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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin, Ph.D., 1966
Departments of Sociology and Philosophy
Madison, Wisconsin

University of Buffalo, M.A. 1959
Departments of Philosophy and Psychology
Buffalo, New York

University of Buffalo, B.A. 1956
Departments of Sociology and Philosophy
Buffalo, New York

EMPLOYMENT

University of Pennsylvania

Emeritus Professor	The Sociology Department	2002.
Professor	The Sociology Department	1991--2002
Associate Professor	The Sociology Department	1972-1990
Assistant Professor	The Sociology Department	1966-1972
Lecturer	The Sociology Department	1962-1966
Faculty Member	Urban Studies	1984-2002
Graduate Group Member	Dynamics of Organization	1989-present

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Ideology and Social Knowledge, London, Basil Blackwell; New York Wiley-Halsted Press, 1973.

Social Class and Democratic Leadership, Essays in Honor of E. Digby Baltzell, editor, designer of volume, and contributor of two essays, "Introduction," and "The Cities of Nations." Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, Fall, 1989.

Max Scheler on Feeling, Knowing and Valuing, editor, author of introduction, and translator of selections from the German. Chicago, University of Chicago Press, Fall, 1992.

Articles

"Dissensus and Social Stability," *The British Journal of Sociology*, XXI, 4, 12/70. Refereed. Request on 4/20/95 by Routledge to republish.

"Commentary on Talcott Parsons' Review," *Sociological Inquiry*, 44, 4, 1974. Refereed. Reprinted in ch. 6 of *Social Systems and the Evolution of Action Theory* by Talcott Parsons, New York, The Free Press, 1977. Reprinted in Peter Hamilton, editor, *Talcott Parsons: A Critical Assessment* London, Routledge, 1992.

"Reduction and the Future of Sociology," *Sociological Inquiry*, 50, 2, 1980. Refereed.

"Utopia Surmised," in *Counterculture and Social Transformation*, edited by Seymour Leventman, Springfield, Illinois, Charles C. Thomas, 1982.

"Moral Evaluations in the Social Hierarchy: Esteem as an Independent Dimension of Social Evaluations of Inequality," with Jerry Jacobs, *Proceedings of the International Sociological Association*, edited by Hermann Strasser and Robert W. Hodge, 1986; republished in *Change and Strain in Social Hierarchies: Theory and Method in the Study of Status Inconsistency*, edited by Robert W. Hodge and Hermann Strasser, New Delhi, Ajanta Books International, 1994.

"The Cities of Nations," in *Social Class and Democratic Leadership*, edited by Harold J. Bershady, Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 1989.

"Practice against theory in American Sociology," in *Talcott Parsons: Theorist of Modernity* (London, Sage Publications, Ltd., 1991), edited by Roland Robertson and Bryan S. Turner. Reprinted in Japanese, 1997.

"Portents or Confessions: Authoritative Readings of a Dream Text," with Robin Wagner-Pacifici, paper given at national meetings of American Sociological Association, August, 1989. An expanded version published in *Symbolic Interaction*, Summer, 1993. Refereed.

“Convergence as a Method of Theory Construction,” with Victor Lidz, in *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Soziologie*, Sonderband 6, October 2000
“Ferdinand Toennies,; to appear in *Encyclopedia of Community*, anticipated publication, Spring, 2004

“Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft,” to appear in *Encyclopedia of Community*, anticipated publication, Spring, 2004

Book Reviews *Contemporary Sociology*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Analysis*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, *History of The Human Sciences*, *Social Forces*.

In Preparation

Articles

“Affect in Social Life” presented at the Russell Sage Foundation Conference on the Centenary of Talcott Parsons, New York City, December, 2002, and also at the Kobe Conference on the Centenary of Talcott Parsons, Kobe, Japan, December, 2002. to be published in late 2003 in Parsons’ Conference Papers, Russell Sage Foundation, publishers, edited by Renee C. Fox, Victor M. Lidz and Harold J. Bershady.

“The Production and Distribution of Affect” -- presented at the ASA meetings in Toronto, 1997; being revised for *Emotion, Communication and Solidarity*, edited by Harald Wenzel, Helmut Staubmann, Victor Lidz and Harold J. Bershady

“Equality, the Professions and Leadership in American Life,” - presented at the Eastern Sociological Society meetings in Philadelphia, March, 1998.

