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Education

New York University
Rutgers University

Ph.D. 1974; M.A., 1970
B.A., 1968

Social History
History

Certification

Council on Social Work Education, 1998. Certification to teach Community Organization Practice.

Academic Appointments

Fulbright-Hays Scholar (Spring, 2015). University of Innsbruck, Austria. American Studies Department. Community and Civil Society in Austria and the European Union.

Visiting Professor (August-September, 2014). University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Moray School of Community Education and Development.

Professor of Social Work (2001-present). Chair, Community Organizing (2012-present). Director, Urban and Community Studies (2001-2008). University of Connecticut, West Hartford, CT.

Henry and Lucy Moses Distinguished Professor (1999-2000). Hunter College, School of Social Work, New York, NY.

Professor of Social Work (1993-2001). University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work, Houston, Texas; Associate Professor (1990- 1993). Visiting Professor (1989). Lecturer (1984-1989).

Fulbright Scholar (1994): University of Graz, Austria. Urban and Social Policy.

Fulbright Scholar (1986-1988): University of Innsbruck, Austria. Urban Social Movements.

Assistant/Associate Professor, University of Houston Downtown, 1978-1989.

Visiting Assistant Professor of History (1977-1978): Union College, Schenectady, New York.

Books

Let the People Decide: Neighborhood Organizing in America. 2016. Chinese translation. Commercial Publishers.

Contesting Community: The Limits and Potential of Local Organizing. 2010. With James DeFilippis & Eric Shragge. Rutgers University Press.

The People Shall Rule: ACORN, Community Organizing, and the Struggle for Economic Justice. 2009. Edited. Vanderbilt University Press.

Settlement Houses Under Siege: The Struggle to Sustain Community Organizations in New York City. 2002. With Michael Fabricant. Columbia University Press.

Social Work and Community in a Private World: Getting Out in Public. 1997. With Howard Karger. Longman.

Let the People Decide: Neighborhood Organizing in America Updated Edition. 1994. Twayne. (Original work published in 1984).

Mobilizing the Community: Local Politics in a Global Era. 1993. With Joe Kling. Edited. Urban Affairs Annual Reviews series. Sage.

Community Organization for Urban Social Change: A Historical Perspective. 1981. With Peter Romanofsky. Edited. Greenwood Press.

Published Articles and Book Chapters:

Funding community organising: diversifying sources, democratising civil society. 2019. With H el ene Balazard. *Funding, Power and Community Development*. 103-118

Don't be a Blockhead. 2018. With Fred Brooks, Daniel Russell. *Campaigns, Lessons from the Field*. 117-130. Social Policy Press.

Contested Community: A Selected and Critical History of Community Organizing. 2018. With James DeFilippis, Eric Shragge. *Handbook of Community Movements and Local Organizations in the 21st Century*. 281-297. Springer.

The "big society" in the United Kingdom: privatisation or democratisation of public services. 2017. With H el ene Balazard, Matt Scott. *Revue fran aise d'administration publique, ENA*. 163/3: 507-520.

Funding Community or Funding Organizing for Power- Questions and Issues from Quebec. 2017. With Eric Shragge. *Social Policy*. 47/2: 5-11.

Resourcing community organizing: examples from England and Quebec. 2017. With Eric Shragge. *Community Development Journal*. 52/3: 454-469.

The Community Organisers Programme in England. 2016. With Kristin Dimberg. *Journal of Community Practice*. 21/4: 94-108.

"Radical Community Organizing in the United States." 2016. *Concept: The Journal of Contemporary Community Education Theory*. *Concept*. Online journal: lib.ed.ac.uk/.

Community Organizing in the United States. 2015. With James DeFilippis. *Community Development Journal*. 50/3: 363-379.

James Vrabell's A People's History of the New Boston. 2015. *Social Service Review*. 89/2: 412-13.

"Letter from Edinburgh: Secession Scottish Style," 2014. With Akwugo Emejulu. Op-ed in Austin (Texas) Chronicle. www.austinchronicle.com/daily/news/2014-09.../letter-from-edinburgh/

