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PRESENT POSITIONS:

2001- Gustavus F. and Ann M. Swift Distinguished Service Professor,
Department of Sociology and the College,
University of Chicago
2005- Senior Fellow, Computation Institute,
Argonne National Laboratory/ University of Chicago

PRIOR POSITIONS:

1997-2000 Ralph Lewis Professor, Department of Sociology and the College,
University of Chicago
1991-1997 Professor, Department of Sociology and the College,
University of Chicago
1978-1991 Instructor to Associate Professor (1986), Department of Sociology,
Rutgers University
1973-1978 Research and Evaluation Department
Manteno State Hospital, Manteno, Illinois
1967-1971 Research Assistant for Roger Revelle
Harvard University Center for Population Studies

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS:

1999-2002 Chair, Department of Sociology
University of Chicago
1993-1996 Master, Social Sciences Collegiate Division
Deputy Dean, Division of Social Sciences
Associate Dean of the College
University of Chicago

PUBLICATION:

Books:

The System of Professions: An Essay on the Division of Expert Labor
University of Chicago Press. xvi+435pp. 1988.

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

Chaos of Disciplines
University of Chicago Press, xvi+252pp. 2001.

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

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

Digital / Paper : A Manual for Research and Writing with Library and Internet Materials
University of Chicago Press, xv+259pp. 2014.

Processual Sociology
University of Chicago Press, in press.

Varieties of Social Imagination (by Barbara Celarent)
University of Chicago Press, in press.

Articles:

On Occupations and Professions

"Religion, Psychiatry, and the Problems of Everyday Life"
Sociological Analysis 41:164-171, 1980.

"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.

- "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.
- "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 sociologie*. 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*. 2nd Edition. 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.
- "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.
- "Sequence Analysis" *Annual Review of Sociology*, 21:93-113, 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
- "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.
- "Positivism and Interpretation in Sociology" *Sociological Forum*, 5:435-458, 1990.
- "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 à la temporalité." (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. 2006.

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.
- "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.
- "On the Concept of Turning Point" *Comparative Social Research*, 16:89-109, 1997
translated into French in *L'enquete sur les bifurcations*
Ed. M Bessin, C. Bidart, M. Grossetti: Paris: La decouverte. 2009
- "Temporality and Process in Social Life" Pp. 28-61 in *Social Time and Social Change*,
F. Engelstad and R. Kalleberg, eds., Scandinavian University Press, 1999.
- "The Historicity of Individuals" *Social Science History*, 29:1-13, 2005.
- "Linked Ecologies" *Sociological Theory*, 23:245-274, 2005.
- "The Concept of Order in Processual Sociology" *Cahiers Parisiens* #2, 315-345, 2006.
- "Mechanisms and Relations" *Sociologica* (Online Journal)
www.sociologica.mulino.it/journal/article/index/Article/Journal: Article:90 2007
- "Concepts of Human Nature in Processual Thinking." Translated as
"Konzeptionen der menschlichen Natur im Prozessualismus" Pp. 41-56 in R. Egloff,
P. Gisler, and B. Rubin. eds. *Modell Mensch* Zurich: Chronos, 2011.
- "The Problem of Excess: Towards a Social Theory of Too Much."
Sociological Theory, 32:1-26, 2014.
- "After Chaos: Self-similarity in the social sciences." Translated as "Nach dem Chaos:
Selbstähnlichkeiten in den Sozialwissenschaften." Pp. 286-309 In C. Daye and
S. Moebius, eds. *Soziologiegeschichte* . Berlin: Suhrkamp.
- "Inequality and Process" Pp. 21-38 in *(De)Standardisierung von Bildungsverläufen
und-strukturen*. L. Makrinus, K. M. Otremba, C. Rennert and J. Stoeck, eds.
Berlin: Springer 2016.

Sociology as Discipline / Higher Education

"History and Sociology"

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

"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.
Pp. 281-313 in C. Calhoun, ed., *Sociology in America*
Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

"Reconceptualizing Knowledge Accumulation in Sociology"
The American Sociologist 37:57-66. 2006.

"Against Narrative: A Preface to Lyrical Sociology" *Sociological Theory*, 27:67-99, 2007.

"On Humanistic Sociology" in Pp. 195-209 in D. Clawson, et al.,
Public Sociology. University of California Press, 2007.

"The Concept of Order in the Processual Sociology of the Chicago School"
Pp. 117-131 in S. Guth, ed., *Modernite de Robert Ezra Park*. Paris: L'Harmattan. 2008

"The Polish Peasant in Oberlin and Chicago" With Rainer Egloff
American Sociologist 39:217-258, 2008.

