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## APPOINTMENTS:

PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, 1991-  
CHAIR, JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM, 2003-  
PRUZAN PROFESSOR OF JEWISH STUDIES, 2005-  
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, 1991-

University of Washington: Department of Sociology: Associate Chair 1995-98, Graduate Program  
Coordinator 1993-95, Associate Professor, 1985-91; Member, Jewish Studies Program  
faculty, 1987-

Vanderbilt University: Associate Professor of Sociology and Senior Research Associate, Institute for  
Public Policy Studies, 1981-85

National Science Foundation: Associate Director, Sociology Program, 1980-81

Yale University: Assistant Professor of Sociology, 1973-80

Harvard University: Junior Tutor, 1971

## EDUCATION:

B.A., University of Chicago, 1968, Sociology, with honors

M.A., Harvard University, 1971, Sociology

Ph.D., Harvard University, 1974, Sociology

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

political sociology

sociology of law

social stratification

research methods

social movements

social policy

American Jewish community

## BOOKS:

- 1994 editor. *Equal Employment Opportunity: Labor Market Discrimination and Public Policy*. New York: Aldine de Gruyter.
- 1985 *Discrimination, Jobs, and Politics: The Struggle for Equal Employment Opportunity in the U.S. since the New Deal*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.  
“Outstanding book,” The Gustavus Myers Program for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America

*Reissued with a new introduction, 1998*

- 1985 Julian L. Simon and \_\_\_\_\_. *Basic Research Methods in Social Science*, third edition. New York: Random House. French translation, 1993.

## ARTICLES:

- 2007 \_\_\_\_\_ and C. Elizabeth Hirsh. “Interest Organizations, Information, and Policy Innovation in the U.S. Congress.” *Sociological Forum* 22:174-99.
- “Jewish Educational and Economic Success in the United States: A Search for Explanations.” *Sociological Perspectives* 50:209-228.
- “Introduction.” Pp. 4-14 in *The Sociology of Jewry: Syllabi and Instructional Materials*, edited by Paul Burstein. Washington, DC: American Sociological Association.
- 2006 “Why Estimates of the Impact of Public Opinion on Public Policy Are Too High: Empirical and Theoretical Implications.” *Social Forces* 84: 2273-90.
- 2005 \_\_\_\_\_ and Sarah Sausner. “The Incidence and Impact of Policy-Oriented Collective Action: Competing Views.” *Sociological Forum* 20:403-19.
- \_\_\_\_\_, Shawn Bauldry, and Paul Froese. “Bill Sponsorship and Congressional Support for Policy Proposals, from Introduction to Enactment or Disappearance.” *Political Research Quarterly* 58:295-302.
- 2003 “The Impact of Public Opinion on Public Policy: a Review and an Agenda.” *Political Research Quarterly* 56:29-40.
- “Is Congress Really for Sale?” *Contexts* 2:19-25.  
Reprinted in *The Contexts Reader*, edited by Jeff Goodwin and James M. Jasper, pp. 413-20. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2008.
- 2002 \_\_\_\_\_ and April Linton. “The Impact of Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Social Movement Organizations on Public Policy.” *Social Forces* 81:380-408.

- "Public Opinion and Congressional Action on Labor Market Opportunities, 1942-2000." Pp. 86-105 in *Navigating Public Opinion: Polls, Policy, and the Future of American Democracy*, edited by Jeff Manza, Fay Lomax Cook, and Benjamin Page. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2000 "The Impact of Equal Employment Opportunity Law: A Social Movement Perspective." Pp. 129-155 in *Legacies of the 1964 Civil Rights Act*, edited by Bernard Grofman. Charlottesville, VA: University Press of Virginia
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Susan Wierzbicki. "Public Opinion and Congressional Action on Work, Family, and Gender, 1945-1990." Pp. 31-66 in *Work and Family: Research Informing Policy*, edited by Toby L. Parcel and Daniel B. Cornfield. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications
- 1999 "Social Movements and Public Policy." Pp. 3-21 in *How Social Movements Matter*, edited by Marco Giugni, Doug McAdam, and Charles Tilly. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- 1998 "Bringing the Public Back In: Should Sociologists Consider the Impact of Public Opinion on Public Policy?" *Social Forces* 77:27-62
- "Interest Organizations, Political Parties, and the Study of Democratic Politics." Pp. 39-56 in *Social Movements and American Political Institutions*, edited by Anne Costain and Andrew McFarland. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield
- 1997 \_\_\_\_\_ and Marie Bricher. "Problem Definition and Public Policy: Congressional Committees Confront Work, Family, and Gender, 1945-1990." *Social Forces* 76:135-68
- 1995 \_\_\_\_\_, Rachel Einwohner, and Jocelyn Hollander. "Political Movements and Their Consequences: Lessons from the U.S. Experience." Pp. 275-95 in *The Politics of Social Protest*, edited by J. Craig Jenkins and Bert Klandermans. University of Minnesota Press.
- \_\_\_\_\_, Marie Bricher, and Rachel Einwohner. "Policy Alternatives and Political Change: Work, Gender, and Family on the Congressional Agenda, 1945-1990." *American Sociological Review* 60:67-83.
- 1994 \_\_\_\_\_ and Mark Evan Edwards. "The Impact of Employment Discrimination Litigation on Racial Disparities in Earnings." *Law and Society Review* 28: 79-111.
- 1993 "Affirmative Action and the Rhetoric of Reaction." *The American Prospect*, number 14 (summer): 138-47.
- "Explaining State Action and the Expansion of Civil Rights: Passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964." *Research in Political Sociology* 6:117-37.
- 1992 "Affirmative Action, Jobs, and American Democracy: What Has Happened to the Quest for Equal Opportunity?" *Law and Society Review* 26:901-22.

