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FORMAL EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Toronto, 1990  
M.A., Washington University, 1978  
B.A., University of Regina, 1976

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, University of Toronto 1979-1981  
Connaught Fellowship, University of Toronto 1978-1979  
Tuition Scholarship, Washington University 1977-1978  
Tuition Scholarships, University of Regina 1974, 1976

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer: Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, 2008 to present  
Courses: Introduction to Sociology, Knowledge and Society, Social Theory, Honors Seminar, Sociology of Literature, Cultural Sociology

Faculty Lecturer. Department of Sociology, McGill University, 2005 to 2008  
Courses Taught: "Sociology of Culture"; "Television in Society"; "Sociology of Popular Culture"; "Sociological Theory"; "Sociology of Literature"; "Sociology of Knowledge"

Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology, McGill University, 1993 to 2005, Courses: "Sociology of Culture"; "Television in Society"; "Sociology of Popular Culture"; "Sociological Theory"; "Sociology of Knowledge"

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, 1991 to 1993; Courses: "Social Theory"

Visiting Assistant Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, 1988 to 1990; Courses: "Introduction to Sociology"

Managing Editor, *Urban Affairs Quarterly* 1984-1985 (Albert Hunter, Editor)

Researcher, American Bar Foundation, study of "Urban Zoning: The Development of a Regulatory Institution"  
Eric H. Steele Principal Investigator, 1984

Interviewer, 1983 Alcohol Supplement to the National Health Interview Survey, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (Sponsor), C.S.R. (contractor)

Researcher, Local Community Fact Book Chicago Metropolitan Area, 1983-1984 (Albert Hunter, Coordinator)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, 1978-1981

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University College of Washington University, Spring, 1978; Course: "Class and Power in American Society"

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Regina, 1974-1976

#### AREAS OF INTEREST

Social Theory  
History of Sociology  
Sociology of Knowledge and Culture  
Sociology of Mass Media  
Sociology of Literature

#### PUBLICATIONS

Review of Gisèle Sapiro, *The French Writers' War*. *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* (forthcoming)

"Mannheim, Mills and Merton," Pp. 241-260 in Joseph M. Bryant and Zaheer Baber (eds.) *Society, History, and the Global Human Condition*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. (2010)

Review of David Kettler, Colin Loader and Volker Meja, *Karl Mannheim and the Legacy of Max Weber*. *Critical Sociology* 36 (4): 614-616 (July 2010)

Review of Neil Gross, *Richard Rorty: The Making of an American Philosopher*. *Critical Sociology* 35 (6): 906-908 (November 2009)

"Le bistro montréalais." *Contexts* 5 (2): 72-73. (With Valérie Bélair-Gagnon) (Spring 2006)

Review of Joseph Margolis, *Reinventing Pragmatism*. *Contemporary Sociology* 33 (2): 250-252. (Spring 2004)

"Pragmatic Validity in Mannheim and Dewey: A Reassessment of the Epistemological Critique of Ideology and Utopia." *History of the Human Sciences* 8 (3): 25-45, fall 1995.

"The Sociology of Styles of Thought." *British Journal of Sociology* 43 (1): 25-54, March 1992

Review of Volker Meja and Nico Stehr (eds.) Knowledge and Politics: The Sociology of Knowledge Dispute. *Contemporary Sociology* 20 (6):927-928, November, 1991

"The Reception and Development of the Sociology of Knowledge in American Sociology, 1936-1960" Ph.D. thesis, 1990

Review of Colin Loader, The Intellectual Development of Karl Mannheim: Culture, Politics, and Planning. *American Journal of Sociology*, September, 1986, 92 (2):454-456.

Histories of "Community Areas" in Local Community Fact Book Chicago Metropolitan Area, 1980. 1984 Chicago: Chicago Review Press.