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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Virginia, June 1980
A.M. New School for Social Research, December 1977
A.B. State University of New York, Brockport, December 1972

EMPLOYMENT

1992	Professor of Sociology, University at Albany
1986-1991	Associate Professor of Sociology University at Albany, State University of New York
1983-1985	Assistant Professor of Sociology University at Albany, State University of New York
1980-1983	Assistant Professor of Sociology, New Mexico State University

TEACHING AND WRITING INTERESTS

Social Theory, Culture, Sexuality, Democracy, Modern Colonialism and Nationalism

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Liberalism and the Origins of European Social Theory (Berkeley: University of California Press. 1983).

Le Liberalisme et La Theorie Sociale en Europe (Paris, Presses Universitaires de France, 1987).

Jurgen Habermas on Society & Politics. Edited and Introduction by Steven Seidman (Boston: Beacon Press, 1989).

Culture and Society: Contemporary Debates. Edited with Introductions by Jeffrey Alexander and Steven Seidman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990).

[*Spanish translation in Progress*]

[*Chinese translation, 1998*]

[*Romanian translation 2002*]

[*Turkish translation in progress*]

Postmodernism and Social Theory, Edited with an Introduction by Steven Seidman and David Wagner (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1992).

Romantic Longings: Love in America, 1830-1980 (New York, Routledge, 1991).

[*Japanese translation, 1995*]

Embattled Eros: Sexual Politics and Ethics in Contemporary America (New York: Routledge, 1992).

The Postmodern Turn. Edited with an Introduction by Steven Seidman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994).

[*Chinese Translation 2002*]

Contested Knowledge: Social Theory in the Postmodern Era (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1994).

Contested Knowledge, 2nd Edition, 1998.

[*Chinese Translation in Progress*]

[*Korean Translation 2000*]

Contested Knowledge: 3rd Edition 2004

Social Postmodernism, Edited with an Introduction by Linda Nicholson and Steven Seidman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995).

Queer Theory/Sociology, Edited with an Introduction by Steven Seidman (Oxford: Blackwell, 1996).

Difference Troubles: Queering Social Theory and Sexual Politics (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997).

The New Social Theory: Contemporary Debates, Edited by Steven Seidman and Jeff Alexander (N.Y.: Routledge, 2001).

Handbook of Lesbian and Gay Studies. Edited by Diane Richardson and Steven Seidman [London: Sage, 2002].

Beyond the Closet: The Transformation of Gay and Lesbian Life [Routledge, 2002]

The Social Construction of Sexuality. [W.W. Norton 2003]

Sex and Society, Edited By S. Seidman, N. Fischer, C. Meeks [Routledge, Forthcoming].

ARTICLES

"A Note on the Weber-Durkheim Unawareness Puzzle," European Journal of Sociology 18 (Spring 1977), p. 356.

"Capitalism and Individuation in the Sociology of Max Weber," (with Michael Gruber) British Journal of Sociology 28 (December 1977), pp. 498-508.

"The Enlightenment and the Origins of Modern Social Theory, Journal of the History of Sociology 5 (Spring 1983), pp. 66-90.

"Beyond Presentism and Historicism: Understanding the History of Social Science," Sociological Inquiry 53 (Winter 1983), pp. 79-93.

"Modernity, Meaning, and Cultural Pessimism in Max Weber," Sociological Analysis 44\ (Winter 1983), pp. 267-278.

"Comments on Dwight Read's An Algebraic Account of the American Kinship Terminology," Current Anthropology 25 (August-October 1984), p. 443.

"The Main Aim and Thematic Structures of Weber's Sociology," Canadian Journal of Sociology 9 (Fall 1984), pp. 82-104.

"Weber's Turn to Sociology: A Reply to Horst Helle." Canadian Journal of Sociology 10 (Spring 1985), pp. 202-206.

"The Historicist Controversy: A Critical Review with a Defense of a Revised Presentism." A Symposium with Robert Alun Jones, R. Stephen Warner, and Stephen Turner. Sociological Theory 3 (Spring 1985), pp. 13-17.

"Modernity and the Problem of Meaning: The Durkheimian Tradition," Sociological Analysis 45 (Summer 1985), pp. 109-130.

"Classics and Contemporaries: A Reconsideration of the History and Systematics Distinction: With comments by Robert Alun Jones and Robert Merton." History of Sociology 6 (Fall 1985), pp. 121-135.

"Is There Theoretical Growth in Sociology: Comment on Wagner and Berger." American Journal of Sociology 92 (1986), pp. 164-168.

