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#### Education

1967 B.A., University of Minnesota (Sociology and Psychology)

1968 M.A., University of California, Berkeley (Sociology)

1971 Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley (Sociology)

1979 M.A., University of Minnesota (U.S. History)

#### Teaching Experience

Concordia College (Moorhead, Minnesota). Instructor of Sociology, 1969-70.

California State University, Fresno. Assistant Professor of Sociology, 1970-76.  
Associate Professor of Sociology, 1976-80. Department Chair, 1978-88.  
Professor of Sociology, 1980-91. Dean-in-Charge, School of Social Sciences,  
Spring, 1991.

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Professor of Sociology and Department  
Chair, 1991-1999.

University of Delaware. Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice, 1999-present.  
Department Chair, 1999-2006.

Kwansei Gakuin University (Nishinomiya, Japan). Visiting Professor of Law and Politics, Spring, 2008.

### Personal Information

Born August 21, 1946, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Married, two adult sons.

### Awards and Honors

Phi Beta Kappa, 1967.

NIMH Trainee in Social Structure and Personality, University of California, Berkeley, 1967-69.

Participant, NEH Summer Seminars

"Social Control of Institutions," Vanderbilt University, 1976.

"Violence in American History," University of Oregon, 1980.

"Perspectives on the Changing Role of American Courts," University of Wisconsin, 1983.

"American Journalism in Historical Perspective," University of California, San Diego, 1987.

CSUF/CSU Faculty Research Grants--nine grants awarded, 1976-89.

ICPSR/LEAA Seminar, "Quantitative Analysis of Crime and Criminal Justice Problems," University of Michigan, 1979.

American Philosophical Society Research Grant, "Criminal Organization in San Francisco," 1982-84.

CSUF Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Awards, five awards, 1985-90.

NEH Summer Stipend, "Rhetoric in the Construction of the Missing Children Problem," 1986.

Honorary Member, Golden Key National Honor Society, 1986.

Guest Columnist, Fresno Bee, January-June, 1990.

NEH Travel to Collections Grant, "Constructing and Reconstructing the Pornography Problem," 1990.

Charles Horton Cooley Award, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, 1991.

Director, NEH Summer Seminar

"Social Problems: The Constructionist Stance," Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 1992.

"Social Problems: The Constructionist Stance," Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 1994.

SIUC, Special Research Project Grant, 1993.

Distinguished Lecturer

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, 1997.

Alpha Kappa Delta, 2003.

Honorary Member, Phi Kappa Phi, 1998.

Dissertation Director for Donna Maurer, Recipient of SIUC's Outstanding Dissertation Award, 1998.

President, Midwest Sociological Society, 1999-2000

President, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2001-02

Jan Burrows Graduate Educator Award (chosen by graduate students in UD's Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice), 2004

Dissertation Director for Brian A. Monahan, Recipient of UD's George Herbert Ryden Prize (for the best dissertation in the social sciences), 2006

## Professional Writing

### Books

Organizing Deviance. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1982. (with David F. Luckenbill)

Threatened Children: Rhetoric and Concern about Child-Victims. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990. (Winner, Charles Horton Cooley Award, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, 1991.)

Excerpted: "Rhetoric in Claims about Missing Children," Chas Critcher (ed.), Critical Readings: Moral Panics and the Media (Maidenhead, Berks.: Open University Press, 2006): 196-211.

Organizing Deviance, second edition. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1994. (with David F. Luckenbill)

Controlling Vice: Regulating Brothel Prostitution in St. Paul, 1865-1883. Columbus: Ohio State University Press, 1998.

Random Violence: How We Talk about New Crimes and New Victims. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999.

Excerpted: "What's Wrong with Declaring War on Social Problems?," Joel M. Charon (ed.), Social Problems: Readings with Four Questions (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2002): 19-29;

"What's Wrong with Declaring War on Social Problems?," Joel M. Charon and Lee Garth Vigilant (eds.), Social Problems: Readings with Four Questions, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2006): 18-28;

"Random Violence." Ira Silver (ed.), Social Problems: Readings (New York: Norton, 2008):91-106;

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Damned Lies and Statistics: Untangling Numbers from the Media, Politicians, and Activists. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001.

