

## Curriculum Vita (July, 2011)

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**Present Position:** Professor of Sociology, Boston College, 1982-

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### **Educational Background:**

B.A. (government) Antioch College, 1955

M.A. (sociology) University of Michigan, 1956

Ph.D. (social psychology) University of Michigan, 1959

### **Past Positions:**

1962-82 Assistant Professor to Professor, University of Michigan.

1959-62 Research Associate in Social Psychology, Harvard University.

### **Visiting Positions:**

Haven Center Visiting Scholar, University of Wisconsin, Madison (November, 2006)

Sims Lecturer, Penn State University (March, 2002)

Walker-Ames Professor, University of Washington, Seattle (Feb., 2002)

Chancellor's Distinguished Fellow, University of California at Irvine (Jan., 2001)

MIT (Political Science), Fall, 1984; Spring, 1986.

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, 1978-79.

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1972-73 and Spring, 1969.

Harvard University (Social Relations), 1968-69.

Western Behavioral Sciences Institute, La Jolla, Fall, 1964.

### **Awards:**

McCarthy Lifetime Achievement Award, Center for the Study of Social Movements, Notre Dame, 2011.

Merit Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Discipline, Eastern Sociological Society, 2005.

Distinguished Book Award, 2004, ASA Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements for *Shaping Abortion Discourse*.

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, elected 2002.

Doris Graber Outstanding Book Award, American Political Science Association, 2000, for *Talking Politics*.

Distinguished Career Award, ASA Section on Peace and War, 1997.

Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award, American Sociological Association, 1987.

Guggenheim Fellowship, 1978-79.

Sorokin Award, American Sociological Association, 1969 for *Power and Discontent*.

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Annual Socio-Psychological Prize, 1962 (for two essays on coalition formation).

Honorable mention, C. Wright Mills Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems (for *Strategy of Social Protest*).

**Other Professional Activities and Positions:**

President, American Sociological Association, 1993-94.

President, Eastern Sociological Society, 1989.

Member, National Research Council, Committee on International Conflict and Cooperation, 1988-93.

Council, American Sociological Association, 1978-81; 1985-87.

Chair, ASA section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, 1990-91.

Chair, ASA section on Political Sociology, 1986-88.

Chair, ASA section on World Conflicts, 1981-82.

Chair, ASA section on Social Psychology, 1971-72.

President, Peace Science Society, 1981-82.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (1969-79); *Sociometry* (1964-67; 1976-79); *Simulation and Games* (1969-73); *Qualitative Sociology* (1982-88), *Sociological Forum* (1987-89).

**Recent Publications and Papers:** (Pre-1982 publications not included) [Books in **boldface**]

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“Leadership and Social Movements” (with Betsy Leondar-Wright), pp. xx-xx in Richard Cuoto et al (eds), *Civic and Political Leadership*. Sage, 2011.

“Social Control Errors” and “Injustice Frames” in David A. Snow, Donnatella della Porta, Bert Klandermans, and Doug McAdam (eds), pp. xx-xx and xx-xx, *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*, 2011.

“Sustaining Collaboration: Lessons from the Media Research and Action Project” (with Charlotte Ryan), chapter in Sue Curry Jansen, Lara Taub-Pervizpour, and Jeff Pooley (eds), pp. 71-82, *Media and Social Justice*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

“On Being Jewish at a Jesuit University: Reflections on Organizational Cultures.” *Sociological Forum*. Vol. 25 (Sept., 2010), pp. 612-620.

“Assessment in Simulation and Gaming,” (with Jeffrey Chin and Richard Dukes), *Simulation and Gaming*, Vol. 40 (August, 2009), pp. 553-68.

“My Life Long Involvement with Games” *Sociological Forum*. Vol 24, No. 2 (June, 2009), pp. 437-47.