"Models of Scientific Development," Humboldt Journal of Sociology 15 (Fall/Winter 1987-1988), pp. 119-139.

"Transfiguring Sexual Identity: AIDS & the Contemporary Construction of Homosexuality."

Social Text 19/20 (Fall 1988), pp. 187-205.

Reprinted in Homosexuality & Medicine, Health & Science, edited by W. Dyars (Hamden, CT: Garland, 1992).

Reprinted in The New American Cultural Sociology, ed. P. Smith. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.

Reprinted in Sexualities in History Reader, ed. K. Phillips and B. Reay (London: Routledge, 2001)

Reprinted in Queer Studies: An Interdisciplinary Reader, ed. Robert Corber and..Oxford: Blackwell, 2002.

"The Case of Antigay Politics." Dissent (Fall, 1988), pp. 487-489.

"Sexual Attitudes of Victorian and Post-Victorian Women: Another Look at the Mosher Survey." Journal of American Studies 23 (April 1989), pp. 68-72.

"Constructing Sex as a Domain of Pleasure and Self-Expression: Sexual Ideology in the Sixties." Theory, Culture & Society 6 (May 1989), pp. 293-315.

Reprinted in Love and Eroticism, ed. M. Featherstone (London: Sage, 1999).

"The Dangers of Pleasure & The Power of Desire: Victorian Sexuality Reconsidered." Journal of Social History 24 #1 (Fall, 1990), pp. 47-67.

Reprinted and translated in Historia: Questnese Debates (1993).

"Against Theory as a Foundationalist Discourse." Perspectives 13 (April 1990); "The Dream of Reason: A Response to My Critics," Perspectives (Oct. 1990).

Reprinted....

"Social Theory as Narrative with a Moral Intent: A Postmodern Intervention," pp. 47-81, Postmodernism and Social Theory. Edited by Steven Seidman and David Wagner (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1991).

"The End of Sociological Theory: The Postmodern Hope." Sociological Theory 9 (Fall 1991), pp. 131-146.

Reprinted in Contemporary Sociological Theory, Ed. Donald McQualie (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1994).

Reprinted in The Postmodern Turn, Ed. S. Seidman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994).

Reprint, Contemporary Sociological Thought, ed. S. Hier. Canadian Scholars' Press [forthcoming].

"Postmodern Anxiety: The Politics of Epistemology." Sociological Theory 9 (Fall 1991), pp. 180-190.

"Word Power: Is Rhetoric all there is?" Sociological Theory 10 (Fall 1992)

"Identity and Politics in a Postmodern Gay Culture," Fear of a Queer Planet, ed. Michael Warner (Minneapolis, Minn.: University of Minnesota Press, 1993).

Reprinted in Multicultural Experiences, Multicultural Theories, ed. Mary Rogers. N.Y.: McGraw-Hill, 1995.

"Heterosexism in America," in Social Problems, ed. Craig Calhoun and George Ritzer (N.Y.: McGraw-Hill, 1993).

"Deconstructing Queer Theory or the Under-Theorization of the Social and the Ethical," Social Postmodernism, ed. L. Nicholson and Steven Seidman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995).

"Sociology/Queer theory: A Dialogue" Sociological Theory (July 1994).

Reprinted in Queer Theory/Sociology {Blackwell: 1996}

Reprinted in Social Theory: Roots and Branches (Roxbury, 1999)

Reprinted in Michelle Zeitler, ed. Sex and Sociology

Reprinted in Queer theory: Sexuality in Western Thought [Chinese 2000]

Reprinted in Contemporary Sociological Theories [Open University Press, Israel, 2004]

"Queer Pedagogy/Queering Sociology" Critical Sociology (October 1994).

"Relativizing Sociology: The Challenge of Cultural Studies," in Cultural Studies Vol. 1 (1996).

Reprinted in Sociology and Cultural Studies, ed. Elizabeth Long (Oxford: Blackwell, 1997).

"Gay Amsterdam: een Mislukt Utopia?" Krisis 57 (1994): 69-71.

"Verschil en democratie in het Westen: conceptuele en vergelijkende observaties." Krisis (Sept. 1995): 60-74

["Difference and Democracy in Western Societies: Some Comparative and Conceptual Observations"]

"The Political Unconscious of the Human Sciences." Sociological Quarterly 37 (Fall 1996): 699-719.

"Pragmatism and Sociology: A Response to Clough, Denzin, & Richardson," Sociological Quarterly 37(Fall 1996): 753-759.