- 1991 "Policy Domains: Organization, Culture, and Policy Outcomes." *Annual Review of Sociology* 17: 327-50.
- "'Reverse Discrimination' Cases in the Federal Courts: Legal Mobilization by a Countermovement" *Sociological Quarterly* 32: 511-28.
- Gloria T. Beckley and \_\_\_\_\_. "Religious Pluralism, Equal Employment Opportunity, and the State." *Western Political Quarterly* 44: 185-208.
- "Legal Mobilization as a Social Movement Tactic: The Struggle for Equal Employment Opportunity." *American Journal of Sociology* 96:1201-25.
- 1990 "Intergroup Conflict, Law, and the Concept of Labor Market Discrimination." *Sociological Forum* 5: 459-76.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Susan Pitchford. "Social-Scientific and Legal Challenges to Education and Test Requirements in Employment." *Social Problems* 37:243-57.
- 1989 "Attacking Sex Discrimination in the Labor Market: a Study in Law and Politics." *Social Forces* 67: 641-65.
- 1988 "Political Sociology." Pp. 160-78 in *The Future of Sociology*, edited by Edgar F. Borgatta and Karen S. Cook. Beverly Hills: Sage.
- 1986 \_\_\_\_\_ and Kathleen Monaghan. "Equal Employment Opportunity and the Mobilization of Law." *Law and Society Review* 20: 355-88.
- 1985 "On Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action." Pp. 91-112 in *Research in Race and Ethnic Relations*, volume 4, edited by Cora B. Marrett and Cheryl Leggon. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press.
- "The United States Congress and the Sociological Study of Politics." *Sociology and Social Research* 69: 171-88.
- 1982 "Citizen Preferences, Electoral Competition, and Political Outcomes." *Micropolitics* 2: 1-20.
- 1981 "The Sociology of Democratic Politics and Government." *Annual Review of Sociology* 7:291-319.
- 1980 \_\_\_\_\_ and Margo MacLeod. "Prohibiting Employment Discrimination: Ideas and Politics in the Congressional Debate over Equal Employment Opportunity Legislation." *American Journal of Sociology* 86: 512-33.
- Richard Berk, Ilene Nagel, and \_\_\_\_\_. "Evaluating Criminal Justice Legislation." In *Handbook of Criminal Justice Evaluation*, edited by Malcolm Klein. Beverly Hills: Sage Publications.

- "Attitudinal, Demographic, and Electoral Components of Legislative Change: Senate Voting on Civil Rights." *Sociology and Social Research* 64: 221-35.
- 1979 "Equal Employment Opportunity Legislation and the Incomes of Women and Nonwhites." *American Sociological Review* 44: 367-91.
- "Senate Voting on the Vietnam War, 1964-73: From Hawk to Dove." *Journal of Political and Military Sociology* 7: 271-82.
- "Some 'Necessary Conditions' for Popular Control of Public Policy: A Critique." *Polity* 12: 23-37.
- "Party Balance, Replacement of Legislators, and Federal Government Expenditures, 1941-1976." *Western Political Quarterly* 32: 203-208.
- "Public Opinion, Demonstrations, and the Passage of Antidiscrimination Legislation." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 43: 157-72.
- "Electoral Competition and Changes in the Party Balance in the U.S. Congress, 1789-1977." *Social Science Research* 8: 105-19.
- 1978 "Social Cleavages and Party Choice in Israel: a Log-Linear Analysis." *American Political Science Review* 72: 96-109.
- "A New Method for Measuring Legislative Content and Change: Senate Voting on Vietnam War Motions." *Sociological Methods and Research* 6:337-64.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and William Freudenburg. "Changing Public Policy: The Impact of Public Opinion, War Costs, and Anti-war Demonstrations on Senate Voting on Vietnam War Motions, 1964-73." *American Journal of Sociology* 84:99-122.
- 1977 \_\_\_\_\_ and William Freudenburg. "Ending the Vietnam War: Components of Change in Senate Voting on Vietnam War Bills." *American Journal of Sociology* 82: 991-1006.
- "Political Elites and Labor Markets: Selection of American Cabinet Members, 1932-1972." *Social Forces* 56: 189-201.
- 1976 "Social Networks and Voting: Some Israeli Data." *Social Forces* 54:833-47.
- "Political Patronage and Party Choice among Israeli Voters." *Journal of Politics* 38: 1024-32.
- 1972 "Social Structure and Individual Political Participation in Five Countries." *American Journal of Sociology* 77: 1087-1110.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