"Organizations of the Chicago School." Pp. 399-420 in P. Adler, ed.,
The Classics and Organization Studies. New York: Oxford University Press.

"Pragmatic Sociology and the Public Sphere." *Social Science History*, 34:337-371 2010

"World Sociology: A View from Atlantis" in *Knowledge for Whom?*,
Eds. Andreas Hess and Christian Fleck, Ashgate. Pp. 299-315.

"Quarante ans de sociologie française aux Etats-Unis" With Etienne Ollion. Pp. 83 – 98 in
Les sociologies françaises. Ed. C. Paradeise, D. Lorrain, and D. Demazière. 2015.

"The Future of the Social Sciences: Ontology and Normativity."
Annales, E. S. C. (in press).

Libraries and Knowledge

"The Traditional Future: A Computation Theory of Library Research"
College and Research Libraries 69:524-545, 2008.

"Varieties of Ignorance." *American Sociologist*, 41:174-189, 2010.

"Library Research Infrastructure for Humanistic and Social Scientific
Scholarship in America in the Twentieth Century"
Pp. 43-87 in *Knowledge in the Making*, ed. C. Camic, M. Lamont, and N. Gross.
University of Chicago Press, 2011.

"Wissen zwischen Elitismus und Demokratie" Tr. of "Knowledge between Elitism and
Democracy." Pp. 141 - 163 in M. Hagner, ed., *Wissenschaft und Demokratie*

"Googles of the Past" *Social Science History*, 37:427-455, 2013.

"The Excellence of IT." Pp. 145-166 in M. Herbst, ed. *The Institution of Science and the
Science of Institutions*. Dordrecht: Springer. 2014

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.

"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.

"The Last Thirty Years" *Contemporary Sociology* 38:507-516. 2009.

"Notes on Structure and Sociology." In R. Richards and L. Daston ed.
Fifty Years of Kuhn. University of Chicago Press. 2015.

"Dans les yeux des autres." Tr. of "In the Eyes of Others," AA contribution to *Le parcours
sociologique d'Andrew Abbott* Editions EHESS, 2016.

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

"Accidents and Their Perception" 1975.

"Criminal Case Mortality in Illinois" 1976.

"Legally Obligated Populations in the Illinois Department of Mental Health" 1976.

"The Handling of Mitimus Patients in DMH" 1977.

The Emergence of American Psychiatry, 1880-1930.

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

"The University Library"

University of Chicago, May 2006.

PUBLISHED MATERIAL AND SESSIONS ON AA

"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

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.

Besana, F. "Alla Riscoperta dell'immaginazione scienze sociali" L'intervista

Mercato e Opinione Istituto Piepoli, S.p.A. Maggio, 2007.

Santoro, M. "L'immaginazione come metodo e il futuro delle scienze sociali"
Pp. vii-xxvii in *I metodi della scoperta*, Italian translation of
Methods of Discovery, Torino: Bruno Mondadori, 2007.

"Comment avoir des idées."
Le Libellio d'Aegis, 5:1:1-10, Spring 2009 (online)

Conference - Les parcours sociologiques d'Andrew Abbott, 25-26 May 2011
Université de Versailles / St. Quentin-en-Yvelines.

ENS, Groupe des Recherches Interdisciplinaires sur la Politique, 18 Sep 2012
Séminaire sur les ouvrages de Andrew Abbott en présence de l'auteur.

Fabiani, J-L. *La sociologie comme elle s'écrit*. Editions EHESS.
Chapter on AA pp. 91-115, 2015

Interview with AA "Le Monde est un monde d'événements."
Pp. 43-62 in *Raisons Politiques*, 2016

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Associations:

Active Member

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

American Association for the Advancement of Science (1977 - 2006)
American Sociological Association (1972 - 2007)
Program Committee, 1992, 1993
Publication Committee, 1992-1995
Chair, 1993-1995
Section on Comparative Historical Sociology
Council, 1991-1996
Chair, 1995-6
American Economic Association (1989 - 2006)
Eastern Sociological Society (1980-1991)
Papers Committee 1988, 1989
Merit Award Committee, 1989
Committee on the Profession, 1989-1990

Southern Sociological Society (1999 - 2007)

Editorial Work:

Editorial Boards: *American Journal of Sociology* 1983-1985, 1991-
Historical Methods 1986-1988
Work and Occupations 1990 - 1991
The American Sociologist 1998-
Sociological Methods and Research 2007 -
Revue française de sociologie 2013 -