“Are We All in the Closet: Notes Towards a Sociological and Cultural Turn in Queer Theory.”
European Journal of Cultural Studies Vol. 1 (May 1998).

Reprinted in R. Friedland and J. Mohr, eds. The Cultural Turn (Cambridge, 2004).

Reprinted in C. Lemert, ed. Multicultural Social Theory, 2nd ed. (Boulder, Co: Westview, 1999).

“Contesting Moral Boundaries: Sexual Conflicts in Late Twentieth Century America,”
N.Smelser and J. Alexander, eds., Social Diversity and Cultural Conflict: Is Solidarity Possible?
(Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999).

Reprinted in Sexualities: Critical Assessments, ed. K. Plummer. Routledge 2001.

“Edward Said’s Orientalism,” in Required Reading: Sociology’s Most Influential Books, ed. D. Clawson (Amh

Reprint of the “Introduction” to Social Postmodernism. In J. Alexander et al. The Classical Tradition in Sociology. (London: Sage, 1998).

[with Chet Meeks and Francie Traschen], “Beyond the Closet? The Changing Social Meaning of Homosexuality in the U.S.” Sexualities 2 [feb 1999]: 9-34.

Reprinted in C. Williams and A. Stein, eds. Sexuality: A Reader. Blackwell: 2002.

Reprinted in M. Kimmel and R. Plante, eds. Sexualities. Oxford 2004.

“From Identity to Queer Politics: Shifts in the Social Logic of Normative Heterosexuality.” In The New Social Theory, ed. S. Seidman and J. Alexander [NY: Routledge, 2001].

Reprinted in Transformation of Modern Society, ed. M. Carleheden and M. Jacobsen. 2001.

Reprinted in Social Thought and Research [Vol. 24 2002]

Reprinted as “The Politics of Sexual Citizenship.” Citizenship Studies 5[3]. Spring 2001.

Reprint from Difference Troubles. Ken Plummer, ed. Towards a Sociology of Sexualities. NY: Routledge, 2001.

Reprint from Difference Troubles. D. Carlin and J. Degraza, eds. Queer Culture. NJ: Prentice-Hall, forthcoming

Reprint From Romantic Longings. Sue Scott and Stevi Jackson, eds. Gender: A Reader. London: Routledge 2001.

Reprint from Romantic Longings. Tracy Steele, Sex, Self and Society. Wadsworth. 2004.

“The end of an era” Perspectives [ASA Theory Section newsletter] Oct. 2003

From Outsider to Citizen in *The State and Sexuality: International Perspectives*, ed. E. Bernstein

and L Schaffer [Routledge, 2005]

“From the Polluted Homosexual to Normal Gay: Changing Patterns of Sexual Regulation in America” PP. 39-61. In *The Heterosexual Studies Reader*, ed. C. Ingraham [NY: Routledge, 2005].

“Forward” *Fuori dalla citta invisibile: Omosessualita, identita e mutamento sociale* [Out of the invisible city: Homosexuality, Identity, and social change]. Ed. Cirus Rinaldi. Palermo: Ila Palma [2004].

Forward, *Contested Terrain of LGBT Studies and Queer Theory*, ed. J. Elia, K. Lovaas, and G. Yep [Haworth Press, 2005]

Forward, *Standing Out, Standing Together*, .Melinda Miceli [Routledge 2005].

Interviewed, *E-Magazine of Persian Gays and Lesbians* [Farsi] 2005.

Interviewed, *Sex Matters*, ed. Mindy Strombly et al. McGraw-Hill 2004.

REVIEW ESSAYS

"Max Weber: A Classic Analyzed." A review of three books on Max Weber.
Contemporary Sociology 14 (Nov. 1985).

Wolfgang Mommsen. Max Weber and German Politics, 1890-1920. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1985. Reviewed in Society 23 (March/April 1986).

"The Tedium of General Theory." Contemporary Sociology 18 (July 1989).

"John D'Emilio and Estelle Freedman. *Intimate Matters: A History of Sexuality in America*.
Journal of Social History (Winter 1990).

"Empire and Knowledge: More Troubles, New Opportunities For Sociology, an Essay on Said's Orientalism. Contemporary Sociology V. 25 (May 1996).

“The British are Coming...Again.” Review essay on 3 recent books on the sociology of sexuality. Sexualities 1 [Winter 1998].

“Disappearance of the Male Homosexual?” [with Margareta Bertilsson]. Acta Sociologica 43 2000: 165-175.

“Bringing Empire Back In,” Contemporary Sociology. Forthcoming.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Associate Editor, The Sociological Quarterly, 1993-

Associate Editor, Sociological Theory, 1992-1994.