- 2007 Editor. *The Sociology of Jewry: Syllabi and Instructional Materials*, third edition. Washington, DC: American Sociological Association.
- 1989 "Pluralism, Jews, and Equal Employment Opportunity." New York: The American Jewish Committee

## **RECENT BOOK REVIEWS:**

- 2006 Marco Giugni, *Social Protest and Policy Change: Ecology, Antinuclear, and Peace Movements in Comparative Perspective*. *American Journal of Sociology* 111:1581-83

## **RESEARCH GRANTS:**

- National Science Foundation (Sociology Program), "The Impact of Public Opinion, the Party Balance, Interest Groups, and Social Movement Organizations on Congressional Support for Policy Change," 2000-2002
- University of Washington Royalty Research Fund, "Family, Gender, Paid Work, and the Congressional Policy Agenda, 1993
- University of Washington Graduate School Fund, "The Evolution of Congressional Proposals for Regulating the Relationship between Home and Work," 1993
- National Science Foundation (Sociology Program), "The Development of Public Policies Affecting the Relationship Between Home and Work," 1990-92
- American Jewish Committee, "Equal Employment Opportunity, Pluralism, and the Jews," 1987-88
- National Science Foundation (Sociology, Political Science, and Law and Social Sciences Programs), "Some Consequences of Equal Employment Opportunity Legislation," 1985-87
- Vanderbilt University Research Council, faculty summer research grants, 1982 and 1984
- National Science Foundation (Sociology and Political Science Programs), "Social and Institutional Changes Associated with Equal Employment Opportunity Legislation," 1979-80
- National Science Foundation (Sociology Program), dissertation improvement grant, 1971-73

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS:**

### **American Sociological Association:**

- 2004 "The Incidence and Impact of Political Activity: Competing Views" (with Sarah Sausner)
- 2001 "The Impact of Public Opinion on Public Policy: a Review and an Agenda"
- 2000 "The Impact of Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Social Movement Organizations on Public Policy: Some Recent Evidence and Theoretical Concerns" (with April Eaton)
- 1997 "Why Do Social Movement Organizations, Interest Groups, and Political Parties Seem to Have So Little Impact on Public Policy?" (with April Eaton and Adria Scharf)
- 1996 "Might the Public Influence Public Policy? Two Views"
- 1995 "Public Opinion and Public Policy"
- 1994 "Affirmative Action: Big Controversy, Little Impact?"
- 1992 "Employment Discrimination Litigation and Racial Disparities in Earnings" (with Mark Evan Edwards)
- 1991 "Political Movements and Their Consequences: Lessons from the U.S. Experience" (with Rachel Einwohner and Jocelyn Hollander)
- 1990 "'Reverse Discrimination' Cases in the Federal Courts: Legal Mobilization by a Countermovement"
- 1989 "American Pluralism, Religion, Equality, and the State" (with Gloria Beckley)
- 1987 "Attacking Sex Discrimination in the Labor Market: a Study in Law and Politics."
- 1984 "Earthquakes and Erosion in American Politics: Toward a Theory of Democratic Political Change."
- 1982 "Equal Employment Opportunity: What We Believe, What We Know, What Research Can Show."
- 1981 "Social Protest, Public Opinion, and Public Policy: the Case of Civil Rights."