- "Collective Identity and the Mass Media" chapter 12 (pp. 277-98) in Eugene Borgida, Christopher M. Federico, and John L. Sullivan (eds), *The Political Psychology of Democratic Citizenship*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- "On Teaching the Mass Media and Politics" *International Journal of Press/Politics* (April, 2008), pp. 1-7.
- The Global Justice Game*. (A game simulation of global justice issues). Available as a teaching and training tool on-line: <globaljusticegame.mrap.info> (August, 2007)
- "The Virtues of Loyalty," Chapter 9, pp. 147-55, in William D'Antonio and Anthony Pogorele (eds), *Voice of the Faithful: Loyal Catholics Striving for Change* New York: Crossroads Publishing Company, 2007.
- "Grand-Parenting and Political Socialization," *Sociological Forum*, Vol 22 (December, 2007), pp. 568-78.
- "Tribute to Helen Fine," in *Essays in Honor of Helen Fine*, Joyce Apse and Barbara Harff (eds). New York: International Association of Genocide Scholars, 2007, pp. 31-33.
- "Knowing Your Adversary: The Israeli Structure of Political Opportunity and the Inception of the Palestinian Intifada," (with Eitan Alimi and Charlotte Ryan). *Sociological Forum*, Vol. 21 (December, 2006), pp. 535-557.
- "Connecting Culture and Cognition" *Cuadernos de Sociologia* (Columbia), (September, 2006).
- "The Art of Reframing Political Debates" (with Charlotte Ryan) *Contexts*. Vol. 5, number 1 (January, 2006), pp.13-18.
- "Thinking about Elephants: Toward a Dialogue with George Lakoff," (with Charlotte Ryan), *The Public Eye*, Vol. 19, number 2 (Fall, 2005), pp. 1, 13-16.
- "Afterwards" Chapter in David Croteau, William Hoynes, and Charlotte Ryan (eds), *Rhyming Hope and History*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2005.
- "Movement Impact on Cultural Change," pp. 103-125 in Stephen Pfohl et al (eds), *Culture, Power, and History*. Boston: Brill Publishers, 2005.
- "On a Sociology of the Media" *Political Communication*. Vol. 21 (2004), pp. 305-07.
- "Public Sociologies: Life on the Interface" *Social Problems*, Vol. 51 (Feb., 2004), pp. 106-10.

- "Bystanders, Public Opinion, and the Media," Ch. 11, pp. 242-61 in David Snow, Sarah Soule, and Hanspeter Kreisi (eds), *Blackwell Companion to Social Movements*. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2004.
- "The Gendering of Governance and the Governance of Gender" (with Myra Marx Ferree), pp. 35-63 in Barbara Hobson (ed), *Recognition Struggles and Social Movements*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003. (Reprinted in Hungarian translation in *Replika*, 2006.)
- "Civic Renewal and Inequality" *The Good Society* 12 (2003), pp. 63-66.
- Shaping Abortion Discourse: Democracy and the Public Sphere in Germany and the United States.** (with Myra Marx Ferree, Jürgen Gerhards, and Dieter Rucht), New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002.
- "Four Models of the Public Sphere in Modern Democracies" (with Myra Marx Ferree, Jürgen Gerhards, and Dieter Rucht) *Theory and Society* 31: 289-324 (2002).
- "Abortion Talk in Germany and the United States: Why Rights Explanations Are Wrong" (with Myra Marx Ferree, Jürgen Gerhards, and Dieter Rucht) *Contexts* 1:27-33 (Summer, 2002).
- "Media and Social Movements," pp. 9468-72 in *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Neil J. Smelser and Paul B. Baltes (eds). Oxford, UK: Elsevier, 2001.
- "How Story Telling Can Be Empowering," chapter in Karen A. Cerulo (ed), *Culture in Mind: Toward a Sociology of Culture and Cognition*. New York: Routledge, 2001.
- "Forward," pp. ix-xi, in Stephen D. Reese, Oscar H. Gandy, Jr., and August E. Grant, *Framing Public Life*. Mahway, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 2001.
- "Promoting Political Engagement" pp. 56-74 in W. Lance Bennett and Robert Entman (eds), *Mediated Politics*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001.
- "Framing Social Policy" *The Non-Profit Quarterly*. (December, 2000), 7: 40-42
- SIMSOC (Simulated Society)**, Fifth Edition. New York: The Free Press, 2000.
- "Ambivalences about Affirmative Action" *Society* (September/October: pp. 41-45), 1999.
- "Living with Contradictions: The Taken-for-Granted in Israeli Political Discourse" (with Hanna Herzog), *Political Psychology*, 20: 247-66, 1999.
- "Beyond the Science-versus-Advocacy Distinction" *Contemporary Sociology*, 28:23-26 (January, 1999).