Associate Editor, Cultural Studies, 1996-

Editorial Board, Sexualities, 1997-

Associate Editor, European Journal of Cultural Studies, 1996-

Associate Editor, Sociological Forum, 1996-

Associate Editor, Current Perspectives in Social Theory, 2000-

Editorial Board, Cultural Studies, Cultural Methods, 2000-

Editorial Board, Gender and Society, 2000-2003

Editorial Board, The Sociological Review, 2001-

Consulting Editor, American Journal of Sociology, 2002-2003

Editorial Board, Queeries: A Journal of Queer Studies, 2002-

Guest Editor, Sociological Theory. Special Issue on Queer Theory and Sociology. July 1994.

Series Co-editor, "Cultural Social Studies," Cambridge University Press, 1991-.
[published over 40 volumes]

Series Editor, "Twenty-First Century Sociology," Blackwell Publishers, 1997-.
[published 5 vols, signed 14 vols]

Co-editor, "Perspectives," (ASA Theory Section Newsletter), 1995-1997.

Council, ASA Theory Section-1992-97

Co-Founder and Chair, ASA "Sociology of Sexualities" Section, 1997-98.

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

1983 "Beyond Presentism and Historicism Understanding the History of Sociology,"
International Sociological Association

1984 Roundtable Organizer, "Theory and History." American Sociological Association
(ASA)

1984 Roundtable Presentation, ASA, Theory section.

1985 "Cultural Analysis" ASA, Theory section.

1986 Roundtable Presentation, "Ideology and Power," ASA Theory section

1992 "Postmodernism and Social Theory" ASA.

1992 "Critical Perspectives on the European Classics" NYS Sociological Association, Syracuse.

1993 Organizer, Open Submission Topics, "Culture" ASA.

1993 Presider, "Theorizing Culture" ASA.

1993 Organizer, "The Sociological Production of Culture" ASA.

1993 Organizer, "Culture and Power" ASA.

1993 Organizer, Presider, "Postmodernism and Democracy" ASA.

1993 "Identity Politics, Postmodernism, and The Making of a Democratic Culture" ASA.

1993 Discussant, "Voices From the Margins: Theorizing Against the Canon" ASA.

1993 Presider & Discussant, "Postmodernism and Symbolic Interactionism." Eastern Sociological Society.

1994 "Cultural Studies" ASA.

1994 "Politics of Knowledge" ASA.

1994 "Queer Theory & Identity," ESS.

1995 "Cultural Sociology" ASA.

1996 "Difference & Democracy" Eastern Sociological Meetings.

1996 "Psychoanalysis and Social theory" Eastern Sociological Meetings.

1996 Discussant, "T.V., theory, & Sex in Writings of Patricia Clough," ASA.

1997 Organizer, "Identity and Society," ASA

1997 "Closet Anxieties," ASA

2002 "Author meets Critics [Beyond the Closet]" Eastern Sociological Meetings

2004. Thematic Panel, Queer Publics, ASA

INVITED LECTURES

Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 1985.

"Nation-Building and Social Theory," University of Chicago, 1986.

"Modernity and Theory," University of Toronto, 1987.

"Philosophy Today Talks," Vassar College, 1990.

"Liberalism and Social Theory," New School for Social Research, 1991.

"The End of Social Theory," Theory, Culture & Society Conference, Penn., 1992.

"Erotic Cultures," Conference, NYU, 1992.

Academic Knowledge and Political Power, University of Maryland, 1993.

Panel, "Foucault" New School for Social for Social Research, April 1994.

"Politics of Knowledge," Anthropology Speakers Forum, SUNY-Albany, 1994.

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, March 1994.

"Validity, Truth and Method in Contemporary," University of Illinois, May 1994.

"From Gay Ethnicity to Queer Politics," 'Constructing Sexuality' Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 1994.

"Sociology After Deconstruction," Social Theory Conference, San Diego, August 1994.

"The Political Unconscious of the Human Sciences," Wellesley College,
October 1994.

"Deconstructing Queer Theory," Queer Theory Conference, University of Iowa, Nov., 1994.

"Colloquium on American Studies, Washington State University, February 1994.

Center for Critical Cultural Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, February 1995.

Graduate Student Conference, Washington State University, February 1995.

Three Day Seminar on my work, Colorado State University, April 1995.

Colegio Universitasio Sogrado Corazon, Puerto Rico, May 1995.

Amsterdam School for Social Science Research, May 1995.