“The Notion of Equality in Social Thought,” presented at the ASA meetings in San Francisco, August, 1998.

“The Theory of Social Action in the 21st Century: A Critique of its Categorical Scheme,” with Victor Lidz, Special Session of the Austrian Sociological Society, Innsbruck, Austria, May 1999.

with Victor Lidz: “Parsons’ Tacit Metatheory,” an analysis of the root assumptions on the nature of human and social life in the theory of action.
Completed, not yet submitted.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

Rethinking the Theory of Action (tentative title), with Victor Lidz. This book extends the categorical reach of action theory by integrating it with the basic categories of important theoretical

contributions from Germany, France, and the United States that have been unappreciated or overlooked. These are the phenomenological and hermeneutic theories developed, for example, by Dilthey, Simmel, Scheler, Schutz and Gadamer in Germany; the collectivist-structuralist theories of, among others, Mauss, Bouglé, Dumont, Lévi-Strauss, Althusser, Bourdieu and Foucault in France, and the pragmatist theories developed by Peirce, James, Mead, Dewey and embodied in the practice of many sociologists and schools of sociology such as symbolic interactionism, ethnomethodology, and cognitive sociology in the United States.

Emotion, Communication and Solidarity, with Harald Wenzel, Helmut Staubmann, and Victor Lidz.-- Action-theoretic Studies of expressive aspects and integrative features of social life.

Articles

“American Cities as Cultural Communities” -- This essay analyzes respects in which each American city is a community whose structure is shaped by principles of equality and individuality.

“Comic and Context” -- on methodological questions pertaining to the interpretation of Parsons’ writings.

“Boredom and Sour Grapes -- an analysis of a modern experience” -- on the sociological roots of a common American middle class complaint.

“The Detective as Stranger, the City as Mystery,” a Simmelian analysis of the leading motifs in detective fiction.

“The Body and the Body Politic,” an analysis of a historical shift of metaphors in understanding body and society.

Grant Applications None pending.

TALKS, PANELS AND CONFERENCES, 1962-present

The Eastern Sociological Society (numerous times)

The American Sociological Association (numerous times)

The British Sociological Society (Spring, 1972)

(Organizer of) The International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations, at the University of Pennsylvania ((Aoeing 1974)

The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Fall, 1978)

The International Society for the History of the Behavioral and Social Sciences (CHEIRON) (Spring, 1976)

(Co-organizer of) Penn Conference on Societal Media (Fall, 1980)

The International Sociological Association, Research Branch, Duisberg, West Germany (Spring, 1987)

(Co-organizer of) PARSS conference on Human Nature, University of Pennsylvania, (Fall 1985)

History of the Human Sciences Conference, Durham, England (Fall, 1986)

Convener, Eastern Sociological Society, Spring 1998, Session on Democracy and Inequality

Convener, Eastern Sociological Society, Spring 2001, Session on Author Meets Critic: the appraisals of E. Digby Baltzell's work.

Participant, University of Innsbruck Conference on "Talcott Parsons: Zur Aktualität eines Theorieprogramms (Current Relevance of a Theory Program), May 28-30, 1999

Co-organizer and Participant, Russell Sage Foundation Conference on Parsons/ Centenary New York City, December 2002

Participant, Kobe Conference on Parsons' Centenary, Kobe, Japan, December, 2002

TEACHING

Awards

2001 Nominated for Ira J. Abrams teaching award

1998 Nominated for Ira J. Abrams teaching award

1993 Recipient of Lindback Award for excellence in teaching

1991 Nominated for Lindback teaching award

1991 Nominated for Ira J. Abrams teaching award

1982 Nominated for Lindback teaching award

1975 Lindback teaching award finalist

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

Introduction to Sociology

Classical Sociological Theory

Contemporary Sociological Theory

Social Psychology of Organizations

Personality and Social Structure

Social Stratification

Sociology of the Professions

Sociology of Knowledge

Sociology of the Rich and the Poor
Cities in Sociological Theory
Interpretive Sociology
Freshman Seminar, Introduction to Social Science, with Herb Levine (Economics) and Jack Nagel (Political Science)

