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### Academic positions

2006- Associate Professor, Sociology & Gender Studies, Mount Holyoke  
2002-2006 Associate Professor, Sociology, Mount Holyoke College  
1996-2002 Assistant Professor, Sociology, Mount Holyoke College  
1995-1996 Visiting Lecturer, Sociology, Rice University, Houston, TX  
1994-1995 Lecturer, Sociology, UCLA

### Education

PhD Sociology. University of California, Los Angeles. 12/96.  
MA Sociology. University of California, Los Angeles. 6/90.  
BA (First Class Hons.) Government. University of Queensland, Australia. 12/88.

### Areas of interest

Sociology of intellectuals; Media and the public sphere; Cultural sociology; Collective memory;  
History of sociology; Gender; Historical quantitative sociology; Teaching and learning

## Book

- 1998 Making Capitalism Without Capitalists: The New Ruling Elites in Eastern Europe (with Gil Eyal & Iván Szelényi). London: Verso.
1999. Hungarian publication, Korean rights sold.  
2000. Romanian publication.  
2001. Excerpted in David B. Grusky, ed., Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender. 2nd edition. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, pp. 852-858.  
2001. Paperback edition.  
2006. Chinese edition with new introduction.  
2006. Grusky anthology, Chinese edition

## Articles, Chapters, Reviews

- 2007 “The social construction of social facts: Using the U.S Census to examine race as a scientific and moral category”. Teaching Sociology forthcoming
- 2006 “The public intellectual trope in the United States”. The American Sociologist 37(3):39-66
- 2006 “You Are History of Sociology”. Timelines no. 7. History of Sociology newsletter. American Sociological Association
- 2005 “Memory and History at Mount Holyoke: Notes from the Archives”. Spoken Words. Mount Holyoke College.
- 2003 “On Irony: An Invitation to Neoclassical Sociology” (with Gil Eyal and Iván Szelényi). Thesis Eleven. No. 73 (May): 5-41.  
2002 republished in German in Berliner Journal für Soziologie  
2006 republished in Peter Beilharz, ed. Post-War American Critical Thought”. Sage Publications
- 2002 “Civil Society and the Professions in Eastern Europe by S. Wojciech Sokolowski” (book review). Contemporary Sociology 31(5):553-554.
- 2001 “The Sixties Trope”. Theory, Culture and Society. Vol. 18, No. 6, pp. 99-123.
- 2001 “The utopia of post-socialist theory and the ironic view of history in neo-classical sociology”. (With Gil Eyal & Iván Szelényi). American Journal of Sociology Vol. 106, No. 4, pp. 1121-1128. (See full Review Symposium on the book in this issue).
- 2000 “A History of Intellectuals and the Demise of the New Class: Academics and the U.S. Government in the 1960s”. Theory & Society Vol. 29, No. 6, pp. 739-784

- 1999 "Teaching the Dreaded Stats Requirement in Sociology: notes from the field." In Quantitative Teaching Resources, edited by Cynthia Rowan. Washington DC: American Sociological Association.
- 1998 "'Liberal' Academics and the U.S. Government in the 1960's". In Festschrift for Iván Szelényi on his 60th birthday. Edited by Éva Fodor and Lajos Ladanyi. Budapest: Budapest University of Economics.
- 1998 "Wives, Husbands, and Housework Reporting: Gender, Class, and Perceptions of Social Desirability" (With Julie Press). Gender and Society Vol. 12, No. 2, pp. 188-218.
- 1997 "Capitalism Without Capitalists: The Remaking of the Economic Institutions of State-Socialism". (With Gil Eyal & Iván Szelényi). New Left Review No. 222, March/April, pp. 60-92.
- 1997 "Time for Life by John P. Robinson and Geoffrey Godbey" (book review). Contemporary Sociology. Vol. 27, No. 3, pp. 51-52.
- 1995 "The Social Composition of the Communist Nomenklatura". (With Gil Eyal). Theory and Society. Vol. 24, No. 6, pp. 723-750.
- 1994 "Gender and the Economy". (With Ruth Milkman) Pp. 600-619 in Neil Smelser and Richard Swedberg, eds. Handbook of Economic Sociology. New York: Russell Sage and Princeton University Press.
- 1993 "Neighborhood Politics by Robert J. Dilger" (book review). American Journal of Sociology Vol. 99, No. 2, pp. 522-524.

