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## Current Position

Mills College

Associate Professor of Sociology

Courses Taught: Social Theory, Sociology of Everyday Life, Social Control, Analysis of Social Structure, Computers and Society, Geographic Information Systems and Sociological Geography, Methods of Social Research, Junior Seminar on Research and Writing, Senior Thesis Seminar, Introductory Sociology, Computer Applications in the Social Sciences, Ants, Brains, Cities & Software.

Areas of interest include Organizations, Information, Phenomenology/Everyday Life, Social Control, Simulation, Technology, Time, Geographic Information Systems.

## Education

Yale University

1999 Ph.D. Sociology

Dissertation under direction of Charles Perrow: "The Ghosts of Organizations Past: Organizational Aspects of Urban Social Structure in the Implementation of the *Fighting Back* Initiative in New Haven, Connecticut 1989-1996."

Yale University

1993, M.A., M. Phil. Sociology.

Universität Trier.  
Trier, Germany

1986-87, Guest Student (German/politics).

New College of  
Florida

1983, B.A. Mathematical, Physical, and Computer Sciences.

## Research

### **Publications**

"Getting the Word Out :Notes on the Social Organization of Notification" *Sociological Theory*, 24,3 (September 2006).

"Everything Here is So Political!: Separating the Organizationally Normal from the Political in Communities of Organizations." *Journal of Drug Issues*, 36,2.

"Time and Globalization," *The Encyclopedia of Globalization* (Moskovitz 2006 edited by Roland Robertson and Jan Aart Scholte).

"Why is it so difficult to form community coalitions?" with Charles Kadushin and Matthew Lindholm. *City and Community* 4, 3 (September 2005).

"Fighting Back" Against Substance Abuse: The Structure and Function of Community Partnerships" Matthew Lindholm, Dan Ryan, Charles Kadushin, Leonard Saxe, Archie Brodsky *Human Organization* 63, 2 (Sept 2004).

"Time and Social Theory" for *The Encyclopedia of Social Theory* (Sage 2004 edited by George Ritzer).

"How to Enjoy a Convention." *The Pacific Sociologist* Volume 6, #3. September 1998.

Farrar, C., Moskowitz, M., Rae, D. and D. Ryan. *New Haven Maps! '95* A book of maps based on GIS analysis of data sets assembled by the Regional Data Cooperative for New Haven. September, 1995.

Le Beau, M. M., D. Ryan, Jr. and M. A. Pericak-Vance. "Report of the committee on the genetic constitution of chromosomes 18 and 19." *Cytogenetics & Cell Genetics* 1989:51(1-4):338-57.

### **Under Review**

"Time as a Social Structure in Communities of Organizations" R&R at *Sociological Perspectives*.

### **Works in progress**

"Community and the Ghosts of Organizations Past – Making Change in Organizational

Junkyards” book manuscript.

“Please take a few minutes...” : Using “Pointless” Internet Petitions to Characterize the Shape of Acquaintance Networks.”

“The Sociology of Information” book project.

“Democracy and the Information Order” co-authored with G. Hadfield (USC Law).

### ***Presentations***

“Getting the Word Out: Notes on the Social Organization of Notification” presented at Mills College Social Science Works in Progress Seminar, Oakland, CA, October, 2004.

“Separating the Organizationally Normal from the Politically Pathological in Communities of Organizations” presented at Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, April 2004.

“Social Networks” mock lecture for Mills College admissions event. Spring 2002.

“Making Methods a Lab Course” presented at Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, Vancouver, BC, April 2002.

“Please take a few minutes... : Using 'Pointless' Internet Petitions to Characterize the Shape of Acquaintance Networks” presented at Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco, March 2001 and in poster session at Annual Meetings of American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 2002.

“Getting the Word Out: On the Social Organization of Notification” presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest Sociological Association, St. Louis, April 2001.

“Are Chain Letters Completely Useless? Extracting Social Network Information from ‘Pointless’ Internet Petitions” presented at Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, March 2001.

“Getting the Word Out: Notes On the Social Organization of Notification” presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 2000.

“Temporal Notification Norms: An Application in Formal Sociology” presented at Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA, March 2000.

“Notes on the Social Organization of Notification” presented at the annual “Pre-author meets non-critics” session at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 1999.

“It’s About Time: Time as a Social Structure in Communities of Organizations” presented at SSSP meetings, Chicago, August 1999.

“Do Kids Today Lack a Work Ethic? Or: Organizational Learning Across Social Networks” presented to Bay Area Public Pool Operators Association, January 1999.

“Some Thoughts on Undergraduate Research” presented to Dallas Area Mills College Alumnae Group, April 1999.

“Urban Communities as Organizational Junkyards” presented at ASA meetings, San Francisco, CA, August 1998.

“Throwing Like a Girl” guest lecture presented in “Introduction to Sociology” course at Mills College, Oakland, CA, October 1997.

“Everything Here is Political: Communities of Organizations as Settings for Community Initiatives” presented at ASA meetings, Toronto, ON, August 1997.

“New Haven: A Virtual Tour.” Invited talk, Yale Law School Reunion, New Haven, CT, October 1996.

“The City Room at ISPS: Efforts toward Bolstering the Local Information Economy.” Yale

University Department of Statistics, Monday, September 16, 1996

“Some Notes on the Social Psychology of Combat” (with Daniel F. Chambliss) Presented at 1989 ASA meetings, San Francisco, CA.

“Big Problems Demand Small Solutions : Towards a General Strategy for Excellence in Education” (with Daniel F. Chambliss). Presented at the 1988 conference of the New England Educational Research Organization.

Numerous public presentations on computer networks and organizations, urban organizations, and New Haven demographics.

### **Unpublished Reports**

“Undergraduate Research: Opportunities for Mills College.” Spring 1998.

“Cross-Site Community Studies Report.” New York: Graduate Center, City University of New York. Report to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Jones, D., Lindholm, M., Kadushin, C., Saxe, L., Ryan, D., Carney, S., Still, M. C. F. T., Foster, K., Gladden, M., Hernandez, R., Price, C., & Suazo-Garcia, B. (1997).

“Final Evaluation Report on New Haven Fighting Back.” City University of New York Graduate Center. Report to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Ryan, D, M Lindholm, C Kadushin, L Saxe, and D Jones (1997).

“Background Research for a Data System for New Haven Livable City Initiative” Prepared for the City Of New Haven, 1996.

“Lessons from the Evaluation of Fighting Back at Mid-Project.” Saxe, L., E. Reber, D. Hallfors, C. Kadushin, D. Jones, A. Beveridge, D. Rindskopf, M.J. Larson, C. Winick, L. Tighe, K. Watson, M. Lindholm, D. Ryan, M. Stirratt, D. Livert, B. Suazo-Garcia, and S. Weber. 1996. Waltham, Mass.: Heller School, Brandeis University.

“An Exploratory Study of Some Existing Data on Blighted Housing in New Haven.” Prepared for Yale Changing Cities Research Group, March 1996.

“Data Sharing and Mapping in New Haven: An Overview” Prepared for the Regional Data Cooperative for New Haven, 1993

### **Previous Academic/Research Positions**

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| 1996-1997 | Yale School of Management, Management Fellow, and support faculty for <i>Community Renaissance Fellows Program</i> , a program for “retraining” public housing professionals from around the country sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.   |
| 1994-1997 | Yale University Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Fellow<br>Founder and director of “The City Room,” a project that gathered, analyzed and disseminated information and data of interest to researchers, policy makers and activists working in New Haven. Maintained <i>New Haven On Line</i> , a WWW site with New Haven data and information, and provided data collection, management, and analysis and GIS consulting to city agencies and community non-profits. Developed database prototypes for several projects. |
| 1995-1997 | Yale University <i>Professional Schools Neighborhood Clinic</i><br>Clinical faculty for an interdisciplinary course involving schools of law, management, architecture, forestry, medicine, nursing and public health.  |
| 1994-1997 | Brandeis University, Heller School, Research Associate<br>Responsible for design and implementation of New Haven community study component of National Evaluation of <i>Fighting Back</i> project.  |
| 1990-91   | New College of Florida, Visiting Instructor in Sociology  |

**Other research**

- Ethnographic fieldwork for Fighting Back National Evaluation Study, San Antonio, Texas. Summer 1995.
- The Corporate Citizenship Challenge Project under the direction of N. Tichy and C. Kadushin. Set up qualitative database and wrote section of report on styles of corporate citizenship motivation. 1992.
- Research assistant to Steven Brint. Content analysis of journal articles for project on the American intellectual elite. 1992.
- “Student Markets and Admissions Strategies: A Report to the Competitive Markets Subcommittee of the Hamilton College Board of Trustees” an analysis of admissions data written with Daniel F. Chambliss. 1992.
- IBM Thomas J. Watson Laboratory. Built hardware and developed software for control and data collection and display for the scanning tunneling electron microscope. American Institute of Physics Summer Industrial Intern Fellowship. 1983.
- B.A. thesis research — development and implementation of a Pascal Compiler for the IBM Series/1 minicomputer. 1982-83.
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Raman spectroscopy of electrochemical breakdown of thin oxide films on iron. NSF URPP, 1981.

**Consultancies**

- Mills College. GIS mapping for Office of Admissions, Alumnae Association. Web site development for Curriculum Revision effort. (*pro bono*)
- Hamilton College Project on Assessment of Learning in the Liberal Arts. 2003.
- Cooper Robertson & Partners, Architects. Developing methods of data visualization for Museum of Modern Art renovation project. 1999.
- Yale Office of University Planning and Cooper Robertson & Partners on campus planning project. Developed methods of visualizing campus activity patterns by combining multiple sources of administrative data with geographic information systems. 1997.
- Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership (LEAP). Organizational climate and effectiveness. 1997.
- The Waterbury Foundation/ The Counseling Center. GIS mapping. 1997.
- NIDA funded Community Health Care Van Project, providing GIS support and community information. 1995-1996.
- New Haven Childcare Coalition. GIS mapping and spatial analysis. 1996.
- “Liaison, Information Exchange, and Consultation Core” component of Yale's Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS proposal. Spring 1996.
- Dr. Joann Elmore. Provided geographic information systems processing of breast cancer incidence data. Winter 1995.
- New Haven Fighting Back. Assisted with planning for local community based self-assessment of program effectiveness. 1995
- Collaboration* Studio at Yale School of Architecture. Organizational design and analysis. 1994
- Hamilton College Board of Trustees Admissions Committee. Data analysis and development of criteria for identifying multiple admissions markets. 1989.

**Previous Teaching Experience**

- 1997 Spring      Yale School of Management.  
                         Geographic Information Systems for Market Analysis (co-taught with Douglas Rae).
- 1992-3            Yale University, Part-Time Acting Instructor.

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 (Previous teaching, continued)

- Deviance and Social Control, Social Psychology of Organizations.
- 1990-91 New College of Florida, Visiting Instructor in Sociology.  
Classical Social Theory, Social Organization, Deviance and Social Control,  
Phenomenological Sociology, Statistics for the Social Scientists, Monday Night with Nine  
Women and a Man – Senior Thesis Seminar.
- 1989 Yale University, Teaching Assistant (for M Natanson).  
Philosophy in Literature.
- 1985 New College of Florida, Adjunct Instructor in Computer Science.  
Programming in Pascal, Compiler Design, Assembly Language Programming.
- 1983 New College of Florida, Undergraduate instructor in computer science.  
Programming in Pascal.
- Pre-1983 New College of Florida. Teaching Assistant.  
Courses in physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science and sociology.
- 1995-1997 Lectures on “Numbers in Organizations and Cities,” New Haven Department of Police  
Services and New Haven Police Academy (1995-1997).
- 1995-1997 Regularly scheduled introduction to the Internet offered on contract to Citizen's for  
Connecticut's Children and Youth.
- 1996-1997 Workshops in using geographic information systems for social science research offered at Yale  
Statistical Laboratory.

## Grants

- 2002 Mills College Faculty Development Grant “Feasibility of Establishing GIS Data Warehouse for  
Oakland” with Julia McQuoid (Mills undergraduate).
- 2000 Mills College Irvine Classroom Technology Initiative for the development of online lab  
materials to accompany methods of social research course. \$4,000.
- 1998 Mills College Course Development Grant for “Geographic Information Systems and  
Sociological Geography.” \$3,500.
- 1996 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/City of New Haven. “An Inventory of Faith Community  
Involvement in Substance Abuse Related Programs in New Haven.” \$15,000.
- 1995 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/City of New Haven. “Local Assessment of Substance  
Abuse Related Data in New Haven.” \$16,803.
- 1994 City University of New York Research Foundation. “Fighting Back in New Haven: Community  
Study Pilot Project.” \$18,566.
- 1994 Co-author of Yale University's “Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC)” proposal  
funded by HUD. \$540,000.

## Other Work Experience

- 1/93-8/94 Academic Computing Services, Yale University. Humanities Computing Consultant.  
Developed and implemented user training, communications software, new consulting  
service, computer solutions to various instructional problems.
- 9/91-12/93 Yale Computer Center, Statistical Computing Consultant.
- 6/88-9/88 Software engineer. London, England. Consultant to FXNET project.  
Tracked down and repaired software problems that had eluded in-house maintenance staff.
- 2/87-7/87 Universität Trier, Trier, West Germany.  
Taught computer skills to clerical staff in dean's office
- 9/85-6/87 Synergistic Communications, Inc. Boston/London. System Designer and Programmer on the  
Foreign Exchange Netting Project.  
All phases of project development from high level functional specs to final debugging.

- Programming in C and VMS layered products on MicroVax IIs.
- 7/84-1/85 Consultant at Bank of America, London Branch, Marketing Systems Group.  
Worked with bank staff to develop, design and implement new database products.
- 9/83-6/84 New College, Sarasota. FL. Admissions Counselor.  
Traveled as recruiter and designed and implemented database for applicant tracking.

### **Awards, Honors**

- 2003 “Pearl M” as honorary member of senior class, Mills College.
- 2000 Sussman Dissertation, Yale University Department of Sociology.
- 1999 Dissertation designated “With Distinction” by Yale University Department of Sociology
- 1995 Elm/Ivy Award for contributions to relationship between Yale and New Haven
- 1994 President’s Public Service Fellowship, Yale University
- 1993 University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University
- 1988 National Science Foundation Three Year Graduate Fellowship  
Jacob Javits Fellowship (declined)
- 1987 Yale University Graduate Fellowship  
Sterling Prize Fellowship, Yale University
- 1983 American Institute of Physics Summer Industrial Intern Fellowship
- 1981 National Science Foundation Undergraduate Research Summer Fellowship
- 1977 Out-of-state tuition waiver, New College, Sarasota, Florida  
National Merit Scholarship

### **Languages**

Comfortable speaking, reading, writing in German. Dormant college level French, Russian, ancient Greek

### **Computers**

I have written programs, designed and implemented large systems in several languages on numerous platforms and have designed and implemented database applications and web sites, and have taught several college level computer science courses.

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Sociological Association  
Pacific Sociological Association  
International Network for Social Network Analysis

### **References**

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