University of Nijmegen, May 1995.

"Inaugural Lecture" de Balie, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 1995.

"Discipline, Disciplinarity & Post-Disciplinarity," Learned Societies Conference, Montreal Canada, June, 1995.

"The Future of Social Theory," Queens College, Feb., 1996.

"Theorizing the Closet," Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, CUNY, April 1996.

"Theory Today," City University, London, UK, June 1996.

"Difference and Democracy," Political Philosophy Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sept. 1996

"Sexual Difference in Late 20th America," Conference on Diversity and Social Conflict at The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Oct. 17-19, 1996.

"Cultural Politics of Love," European University, Florence, Italy, Oct. 1996.

"The 'Closet' in the U.S. Today," Cultural Studies Colloquium, University of California, Santa Barbara, Feb. 1996.

"Cultural Studies & Sociology" Cultural Sociology Conference, UCSB, Feb. 1997.

Multiculturalism and Ethics, Erasmus University, May 5-7, 1997.

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, and Middle East Technical University, May 1997.

"Sociology and the Politics of Social Justice," Yale, October, 1997.

"Closet Anxieties: Sociological Ironies of Normative Heterosexuality." University of Victoria, October, 1997.

"Closet Anxieties: Sociological Ironies of Normative Heterosexuality." Sociological Speakers Series, October, 1997.

"Between the Politics of Identity and Queer Politics: The Sociological Meaning of Sexual Politics Today," Arizona State University, November, 1997.

"The Declining Significance of the Closet." Political Science Colloquium, SUNY-Albany, October, 1997.

Rice University, February, 1998.

"Analyzing Normative Heterosexuality," Public Lecture, University of San Francisco, March 1998.

Representation and Resistance, University of Southern California, December 1998

University of Hawaii, Feb. 1999

University of Akron, April 1999

“Social Logic of Normative Heterosexuality” New School for Social Research, April 1999

Leeds University, UK, June 1999

Institute of Sociology, Copenhagen University, Sept. 1999

Syracuse University, Oct. 1999

Hartwick College, April 2000

Conference on State and Sexuality, Onati, Spain, June 2000

Panel, ‘ Whither Gay Culture? ’ The New School, October 2000

Talk, University of Chicago. Oct. 2001.

University of Amsterdam. Dec. 2001; conference on sex and madness.

On social theory today, University of Wisconsin, Madison Oct. 2001

Beyond the closet. CUNY Oct 2002

Beyond the closet, University of Maryland, 2003

Beyond the Closet Readings at Barnes and Noble Reading, Chelsea, NYC, 2003

Princeton, Dec. 2003

Yale, Dec. 2003

University of Michigan, Oct., 2004

Tulane University, Oct. 2004

University of Palermo, Italy. Dec. 2004

University of Conn. Oct. 2004

AWARDS

Excellence in Research Award, University at Albany, 2003

Simon and Gagnon Award for scholarly contributions to the sociology of sexualities, 2003

HONORS

Keynote, "Erotic Cultures." NYU February, 1992.

Keynote, "Constructing Sexualities." Amsterdam, Holland, June, 1994.

Keynote, "Multiculturalism." Washington State University, February, 1995.

Inaugural Lecture. Public Lecture Series on Ethnicity and Nationalism in Europe and the U.S. Amsterdam, Holland, May, 1995.

Visiting Distinguished Professor, Erasmus University, Holland, May, 1997.

Lansdowne Scholar, University of Victoria. Canada, October, 1997.

Keynote, Crossroads of Cultural Studies Conference, Finland, July 1998.

Clark Lecture, University of Kansas, September 1998.

Keynote, Hawaii State Sociological Association, Feb. 1999

Keynote, British Sociological Association, Glasgow April 1999

Keynote, AKD Awards Banquet, University of Akron, April 1999

Howard Beers Lecture, University of Kentucky, April 1999

Keynote, "Citizenship Conference," University of Leeds, UK, June 1999

Visiting Distinguished Professor, Copenhagen University Sept. 20-26, 1999.

Keynote, "Transformation of Modernity" Conference, Institute for Social Research, Aalborg, Denmark, Sept. 27, 1999

Invited Keynote, "Narratives for the New Millenium" Conference, University of Adelaide, Australia, Feb. 2000

Hardy Chair Lecture, Hartwick College, April 2000

Keynote, Marking Boundaries Conference, SUNY-Buffalo, March 2001

Havens Center Visiting Scholar, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Oct. 2001

Keynote, Lesbian/Gay Pride Week, California Polytechnic State University, May 2004