Translated: Toukei ha Koushite Uso wo Tsuku, translated by Masaru Hayashi. Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo: Hakuyosha Publishing, 2002 (Japanese);

Tongkyeranun Irumae Kujimmal, translated by No Haesuk. Seoul: Moowoosoo, 2002 (Korean);

Tongji Shuzi: Shishishi Haishi Huangyan, translated by Shuzhen Zhang and Yufang He. Taipei, Taiwan: Business Weekly Publication, 2008 (Chinese).

Excerpted: "Telling the Truth about Damned Lies and Statistics," Chronicle of Higher Education 47 (May 4, 2001): B7-B9;

"Damned Lies and Statistics," Milken Institute Review 3 (3): 65-80;

"Telling the Truth about Damned Lies and Statistics," Garth Massey (ed.), Readings for Sociology, 4th ed. (New York: Norton, 2003): 32-38;

"Seeing Through Statistics," Imagine 10 (March/April, 2003): 20-21, 34;

"Damned Lies and Statistics," John Curra (ed.), The Human Experience Reader: Selections from Sociology (Boston: Pearson, 2005): 16-20.;

"Telling the Truth about Damned Lies and Statistics," Joseph L. Victor and Joanne Naughton (eds.), Annual Editions; Criminal Justice, 05/06 (Dubuque, IA: McGraw-Hill/Duskin, 2005): 73-75;

"Telling the Truth about Damned Lies and Statistics," Garth Massey (ed.), Readings for Sociology, 5th ed. (New York: Norton, 2006): 53-58;

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Deviance: Career of a Concept. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2004.

More Damned Lies and Statistics: How Numbers Confuse Public Issues. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004.

Translated: Toukei toiu Na no Uso, translated by Masaru Hayashi. Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo: Hakuyosha Publishing, 2007 (Japanese);

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Excerpted: "Scary Numbers," Karen Sternheimer (ed.), Everyday Sociology Reader. (New York: Norton, 2010): 15-24.

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Social Problems, second edition. New York: Norton, forthcoming.

#### Edited Volumes

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Excerpted: "Debates About Constructionism," Earl Rubington and Martin S. Weinberg (eds.), The Study of Social Problems, 5th ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995): 341-51.

The Satanism Scare. Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter, 1991. (co-editor with James T. Richardson and David Bromley)

Troubling Children: Studies of Children and Social Problems. Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter, 1994. (editor)

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How Claims Spread: Cross-National Diffusion of Social Problems. Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter, 2001. (editor)

Social Problems: Constructionist Readings. Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter, 2003. (co-editor with Donileen R. Loseke)

### Principal Articles and Chapters

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Robert H. Lauer and Jeanette C. Lauer (eds.), Sociology: Windows on Society, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. (Los Angeles, Roxbury, 2002): 331-38;

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"Looking Evil in the Face: Being an Examination of Vice and Respectability in St. Paul as Seen in the City's Press, 1865-83." Minnesota History 50 (1987): 241-51.

"Business Is Business: Regulating Brothel Prostitution Through Arrests, St. Paul, 1865-83." Research in Social Policy: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives 1 (1987): 1-20.

"Rhetoric in Claims-Making: Constructing the Missing Children Problem." Social Problems 34 (1987): 101-21.

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Hidemi Taira and Nobutoshi Nakagawa (eds.), Sociology of Constructionism (Kyoto: Sekaishisha, 2000): 148-92 (Japanese translation by Shigekazu Adachi).

"Missing Children, Misleading Statistics." The Public Interest 92 (1988): 84-92.

Reprinted: W. Feigelman (ed.), Readings on Social Problems (New York: Holt Rinehart Winston, 1990): 11-16.

"Secondary Claims-Making: Claims about Threats to Children on the Network News." Perspectives on Social Problems 1 (1989): 259-82.

Reprinted: Gale Miller and James A. Holstein (eds.), Social Problems in Everyday Life: Studies of Social Problems Work (Greenwich, CT: JAI, 1997): 73-95.

"Dark Figures and Child Victims: Statistical Claims about Missing Children." Pp. 21-37 in Images of Issues, edited by Joel Best. Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter, 1989.

"Male Dominance and Female Criminality: A Test of Harris's Theory of Deviant Type-Scripts." Sociological Inquiry 60 (1990): 71-86. (with David F. Luckenbill)

"Satanism as a Social Problem." Pp. 3-17 in The Satanism Scare, edited by James T. Richardson, Joel Best, and David G. Bromley. Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter, 1991. (with James T. Richardson and David G. Bromley)

"Endangered Children in Anti-Satanist Rhetoric." Pp. 95-106 in The Satanism Scare, edited by James T. Richardson, Joel Best, and David G. Bromley. Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter, 1991.

