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Distinguished Service Professor,
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1967-1971 Research Assistant, Harvard University
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1999-2002 Chair, Department of Sociology
University of Chicago
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PUBLICATION:

Books:

The System of Professions: An Essay on the Division of Expert Labor
University of Chicago Press. xvi+435pp. 1988.
Winner, ASA Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award, 1991.

Department and Discipline: Chicago Sociology at 100
University of Chicago Press, xii+249pp. 1999.

Chaos of Disciplines
University of Chicago Press, xvi+252pp. 2001.
Winner, ASA Theory Prize, ASA Theory Section, 2004.
Translated into Bulgarian, 2004.

Time Matters: On Theory and Method
University of Chicago Press, ix+318pp. 2001.

Methods of Discovery
W. W. Norton, xii+262pp. 2004.

Articles:

On Occupations and Professions

- "Religion, Psychiatry, and the Problems of Everyday Life"
Sociological Analysis 41:164-171, 1980.
reprinted in J.K.Hadden and T.E.Long, eds.,
Religion and Religiosity in America, Pp. 133-143.
New York: Crossroad, 1983.
- "Status and Status Strain in the Professions"
American Journal of Sociology 86:819-835, 1981.
- "Professional Ethics"
American Journal of Sociology 88:855-885, 1983.
- "A Labor Market Perspective on the Mobility of College Football Coaches"
with D.R.Smith
Social Forces 61:1147-1167, 1983.
- "Governmental Constraints and Labor Market Mobility"
with D.R.Smith
Journal of Work and Occupations, 11:29-53,1984.
- "Doing Theory in the Middle Range: reply to Light"
American Journal of Sociology, 90:184-187, 1984.
- "Jurisdictional Conflicts: A New Approach to the Development of the
Legal Professions" American Bar Foundation Research Journal
1986:187-224, 1986.
- "The New Occupational System: What are the Questions?"
Work and Occupations 16:273-291, 1989.
reprinted in A. Wharton, ed., Working in America,
Mountain View CA: Mayfield, 1998.
- "The Future of Professions: Occupation and Organization in the Age of
Expertise"
Research in the Sociology of Organizations 8:17-42, 1991.
- "The Order of Professionalization"
Work and Occupations, 18:355-384, 1991.
- "The Sociology of Work and Occupations"
Annual Review of Sociology, 19:187-209, 1993.

- "Boundaries of Social Work or Social Work of Boundaries?"
Social Service Review, 69:545-562, 1995.
- "Professionalism and the Future of Librarianship"
Library Trends, 46:430-443, 1998.
- "Ecologies Liees" (French) Pp. 29-50 in P.M. Menger,
ed., Les professions et leurs sociologies
Paris: Editions de la MSH, 2003.
- "The Army and the Theory of Professions" Pp. 523-536 in Don Snider and
Gayle Watkins, eds., The Future of the Army Profession
Boston: McGraw-Hill. 2002.
- "The Sociology of Work and Occupations" Pp. 307-330 in N. J. Smelser and
R. Swedberg, eds., Handbook on Economic Sociology. New York
and Princeton: Russell Sage Foundation and Princeton University
Press. 2005.

On Theory and Methods for Sequences and Other Historical Data

- "Event Sequence and Event Duration: Colligation and Measurement"
Historical Methods, 17:192-204, 1984.
- "Optimal Matching Methods for Historical Data"
with John Forrest
Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 16:473-496, 1986.
- "A Primer on Sequence Methods."
Organization Science, 1:373-392, 1990.
Reprinted in Longitudinal Field Research Methods,
G. P. Huber, and A. Van de Ven, eds., Sage, 1995.
- "Measuring Resemblance in Social Sequences"
with Alexandra Hrycak
American Journal of Sociology, 96:144-185, 1990.
- "The Optimal Matching Method for Anthropological Data: An Introduction
and Reliability Analysis"
with John Forrest
Journal of Quantitative Anthropology 2:151-170, 1990.
- "Vacancy Methods for Historical Data"
Pp. 80-102 in R. Breiger, ed. Social Mobility and Social
Structure, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990.
- "The Welfare State as Transnational Event: Evidence from Sequences
of Policy Adoption"
with Stanley DeViney
Social Science History 16:245-274, 1992.
- "From Causes to Events"
Sociological Methods and Research, 20:428-455, 1992.
- "Measure for Measure: Abell's Narrative Methods"
Journal of Mathematical Sociology 18:203-214, 1993.
- "Sequence Analysis"
Annual Review of Sociology, 21:93-113, 1995
- "Comment on Dijkstra and Taxis: The Scope of Alignment Methods"
Sociological Methods and Research, 24:232-243, 1995.
- "Sequence Comparison via Alignment and Gibbs Sampling"
with Emily Barman
Sociological Methodology, 27:47-87, 1997.
- "Sequence Analysis and Optimal Matching Methods in Sociology"
with Angela Tsay