Graduate

History of Classical Sociological Theory
History of Modern Sociological Theory
Theories of Social Organization
Religious and Secular theories of Alienation
Sociology of Authority
French Sociology
German Sociology
Sociology of Knowledge
Sociology of Moral Culture
Graduate Pro-Seminar in Classical Theory
Philosophy of the Social Sciences
Action Theory (with Victor Lidz and Mark Gould)
Social Evolution (with Talcott Parsons and Victor Lidz)
American Society (with Talcott Parsons and Victor Lidz)
Psychological and Sociological Aspects of Organizations
The Frankfurt School
Graduate Seminar in Contemporary Theory

Independent Reading Courses -- 1962-2002

Undergraduate: 180
Graduate: 104

Theses

Major Adviser: 39 Ph.Ds, 42 M.As, 39 (honors) B.As

Thesis Committees: 46 Ph.Ds, 65 M.As, 12 (honors) B.As

ADMINISTRATION and SERVICE

1966-2002 Graduate Language examiner, French and German, Sociology Department

1989-1991 Member, Undergraduate and Graduate Curriculum Committees, Sociology Department

1969-1973 Undergraduate Chairman, Sociology Department

1973-1975 Chairman, Recruitment Committee, Sociology Department
Member, University Committee on Instruction

1976-1977 Graduate Chairman, Sociology Department
Member, University Grievance Committee
Chairman, University Grievance Panel

1978-1982 Member, Executive Committee, Sociology Department
Member, Graduate Admission and Awards Committee, Sociology Department
Chairman, Curriculum Committee, Sociology Department
Chairman, Colloquium Committee, Sociology Department
Chairman and Member, University Committee on Committees
Preceptor and Advisor, Teaching Fellows, Sociology Department

1982-1984 Chairman, Colloquium, Language and Curriculum
Committees, Sociology Department
Member, University Committee on Undergraduate Education

1984-present Chairman, Graduate Examiner, Sociological Theory

1985-1987 Member, Curriculum Committee, Sociology Department
Member, University Committee on Instruction

1987-1988 Member, University Council
Member, University Senate Executive Committee
Member, Curriculum Committee, Sociology Department
Member, Recruitment Committee, Sociology Department

1988-1989 Member, Recruitment Committee, Sociology Department
Member, Curriculum Committee, Sociology Department

1989-1991 Member, Undergraduate and Graduate Curriculum
Committees, Sociology Department

Member, Colloquium Committee, Sociology Department

Member, Committee on Undergraduate Academic Standing, College of Arts and Sciences

Freshman Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences

Member, Hearing Board of the University Student Judicial System.

1989-1992 Member, Committee on Academic Undergraduate Standing, College of Arts and Sciences

1991-1992 Freshman Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences

Member, Personnel Committee, Sociology Department

1992-1993 Member, Junior Faculty Recruitment Committee Sociology Department.

1993-1997 Undergraduate Chairman, Sociology Department

1993 Chairman, faculty/student "Culture Cluster," Sociology Department

1993-1994 Member, Committee on Undergraduate Education, College of Arts & Sciences

1993- Member, Executive Committee, Dynamics of Organization

1994 Co-convener, University colloquium on teaching, College of Arts & Sciences

1995-97 Member, Committee on Committees, College of Arts & Sciences

1997-01 - Member, Lindback Selection Committee

1997-2000 Chairman, University Committee on Independent Majors

1997 2002 Member, University Advisory Board on Publications

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board	<i>Qualitative Sociology</i> <i>Sociological Inquiry</i>
Referee	<i>Qualitative Sociology</i> <i>Sociological Inquiry</i> <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> <i>Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences</i>

MISCELLANEOUS

Honors Examiner, Sociology, Swarthmore College: 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990,
1995, 1998, 2000, 2001

Honors' Thesis advisor in Sociology, Swarthmore College: 1986, 1989, 2001

Part time Lecturer, Sociology and Anthropology Dept., Swarthmore College: Spring 1993,

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Association
International Sociological Association

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Sociological Theory
History of Social Thought
Sociology of Knowledge
Sociology of Culture
Psychology and Sociology
Urban and Community Sociology
Philosophy of the Social Sciences
Social Organization