In preparation/under review

"On the Communicative Geography of Public Sociology". (with Ron Jacobs) Canadian Journal of Sociology. Under review.

"Media intellectuals and the social space of opinion" (with Ron Jacobs). Book manuscript in progress

Other publications/research

2007. "Re-membering". In "Generations of Uncommon Women Together: Discovering Common Ground". ESSAY COLLECTION authored by the Mount Holyoke College Class of 1955.

- 2006 “Women in Science at Mount Holyoke”. (With Diiv Sternman, the Mount Holyoke Archives and the Sociology 224 class of Spring 2006). INSTALLATION at the Women in Medicine Exhibition, National Library Of Medicine. Mount Holyoke College, September 2006..
- 2004 “The Yellowcard Project”. (with sociology 224 and the MHC class of 1955). QUANTITATIVE DATA SET. Mount Holyoke College Archives  
<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/courses/etownsls/soc224/2004/project2.html>
- 2004 “Remembering Then, Celebrating Now: Sociology 224 Meets the MHC Class of 1955” (with sociology 224 and the MHC class of 1955). DVD, Mount Holyoke College Archives.  
<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/courses/etownsls/soc224/2004/project3a.html>
- 2004 “Expectations: The video reflection project” (with Alexis Lewis, Adrienne Shaw, Reece Gilbert, Holly Mead, Sara Belding, and Kristin Raines), VIDEO.  
<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/courses/etownsls/soc224/2004/project3b.html>
- 2001 “Survey of Current Ethics Requirement”. (With the students of Sociology 224, Fall 2000 and the Mount Holyoke Archives). QUANTITATIVE DATA SET.  
<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/courses/etownsls/soc224/2000/project2.html>
- 2001 “Change and Tradition at Mount Holyoke -- An interchange with retired faculty, staff & their partners.” (With the students of Sociology 224, Fall 2000 and the Mount Holyoke Archives). ANNOTATED ARCHIVAL TRANSCRIPT.  
<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/courses/etownsls/soc224/2000/project3.html>

#### Selected Talks/ Panels

- 2006 “Public Intellectuals and Public Sociologies: Comparative Perspectives on Canada and the United States” Invited talk, Thematic session. American Sociological Association, Montreal 2006
- 2006 “The Impact of the 1960s on the History of Sociology”. American Sociological Association, Montreal 2006
- 2006 “Social capital, women’s colleges and the public sphere”. Invited address, 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Mount Holyoke College class of 1956. (The talk has also been given to various alumna groups around the country.)
- 2005 “Tropes, the public intellectual, and the media” November Yale Culture Workshop
- 2005 “Memory and history at Mount Holyoke: notes from the archives”. Talk to the MHC Alumnae Association

- 2005 “Re-membering 1955”. Invited address, 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Mount Holyoke College class of 1955.
- 2005 “The Public Intellectual”, and “Media intellectuals and intellectual practices”, Lake Forest College Working Group, *Intellectuals and the Public*, June 8-12 2005
- 2004 “Disciplining the Social: Academic sociology in the 1960s.” Invited panel: The Impact of the 1960s and 1970s on American Sociology, American Sociological Association, San Francisco
- 2004 “Media Intellectuals and Public Sociology: The Case of Op-Eds in the *New York Times*” (with Ron Jacobs). American Sociological Association, San Francisco
- 2001 “The Sixties”. American Sociological Association, Washington DC.
- 2001 “Scholarship and Activism in the Discipline”. Five College Panel. University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2000 “Quantitative and Qualitative Logics in Archival Research”. Department of Sociology, Rice University.
- 2000 “A History of Intellectuals and the Demise of the New Class: Academics and the U.S. Government in the 1960s”. American Sociological Association, Washington DC
- 2000 “Representing Intellectuals and the New Class: Academic Professionalization in the 1960s”. Eastern Sociological Association, Baltimore
- 1999 Elected baccalaureate speaker, Mount Holyoke College
- 1999 “Introduction: Academics Troping ‘the Sixties’” and “Representing Intellectuals and the New Class”. Great Barrington Theory Group, Smith College
- 1999 “Teaching the Dreaded Stats Requirement in Sociology: notes from the field.” American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- 1999 “A History of Intellectuals and the Demise of the New Class: Academics and the U.S. Government in the 1960s”. Sociology Colloquium, Berkeley, April 1, 1999
- 1998 “The Transition in Eastern Europe”. Discussant, Eastern Sociological Association, Philadelphia.
- 1997 “Academics and the U.S. Government in the 1960s: The Myth of Liberal Influence”. American Sociological Association, Toronto.