- We are Radical: The Right to the City Alliance and the Future of Community Organizing. 2013. With Eric Shragge, Yusef Katiya, and Christopher Reid. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*. XL/1: 157-82.
- Ideological Organizing: A Comment on 'Politics' Fatal Therapeutic Turn. 2012. With James DeFilippis & Eric Shragge. *Dissent*. <http://dissentmagazine.org/online.php?id=549#defilippis>
- Building Power Beyond the Grassroots: ACORN Matters. 2012. In Choudry, A., Hanley, J., and Shragge, E. Editors. *Organize*. pp. 278-290. PM Press.
- History Matters. 2012. With James DeFilippis & Eric Shragge. In DeFilippis, J. & Saegert, S. Editors. *Community Development Reader 2nd ed.* Routledge University.
- Rebuilding Community Organizing Education in Social Work. 2011. With Danielle Corciullo. *Journal of Social Work Practice*. 19/4, 355-64.
- Right-Wing Organizers Do This Too: The Case of the Christian Coalition. 2011. With Sally Tamarkin. *Journal of Community Practice*. 19/4, 403-21.
- Radicalizing Community. 2010. With James DeFilippis & Eric Shragge. *Social Policy*. 40(2), 13-20.
- Contesting Community Development: Promoters and Critics. 2010. With James DeFilippis & Eric Shragge. In Jennings, J. Ed. *Urban Spaces*. pp. 117-134. Lexington Books.
- What ACORN and the New Right Can Teach Us About Community Organizing. 2009. With Sally Tamarkin. *Social Policy*. 39/1, 48-50.
- Why Study Community Organizing and ACORN. 2009. *Social Policy*. 39/2, 4-6.
- Changing Direction: ACORN and the Future of Community Organizing. 2009. In *The People Shall Rule*. op cit., 275-86.
- Community Organizing Theory and Practice. 2009. With James DeFilippis & Eric Shragge. In *The People Shall Rule*. op. cit., 112-30.
- Don't Be a Blockhead. 2009. With Fred Brooks & Dan Russell. *The People Shall Rule*. op cit., 206-34.
- Neighborhood Organizing: The Importance of Historical Context. 2008. In DeFilippis, J. & Saegert, S. Editors. *The Community Development Reader*. pp.186-93. Routledge Press.
- What's Left in Community. 2008. With James DeFilippis & Eric Shragge. *Community Development Journal*.
- Social Advocacy: The Persistence and Prospects of Social Action. 2008. With Steve Burghardt. In Rothman, J. et al., Editors. *Strategies of Community Intervention 7th ed.* pp. 315-332. Eddie Bowers Publishing.
- Political Economy and Public Life. 2008. With Scott Harding. In Rothman, J., et al., Editors. *Strategies of Community Intervention 7th ed.* pp.5-26. Eddie Bowers Publishing.
- Bad Science: The Politics of Ozone Air Pollution in Houston. 2007. In Melosi & Pratt Editors. *Energy Metropolis: An Environmental History of Houston and the Gulf Coast*. pp. 69-87.

University of Pittsburgh Press.

Contextualizing Community Organizing. 2007. With Eric Shragge. In Orr, M. Editor. *Transforming the City: Community Organizing and the Challenge of Political Change*. pp.193-217. University of Kansas Press.

Don't Be a Blockhead: ACORN, Protest Tactics, and Refund Anticipation Loans. 2007. With Fred Brooks & Dan Russell. *Urban Affairs Review*. 42/4, 553-82.

Neither Romance Nor Regulation: Re-Evaluating Community. 2006. With James DeFilippis & Eric Shragge. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 30/3, 673-89.

ACORN's Accelerated Income Redistribution Project: A Program Evaluation. 2006. With Fred Brooks & Dan Russell. *Research on Social Work Practice*. 16, 369-81.

Understanding Contemporary University-Community Connections: Context, Practice, and Challenges. 2005. With Michael Fabricant & Louise Simmons. *Journal of Community Practice*. 12/3-4, 13-34.

History, Context, and Emerging Issues for Community Practice. 2005. In Weil, M. Editor. *The Handbook of Community Practice*. pp.34-58. Sage Publishers.

Settlement Houses, Neokorporatismus und die Praxis des Community Building. 2004. With Michael Fabricant. In Hans-Ewe Otto and Fabian Kassi, Editors. *Sozial Arbeit: Zur Kritik lokaler Gemeinschaftlichkeit*. Springer: 185-206.

Privatizing Identity in the Global City. 2004. In Hoebbling & Rieser Editors. *What is American: New Identities in U.S. Culture*. pp. 211-228. Lit Verlag.

Social Action Community Organization: Proliferation, Persistence, Roots, and Prospects. 2004. In Minkler, M. Editor. *Community Organizing and Community Building for Health* 2nd edition. pp.51-65. Rutgers University Press.

From Henry Street to Contracted Services: Financing the Settlement House. 2002. With Michael Fabricant. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*. 29/3, 3-28.