### **American Political Science Association:**

- 2002 "Congressional Hearings, Information, and Congressional Action"

- 2001 “ Public Opinion and Congressional Support for Policy Change” (with Shawn Bauldry and Paul Froese)
- 1999 “How Responsive Might Legislatures be to Public Opinion?”
- 1996 "Issue Evolution: Patterns of Change in Congressional Proposals on Paid Work, Gender, and Family, 1945-1990" (with Rachel Gragg)
- 1995 "Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Social Movement Organizations: a Theoretical Synthesis"
- 1992 "Work, Family, and the State: Congressional Proposals to Regulate the Relationship between Home and Work, 1945-1990" (with Marie Bricher and Rachel Einwohner)
- 1989 "Passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Current Controversies and Unanswered Questions"
- 1988 "Minorities, Women, and the Mobilization of Equal Employment Opportunity Laws"
- 1980 "Prohibiting Employment Discrimination: Ideas and Politics in the Congressional Debates over Equal Employment Opportunity Legislation" (with Margo MacLeod).

**Law and Society Association:**

- 1995 "The Impact of Equal Employment Opportunity Law: a New Perspective"
- 1989 "Social Scientific and Legal Challenges to Educational Credential and Testing Requirements in Employment" (with Susan Pitchford)
- 1988 "Labor Market Discrimination, Social Science, and the Law."
- 1986 "Equal Employment Opportunity and the Mobilization of Law."
- 1985 "Equal Employment Opportunity and the Development of Law."

**Other recent presentations:**

- 2005 “Jewish Educational and Economic Success in the United States: A Search for Explanations,” paper presented to the annual meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, December 19, Washington, DC.
- 2004 “Social-Scientific Work on American Jews: Marginal or Mainstream?” Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, December 20, Chicago
- 2004 Comments on Rich Democracies, by Harold Wilensky, Author Meets Critics session, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco

- 2002 “Interest Organizations, Information, and Policy Innovation in the U.S. Congress” (with Paul Froese), paper presented at the Conference on Social Movements, Public Policy, and Democracy, University of California, Irvine, January 12
- 2000 “Public Opinion and Congressional Action on Equal Employment Opportunity Since the 1970s,” paper presented at the Conference on Polls, Policy, and the Future of American Democracy, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, May 13
- 1998 “The Impact of Public Opinion, Social Movements, Social Movement Organizations, and Interest Groups on Policy Change: Theoretical and Methodological Concerns.” Paper presented at the Conference on Protest, the Public Sphere, and Public Order, Department of Political Science, University of Geneva, October 9-10

Comments on *Who Rules America? Power and Politics in the Year 2000*, by William Domhoff, Author Meets Critics session, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco

## **EDITORIAL POSITIONS:**

*Contexts*, American Sociological Association, Editorial Board, 2000-2004  
*Work and Occupations*, Editorial Board, 1995-2005  
*Research in Political Sociology*, Editorial Board, 1987-  
*Rose Monograph Series*, American Sociological Association, Editorial Board, 1996-2000  
*American Journal of Sociology*, Consulting Editor, 1984-86, 1995-97  
*Sociological Inquiry*, Associate Editor, 1993-2003  
*American Sociological Review*, Associate Editor, 1980-83  
*Law and Policy Quarterly*, Editorial Board, 1981-84  
*Sociological Forum*, Editorial Board, 1987-89; Associate Editor, 1990-93  
*Social Forces*, Editorial Board, 1989-92

## **OTHER SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

### **American Sociological Association:**

#### **Offices:**

Council, 1996-99

Ad hoc “launch committee” for the creation of new ASA journal

Publications Committee (elected), 1991-94

Jesse Bernard Award Committee, 1986-89

Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award Committee, 1982-1984

Political Sociology section: Chair, 1997-98; Awards Committee, 1990-1991, 1996-98 ;  
 Nominating Committee, 1986-87; Council, 1984-86

Sociological Research Association, 1997-

**National Science Foundation:**

Sociology Advisory Panel member, 1983-85

Division of Social and Economic Sciences consultant, 1981-82

Association for the Social-Scientific Study of Jewry, Board member, 2005-

**Other:**

2006 Organizer and Presider, Thematic Session, "Social Boundaries and the Jews: Outsiders, Insiders, and Intermediaries" annual meeting of the American Sociological Association

Organizer, Presider, and Discussant, Roundtable, "Teaching about American Jewry from a Social-Scientific Perspective," annual meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies

2002 Organizer, sessions on Political Sociology, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association

2001 Presenter, workshop on research funding, "Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline," annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim

1999 Discussant, session on "Civil Society and Politics," annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago

1998 Discussant, session on "Voters, Elites, and Bureaucrats," Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.

1997 Organizer, special session, "What Do Social Movement Organizations, Interest Groups, and Political Parties Do?" Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association

Organizer, special session, "Sociologists and Democracy," annual meeting of the American Sociological Association

1995 Organizer, "Teaching Sociologists to Write" workshop, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C.

1994 Organizer and Presider, "Teaching Writing for and to Sociologists," annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles