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Areas of Specialization:

Growth Management and Land Use Planning, Comprehensive Planning, Sustainable Community Development, Transportation Planning, Environmental Planning and Policy, Planning Theory, Participatory Democracy, Citizen Participation, and Governance

Education

PhD, Urban Sociology, 2009, Fordham University

Rebuilding Lower Manhattan: Participatory Democracy, Civic Renewal, and the Question of Citizen Voice

MS, Urban & Regional Planning, Florida State University

MA, Government and Politics, University of Maryland

BA, Political Science, California State University, Hayward

Honors

Fordham University Dissertation Research Grant (2005 –2006)

Fordham University Presidential Fellowship (2003 - 2004)

Book

Democracy Deferred: Civic Leadership after 9/11 (Palgrave Macmillan, under contract).

Publications

“George Herbert Mead on the Social Bases of Democracy,” *The Social Theory of George Herbert Mead*, ed. Krzysztof Skowronski (forthcoming).

“Social Scientific Methods through *Sociological Imagination*: Dewey and Mead’s Pragmatist Influence on C. Wright Mills,” *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*, Special Issue on “Pragmatism and the Social Sciences: a Century of Influences and Interactions” (June 2012, forthcoming).

“Democratic Community Participation: Bernstein between Dewey and an Achieved Deeply Democratic Future,” Special Issue of *Contemporary Pragmatism* (December 2011, forthcoming).

Review of *Backlash 9/11: Middle Eastern and Muslim Americans Respond*, in *Mobilization: An International Journal*, published for the Collective Behavior and Social Movement Section, American Sociological Association (Vol. 16, 2: June 2011).

“Arts and Culture in Lower Manhattan: Giving Visual Artists a Voice in Planning,” *Beyond 16-Acres: Implementing a High Performance Lower Manhattan*, Regional Plan Association (August 2004).

“Neighborhoods and Housing—Preserving Diversity and Equity in Lower Manhattan: Recommendations for the Mayor’s Housing Plan,” *Beyond 16-Acres: Implementing a High Performance Lower Manhattan*, Regional Plan Association (August 2004).

Papers Submitted for Publication

“Rebuilding the City after 9/11: Why Civic Renewal Movements Need a Braided Rope of Social Democratic Theory,” submitted to *City and Community: Journal of the Community and Urban Sociology Section*, American Sociological Association.

“Renewing the Pragmatist Roots of Participatory and Deliberative Democracy: Dewey, Mead and Park,” submitted for publication in *Sociological Forum: Journal of the Eastern Sociological Society*.

“The Ethos of Participatory and Deliberative Democracy in Rebuilding the Civil Sphere: Dewey, Mead, and Alexander,” resubmitted with revisions to *Planning Theory*.

Teaching Experience

Southern Connecticut State University, Sociology, New Haven, CT

Visiting Assistant Professor:

SOC 102: Critical Thinking (2011)

SOC 211: Social Problems (2011)

SOC 215: Women in Society (2011)

SOC 235: Environmental Sociology (2012)

SOC 367: Criminology and Cultural Pluralism (2011)

SOC 310: Race and Ethnic Relations (2010 and 2012)

SOC 380: Foundations in Social Theory (2010 and 2011)

SOC 480: Contemporary Social Theory (2012)

Queens College/CUNY, Sociology, Flushing, NY

Adjunct Assistant Professor:

SOC 101: General Introduction to Sociology (2006, 2009, 2010)

SOC 210: Modern Urban Community (2004, 2005, 2011)

SOC 211: Ethnic/Race Relations (2009)

SOC 214: Sociology of the Family (2004)

SOC 240: Visual Sociology (2010)

SOC 331: Foundations in Social Theory (2006)

SOC 351: Senior Seminar: Social Ecology/Field Study of the City (2010)

SOC 381: Senior Seminar: Cities and the Urban World (2011)

Milano The New School for Management & Urban Policy, New York, NY

Adjunct Assistant Professor:

MPLC 5042: Urban Environmental Policy (2011)

Rutgers University, Planning and Public Policy, New Brunswick, NJ

Adjunct Assistant Professor:

10:762:233: The Urban World/The City (2011)

Hunter College, Urban Affairs & Planning, New York, NY

Adjunct Instructor:

URBG 787: Neighborhood Development Strategies (2006)

Hofstra University, Sociology, Hempstead, NY

Adjunct Instructor:

SOC 4: Contemporary Social Problems (2005)

SOC 18: Social Theory and Social Problems (2005)

SOC 81: Research Methods (2005)

SOC 134: Racial Relations in the United States (2004)

SOC 34: Ethnicity and Minority Group Relations (2004)

Fordham University, Sociology, Bronx, NY

Teaching Fellow:

SORU 3062: Urban Planning & Community Development (2003)

SORP 3605: Diversity in the American Family (2003)

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

August 2011. “Rebuilding New York City after 9/11 – Ten Years Later,” blind-reviewed paper to be presented to the Political Sociology Section as part of a panel on “The Promises and Challenges of Deliberative Practice,” 2011 American Sociological Association Meetings (Las Vegas, NV).

July 2011. Invited Book Session: *Democracy Deferred: Civic Leadership after 9/11*, The Summer Institute for American Philosophy, University of Oregon (Eugene, OR).

June 2011. “George Herbert Mead on the Social Bases of Democracy,” invited paper presented at the 7th Annual American and European Values Conference on “The Social Theory of George Herbert Mead,” University of Opole (Opole, Poland).

March 2011. “Deepening Participatory Democracy in Rebuilding the Civil Sphere: Interweaving Pragmatism and Feminist Standpoint Theory,” blind-reviewed paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (Spokane, WA).

February 2011. “Rebuilding the City after 9/11: Why Civic Renewal Movements Need a Braided Rope of Social Democratic Theories,” blind-reviewed paper presented at the Annual Eastern Sociological Society Conference (Philadelphia, PA).

December 2010. “Rebuilding the City after 9/11: Why Civic Renewal Movements Need a Braided Rope of Social Democratic Theories,” invited presentation to the New York Pragmatist Forum (New York, NY).

October 2010. “Serving Several Masters: Sticky Points in the AICP Code of Ethics,” invited presentation to the American Planning Association’s Pennsylvania Chapter Annual Conference (Lancaster, PA).

August 2010. “Renewing the Pragmatist Roots of Participatory and Deliberative Democracy: Dewey, Mead, Park and Habermas,” blind-reviewed paper presented at Political Sociology Section Roundtable at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA).

March 2010. “Renewing the Pragmatist Roots of Participatory and Deliberative Democracy: Dewey, Mead, Park and Habermas,” blind-reviewed paper presented at the Annual Eastern Sociological Society Conference (Boston, MA).

March 2010. “The Ethos of Participatory and Deliberative Democracy in Rebuilding the Civil Sphere: Dewey, Mead, and Alexander,” blind-reviewed paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (Charlotte, NC).

October 2009. “Serving Several Masters: Sticky Points in the AICP Code of Ethics.” Invited presentation to the American Planning Association’s Upstate New York Chapter Annual Conference (Albany, New York).

August 2009. “Renewing the Pragmatist Roots of Participatory and Deliberative Democracy: Dewey, Mead and Park,” invited paper presented at the 2nd Annual Nordic Pragmatist Forum Conference on “Pragmatism in Society and Democracy” (Reykjavík, Iceland).

April 2009. “Does Citizen Participation Matter?” blind-reviewed presentation at the 2009 National Conference of the American Planning Association (Minneapolis, MN).

March 2009. “Renewing the Pragmatist Roots of Participatory and Deliberative Democracy: Dewey, Mead and Park,” blind-reviewed paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (College Station, TX).

August 2008. “The Ethos of Participatory and Deliberative Democracy in Rebuilding the Civil Sphere: Dewey, Mead, and Alexander,” blind-reviewed paper presented at the Political Sociology Section Roundtable on “Rebuilding the Civil Sphere” at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Boston, MA).

April 2006. “Citizen Voice in Rebuilding Lower Manhattan.” blind-reviewed paper presented at the 2006 National Conference of the American Planning Association (San Antonio, TX).