Agency-based community building in low income neighborhoods. 2002. With Michael Fabricant. *Journal of Community Practice*. 10/2, 1-22.

Enron's Economic Fundamentalists. 2002. *Social Policy*. 32/3, 21-23.

Bridging the Divide Between Social Movements and Community Organizing. 2001. With Eric Shragge. *Canadian Dimension*. 35/2, 40-42.

Graduate Education for Social Change: A Study of Political Social Workers. 2001. With Anne Weedman, Glen Alex, & Karen Stout. *Journal of Community Practice*. IX/4, 43-64.

Political Economy and Public Life in a Private World: The Context for Community Organizing. 2001. In Rothman, J., Ehrlich, J., & Tropman, J. Editors. *Strategies of Community Intervention* 6th eds. pp.100-117. F. E. Peacock.

Social Action Community Organization: Proliferation, Persistence, Roots, and Prospects. 2001. In Rothman, J., Ehrlich, J., & Tropman, J. Eds. *Strategies of Community Intervention* 6th eds. pp.350-363. F. E. Peacock. *Earlier version appeared In 1997 Minkler, M. Ed. *Community Organizing and Community Building for Health* pp.53-67. Rutgers University Press. First published In 1995 Cox, F., et. al. Editors. *Strategies for Community Organization* 5th ed. pp. 327-340. F. E. Peacock.

Community Organizing: A Call to Action. 2001. With Eric Shragge. *Canadian Dimensions*. 35/2, 40-43.

Challenging Community Organizing: Facing the 21st Century. 2000. With Eric Shragge. *Journal of Community Practice*. 8/3, 1-19.

The Context of Social Work Practice. 2000. With Howard Karger. In Meares & Garvin Editors. *The Handbook of Social Work Direct Practice*. pp.5-22. Sage.

Speaking For the Contribution of History: Context and the Origins of the Social Welfare History Group. 1999. *Social Service Review*. 73/2, 191-217.

The Place of Historical Research in Social Work. 1999. With Phillip Dybicz. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*. 26/3,105-124.

Saul Alinsky. 1999. *American National Biography*. Oxford University Press. *Related piece published. 1999. Saul Alinsky. In Buhle, M.J., Buhle, P., & Georgakas, D. Eds. *Encyclopedia of the American Left*. 2nd ed. Oxford University Press.

The Importance of History and Context in Community Organization. 1999. In Rothman, J. Editor. *Reflections on Community Organization*. pp.335-353. F. E. Peacock.

Community Practice and Historical Research. 1998. With Howard Karger. In McNair, R. Editor. *Research Strategies for Community Practice*. pp.5-20. *Monographic Supplement #1. *The Journal of Community Practice*. Haworth.

Community Organization, New Social Movement Theory, and the Condition of Postmodernity. 1997. With Joseph Kling. In Tucker, D., Garvin, C., & Sarri, R., Editors. *Integrating Knowledge and Practice: The Case of Social Work and Social Science*. pp.105-115. Praeger.

Public Life in Gulfton: Multiple Publics and Models of Community organization. 1997. With Lisa Taaffe. *Journal of Community Practice*. 4, 31-56. *Simultaneously published In Weil, M. Editor. *Community Practice: Models in Action*. Haworth.

Social Planning in Houston: The Council of Social Agencies, 1928-1976. 1997. With John Davidson. *The Houston Review*. 18, 1-28.

Neighborhood Organizing: The Importance of Historical Context. 1996. In Keating, Starr, and Krumholz. Editors. *Revitalizing Urban Neighborhoods*. pp.39-49. University of Kansas Press.

Social Services and Community in the New Private City: Book Review Essay. 1996. *Urban Affairs Review*. 554-561.

Political Social Work. 1995. *Journal of Social Work Education*. 31(2). 194-203.

Community Organizing in the Conservative '80s and Beyond. 1994. *Social Policy*. 11-21.