"'Road Warriors' on 'Hair-Trigger Highways': Cultural Resources and the Media's Construction of the 1987 Freeway Shootings Problem." Sociological Inquiry 61 (1991): 327-45.

Reprinted: Gary W. Potter and Victor E. Kappeler (eds.), Constructing Crime: Perspectives on Making News and Social Problems. (Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland, 1998): 221-40;

Spencer E. Cahill (ed.), Inside Social Life: Readings in Sociological Psychology and Microsociology, 3rd ed. (Los Angeles: Roxbury, 2001): 269-79;

Gary W. Potter and Victor E. Kappeler (eds.), Constructing Crime: Perspectives on Making News and Social Problems, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Long Grove, IL: Waveland, 2006): 248-65.

"Bad Guys and Random Violence: Folklore and Media Constructions of Contemporary Deviance." Contemporary Legend 1 (1991): 107-21.

"But Seriously Folks: The Limitations of the Strict Constructionist Interpretation of Social Problems." Pp. 129-47 in Reconsidering Social Constructionism: Debates in Social Problems Theory, edited by James A. Holstein and Gale Miller. Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter, 1993.

Reprinted: Gale Miller and James A. Holstein (eds.), Constructionist Controversies: Issues in Social Problems Theory. (Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter, 1993): 109-27;

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- "The Development of Social Control Through Self-Regulation: American Sports in the Late Nineteenth Century." Mid-South Sociological Association, Jackson, 1978.
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- "Crime and Control in Twin Cities: Organizational Practices and Arrests in Minneapolis and St. Paul, 1889-1913." Pacific Sociological Association, Seattle, 1984.
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- "Claims on the Network News: Rhetoric and the Perception of Threats to Children." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, 1987.
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- "What Is Child Abuse?: Definition, Typification, and Domain Expansion in Claims-Making." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, 1988.
- "Claims in Popular Culture: Threats to Children in Recent Horror and Detective Fiction." American Society of Criminology, Chicago, 1988.
- "Building on Successful Claims: Domain Expansion in the Construction of Social Problems." Gregory Stone Symbolic Interaction Symposium, Arizona State University, 1989.
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- "Road Warriors' on a 'Highway to Homicide': Media Constructions of the 1987 Freeway Shootings Problem." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Berkeley, 1989.
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- "But Seriously Folks: The Satanic Panic and the Strict Constructionist Interpretation of Social Problems." Gregory Stone Symbolic Interaction Symposium, San Francisco, 1991.
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- "Constructing New Crime Problems: Occult Crimes and Hate Crimes." American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, 1991.
- "Victim Rights and Victim-Blaming: The Rhetorical Uses of Victim Imagery." American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, 1992.
- "Projections of Problems: Sociology, Social Problems, and the Future." Invited keynote address, First Annual Southeast Missouri Sociological/ Anthropological Symposium, Southeast Missouri State University, 1993.
- "Ideologies of Innocence: Contemporary Constructions of Victimization." Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, 1993.
- "Imagery in Contemporary Legends and Social Problems: Stalkers, Carjackers, and Ankle-Grabbers." Perspectives on Contemporary Legend (ISCLR conference), Indiana University, 1993.
- "Lost in the Ozone Again: The Postmodernist Fad and Interactionist Foibles." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Miami, 1993.
- "Manufacturing Victims: Ideology, Institutional Support, and the Victim Industry." Invited address for the Center on Deviance and Behavioral Health Annual Colloquium, University of Georgia, 1994.
- "Toys as Social Problems." Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, 1994.
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- "Facts, Opinions, and the Apparently Innocuous Just: Misapplications of Relativism in Contemporary Sociology." Gregory Stone Symbolic Interaction Symposium, University of Illinois, 1994.
- "Troubling Children on the Agenda." Invited keynote address, "Children and the Courts," Society for the Study of Social Problems Community Service Workshop, Los Angeles, 1994.
- "The Victim Industry." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Los Angeles, 1994.
- "The Uses of Panic: Constructing Risks and Getting Children on the Agenda." The Public World of Childhood: Children Harmed and Harmful (workshop), University of Chicago, 1994.
- "Apparent Contradictions in Official Statistics on Parental Abductions of Children." Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, 1995. (with T. Memoree Thibodeau)
- "Manufacturing Victims: Ideology, Institutions, and the Victim Industry." Invited lecture, Hillsdale College, 1995.
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- "Declaring War on Social Problems." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Washington, 1995.
- "The Victim Industry." Invited lecture, Northern Illinois University, 1996.
- "The Gang Initiation Rite as a Motif in Contemporary Crime Discourse." Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, 1996. (with Mary M. Hutchinson)
- "The Media and Random Violence." Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, 1996.
- "Reconciling Inconsistencies Among Estimates of Family Abductions." American Society of Criminology, Chicago, 1996. (With T. Memoree Thibodeau and Darrell Hamann)
- "Trends in Constructionism." Invited lecture, Central Florida University, 1997.
- "Trickle-Down Claimsmaking: The Diffusion of Contemporary Gang Imagery." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Louisville, 1997.
- "Toys as Social Problems." Invited sociology colloquium, University of Illinois, 1997.