February 2006. “Citizen Voice in Rebuilding Lower Manhattan since 9/11,” blind-reviewed paper presented at the Annual Eastern Sociological Society Conference (Boston, MA).

August 2005. “A Braided Rope: Interweaving Three Theoretical Strands for a Vision of Democracy in Everyday Life,” blind-reviewed paper presented at the Political Sociology Section, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (Philadelphia, PA).

August 2005. “Lessons Learned For Rebuilding Lower Manhattan: W.E.B. Du Bois and The Chicago School Pragmatists,” blind-reviewed paper presented at a Community and Urban Sociology Section Roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA).

March 2005. “Participatory Democracy or Brokered Institutional Representation: Rebuilding Lower Manhattan and the Question of Citizen Voice,” blind-reviewed paper presented at the Annual Eastern Sociology Society Conference (Washington, DC).

August 2004. “Democratizing Lower Manhattan: Housing for Live/Work Neighborhoods,” blind-reviewed paper presented at a Community and Urban Sociology Section Roundtable, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (San Francisco, CA).

Professional Urban Planning Leadership Positions

Commissioner, Department of Planning, Environment, Land Management, Town of Brookhaven (Long Island), NY (2006-08).

Managing director of a professional staff of 90 members (technical and clerical) responsible for current and long range planning, including affordable housing and hamlet center mixed-use developments, transportation planning, environmental protection, open space acquisition, and engineering. Developed and managed the Department’s operating budget of \$17.5 million. Successfully launched the Town-wide Comprehensive Plan—*Brookhaven 2030*—with community-based citizen participation and a town-wide Steering Committee (10/07). Led eight successful community-based neighborhood visioning studies. Worked closely with elected and appointed officials, as well as civic leaders, developers and consultants to enhance the quality of life for all residents of this township with the land size of the State of Rhode Island and a growing population of almost 500,000.

Executive Director, Rebuild Downtown Our Town, New York, NY (2003–04).

On behalf of this post-9/11 civic renewal organization, organized public deliberation meetings and wrote reports on housing and the arts in Lower Manhattan that were included in *Beyond 16-Acres: Implementing a High Performance Lower Manhattan*, a

professional report of the Regional Plan Association and the Civic Alliance to Rebuild Downtown New York that was presented to the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the Governor of New York, and the Mayor of New York City.

Selected Professional Urban Planning Reports

2009. “Community Benefits Policy Paper,” written for the Town of Brookhaven (Long Island, NY) Department of Planning, Environment and Land Management to guide deliberation about a public policy governing required contributions of community benefits to offset disadvantages to local communities from large-scale land use projects.

2004. “Update of the 1995 Plan of Conservation and Development for the Town of Farmington (CT),” written for the Town’s Planning Department, the Town’s Plan and Zoning Commission, and the Town Council for this mid-size community of 24,000 residents approximately fifteen miles west of Connecticut’s capitol city of Hartford. With input and guidance from the Town and the Project’s Steering Committee, my firm created a locally tailored public participation approach that led to identification of innovative, sustainable solutions to meet the Town’s future housing, land use, community facilities, economic, mixed use office/retail, transportation, farmland, green space, environmental conservation, historic preservation, and neighborhood identity and revitalization needs.

2003. “The City of New Rochelle’s Intermodal Transportation Center,” a technical report to guide the final stage of implementation of a proposed \$15 million dollar multimodal transportation center consisting of linkages to commuter rail and buses, 900 parking spaces, and a small retail component, including environmental and site plan review as well as authorization of federal, state and county funding sources. This multimodal transportation center is now the cornerstone structure for an effective, on-going downtown re-development strategy in economically and racially diverse New Rochelle (NY), which depends on linking its people and economy both to New York City and to other parts of suburban Westchester County.

Professional Memberships

Member, American Sociological Association (ASA)
Member, Political Sociology Section (ASA)
Member, Community & Urban Sociology Section (ASA)
Member, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section (ASA)
Member, Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)
Member, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP)
Member, New York Pragmatist Forum (NYPF)
Director (2006-2010) and Member, American Planning Association (APA)
Member, American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), No. 010462

References

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