Sociological Methods and Research, 29:3-33, 2000
"Reply to Levine and Wu"
Sociological Methods and Research, 29:65-76, 2000
"Sequence Analysis"
with Heather MacIndoe
Pp. 387-406 in M. Hardy and A. Bryman Handbook of Methodology
Sage Publications, 2004.

Critique of Social Science Methods

"Transcending General Linear Reality"
Sociological Theory, 6:169-186, 1988.
reprinted in JA Hall and JM Bryant Historical Methods in the
Social Sciences. Sage 2005.
"Positivism and Interpretation in Sociology"
Sociological Forum, 5:435-458, 1990.
"Comment on Auger - Combining Methods"
Current Anthropology, 36:114-115, 1995.
"Seven Types of Ambiguity"
Theory and Society, 26:357-91, 1997.
"Of Time and Place"
Social Forces, 75:1149-82, 1997.
"The Causal Devolution"
Sociological Methods and Research 27:148-181, 1998.
"La description face a la temporalite." (French)
Pp. 41-53 in Enquete: Pratiques de la description
Sous la direction de G. Blundo et J-P Olivier de Sardan
Paris: Editions de l'EHESS, 2003.
"The Idea of Outcome"
Pp. 393-426 in The Politics of Method in the Human Sciences
G. Steinmetz, ed. Duke University Press, 2005.
"Mobility: What? When? How?" Pp. 137-161 in Mobility and Inequality
eds. S. L. Morgan, D. Grusky, and G. Fields.
Stanford University Press. Forthcoming.

Social Theory

"Sequences of Social Events"
Historical Methods, 16:129-147, 1983.
"Conceptions of Time and Events in Social Science Methods"
Historical Methods, 23:140-150, 1990.
"Stinchcombe's Model of Rationality" Pp. 317-323 K. Cook and M. Levi,
eds., Limits of Rationality, University of Chicago Press, 1991.
"What Do Cases Do?"
Pp. 53-82 in "What is a Case?" edited by Charles Ragin and
Howard Becker. Cambridge University Press, 1992.
"Things of Boundaries"
Social Research, 62:857-882, 1995.
"La Sintesis de Otros Tiempos y La Del Futuro."
("The Once and Future Synthesis" tr. Elisabeth Aignesberger Scholz)
Historia, Antropologia y Fuentes Orales, 1:31-39, 1996
"On the Concept of Turning Point"
Comparative Social Research, 16:89-109, 1997
"Temporality and Process in Social Life"

Pp. 28-61 in *Social Time and Social Change*, F. Engelstad and
and R. Kalleberg, eds., Scandinavian University Press, 1999.
reprinted in JA Hall and JM Bryant *Historical Methods in the
Social Sciences*. Sage 2005.

"The Historicity of Individuals"

Social Science History, 29:1-13, 2005.

"Linked Ecologies"

Sociological Theory, 23:245-274, 2005.

History of Sociology / Higher Education

"History and Sociology"

Social Science History, 25:201-238, 1991.

Reprinted in *Engaging the Past*, E. Monkkonen, ed.

Durham NC: Duke University Press, pp. 77 - 112, 1994.

"Transition and Tradition" Pp. 221-272 in *A Second Chicago School*,

ed. Gary Alan Fine, Chicago:University of Chicago Press, 1995.
with Emanuel Gaziano

"The Disciplines and the Future" Pp. 205-230 in *The Future of the City
of Intellect*, ed. Steven Brint.

Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2002.

"Academic Intellectuals" Pp. 115-137 in *The Dialogic Turn*,

ed. Charles Camic and Hans Joas.

Lanham MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2004.

"Hot War, Cold War. Structures of Sociological Action 1940-1955."

With James Sparrow. Forthcoming in *Sociology in American: The ASA
Centennial Volume*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

"Lyrical Sociology"

Sociological Theory, forthcoming.

"On Humanistic Sociology" in *Public Sociology*

University of California Press, forthcoming.