- Empowerment-Based Curriculum Design: Building Political Social Work. 1994. With Karen Haynes, Jean Latting, and William Buffum. In Nurius, P. & Gutierrez, L. *Education and Research for Empowerment Practice*. pp.127-136. University of Washington Press.
- The Rehabilitation of Allen Parkway Village: The Issue is Still Democracy. 1994. *Rehabilitation of Allen Parkway Village, Houston, Texas*. pp.240-246. U.S. Printing Office.
- Community Organization and New Social Movement Theory. 1994. With Joe Kling. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*. 5, 5-24.
- Are Single-Issue Interest Advocacy Organizations a Positive Development for the Welfare State? NO. 1994. In Karger, H., & Midgley, J. Editors., *Controversial Issues in Social Policy*. pp.206-12. Allyn and Bacon.
- Mobilizing the Community Worldwide: Common Ground, Historical Roots, and Prospects for the Future. 1993. *Mobilizing the Community: Local Politics in a Global Era*. Sage.
- Houston (Texas): Politique Urbaine Privatisée et ses Consequences pour les Pauvres et les Minorités Ethniques. 1993. In Blanc, M. & Le Bars, S. Editors. *Les Minorités dans la Cité: Perspectives Comparatives*. pp.133-145. Editions L'Harmattan.
- Organizing in the Private City: The Case of Houston, Texas. 1992. In Beeth, H., & Wintz, C. Editors. *Black Dixie: Afro-Texan History and Culture in Houston*. pp.253-276. Texas A&M University Press.
- Organizing in the Modern Metropolis: Considering New Social Movement Theory. 1992. *Journal of Urban History*. 18, 222-237.
- Prospects for the New Social Movements. 1991. With Joe Kling. *New Politics III*. 71-84.
- The Urban Sunbelt in Comparative Perspective: Houston in Context. 1990. In Fairbanks, R., et al. *The Urban Sunbelt*. pp.33-58. Texas A&M University Press. *Award Winning Essay, see Prizes.
- Leading the People: Two Approaches to the Role of Ideology in Community Organizing. 1990. With Joe Kling. In Kling, J., & Pace. Editors. *Dilemmas of Activism*. pp.71-90. Temple University Press. *Appeared originally In 1987/88. *Radical America*. 21. 31-46
- Saul Alinsky. 1990. In Buhle, M.J., Buhle, P., & Georgakas, D. Editors. *Encyclopedia of the American Left*. Garland Publishers.
- From Grassroots Organizing to Community Service: The Community Center Movement, 1907-1930. 1990. In Austin, M., & Betten, N. Editors. *The Roots of Community Organizing: 1917-1939*. pp.76-93. Temple University Press. *Appeared in earlier form In Fisher, & Romanofsky, Eds. *Community Organization for Urban Social Change*. See Books above.
- Protecting Community and Property Values: Civic Clubs in Houston, 1909-1970. 1990. In Miller, C., & Sanders, H.T. Editors. *Urban Texas: Politics and Development*. pp.128-140. Texas A&M University Press. *Appeared in an earlier form as Be on the Lookout: Neighborhood Civic Clubs in Houston, 1890-1970. 1985. *Houston Review*. VI, 105-116.
- Community Mobilization: Prospects for the Future. 1989. *Urban Affairs Quarterly*. 25, 200-11.
- Urban Policy in Houston, Texas. 1989. *Urban Studies*. 26, 144-54.

Where Seldom is Heard a Discouraging Word: The Political Economy of Houston, Texas. 1988. *Amerikastudien/American Studies*, 33, 73-91.

Expanding the Tenants Movement: Building on Ideology. 1987. *Shelterforce*. X/September/October, 16-17.

The History of Community Organizing: A Typology. 1987. In Cox, F., et al., Editors. *Strategies of Community Organization* 4th ed. pp.387-397. F. E. Peacock, 1987. *Originally published In 1982. *Houston Review*. IV, 75-87.

Ideology and Organizing: A Reappraisal. 1986. *Citizen Participation*. 7/14. *Reprinted as Rethinking Community Organization. 1986. *American Commonwealth*. I, 6-7.

A History of Community Organization: A Bibliographic Review. 1986. In Melvin, P. Editor. *American Community Organization*. pp.201-212. Greenwood Press.

The People's Institute of New York City, 1897-1934. 1986. In Melvin, P. Editor. *American Community Organization*. pp. 144-146. Greenwood Press.

Advocacy Organizations and Community Movements. 1986. *Philanthropy, Voluntary Action, and the Public Good*. pp.483-98. *Working Papers of the Independent Sector/United Way Institute Research Forum.

Public Housing in Houston, Texas: The Issue is Democracy. 1986. *Public Housing Needs and Conditions in Houston, Texas*. pp.161-163. U.S. Government Printing Office.

Community Development and the Cold War: Lubricating the Social Machine. 1985. *Journal of the Community Development Society*. 16, 107-120.

Neighborhood Organizing and Urban Revitalization. 1985. *Journal of Urban Affairs*. VII, 47-54.

Neighborhood Organizing: Lessons from the Past. 1984. *Social Policy*. XV, 9-16.

Student Historians as Interns in Community Organizations. 1979. *Teaching History*. IV, 57-62.

