the Faculty of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, plus day-long faculty workshop facilitation, February 2006.

“Examples of Good Assessment for Liberal Arts,” talk to the Faculty, Swarthmore College, February 2006. Also met with multiple committees, consulting on assessment.

Invited “Response” to Report of the National Commission on Accountability in Higher Education, closing plenary session, annual convention of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Philadelphia, December 2005.

“Taking Students Seriously,” mini-keynote talk for Undergraduate Education Section Workshop, annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 2005.

“Frame Analysis,” in George M. Ritzer, ed., The International Encyclopedia of Social Theory (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2004).

“The Hamilton Plan for Assessment of Liberal Arts Education,” presented at the Annual conference of the Middle States Association of College and Universities, December 2004 (variants given at a number of other conferences in 2004).

Review of James Jasper, Restless Nation: Starting Over in America (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), Qualitative Sociology, January 2002.

“The Cascade Strategy for Improving the Intellectual Climate of a College,” paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA, August 2001.

“The Organization of Ethical Problems in Home Health Nursing,” the Henry Luce Lecture in Nursing Ethics, Boston College School of Nursing and the Visiting Nurses Association of Boston, March 2000.

Other Publications and Papers (continued)

Review of Debra Shogan, The Making of High-Performance Athletes (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1999), in Society, January 2000.

“Doing What Works: The Mundanity of Excellence in Teaching,” in The Social Worlds of Higher Education: Handbook for Teaching in a New Century, eds. Bernice A. Pescosolido and Ron Aminzade (Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, 1999).

“What Should We Teach?” review essay, Contemporary Sociology, Vol. 28, No (January, 1999).

Review of Herbert Hendin, Seduced by Death: Doctors, Patients, and the Dutch Cure (New York: Norton, 1997), in Contemporary Sociology, Volume 26, Number 5 (September 1997).

“How the Hospital Organization Creates Ethical Problems: Outline of a Theory,” invited paper presented at Social Science and Bioethics conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 1995.

“Is Bioethics Irrelevant?” review essay, Contemporary Sociology, Volume 22, No. 5 (September 1993).

“The Ethnography of Morality, the Morality of Ethnography,” review essay, Medical Humanities Review, Fall 1993.

“The Irrelevance of Ethics in an Organizational Society,” paper presented at the annual meetings of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, May 1993.

“The Delimiting of Responsibility in Hospital Nursing,” paper presented at the meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, MO, March 1992.

“Creating Excellence in Organizations,” roundtable presentation at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, PA, August 1992.

“Reply to De Nora” [comment on “The Mundanity of Excellence”], Sociological Theory, Spring, 1992 (Vol. 9, No. 3).

“Routinizing the Abnormal: Everyday Life and the Ethics of Hospital Nursing,” paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Cincinnati, August 1991.

“Organizations as Generators of Ethical Problems: The Case of Hospital Nursing,” roundtable presentation at the annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Providence, R.I., March 1991.

Other Publications and Papers (continued)

“What Phenomenology Can Do For Nursing,” review essay, Medical Humanities Review, Spring, 1991.

Review of Joyce Rothschild and J. Allen Whitt The Cooperative Workplace (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986), in the International Journal on World Peace, Vol. VII, No. 1 (March 1990).

“A Sociological Approach to Medical Ethics,” roundtable presentation at the annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, Massachusetts, March 1990.

“Re-Centering Nursing Ethics,” talk given at Adult Health Nursing Conference of Texas Nurses’ Association, Galveston, Texas, March 1990.

“On the Social Psychology of Combat,” co-authored with Daniel J. Ryan, Jr., paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 1989.

“Slow Codes and Ambiguous Euthanasia,” paper presented at the annual meetings of the Law and Society Association, Madison, Wisconsin, June 1989.

Review of Charles Crothers, Robert K. Merton (London: Tavistock, 1987), in the International Social Science Review, Fall, 1988.

“Big Problems Demand Small Solutions: Toward a General Strategy for Excellence in Higher Education” co-authored with Daniel J. Ryan, Jr., paper presented at the annual meetings of the New England Educational Research Organization, Rockport, Maine, April 1988.

