

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Information

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Education

Brooklyn College (City University of New York): B.A., January 1970.
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale: M.A., June 1974; Ph.D., June 1979.
Dissertation: *Phenomenology and the Problem of Foundations: A Critique of Edmund Husserl's Theory of Science.*

Areas of Interest and Competence

Sociological Theory (Classical and Contemporary), Philosophy of Science, Social Organization, Social Stratification, Urban Sociology, Social Problems and Policy.

Employment History

1997-	Professor of Sociology, Illinois Wesleyan University
1995-2002	Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Illinois Wesleyan University
1989-1997	Associate Professor, Illinois Wesleyan University
1985-1989	Assistant Professor, Illinois Wesleyan University
1979-1985	Assistant Professor, University of Evansville
1971-3, 1975-77	Teaching Assistant, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
1970-1971	Housing Assistant, New York City Housing Authority.

Languages

German and French. Reading rather than speaking knowledge.

Professional Associations

American Sociological Association, Midwest Sociological Society, Illinois Sociological Association, Society for Phenomenology and Social Science, International Visual Sociology Association.

Professional Offices and Responsibilities

2009	Director, Illinois Wesleyan University London Program
2005-2010	Chair, Long Range Planning Committee, Midwest Sociological Society
2002-2005	President-Elect and Program Chair, President, Past-President, Midwest Sociological Society
2001-2004	Endowment Committee, Midwest Sociological Society
1999	Program Committee, Midwest Sociological Association
1998-2000	State Director for Illinois, Midwest Sociological Society (elected position)
1998-2000	Scholarship Development Committee, Midwest Sociological Society
1996	Chair, Nominating Committee, ASA Section on Theoretical Sociology
1995	Theory Prize Committee, ASA Section on Theoretical Sociology
1994-1997	Advisory Editor, <i>Teaching Sociology</i>
1994	Co-ordinator, Student Paper Competition, Midwest Sociological Society
1994	Nominating Committee, ASA Section on Theoretical Sociology
1992-1995	Publications Committee, Midwest Sociological Society
1991-1996	Long-Range Planning Committee, Midwest Sociological Society
1990-1993	President-Elect, President, and Past-President, Illinois Sociological Association
1990-1993	Editor, <i>I.S.A. Newsletter</i>
1989-1992	Editor, <i>Perspectives: The Theory Section Newsletter</i>
1989	Nominating Committee, ASA Section on Theoretical Sociology
1988-1990	Executive Board, Illinois Sociological Association

Publications

2007	“Why Do African-Americans Pay More for New Cars? A Structural Explanation.” (Revised with a longer theoretical discussion). In <i>Illuminating Social Life: Classical and Contemporary Theory Revisited</i> , 4th edition, edited by Peter Kivisto. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.
2006	“Personal Ethics, Understanding, and Participatory Democracy: Michael D. Barber’s New Biography of Alfred Schutz.” <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i> 60(3): 439-47
2006	“Austrian Economics.” Pp. 16-18 in <i>The International Encyclopedia of Economic Sociology</i> , edited by Jens Beckert and Milan Zafirovski. London, UK: Routledge.
2006	“Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology.” Pp. 511-13 in <i>The International Encyclopedia of Economic Sociology</i> , edited by Jens Beckert and Milan Zafirovski. London, UK: Routledge.
2006	“Rationality” Pp. 554-58 in <i>The International Encyclopedia of Economic Sociology</i> , edited by Jens Beckert and Milan Zafirovski. London, UK: Routledge.
2004	“Why Do African-Americans Pay More for New Cars? A Structural Explanation.” (Updated with a new postscript). In <i>Illuminating Social Life: Classical and Contemporary Theory Revisited</i> , 3 rd edition, edited by Peter Kivisto. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.
2004	“Schutz’s Reflections on the Social Relationship between the Author and Beholder of Literary Works.” <i>Human Studies</i> 27(4): 455-61.
2004	“Levels of Social Structure.” Pp. 441-43 in <i>The Encyclopedia of Social Theory</i> , Volume 1, edited by George Ritzer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

