

## Curriculum Vita (October, 2009)

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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:**

1962-1982 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:**

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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“The Virtues of Loyalty” Ch. 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,” pp. 31-33 in *Essays in Honor of Helen Fine*, Joyce Apsel and Barbnara Harff (eds) New York: International Association of Genocide Scholars, 2007.
- “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. 535-57.
- “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.
- The Global Justice Game*. (A game simulation of global justice issues). Available as a teaching and training tool on-line: <globaljusticegame.mrap.info> (December, 2005)
- “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.
- "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).

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"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).

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“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.

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“Constructing Social Protest,” pp. 85-106 in Hank Johnston and Bert Klandermans (eds), *Social Movements and Culture*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1995.

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“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.

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