- 1995 "U.S. Intellectuals and the Government in the 1960s". Social Science History, Chicago.
- 1995 "Yet Another Gender Gap: Reporting Housework Contributions". (With Julie Press). American Sociological Association, Washington DC.
- 1994 "The Social Composition of the Communist Nomenklatura: A Comparison of Russia, Poland, and Hungary". (With Gil Eyal). American Sociological Association Los Angeles
- 1993 "Gender and the Economy". (With Ruth Milkman.) Economic Sociology Conference, Russell Sage Foundation, New York, 1993.
- 1993 "Wives, Husbands, and Housework". American Sociological Association, Miami, Florida

Awards, Fellowships, Faculty Seminars

- 2006 Faculty Research Grant, "Media Intellectuals"
- 2006 Faculty Seminar, Data Analysis
- 2006 Faculty Seminar, First Year Advising
- 2005 Mount Holyoke Faculty Teaching Award
- 2005 Ellen Reese Research Grant (with Mary Tressider MHC '06) "Interwar Social Science"
- 2004 Faculty Research Grant for "Claiming intellectual authority"
- 2003-2004 Faculty Seminar, Identities
- 2003 Faculty Seminar, The Art of Reviewing
- 2003 Faculty Research Grant "Memorizing Mount Holyoke"
- 2001-2002 Faculty Seminar, Quantitative Reasoning
- 2001 Faculty Seminar, Writing Beyond the Academy
- 2000 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship
- 2000 Community Based Learning Grant for "Practicing Sociology", a new archival and fieldwork course in sociology.
- 2000 Faculty Seminar (organizer), Oral History

- 1998-1999 Faculty Research Grant “Academic Generations in the United States”
- 1998 Mellon Foundation Grant (web development for the curriculum)
- 1996 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Pacific Sociological Association
- 1996 Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award, American Association for Public Opinion Research
- 1996 Graduate Student Paper Award, Family Section, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 1995 Social Science Collegium Fellow, UCLA
- 1994-1995 Dissertation Fellowship, UCLA
- 1994 Luckman Campuswide Distinguished Teaching Award, UCLA
- 1993-1994 University Fellowship, UCLA
- 1991-1992 Connell Fellowship, UCLA
- 1990-1992 Graduate Division Work-Study Award, UCLA
- 1990-1996 University Tuition Fellowships, UCLA
- 1988 Commonwealth Scholarship for Post-Graduate Research

Service and Professional Activity

*Mount Holyoke College*

- 2005-2008 Faculty Conference Committee
- 2006 Gender Studies Search Committee
- 2005-2006 Chair, Sociology Search Committee
- 2005 Co-organizer, Five College Sociology Panel
- 2005 Faculty Seminar Participant: The New MHC Faculty. Evaluation
- 2004-2005 Women’s Studies Working Group
- 2002-2003 Educational Priorities Committee, Mount Holyoke College Plan for 2010

- 2001-2002      Academic Advisory Board
- 1999            Masterclass for Mount Holyoke College Admissions
- 1999-2000     Women's Studies Steering Committee
- 1998-2001     Student Fellowships Committee
- 1998-2000     Faculty Presentations: Web development for the curriculum (Mellon web grant) Mount Holyoke and Amherst colleges

*Office-holding*

- 2006-2009     International Sociological Association, History of Sociology, Council
- 2006-2007     American Sociological Association, History of Sociology section, Chair
- 2000-2004     American Sociological Association, History of Sociology, Council
- 2004-           American Sociological Association, History of Sociology section  
Webmistress (with Mikaila Arthur MHC '00)
- 1998-1999     Society for the Study of Social Problems, Family Section, Chair

*Reviewing*

Books: Minnesota University Press, Mayfield Publishing, Oxford University Press.

Manuscripts/book reviews: American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Contemporary Sociology, European Sociological Review, Journal of Sociology, Slavic Review, Theory & Society, Sex Roles

Grants: National Endowment for the Humanities