Community Organization and Citizen Participation: The Efforts of the People's Institute, 1910-1920. 1977. *Social Service Review* LI, 474-490.

Film Censorship and Progressive Reform: The National Board of Censorship of Motion Pictures, 1909-1922. 1975. *Journal of Popular Film*. IV,143-156.

Book Reviews Published in Professional Journals

Social Service Review

Working USA

Journal of Community Practice

Journal of the American Planning Association

Planning Perspectives

Journal of Progressive Human Services

Social Science Quarterly

Texas Journal of Political Studies

Journal of American History

Journal of Interdisciplinary History

Conference Papers (Selected)

Transformative Community Organising Thinkery/Community Development Journal. London, UK. July, 2019. Invited Plenary Speaker. (Was unable to attend.)

Reconsidérer le financement public pour les organisations contestataires, un enjeu pour lutter contre le néolibéralisme Faire des economies democratiques Lyon, France April 4, 2019. (Co-author Helene Balazard presented.)

Community Organizing and Social Work: Past, Present, and Future Empowerment and Social Work Duesseldorf, Germany. April, 2018.

Community Organizing in the United States: Themes and Challenges Hochschule Duesseldorf, Community Organizing class and invited other students and faculty. March 2017. University of Innsbrook, Austria

Community Organizing in the United States Classroom presentation. Social Work program. Management Center of Innsbruck, Austria. 2017.

Community Organizing in the United States Democracy: A Seies of Public Lectures and Events Sponsored by the Lyon, France, Public Library March, 2017.

History Matters Council on Social Work Education Atlanta, Georgia, November 2016.

Comparative Contextualizing of Community Organizing: Challenges of Neoliberalism in US and UK Society for Social Work Research Washington DC. January 2016.

Community Development Journal 50th Anniversary Conference. July 2015. London, UK.

Funding and Other Challenges for Community Organizing: A Comparative Perspective University of Lyon, École Nationale des Travaux Publics de l'État (ENTPE). Lyon, France. May 2015.

Transformative Community Organizing Rosa Luxemburg Foundation Seminar on Community Organizing in the United States. Berlin, Germany. May, 2015.

Community Organizing: Challenges and Opportunities Free University Institute for North American Studies. April 2015. Berlin, Germany.

Funding and Other Challenges for Community Organizations in the United States Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands. April 2015.

Community Organizing in the U.S. International Association of Community Development. London, UK. June 2014.

“Interdisciplinary Scholarship for Community Practice.” University of Michigan. ^{[[L]]}_{SEP} June 8, 2012 - June 9, 2012.

“History of ACORN.” Organization of American Historians Conference. ^{[[L]]}_{SEP} Milwaukee. April 21,

2012.

“Contesting Community.” American Association of Geographers Conference. ^[1]_{SEP}New York City. February 26, 2012.

“Putting the Social Back in Social Work” Catholic University. Washington D.C. December 2, 2011.

“New Interdisciplinary Research in Social Welfare History.” Social Science History Conference. Boston. November 19, 2011.

“Educating for Community Change.” ^[1]_{SEP}Plenary Lecture. ^[1]_{SEP}2011-2012 Speaker Series. University of Pittsburgh. November 9, 2011.

“Contesting Community.” Social Welfare Action Alliance Conference. Catholic University. ^[1]_{SEP}June 10, 2011.

“Community Organizing: Past and Future.” EU-US Symposium on Community and Social Development. University of Pittsburgh. May, 2011.

“Contesting Community.” Presentation at Changing the World: Committing to Action for Social Justice. One-Day Conference. Montreal. November 15, 2010.

“ACORN and the New Right.” Concordia University, Montreal. June 12, 2009.

“ACORN and Community Organizing: Lessons for a Progressive Agenda.” America’s Future Now Conference. June 2, 2009. Washington, DC.

“20th Century Reflections for 21st Century Solutions.” Keynote Address. Social Work, 50th Anniversary Event. Hunter College. October 3, 2008.

“ACORN and Community Organizing: Education, Housing, and Current Trends.” Session Chair and Organizer. Urban Affairs Association. April, 2008.

“ACORN: Running Counter to Dominant Trends in Community Organizing.” Urban Affairs Association. April, 2008. Baltimore, MD.

“Understanding Community Organizing, ACORN, and the New Right.” With Sally Tamarkin. Toward a Comparative Discussion on “Rightist” Movements Conference. CUNY Graduate Center. March 14, 2008.

“Community Organizing and Planning: Does the Past Inform the Present.” Society for American City and Regional Planning History. Portland, Maine. October, 2007.