- "Policy Discourse and the Language of the Life-World" pp. 127-44 in Jürgen Gerhards and Ronald Hitzler (eds), *Eigenwilligkeit und Rationalität sozialer Prozesse (Festschrift in Honor of Friedhelm Neidhardt)*. Westdeutscher Verlag, Opladen, Wiesbaden, 1999.
- "The Gendering of Abortion Discourse: Assessing Global Feminist Influence in the United States and Germany" (with Myra Marx Ferree) pp. 40-56 in Donnatella Della Porta, Hanspieter Kriesi, and Dieter Rucht (eds), *Social Movements in a Globalizing World*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1999.
- "Social Movements and Cultural Change" pp. 57-77 in Marco G. Giugni, Doug McAdam, and Charles Tilly (eds), *From Contention to Democracy*. New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 1998.
- "On Coming to Terms with the Past" *American Journal of Sociology* 103 (July, 1997), pp. 210-15.
- "Safe Spaces and Social Movements" in Gale Miller and James A. Holstein (eds) *Perspectives on Social Problems* 8: 27-38. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press, 1996.
- "Media Discourse as a Framing Resource" pp. 111-132 in Ann N. Crigler (ed), *The Psychology of Political Communication*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1996.
- "Framing Political Opportunity" (with David Meyer), pp. 275-90 in Doug McAdam, John McCarthy, and Mayer Zald (eds), *Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996.
- "Hiroshima,, The Holocaust, and The Politics of Exclusion" *American Sociological Review* 60: 1-20 (February, 1995).
- "Constructing Social Protest," pp. 85-106 in Hank Johnston and Bert Klandermans (eds), *Social Movements and Culture*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1995.
- "SIMSOC at 30" *Simulation and Gaming* (June, 1994) 208-12.
- "Movements and Media as Interacting Systems" (with Gadi Wolfsfeld), pp. 114-25 in Russell Dalton (ed), "Citizens, Protest, and Democracy" *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Vol. 528, July, 1993.
- "Nuclear Weapons in Security Discourse in the U.S. and U.S.S.R." (with David Stuart), *Working Papers on Security Discourse in the Cold War Era*. Center for Social Change, New School for Social Research, 1993.
- Talking Politics** New York: Cambridge University Press, 1992.

- “Media Discourse as a Symbolic Contest: The Bomb in Political Cartoons” (with David Stuart) *Sociological Forum* (1992) 7:55-86.
- “The Social Psychology of Collective Action,” pp. 53-76 in Aldon Morris and Carol Mueller (eds), *Frontiers in Social Movement Theory*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992.
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- “Agency and Commitment in Social Movements” *Sociological Forum* (1991) 6: 27-50.
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- The Strategy of Social Protest**, 2nd edition, (1990) Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Press.
- “Sociology and Nuclear War,” (1990) chapter in Herbert Gans (ed), *Sociology in America*, Sage.
- “Media Discourse and Public Opinion on Nuclear Power: A Constructionist Approach,” (with Andre Modigliani) (1989) *American Journal of Sociology*, 95: 1-37.
- “News as Framing” (1989) *American Behavioral Scientist* November/December, 157-61.
- Learning Group Exercises in Political Sociology** (1989) ASA Teaching Resources Program, 93 pp.
- “Reflections on ‘The Strategy of Social Protest’ ” (1989) *Sociological Forum* 4:455-67.
- “A Constructionist Approach to Mass Media and Public Opinion,” (1988) *Symbolic Interaction*, 2:161-74.
- “Political Discourse and Collective Action” (1988) chapter in Bert Klandermans, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Sidney Tarrow (eds), *From Structure to Action: Social Movement Participation Across Cultures*. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press. pp. 219-44. Reprinted in *The New American Cultural Sociology*. Philip Smith (ed) New York: Cambridge University Press (1999).
- “Reframing the Debate” (1987) *Nuclear Times* July/August, 27-30.
- “Nuclear Forgetting” (1987) *Contemporary Sociology*. January.
- “The Changing Culture of Affirmative Action” (with Andre Modigliani) (1987), (ed) Richard D. Braungart, *Research in Political Sociology*, 3, Greenwich, CT.: JAI Press, pp. 137-77. Reprinted in *The Political Sociology of the State* Richard G. Braungart and

Margaret M. Braungart (eds), Greenwich, CT: JAI Press, 1991 and in *Equal Employment Opportunity*, Paul Burstein (ed), New York: Aldine de Gruyter, 1994.

“Introduction” (1987) pp. 1-7 in Mayer N. Zald and John D. McCarthy, *Social Movements in an Organizational Society*, New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Books.

“Goffman’s Legacy to Political Sociology” *Theory and Society* 14 (September, 1985).

“A Sweet Vision of Post-Industrial Society” *Contemporary Sociology* (January, 1986).

**WHAT’S NEWS: A Game Simulation of TV News.** New York: The Free Press, 1984.

**Encounters with Unjust Authority** (with Bruce Fireman and Steve Rytina) Homewood, Illinois: Dorsey Press, 1982.

“The Political Culture of Social Welfare Policy” (with Kathryn Lasch) in S. E. Spiro and E. Yuchtman-Yaar, *Evaluating the Welfare State: Social and Political Perspectives*. New York: Academic Press, 1983, pp. 397- 415.

“The Political Culture of Arab-Israeli Conflict” *Conflict Management and Peace Sciences*, Vol. 5, No. 2, 1982.

“Organizing the Poor” (with Emily Schmeidler) *Theory and Society*, Vol. 13, 1984, pp. 567-585.

*[A complete vita with pre-1982 publications is available on request.]*