- "Connecting Constructions: Links among Claimsmaking Campaigns." American Sociological Association, Toronto, 1997.
- "Too Much Fun: Toys as Social Problems and the Interpretation of Culture." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI Distinguished Lecture), Toronto, 1997.
- "Covering Random Violence." American Society of Criminology, San Diego, 1997.
- "Intractable Problems and Institutionalized Fads." Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, 1998.
- "Claims Across the Ocean: Road Rage as an Emerging Crime Problem in Britain and the U.S." American Society of Criminology, Washington, 1998.
- "Supergangs, Satanists, and Road Rage: The Diffusion of Social Problems." Invited colloquium, Purdue University, 1999.
- "Heroic, Tragic, and Comic Stances in Social Problems Analysis." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, 1999.
- "Social Progress and Social Problems: Four Paradoxes." Invited colloquium, University of Connecticut, 1999.
- "How to Make Millions: Guidelines for Creating and Disseminating Dubious Social Problems Statistics." Conference on "The Uses and Misuses of Science in Public Discourse," sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Economic Culture, Boston University, 2000.
- "Social Progress and Social Problems: Toward a Sociology of Gloom" (Presidential Address). Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, 2000.
- "Diffusion and the Dissemination of Social Problems Claims." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Washington, 2000.
- "Social Progress and Social Problems: Four Paradoxes." Invited colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, 2000.
- "Crimes of Emotion." American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, 2000.
- "The Social Organization of Fads." Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, 2001.
- "Taking the Role of the Editor and the Reader." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Writing Workshop, Anaheim, 2001.

“Racial Statistics and Social Problems.” Invited lecture for Seminar on Statistics and Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania, 2001.

“Social Problems as Institutional Fads.” Invited presentation to Williams College faculty (Oakley Center), 2001.

“Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Williams College, 2001.

“Social Problems as Institutional Fads.” Invited colloquium, University of Alberta, 2001.

“Medicalizing the Seven Deadly Sins.” American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, 2001.

“Using Statistics Responsibly.” Hechinger Institute on Education and the Media, Seminar for Editors and Supervisors, Atlanta, 2001.

“Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Savannah Country Day School, 2002.

“Damned Lies and Statistics: Thinking about Numbers and Social Problems.” Invited lecture, Armstrong Atlantic State University, 2002.

“Social Problems and Institutional Fads.” Invited lecture, University of Ottawa, 2002.

“Damned Lies and Statistics.” UD Land & Sea Lectures Series lectures at Lewes and Seaford, 2002.

“Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Goucher College, 2002.

“Are Rumors of Deviance’s Death Exaggerated?” Midwest Sociological Society, Milwaukee, 2002.

“Damned Lies and Statistics.” Astra Zeneca Marketing Retreat, Annapolis, 2002.

“Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited presentation to Wilmington Writers’ Workshop, 2002.

“Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Valdosta State University, 2002.

“People Count: The Social Construction of Statistics.” Invited presentation at American Statistical Association, New York, 2002.

“Killing the Messenger: The Social Problems of Sociology” (Presidential Address). Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, 2002.

- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited colloquium, Rutgers University, 2002.
- “(Sort of) Famous for Fifteen Years: Sociology and Media Coverage of Halloween Sadism.” Invited presentation at University of Tennessee Alpha Kappa Delta Luncheon, 2002.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, University of Tennessee, 2002.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Middle Tennessee State University, 2002.
- “Social Problems and Social Progress.” Invited colloquium, Augsburg College Sociology Department, 2002.
- “People Count: The Social Construction of Statistics.” Invited lecture, Augsburg College, 2002.
- “Truth or Fiction: How Statistics Can Lie.” Workshop for Minnesota legislators and staff co-sponsored by Republican House Caucus and Minnesota Taxpayers League Foundation, St. Paul, 2003.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invite lecture, St. Louis University, January, 2003.
- “Deviance: Career of a Concept.” Invited departmental colloquium, St. Louis University, 2003.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, California State University, Fresno, 2003.
- “First Words: Do Sociologists Actually Use the Terms in Introductory Textbooks’ Glossaries?” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, February, 2003 . (with David Schweingruber)
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Bloomsburg University, 2003.
- “Missing Numbers, Magic Numbers, and Other Statistics for Crises.” Invited lecture, University of Missouri, 2003.
- “Fashion, Topical Jokes, and Rumor as Short-Term Enthusiasms.” Conference on “The Social Impact of Rumor and Legend,” Bellagio (Italy), 2003.
- “More Than Academic: Constructing Scholarly Authority Regarding Contentious Social Issues.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, 2003.

- “The Illusion of Diffusion: Serious People, Silly Ideas, and Institutional Fads.” Alpha Kappa Delta Distinguished Lecture, American Sociological Association, Atlanta, 2003.
- “The Illusion of Diffusion: Serious People, Silly Ideas, and Institutional Fads.” Invited lecture, Morehead State University, 2003.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited Alpha Kappa Delta initiation lecture, Albright College, 2004.
- “The Illusion of Diffusion: How Institutional Fads Spread.” Conference on Selection in the Marketplace of Ideas and Culture, Duke University, 2004.
- “Having It Both Ways: Ideological Malleability as a Feature of Successful Social Problems Claims.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, 2004.
- “Scary Guys: The Halloween Sadist and Other Legendary Threats.” Invited lecture, Albright College, 2004.
- “Deviance May Not Be Dead, But Is It Lively?” American Society of Criminology, Nashville, 2004.
- “Institutional Fads in Criminal Justice.” American Society of Criminology, Nashville, 2004.
- “Damned Lies and Education Statistics.” Workshop for reporters at public radio affiliates, National Public Radio, Washington, 2004.
- “The Risks of Falling Coconuts: Bad Information and the Law.” Invited presentation to Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, Pittsburgh, 2005.
- “Deviance: Career of a Concept.” Invited lecture, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, 2005.
- “Slinking Off the Bandwagon: The Lessons of Institutional Fads.” Eastern Sociological Society, Washington, 2005.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Augsburg College, 2005.
- “Statistical Literacy: What’s the Problem?” Invited lecture, Augsburg College, 2005.
- “The Sociology of Institutional Fads.” Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, 2005.
- “Teaching Social Problems from a Social Constructionist Perspective.” Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, 2005.

- “The Critic Unbound: Blumer as a Tragic Figure.” Joint Symbolic Interaction and Ethnographic Research/North Central Sociological Association Conferences, Pittsburgh, 2005.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, UD Academy of Lifelong Learning, Wilmington, 2005.
- “The Disadvantage of a Good Reputation: Disney as a Target for Social Problems Claims.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, August, 2005.
- “Greatly Exaggerated? The Reports of Deviance’s Death.” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, 2005.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Delaware Section of the American Chemical Society (ChemVets), Wilmington, September 20.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited convocation, Carleton College, 2005.
- “Statistical Literacy: What’s the Problem?” Associated Colleges of the Midwest Conference on “Strengthening Quantitative Reasoning,” Carleton College, 2005.
- “Damned Lies and Scientific Statistics.” Science Literacy Project Workshop [for public radio science reporters], Boston, 2005.
- “Statistical Literacy: What’s the Problem?” Invited statistics colloquium, Wharton School, 2005.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited public lecture, University of Kent (England), 2006.
- “The Illusion of Diffusion.” Invited sociology colloquium, University of Kent (England), 2006.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Valdosta State University (President’s Lecture Series), 2006.
- “Statistical Literacy: What’s the Problem?” Invited presentation, Delaware Chapter of the American Statistical Association, 2006.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture to Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, Philadelphia, 2006.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Hillsdale College, 2006.

- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Siena College, 2006.
- “How to Create Intractable Issues.” Invited keynote address before Northern District of California Judicial Conference, Santa Cruz, 2006.
- “The Rise of Polemical Documentary Films as a Popular Form of Claimsmaking.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montréal, 2006. (with Brian A. Monahan)
- “Prize Proliferation: A Social Worlds Perspective.” American Sociological Association, Montréal, 2006.
- “Fads in Fear: Cycles in Crime Construction.” Invited keynote address, conference on “Misdaad in het Nieuws: Cijfers en Verhalen” (Crime in the News: Stories and Statistics), Leiden University (Netherlands), 2006.
- “Statistical Literacy: What’s the Problem?” Invited lecture, Gettysburg College, 2006.
- “Statistical Literacy: What’s the Problem?” Invited lecture, Ohio State University, 2006.
- “How We Kill Our Criminals: The Fad Cycle in Capital Punishment Methods.” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, 2007. (with Megan Denver and Kenneth C. Haas).
- “Quantitative Literacy: Mathematicians, Statisticians, and Sociologists Share What Works.” Invited panel presentation, Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, 2007.
- “Patterns in Public Display: Magnetic Ribbons on Vehicles.” Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, 2007. (with Terry G. Lilley, Benigno Aguirre, and Kathleen S. Lowney)
- “The Stupidity Epidemic.” Invited Charles Phelps Taft lecture, University of Cincinnati, 2007.
- “Prize Proliferation in Self-Congratulatory Culture.” Invited Department of Sociology lecture, University of Cincinnati, 2007.
- “Beyond Calculation: Quantitative Literacy and Critical Thinking about Public Issues.” Invited paper for the conference “Quantitative Literacy and Its Implications for Teacher Education, Wingspread (Racine, WI), 2007.
- “Why Smart People Fall for Fads.” Invited talk at the Delaware Governor’s School for Excellence, 2007.

- “Negotiating Facticity: Three Recent Stat Wars.” Invited panel presentation, American Sociological Association, New York, 2007.
- “Numbers Count! Civic-Based Numeracy across the Curriculum.” Invited panel presentation, Association of American Colleges and Universities Network for Academic Renewal Conference, Denver, 2007.
- “Prize Proliferation.” Invited lecture, University of Waterloo, 2007.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, La Salle University, 2007.
- “Two Schools of Worrying about Schools: Culture Wars and the Construction of Educational Issues.” Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, 2008.
- “Fads in Fear: Cycles in Crime Construction.” Invited lecture, Kwansai Gakuin University (Japan), 2008.
- “Urban Legends.” Invited talk at the Delaware Governor’s School for Excellence, 2008.
- “Failures of Collective Memory: Collective Amnesia, Nostalgia, and Other Problematic Recollections.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Boston, 2008.
- “You Too Can Be a Winner! Prize Proliferation in a Self-Congratulatory Culture.” University of Delaware MALS Program, University for a Day, 2008.
- ”If This Goes On . . . : The Rhetorical Construction of Future Problems’.” Invited keynote address, Rhetoric and Society Conference, Leiden University (Leiden, Netherlands), 2009.
- “You Too Can Be a Winner! Prize Proliferation in a Self-Congratulatory Culture.” Academy of Lifelong Learning, Wilmington, 2009.
- ”If This Goes On . . . : The Rhetorical Construction of Future Problems’.” Invited sociology/statistics colloquium, Iowa State University, 2009.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited public address, Iowa State University, 2009.
- “The Stupidity Epidemic.” Invited plenary address, Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, 2009.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited keynote address, JMP Innovators’ Summit, Chicago, 2009.