- 2004 "Schütz, Alfred." Pp. 674-75 in *The Encyclopedia of Social Theory*, Volume 2, edited by George Ritzer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- 2004 "Social Capital." Pp. 715-17 in *The Encyclopedia of Social Theory*, Volume 2, edited by George Ritzer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- 2004 "The Typical Outline of an Ethnographic Research Publication." *Teaching Sociology* 32(3): 322-327.
- 2003 *Social and Cultural Dynamics: From Social Relationships through the World System*. Program of the 61st annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Includes the welcoming remarks, "Orientation, Theme, and Acknowledgements."
- 2001 "By Way of Deduction: Schütz's Essay on Taxation." *Review of Austrian Economics* 14 (2-3): 145-156.
- 2001 "Why Do African-Americans Pay More for New Cars? A Structural Explanation." Pp. 197-226 in *Illuminating Social Life: Classical and Contemporary Theory Revisited*, 2nd edition, edited by Peter Kivisto. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.
- 1997 "Harrison C. White's Structural Theory of Action." *Sociological Imagination* 34 (1): 4-18.
- 1994 J. David Knottnerus and Christopher Prendergast (eds.), *Recent Developments in the Theory of Social Structure*. Greenwood, CT: JAI Press.
- 1994 Christopher Prendergast and J. David Knottnerus, "Recent Developments in the Theory of Social Structure: Introduction and Overview." Pp. 1-26 in *Recent Developments in the Theory of Social Structure*, edited by J. David Knottnerus and Christopher Prendergast. Greenwood, CT: JAI Press.
- 1994 "Cinema Sociology: Cultivating the Sociological Imagination through Popular Film." Pp. 19-26 in *Visual Sociology and Using Film/Video in Sociology Courses*, 4th edition, edited by Diana Papademas. Washington, D.C.: ASA Teaching Resources Center. [Reprint of 1986 article.]
- 1993 "Rationality, Optimality, and Choice: Esser's Reconstruction of Schütz's Theory of Action." *Rationality and Society* 5(1): 47-57.
- 1993 Chris Prendergast, Robert Walsh, and Joel Best, "The Fiscal Crisis in Higher Education: 'Productivity Improvements' at 12 Public Universities." *ISA Newsletter*, February: 1-2, 6-7.
- 1992 Chris Prendergast (ed.), "Berger and Luckmann Celebration: The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of *The Social Construction of Reality*." *Perspectives: The Theory Section Newsletter* 14(2): 1-12.
- 1992 Jack Harkins and Chris Prendergast, "The Fiscal Crisis in Higher Education: The Impact on Sociology Departments in Illinois." *ISA Newsletter* September: 10-14.
- 1992 Christopher Prendergast and J. David Knottnerus, "Overcoming the Astructural Bias: The New Studies in Social Organization." Pp.158-85 in *Interactionism: Exposition and Critique*, 3rd edition, edited by Larry T. Reynolds. Dix Hills, NY: General Hall. [Expanded and revised version of 1990 article.]
- 1992 J. David Knottnerus and Christopher Prendergast, "Exchange Theory and Social Structure: An

- Assessment with Synthetic Intent." *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology* 29(2): 135-50.
- 1990 Christopher Prendergast and J. David Knottnerus, "The Astructural Bias and Presuppositional Reform in Symbolic Interactionism: An Evaluation of the New Studies in Social Organization." Pp.158-180 in *Interactionism: Exposition and Critique*, 2nd edition, edited by Larry T. Reynolds. Dix Hills, NY: General Hall.
- 1989 "Condorcet's Canal Study: The Beginnings of Social Impact Assessment." *Impact Assessment Bulletin* 7(4): 25-37.
- 1986 "Alfred Schutz and the Austrian School of Economics." *American Journal of Sociology* 92(1): 1-26.
- 1986 "Cinema Sociology: Cultivating the Sociological Imagination through Popular Film." *Teaching Sociology* 14(3): 243-248.
- 1983/84 "The Impact of Fustel de Coulanges' *La Cité antique* on Durkheim's Theories of Social Morphology and Social Solidarity." *Humbolt Journal of Social Relations* 11(2): 53-73.
- 1979 "The Problem of the Unity of Knowledge in Comte's Philosophy of Science." *Sociological Inquiry* 49(4): 25-36.