Editor: *Work and Occupations* 1992 - 1994.
American Journal of Sociology 2000 - 2002, 2003 -

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

NSF

Consultant, NSF Anthropology Grant BNS 85-19390
"Optimal Matching with Cultural Data", \$20,000.
P.I. - John Forrest, SUNY Purchase.
CoPI, NSF SES Grant 9308560
"Dynamic Sequencing Methods for Studying Turning Points
in Criminal Careers", \$120,000.
CoPI - Robert J. Sampson
PI, NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants
9521237 Mary Blair-Loy, Career and Family Patterns among
Female Executives in Finance-Related Occupations.
9731162 Michael Reay, Explaining Changes in Academic
Economic Theory in the U. S. 1970-1990.
0082084 Emily Barman, Between Giving and Getting: Donor
Choice and the Field of Workplace Charity
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Afro- and Indo-Caribbean Immigrants Encounter
Race in the US

Competitive Fellowships

Johnson Wax Fellow
University of Surrey, Department of Sociology, 25 May - 9 June 1990.
Norman Chester Research Fellow
Nuffield College, Oxford University, Hilary and Trinity Terms, 1997
J. S. Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, 2002-3

AWARDS:

Ralph Lewis Professorship in Sociology, University of Chicago, 1997
Gustavus F. and Ann M. Swift Distinguished Service Professorship,
University of Chicago, 2001

Award for Distinguished Scholarship, (Sorokin Award)
American Sociological Association, 1991.
Theory Prize, American Sociological Association, Theory Section.
2004.

Member, Sociological Research Association, 1992-
Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1997
Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2009.

Docteur Honoris Causa
Universite de Versailles St. Quentin-en-Yvelines, 18 Oct 2011

Medaillon de la ville de Grenoble, 5 July 2011

PLENARIES AND MAJOR LECTURES SINCE 2010

XXXVII Conference Marc Bloch, EHESS, Grand Amphitheatre de la
Sorbonne, 18 June 2015. "The Future of the Social Sciences:
Ontology and Normativity."

Colloque, "Transmissions: La sociologies et les sociologues
francais de 1970 a now jours." 6 June 2013

"La sociologies francaise a-t-elle joue un role aux Etats-Unis
depuis 1970?" with Etienne Ollion.

Keynote lecture, CRESC Conference on Duration and Seriality
Manchester, UK, 18 March 2013

"The Thick Present: Locality and Its Implications"

Fuller Lecture, University of Essex, UK, 14 March 2013

"The Economics of Knowledge"

Keynote Lecture, Conference on Academic Demarcations,
KULTRANS University of Oslo, 13 Sep 2012,

"Interdisciplinary Tolerance"

ESRC 5th Annual Methods Festival, Oxford, 3 July 2012

International Journal of Social Research Methodology Lecture

"The Vicissitudes of Methods"

ISA Research Committee 52, History of Sociology, Biennial Conference
Dublin, 28 June 2012, Plenary Lecture

"World Sociology: The View from Atlantis"

Hollingshead Lecture, Yale University, Department of Sociology.
28 Feb 2012, "Abundance."

Conference d'ouverture: Congres de l'association francaise de

sociologie, Grenoble. "Savoirs: quels criteres pour les sciences sociales?" 5 July 2011 (French)

PAPERS PRESENTED

Conference papers since 1 January 2015

American Sociological Association, 24 Aug 2015, Chicago
"America, America; Reception of French Sociology in the U.S."
with Etienne Ollion
Pragmatism Conference, 21 Aug 2015, University of Chicago
"Development and Difference"

Lectures and Seminars since 1 January 2015

Department of Sociology, University of Padua, 25 November 2015
"The Legacy of the Chicago School of Sociology"
"The System of Professions Today"
IUAV, Venice, 23 November 2015, "The Chicago School and City Planning."
Department of Sociology, Harvard University. 22 October 2015
"The Problematic Concept of Inequality."
Department of Sociology, University of Warwick. 6 May 2015.
"The Problematic Concept of Inequality."
Nuffield College, Oxford. "The Problematic Concept of Inequality."
29 April 2015.
Yale University Library, "The Future of Library Research"
10 April 2015

STUDENTS AND TEACHING

Dissertation Chair

Peter Frumkin (Feb 97)
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Dissertation Committee Member

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External

Examiner - Yves Dezalay (Doctorat d'etat, EHESS) 4/91
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