- “Sociologists and the Endangered American Dream,” Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, 2010.
- “The Stupidity Epidemic.” Invited public address, University of Northern Iowa, 2010.
- “Everyone’s a Winner: Life in a Congratulatory Culture.” Invited keynote address, Iowa Sociological Association, Cedar Falls, 2010.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited presentation to the Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy Media Retreat, Cape Cod, 2010.
- “Y2K, 2012, and Other Time-Certain Social Problems: Constructing Risks in the Future,” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Atlanta, 2010. (with Kathleen S. Lowney)
- “Teetering on the Edge of the Abyss: Constructions of Future Social Problems,” Who Cares? Reassessing Risk, Vulnerability, and the Social Care Sector (conference), Lisbon University Institute, Portugal, 2010.
- “Studying Halloween Sadism and Where It Led Me.” Invited lecture at Department of Psychology Breakfast, Seattle University, 2010.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited Annual Chair’s Lecture, Seattle University, 2010.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited colloquium, Department of Statistics, Miami University, 2011.
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Siena College, 2011.
- “Rival Rallies Around the Flag: Debating Crowd Sizes of the Glenn Beck/Stewart-Colbert Events.” Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, 2011. (with Whitney Gunter)
- “The Shag Band Menace: Tracking a Rumor Across Time and Space.” Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, 2011. (with Kathleen A. Bogle and Chelsea Johnstone)
- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited lecture, Washington University (St. Louis), 2011.
- “Tracking the Dynamics of a Contemporary Legend: The Shag-Band Menace.” Perspectives on Contemporary Legend (ISCLR conference), Harrisburg, PA’ 2011. (with Kathleen A. Bogle)

- “Damned Lies and Statistics.” Invited presentation to the Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy Media Retreat, Cape Cod, 2011.
- “Sexual Panic: Interpreting Tales of Sex Bracelets.” Invited presentation at “Everyday Life, Social Control, and Ethnography” (second annual European Conference of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction), Kassel, Germany, 2011.
- “The Sexual Playground: Contemporary Fears about Children’s Play.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, 2011. (with Kathleen A. Bogle)
- “The Shag-Band Spectrum: Decoding the Significance of Sex-Bracelet Colors.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Las Vegas, 2011. (with Kathleen A. Bogle)
- “Age-Grading the Randy Young: Shag Bands, Rainbow Parties, Sexting, and Hooking Up as Twenty-First Century Sex Panics.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, 2011. (with Kathleen A. Bogle)
- “Statistics, Uncertainty, and the News Media Construction of Cancer Clusters in Delaware.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, 2011. (with Victor W. Perez)
- “The Role of Television in Spreading the Sex Bracelet Urban Legend.” American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, 2011. (with Kathleen A. Bogle)
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## Professional Activities

### Professional Associations

American Sociological Association  
Organizer, Open Submissions Sessions on Deviance, 1994

Council Member, Section on Sociology of Children, 1997-99  
 Chair, ASA Award for Public Understanding of Sociology Selection Committee, 2003-04, (Member, 2002-05)

American Society of Criminology  
 Program Committee, 1998, 2001

Society for the Study of Social Problems  
 Chair, Social Problems Theory Division, 1984-86  
 Chair, Budget, Finance and Audit Committee, 1989-90 (Member, 1987-89)  
 Member, Board of Directors, 1992-95  
 Editor, Social Problems, 1996-99  
 Member, Editorial and Publications Committee, 1999-2000  
 President, 2001-02 (President-Elect, 2000-01)  
 Member, Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee, 2003-06  
 Member, C. Wright Mills Book Award Committee, 2003-04  
 Member, Social Action Award Committee, 2004-05  
 Member, Lee Founders Award Committee, 2006-07  
 Member, Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee, 2008-09  
 Chair, Social Problems Theory Division's Outstanding Article Award Committee, 2008-09  
 Member, Elections Committee, 2010-11

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction  
 Member, Charles Horton Cooley Award Committee, 1991-92  
 Chair, George Herbert Mead Award Committee, 2000-01 (Member, 1992-93, 1999-2000)

Eastern Sociological Society  
 Member, Mirra Komarovsky Book Award Committee, 2008-09

Midwest Sociological Society  
 Illinois State Director, 1994-96  
 Chair, Publications Committee, 1997, 2011-present (Member, 1996-98, 2010-11)  
 President-Elect and Program Chair, 1998-99  
 President, 1999-2000 (Past President, 2000-01)

### Editorial Responsibilities

Series Editor, "Social Problems and Social Issues," Aldine de Gruyter, 1990-2004  
 Series Editor, "Social Problems, Social Constructions," Lynne Rienner, 2008-present (co-editor with Scott R. Harris)  
 Editor, Social Problems, 1996-99  
 Editor-in-Chief, Sociology Compass (on-line journal of review articles), 2006-present  
 Advisory Editor: Encyclopedia of Criminology and Deviant Behavior (4 vols.), edited by Clifton D. Bryant. (Philadelphia: Taylor and Francis, 2001); Encyclopedia of Social Problems (2 vols.), edited by Vincent Parrillo. (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2008).