“The Mundanity of Excellence: An Ethnographic Report on Stratification and Olympic Athletes,” paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 1987.

“The Nature of Excellence: Some Findings from a Study of Olympic Swimmers,” paper presented at the annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, May 1987.

“Sociology and the New Journalism,” roundtable presentation at the annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, March 1987.

“Honesty and Education,” commencement address, New College of the University of South Florida, May 1986.

“Why Not Read the Best?” review essay, Contemporary Sociology, May 1985.

Other Publications and Papers (continued)

“Power and Ethics in Organizations: A Study of Hospitals,” paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Antonio, Texas, August 1984.

“The Denial of Ethical Responsibility,” invited lecture given upon receipt of 1982 Medical Sociology Dissertation Prize of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, September 1982.

The Bounds of Responsibility: A Study in the Social Psychology of Nursing Ethics. Ph.D. dissertation, Yale University, May 1982.

“The Metaphors of Sociology,” paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Toronto, Canada, August 1981.

“Learning Too Much: Problems of Total Access Research in a Hospital,” paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Toronto, Canada, August 1981.

“Dirty Work and Professionalization: Cops and Nurses,” co-authored with Diane L. Pike, paper presented at the Society for Social Problems meetings, Toronto, Canada, August 1981.

“The Uses of Metaphor in Sociological Writing,” special panel presentation at Eastern Sociological Society meetings, New York City, March 1981.

“Evolution of Conceptual Structure,” co-authored with Donald Homa and Deborah Rhoads, Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Learning and Memory, Vol. 5, No. 1 (January 1979).

“Relative Contributions of Common and Distinctive Features to Abstraction from Ill-Defined Categories,” co-authored with Donald Homa, Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Learning and Memory, Vol. 104, No. 4 (July 1975).

Other Committee and Service Positions
American Sociological Association

2011 Annual Meeting Program Committee (2009 – 2011)

Selection Committee, Distinguished Publication of the Year Award (2009 – 2011)

Chair for Teaching, Medical Sociology Section (2001 – 2003)

Nominations Committee (2000 – 2002)

Task Force on Journal Diversity (organized to review the scope and mission of all ASA journals) (2000 – 2002)

Other Committee and Service Positions (continued)

Departmental Resources Group (consultants for sociology departments nationwide) (1997 – 2002)

Selection Committee, Graduate Student Prize in Theory (2001)

Selection Committee, Eliot Friedson Prize in Medical Sociology (2000)

Selection Committee, Max Weber Prize for work on organizations and occupations (1998)

Selection Committee, Award for Distinguished Contributions for Teaching (1994 – 1996; Chair, 1996)

Task Force on 2- and 4-Year College (1986 – 1988)

Hamilton College (roughly chronological, from present)

Committee on Academic Policy

Mellon Foundation Assessment Project

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Gender Equity in Athletics

Chair, Search Committee, Dean of Admissions

Planning Committee

Academic Council

African-American Studies Committee

Committee on Academic Standing

Staff Supervisor for Social Sciences

Health Professions Advisory Committee

Research Consultant to Board of Trustees Admissions Committee

Human Subjects Research Review Board

Board of Advisors

Public Speaking/Consulting/Reviewing, etc.

I have appeared on more than a hundred radio and television programs (primarily in book promotion), given numerous talks to community, nursing, and educational groups and to university departments, and I regularly serve as a research/management consultant to a variety of business and non-profit organizations, including Fortune 50 firms in the U.S. and the U.K. I frequently serve as a manuscript reviewer for major presses and journals (U. of Chicago Press, U. of California Press, McGraw-Hill), an outside reviewer for sociology departments (Grinnell, Pomona, Smith) and accreditation reviews (Allegheny, Muhlenburg, Union College), and an outside reviewer for tenure and promotion decisions (e.g., recently Bates, Brandeis, Macalester, Mills, Reed, UCLA, Union, Georgia), and have organized/presided/participated in numerous panels at professional meetings, especially the American Sociological Association, not listed herein.

References

References available upon request.