

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ADDRESSES

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

American and Canadian ex-patriates in Mexico; community-based treatment programs; foster care of adolescents; homelessness; social welfare policy

EDUCATION

B. A., Political Science, Antioch College, 1969
(including one year at the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland)

M.S.W., Community Practice, The University of Michigan, 1972

Ph.D., Social Work and Sociology, The University of Michigan, 1977
Dissertation: The Social Construction of Political Neighborhoods

TEACHING POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice,
University of Delaware, 1982 -present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Delaware,
1976 to 1982.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Sociology
Introduction to Sociology (Honors)
Welfare and Society
Theories of Social Work Practice
Community-Based Treatment
Senior Seminar: Homelessness
Social Welfare Practicum Seminar
Suburbia in Transition
Graduate Seminar in Community Power
Graduate Seminar on Teaching in the Social Sciences

OTHER POSITIONS

Associate Chair, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Delaware (1995-present)

Coordinator, Social Welfare Concentration, Department of Sociology, University of Delaware, 1976-present.

Affiliated Faculty, University Honors Program, University of Delaware, 2000-present

Member, Core Faculty, Center for Disability Studies, University of Delaware, 1993-present

Affiliated Faculty, Center for Community Development College of Urban Affairs, University of Delaware, 1993.

Advisor, College of Arts and Science Social Studies Teacher Education Programs, 1993-present

Chair, Educational Affairs Committee, College of Arts and Science, University of Delaware, 1990-1993

Research Assistant and Intern, Community Intervention Project, School of Social Work, The University of Michigan, 1971-1972.

Research Assistant, Racial Confrontation and Negotiation Research Project, Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, The University of Michigan, Summer, 1969.

PUBLICATIONS

"Community and Politics in Cities and Suburbia," (with David Street) in David Street and Associates, Handbook of Contemporary Urban Life, San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1978, pp. 468-494.

Political Partnerships: Neighborhood Residents and Their Council Members, Beverly Hills, California: Sage Publications, 1979.

"The Meanings of Neighborhood in Neighborhood Reinvestment," T. Barnekov and M. Callahan, editors, in Neighborhoods: Changing Perspectives and Policies, College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, University of Delaware, 1980.

"The Location of Community-Based Treatment Centers," Social Service Review, Vol. 55, No. 2, June, 1981, pp. 221-241.

"Balancing Required Resources and Neighborhood Resources and Neighborhood Opposition in Community-Based Treatment Center Neighborhoods," Social Service Review, forthcoming, March, 1992.

"The Urban Sociology of Community-Based Treatment: Ignored Issues and Future Trends," in Social Work Policy and Practice: A Knowledge Driven Approach, Ann Arbor, MI: The University of Michigan School of Social Work, 1986.

Review of Edward D. Berkowitz, America's Welfare State: From Roosevelt to Reagan, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, Contemporary Sociology, August, 1992.

RESEARCH REPORTS

"The Characteristics of Children Reviewed by the Foster Care Review Board: 1984-1985," State of Delaware Foster Care Review Board, Fourth Annual Report, 1985.

"The Characteristics of Children Reviewed by the Foster Care Review Board: 1985-1986," State Of Delaware Foster Care Review Board, Fifth Annual Report, 1986.

"The Characteristics of Children Reviewed by the Foster Care Review Board: 1986-1987," State of Delaware Foster Care Review Board, Sixth Annual Report, 1987.

WORKING PAPERS

"Attitudes Towards Group Homes in a Climate of Positive Tolerance," a case study of a group home for adolescent girls and its surrounding neighborhood. Focuses on how a generally positive relationship between a neighborhood and group home can influence neighbors' attitudes about group homes. 1988.

"Aging Out of Foster Care: New Reflections on an Old Dilemma." An analysis of data from the State of Delaware Foster Care Review Board from 1983-90. This study identifies changes in the characteristics of the foster care population that exits care on reaching age 18.

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Delaware Excellence in Teaching Award, 1983

University of Delaware College of Arts and Science, Outstanding Advisor Award, 2003

WORKSHOPS

Preparing Graduate Students to Teach, Consortium on Preparing Graduate Students as College Teachers, Stanford University, July, 1997

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Urban Sociology of Community-Based Treatment." Twenty-fifth Anniversary Conference of the Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May, 1982.

"Sociological Perspectives on the Neighborhood." Conference on the Neighborhood and Neighborhood Reinvestment, University of Delaware, January, 1979.

"The Construction of Neighborhood Identity by External Agents: The Case of the Political Neighborhood." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, April, 1980.

Plenary Session on Teaching Careers. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February, 2004.

COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATIONS

"Local Politics and Neighborhood Organization." Urban Research Seminar, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, December, 1970.

"The Neighborhood Environments of Community-Based Treatment Centers," Urban Affairs Colloquium Series, College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, University of Delaware, March, 1980.

"Urban Sociology and Community-Based Treatment," Department of Sociology, North Carolina State University, April, 1982

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member and Presiding Officer, State of Delaware Child Placement Review Board, 1984 - present.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Reviewer, Social Forces, Urban Affairs Quarterly, Goodyear Publishing Company, Holt Reinhardt, and Winston, Peacock Publishing Company, National Science Foundation, Pine Forge Press.