“Community Organizing in a Neo-Liberal Context: Lessons from the Past, Strategies for the Future.” With Eric Shragge and James DeFilippis. Community Development Summer Program. All Day Workshop. Concordia University. Montreal, Canada. June, 2007.

“Social Work in a Private World.” Keynote Address. National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey Chapter, Annual Membership Meeting. September 16, 2006.

“Rethinking Community.” Right to the City Colloquia. Graduate Center. CUNY. December, 2006.

“Beyond Romance and Regulation: Rethinking Community Intervention.” With James Defilippis and Eric Shragge. Urban Affairs Association. April 21, 2006.

“Rethinking Community Organizing.” With Eric Shragge. Building Community Capacity for Change. Brown University. April 7, 2006

“Don’t be a Blockhead: ACORN, Protest Tactics, and Refund Anticipation Loans.” With Daniel Russell. ARNOVA Conference. Washington D.C. November 19, 2005

“Social Service Work in a Private World: Challenges and Opportunities,” Invited Keynote Address. Community Access Unlimited. National Board of Trustees Ownership Linkage Meeting. Summit, NJ. December 8, 2005.

“ACORN’s EITC Campaign: A Program Evaluation.” Council on Social Work Education. New York City. February, 2005.

“Putting Social Justice Back into Community-Based Nonprofits.” Social Welfare Activist Alliance. Smith College. June 26, 2004.

“Back to the Basics: Community Organizing for Social Justice.” Institute in Management and Community Development. Summer Conference. Concordia University. Montreal, Canada. June 15-16, 2004.

“Bad Science: The Political Economy of Air Pollution in Houston, Texas.” Urban Affairs Association. Washington D.C. March, 2004.

“Social Ecology of Community Organizing.” Community Organizing Project. Brown University. October, 2003.

“Politics of Air Pollution in Houston.” Environmental History of Houston Conference. March, 2003

“Linking Service Delivery, Funding Arrangements, and Community Building: Settlement Houses Past and Present.” Urban Affairs Association Meeting. Cleveland. March, 2003.

“Public Health in Private Spaces: The Limits of STD Prevention Through the Private Sector.” With Lori Leonard. American Public Health Association Meeting. Philadelphia. November, 2002

“Contemporary Settlement Houses, Corporative Social Services, and Community Building Practice.” ARNOVA Conference. Montreal. November, 2002.

“A Call to Action: Rethinking Community Organizing and Economic Globalization.” Social Welfare Action Alliance Conference. Philadelphia. 2001

“Linking Contemporary Social Movement and Community Organizations.” Urban Affairs Association. Boston. 2001

“Settlement Houses Under Siege: Challenges to Community Organizing.” Keynote Speaker. With Michael Fabricant. ACOSA, Northeast Regional Meeting. 2001.

“Speaking for the Contribution of History.” Council on Social Work Education Annual Planning Meeting. Chicago. 1999.

“The Past and Future of Community Organizing.” Labor and Community Symposium. Hunter College. October 29, 1999.

“The Prospects of Organizing: Past and Present.” and “ACORN’s Comprehensive Community Initiative in the South Bronx.” Invited Participant and Lecturer. Futures 2000 Conference. ACORN National Staff Retreat. Chicago. 1999.

“The Contribution of Historical Research to Social Work.” Society for Social Work and Research, Third Annual Conference. Austin, TX. 1999.

“Politicizing Social Work.” Keynote Address. Sixth Annual Conference of the Association of Mexican-American Social Workers. San Antonio, TX, 1998.

“Reflections on Community Organization: The Impact of Context.” ACOSA Special Panel Presentation, CSWE APM. 1998.

“Global Restructuring, Social Policy, and Community in a Private World.” Keynote Address. Conference on Privatization for the Public Good. Institute for Community Research. Hartford, CT. 1997.

“Putting Macro Content and Practice at the Base of the Social Work Curriculum,” panel presentation, CSWE APM. Chicago. 1997.

“Getting Out in Public: Community Work in a Private World.” Conference on Defining Community, Reexamining Society. University of Michigan-Flint. 1996.

“Empowerment-Based Curriculum Design that Builds Toward Social Change.” A Panel With Cheryl Hyde and Michael Reisch. Council on Social Work Education, APM. San Diego. 1995.

“Community Organization and New Social Movement Theory.” Conference on Community Organization and New Social Movement Theory. University of Washington. 1995.

“Neighborhood Organizing: The Importance of Historical Context.” H-Urban (History Urban). On-line Seminar on History of Community Organizing/Development. 1995.