Other

"Accident and its Correlates in a Psychiatric Hospital

Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica 57:36-48, 1978.

"Improving the Teaching of Sociology"

with D.R.Smith and S.S.Boocock

Teaching Sociology 8:231-242, 1981.

"Reflections on the Future of Sociology"

Contemporary Sociology, 29:296-300, 2000.

"Los Angeles and the Chicago School: A comment on Michael Dear"

City and Community 1:33-38, 2002.

"From Character to Intellect"

with A. Tsay, M. Lamont, J. Guetzkow

Poetics, 31:23-49, 2003.

"Losing Faith"

Pp. 21-36 in *The Disobedient Generation*, ed. A. Sica

and S. Turner. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005.

MINOR PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Encyclopedia Articles

"Chicago Studied"

- (with Jolyon Wurr) Encyclopedia of Chicago, Pp. 148-151.
Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- "Sociology of Professions"
IESBS, Pp. ??.
- "Event Sequence Analysis Methods"
IESBS, Pp. 4966-4969.
- "The Chicago School of Sociology: Social Change"
Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology.

Commentary

- "The Professions and Historical Sociology"
Newsletter of the ASA Comparative Historical Sociology Section
- "Engaging the Exemplars or Touting the Top Ten?"
Newsletter of the ASA Theory Section, 20:4, October 1998.
- "Life Cycles in Social Science History"
Social Science History, 23:481-9, 1999.
- "Comments on the Past and Future of the SSHA" Pp. 69-72 in Looking
Backward and Looking Forward. Graff, HJ, LP Moch, and
P. McMichael, eds. Madison: University of Wisconsin. 2005.
- "Introduction" Special Issue on Computation, American Journal of
Sociology, with Nigel Gilbert.
American Journal of Sociology 110:859-863. 2005.
- "A Brief Note on Pasturization"
International Journal of Comparative Sociology, forthcoming.

GENERAL AUDIENCE PUBLICATIONS:

- "Fleeing wilderness"
Appalachia, 37:70-75, 1977.
- "Seal of Approval"
University of Chicago Magazine, October 1998.
- "The Aims of Education"
The College, University of Chicago,
Occasional Papers in Higher Education, #9, 2002.
Abridged Version, University of Chicago Magazine, October 2003.
Translated into Chinese in Open Times (Academy of Social
Science of Guangzhou 2005:5, (Issue 179) Pp. 30-44

UNPUBLISHED REPORTS AND PAPERS:

- "Images of Society and Politics: England 1825-1832"
B. A. thesis, Harvard University, 1970.
- "World Agroclimatology"
Harvard Center for Population Studies, 1970.
- Reports for the Illinois Department of Mental Health
- "The City of the Mad" 1975.
- "Accidents and Their Perception" 1975.
- "Criminal Case Mortality in Illinois" 1976.
- "The Structure and Risks of Legally Obligated Populations in
the Illinois Department of Mental Health" 1976.
- "Working Paper on the Handling of Mittimus Patients in DMH" 1977.
- The Emergence of American Psychiatry, 1880-1930.

Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Chicago, 1981.

PUBLISHED MATERIAL AND COMMENTS ON AA

- D. Light, "Status, Purity, and Professional 'Regression.'" *American Journal of Sociology* 90:182-184, 1984.
"An Interview with Andrew Abbott," *Yearbook of Sociology, New Series*, 1:1, University of Oslo. Pp. 181 - 194, 1995.
- R. Dingwall and M. D. King, "Herbert Spencer and the Professions: Occupational Ecology Reconsidered." *Sociological Theory* 13: 14-24, 1995.
- M. Hanagan and L. A. Tilly, "Synthesis Lost, Synthesis Regained?" *Historia, Antropologia y Fuentes Orales*, 1:11-29, 1996
- Levine, J. H. "But What Have you Done for Us Lately?" *Sociological Methods and Research*, 29:34-40, 2000.
- Wu, L. L. "Some Comments on Sequence Analysis and Optimal Matching." *Sociological Methods and Research*, 29:41-64, 2000
- Fabiani, J-L. "Pour en finir avec la realite unlineaire: Le parcours methodologique d'Andrew Abbott." *Annales, E.S.C.*, mai-juin 2003, 549-565.
- Topalov, C. "Ecrire l'histoire des sociologues de Chicago." *Geneses* 51:147-159, 2003.
- Santoro, M. "Eventi e strutture: il positivismo narrativo di Andrew Abbott e l'eredita della scuola di Chicago." *Rassegna Italiana de Sociologia* 44:537-579.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Associations:

Member

- American Association for the Advancement of Science (1977 -
- Southern Sociological Society (1999 -

Active Member

- American Sociological Association (1972 -
 - Non-paper program participation
 - Didactic Seminar, 1993, 1994
 - Professional Workshop, 2002
 - Program preparation
 - Program Committee, 1992, 1993
 - Publication Committee, 1992-1995
 - Chair, 1993-1995
 - Section on Comparative Historical Sociology
 - Chair, Prize Committee, 1990-1
 - Council, 1991-1996
 - Chair, 1995-6
- Social Science History Association (1982 -
 - Program Preparation
 - Program Committee, 1991
 - Program Co-Chair, 1992
 - Nominating Committee, 1985
 - Executive Committee, 1993 - 1996
 - Vice President, 2001-2002

President, 2002-2003

Non-Current

Classification Society of North America (late 1980s - ca 2000)
American Economic Association (1989 - 2006)
Eastern Sociological Society (1980-1991)
Program Preparation
Papers Committee 1988,1989
Merit Award Committee, 1989
Committee on the Profession, 1989-1990

Editorial Work:

Editorial Boards: American Journal of Sociology 1983-1985, 1991-
Historical Methods 1986-1988
Work and Occupations 1990 - 1991
The American Sociologist 1998-
Editor: Work and Occupations 1992 - 1994.
American Journal of Sociology 2000 - 2002, 2003 -

Papers presented (2005 -

Conferences:

Social Science History Association, Portland, OR
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in Mid Twentieth Century Illinois"
American Sociological Association, Philadelphia,
15 August 2005, "Comments on Remaking Modernity."
16 August 2005, "Reconceptualizing Knowledge Accumulation in
Sociology."
First Annual Workshop of the Joint Threat Anticipation Center
Chicago, 7 April 2005 "History, Culture, and Computation."
Plenary lecture, Colloque international "Robert Park: son oeuvre
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18 mars 2005. "Le concept de l'ordre dans la sociologie
processuelle de l'ecole de Chicago."
Conference "Du desordre et de la delinquance," Paris-Dauphine et
University of Chicago Paris Center, 17 mars 2005. "Le concept
de l'ordre dans la sociologie processuelle."

Lectures and Seminars:

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"Library Research as Computation"
Northwestern University, Department of Sociology, Urban workshop
"The concept of order in the processual sociology of the
Chicago School." 6 April 2005.
University of Illinois, Department of Occupational Therapy
"When is an Occupation an Occupation" 7 Mar 2005

Academic Visitor / Affiliated Scholar

American Bar Foundation, Affiliated Scholar, 1985-1986
Nuffield College, Academic Visitor, 1998 -
Harvard University, Visiting Scholar, Autumn, 2002
EHESS, Paris, Professeur Invite, Spring 2004.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

NSF

Consultant, NSF Anthropology Grant BNS 85-19390
"Optimal Matching with Cultural Data", \$20,000.
P.I. - John Forrest, SUNY Purchase.
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"Dynamic Sequencing Methods for Studying Turning Points
in Criminal Careers", \$120,000.
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0082084 Emily Barman, Between Giving and Getting: Donor
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University of Surrey, Department of Sociology
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J. S. Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, 2002-3

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Award for Distinguished Scholarship, (Sorokin Award)
American Sociological Association, 1991.
Member, Sociological Research Association, 1992-
Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1997
Ralph Lewis Professorship in Sociology, University of Chicago, 1997
Gustavus F. and Ann M. Swift Distinguished Service Professorship,
2001
Theory Prize, American Sociological Association, Theory Section.
2004.

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United States Army. Active Duty 1970, Reserve Service 1970-1976

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Member and Treasurer, Brent House Board, University of Chicago
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Vestryman, Church of St. Paul and the Redeemer, 1975-1977
Member, Warren County Mental Health Board, 1980 - 1987
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Member, Warren County Human Services Advisory Council, 1983 - 1987
Chairman, Planning Committee, 1983 - 1987

Council Member, United Way of Chicago, 1997 - 2002
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STUDENTS

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Extramural students.

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Rainer Egloff (University of Zurich, Switzerland)	1999
Artem Rykoun (Tomsk State University, Russia)	2000
Victoria Bolotova (University for Internal Affairs Kharkiv, Ukraine)	2001
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Rasmus Antoft, (Aalborg University)	2003
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