Editorial Board Member: American Sociologist, 1998-present; Crime, Law and Social Change, 2000-present; Deviant Behavior, 1994-95; Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, 1987-95; Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, 1999-2007; Social Problems, 1993-96; Society, 2012-present; Sociological Forum, 2006-present; Sociological Inquiry, 1987-95; Sociological Perspectives, 2012-present; Sociological Quarterly, 1990-92, 2000-08; Symbolic Interaction, 1984-86

Manuscript Reviewer: American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Armed Forces and Society, Australian Religion Studies Review, British Journal of Sociology, Canadian Journal of Sociology, City and Community, Communication Yearbook, Contemporary Legend, Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Review, Criminology, Criminology and Public Policy, Critical Criminology, Current Perspectives in Social Theory, Current Sociology, Electronic Journal of Communication, Homicide Studies, Indiana Magazine of History, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of American History, Journal of Articles in Support of the Null Hypothesis, Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture, Journal of Developing Societies, Journal of Southern History, Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences, Journal of Urban History, Journalism Studies, Justice Quarterly, Mobilization, Numeracy, Pacific Historian, Policy Studies Journal, Punishment and Society, Qualitative Inquiry, Qualitative Sociology, Research in Social Problems and Public Policy, Research on Aging, Signs, Social Forces, Social Service Review, Social Science and Medicine, Social Science Quarterly, Social Studies of Science, Sociological Focus, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Spectrum, Sociological Theory, Teaching Sociology, Violence Against Women, Western Criminology Review, Allyn and Bacon, Blackwell, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Goodyear, Harvard University Press, Indiana University Press, Lanahan, Mayfield, New York University Press, Norton, Ohio State University Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Peacock, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Rutgers University Press, Sage, St. Martin's, University of California Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Illinois Press, University of Toronto Press, University of Wisconsin Press, University Press of Virginia, Wadsworth, Wiley, Yale University Press, and Zed Books.

### Other

#### Review Panelist:

NEH Summer Seminar Program, 1988, 1995  
NEH Summer Stipend Program, 2001-03  
NEH Travel to Collections Program, 1991

#### Reviewed Grant Proposals:

Canada Council for the Arts  
National Endowment for the Humanities

National Science Foundation  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Teaching Specialties

Deviance and Social Control	History of Crime
Social Problems	Collective Behavior
Sociology of Popular Culture	Fads and Fashions

University Service (abbreviated--complete list available on request)

California State University, Fresno

Research Coordinator, School of Social Sciences, 1981-83  
Chair, University Budget Committee, 1983-86 (Member, 1981-83)  
Chair, School of Social Sciences Research Committee, 1984-86  
Consultant, Academic Budget Office, 1985  
Member, Search Committee (University Athletic Director, 1986; Women Studies Coordinator, 1986)  
Chair, University Sabbatical Review Committee, 1988-89 (Member, 1987-88, 1989-90)  
Dean-in-Charge, School of Social Sciences, Spring, 1991

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

Member, College of Liberal Arts Promotion and Tenure Committee, 1991-92  
Internal Review Teams  
    Administration of Justice, 1992 (Member)  
    Educational Administration and Higher Education, 1995 (Chair)  
    Food and Nutrition Program, 1996 (Chair)  
Member, Graduate Council, 1994-97  
Chair, Phi Beta Kappa Application Steering Committee, 1995-99  
Member, Phi Kappa Phi Executive Committee, 1998-99  
Member, Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee, 1999

University of Delaware

Member, Steering Committee, University Department Chairs' Caucus, 2001-02  
Chair, Ad Hoc Evaluation Committee for History Department Chair, 2002  
President, Alpha of Delaware Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 2002-04  
Member, Search Committee for Associate Dean for Social Science and History, 2003  
Member, Academic Council on Service-Based Learning, 2003

Member, UD-DTCC (Delaware Technical and Community College) Implementation Task Force, 2003  
Chair, Search Committee for Communications Department Chair, 2003  
Chair, University Research Committee, 2008-present (Member 2007-08)  
Chair, Members in Course Committee, Alpha of Delaware Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 2008-present  
Member, Center for International Studies Global Citizenship Awards Scholarship Committee, 2008-present  
Member, Search Committee for Political Communication, 2010-11  
Chair, Ad Hoc Evaluation Committee for Communications Department Chair, 2011

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