[Prior to 1995 more than 30 papers were delivered at meetings of the American Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, National Council on the Social Sciences, Southwestern Social Science Association, Columbia University Seminar on the City, American Studies Association, and others.]

Grants, Prizes, Honors, and Fellowships

Fulbright-Hays Fellowship, Lecturer, Institute for American Studies, University of Innsbruck, Austria. Researcher, community and civil society in Austria: a comparative study. Spring, 2015.

Dean’s Research Incentive Award, “Community Organizing in the United Kingdom.” September, 2014. \$5000.

Visiting Scholar, August-September, 2014. University of Edinburgh, Moray School of Community Education and Development.

UConn, Large Grant. Rightwing Community Organizing. 2008. \$12,000.

ACORN EITC Evaluation, M. Casey Foundation, co-PI. Total grant: \$150,000. UCONN subcontract, \$69,337. 2004-05

“Assess Opportunity and Barriers for Minority Entrepreneurship in Waterbury, Ct,” Small Business Administration grant, subcontracted through Ct Small Business Development Center, \$15,000. 2004-05

Henry and Lucy Moses Distinguished Professor, Hunter College, School of Social Work, 1999-2000.

University of Houston, Development Leave, 1999-2000.

Commencement Speaker, University of Connecticut School of Social Work, 2000

Amy Watkins Memorial Lecture, School of Social Work, Hunter College (CUNY), 2000

Council on Social Work Education, 1998. Certification to teach Community Organization Practice.

University of Houston, Faculty Development Leave, Spring, 1994 and Spring, 1995.

Fulbright-Hays Fellowship, Lecturer, Institute for American Studies, University of Graz, Austria. Researcher, comparative social policy and urban studies. Spring, 1994

City of Houston, Faculty Recognition Day, December, 1993.

Faculty Award, Excellence in Scholarship and Professional Activity, University of Houston—Downtown, 1989.

Fulbright-Hays Fellowship. Lecturer, Institute for American Studies, University of Innsbruck. Researcher, urban social movements in comparative perspective. 1986-88. Original grant was for one year.

Webb-Smith Essay Prize, University of Texas at Arlington, for "The Urban Sunbelt in Comparative Perspective: Houston in Context."

Texas Committee for the Humanities, "Dumping on the Neighborhoods: Social Implications of Waste Disposal in Houston," 1985-86. Co-director with Dr. Martin Melosi (UH) and Dr. Robert Bullard (TSU).

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Seminar, 1979. "The New Social History," Clarke Chambers, director.

Union College, Humanities Faculty Development Grant, Summer, 1977. To study quantitative methods at the Inter-University Consortium for Social and Political Research, University of Michigan.

Newberry Library, Conference on the College Teaching of State and Community History, January, 1977.

International Lectures (Prior To 2012)

International Conference on Community Organizing, France. 2012. "Contemporary Challenges of Community Organizing"^[L]_[SEP]

University of Ireland, Maynooth. 2012. "Social Work & Community Organizing: Past, Present and Future."

University of Innsbruck. 1994. "The American Private City Reconsidered."

Bristol University, School of Social Work. 1994. "Political Social Work."

University of Salzburg. 1990. "Race Still Matters"

University of Munich. 1990. "The Private City Reconsidered: Houston, Texas."

University of Innsbruck. 1990. "The Urban Crisis of the 1990s," "Social Change in Modern America," "The Private City Reconsidered: Houston, Texas."

University of Venice. 1988. "Community Organizing in the United States in the 1940s and 1950s"

University of Vienna. 1988. "Citizen Action Movements in the United States"

University of Graz. 1988. "Urban Problems: Historical Perspective"

Bucharest University, Building and Engineering College, and America House, Bucharest. 1988. "Houston: America's Future."

Warwick University, Centre for the Study of Social History. 1988. "Where Seldom Is Heard a Discouraging Word: A Working Paper for a Study of Houston, Texas."

London Polytechnic University, 1988, "Privatization Reconsidered: A Case Study of Houston, Texas."

Free University, Berlin. 1987. "Let The People Decide: Lessons from the History of Community Organizing"

Council of Socialist Economics, London. 1987. "Lessons from the Past: Urban Social Movements."

School of National Administration, Paris. 1987. "The Role of Ideology in Community Organizing Practice."

Institute for Political Studies, Paris. 1987. "Houston, Texas"

Courses

University of Connecticut, 2001-present

Macro Theory (Ph.D.)

Critical History of Social Work and Social Welfare (Ph.D.)

Historical Methods for Social Work and Social Change (MSW)

Community Organization I (MSW)

Macro Social Theory (MSW)

Introduction to Urban and Community Studies (Undergrad)
Understanding Your Community (Undergrad)

Hunter College, School of Social Work, 1999-2000
Social Action and Social Work Practice: An Integrated Perspective

University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work, 1984—2001
Social Justice Theory and Research (Ph.D.)
Macro Practice
Critical Issues in Political Social Work
Historical Research
Confronting Oppression
Independent Studies, 1990-present
Social Theory and Social Change
Social Policy and Social Services
CP II/Community Organization and Social Planning
Community Practice I
Social Work Methods (Groups and Organizations)
Social Policy Analysis

University of Innsbruck, 1986-1988
Urban Studies
Comparative Urban Studies
Poverty and Social Policy
Social Movements
Social Problems
Race and Ethnicity
U.S. in the Twentieth Century
Land and Culture: USA

University of Houston - Downtown, 1978-1989
Houston Past and Present
Urban History
Social Policy
U.S. History (two-semester survey)
Afro-American History
Ethnic Minorities in American History

Union College, 1977-78
Urban America/Urban Problems
Emergence of Modern America, 1877_1929
Modern America: New Deal and After, 1929_1972
From Slave Power to Black Power
Freshman Elective in Written and Oral Expression
Master's and Senior Theses in History and American Studies

Service to Universities (highly selected)

Chair, Community Organizing. 2012-present

Director, Urban and Community Studies program, 2001-2008

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, Community Organization Sequence, 2001-present

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, PTR Committee, 2002-2005, 2009-2012, 2015-present.

CLAS Department Chairs, 2003-2008

University of Connecticut, Academic Plan Committee, 2003-2004.

University of Connecticut, Service Learning Committee, 2004-2011.

Chair, UH Political Social Work Concentration, 1990-2000.

Chair, UH GSSW Tenure and Promotion Committee, 1994-1996.

UH Faculty Senate, 1998-1999.

Service to Communities (highly selected)

Advisory Board, Institute for Education and Social Policy. New York City.

Board of Directors, Institute for Community Research, Hartford

Executive Advisory Committee, Hartford Info. Hartford Info is a community-oriented research and data compilation effort based at the Hartford Public Library.

Consultant, Assessment of ACORN organizing in South Bronx, NY, a comprehensive community initiative funded by the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, 1999-2000.

Living Wage Campaign, 1996 -1999.

Citizen's Clean Air Campaign, 1997-1998.

Co-founder and member of Houston chapter, Bertha Capen Reynolds Society, 1991 - present. BCRS is a national organization of progressive social workers.

Steering Committee Member, United Way Needs Assessment, 1991-93.

Co-founder and Member, Coalition for a Better Houston, an umbrella group of progressive social change efforts, 1990- 1992.

Co-coordinator, Houston Human SERVE Project, 1984-85. (Voter registration project directed at social service sector in Houston.)

Co-founder, Houston Metropolitan Studies Group, 1978-81.

Director, Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, October, 1974-January, 1977.

Organizer, Cambridgeport Homeowners and Tenants Association, 1971-76.

Service to the Profession (selected)

Editorial Advisory Board, *Social Policy*, 2010-present

Editorial Advisory Board, *Social Service Review*, 1999-2018

Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 1999-present

Editorial Advisory Board, *The Journal of Progressive Human Services*, 1993-present

Editorial Advisory Board, *The Journal of Community Practice*, 1996-2018

Outside Evaluator on tenure and promotion decisions for faculty at McGill University, Albany University, Vanderbilt University, Georgia State University, University of Chicago, Loyola University (Chicago), Georgetown University, Hunter College, and University of Pennsylvania..

Reviewer, book manuscripts for Oxford University Press, University of Texas Press, University of Minnesota Press, Columbia University Press, Rutgers University Press, University of Kentucky Press, and Greenwood Press.

Reviewer, N.E.H. Proposals in Division of Research, Public Programs, and Media Programs.

Reviewer, journal manuscripts, including *Social Service Review*, *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, *The Journal of Community Practice*, *The Journal of Policy History*, *The Journal of Progressive Human Services*, *The Houston Review*, *Urban Affairs Quarterly*, *Journal of Urban History*, *Journal of American History*.

Membership in organizations include the Council on Social Work Education, Association for Community Organization and Social Administration, Urban Affairs Association, Social Welfare Action Alliance, Planners Network, Social Welfare History Group, Organization of American Historians, and Social Science History Associations.