

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. Department of Sociology, University of California,  
Berkeley, 1974.**

**M.A. Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 1970.**

**B.A. Columbia College, Sociology and History, magna cum laude, 1968.**

### **EMPLOYMENT**

**Acting Chair, Department of Sociology, UC Davis, 1999-2000.**

**Chair, Department of Sociology, UC Davis, 1992-96.**

**Professor, Department of Sociology, UC Davis, 1990-**

**Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 1988-1990.**

**Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 1980-1988.**

**Secondary Appointment, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Pennsylvania,  
1985-1990.**

**Secondary Appointment, Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania, 1982-  
86.**

**Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 1974-1980.**

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley,  
1977-78.**

**Instructor, Department of Sociology, California State University at San Francisco, 1971-72.**

### **HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

**Elected to Sociological Research Association, 2000.**

**Distinguished Scientific Visitor, Republic of China, March 1995.**

**Finalist for the C. Wright Mills Award of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1991.**

**Socialist Review Book Award, 1987.**

**Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Science, Fellowship offered 1986.**

**German Marshall Fund Fellowship, 1986-87.**

**Spencer Foundation Research Grant, 1976-77.**

**Special Career Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 1968-73.**

### **BOOKS**

**The Vampire State and Other Myths and Fallacies about the U.S. Economy. New Press, 1996.**

**Postindustrial Possibilities: A Critique of Economic Discourse, University of California Press, 1990.  
Korean edition, 1994.**

**The Mean Season: The Attack on the Welfare State. New York: Pantheon, 1987. (with Richard A. Cloward, Barbara Ehrenreich, and Frances Fox Piven)**

**Revising State Theory: Essays in Politics and Postindustrialism, Temple University Press, 1987.**

**The Origins of International Economic Disorder: A Study of United States International Monetary Policy from World War II to the Present, University of California Press, 1977.  
Spanish edition, Fondo de Cultura Economica, Mexico, 1980.**

## ARTICLES

“Speenhamland,” entry in Alice O’Connor and Wendy Mink, eds., Poverty and Social Welfare in the United States: An Encyclopedia, forthcoming.

“The State and the Economy,” with Peter Evans in Neil Smelser and Richard Swedberg, eds., Handbook of Economic Sociology, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, forthcoming.

“Organizing vs. Mobilizing: Poor People’s Movements after Twenty-Five Years,” Perspectives on Politics, forthcoming.

“The Global Economy in the Bush Era,” Socio-Economic Review, December 2003.

“Karl Polanyi and the Writing of The Great Transformation,” Theory and Society, June 2003.

“In the Shadow of Speenhamland: Social Policy and the Old Poor Law,” with Margaret Somers, Politics & Society, June 2003.

“Rethinking ‘Capitalism’,” in Nicole Woolsey Biggart, ed., Economic Sociology, Blackwell, 2002.

“Policy History: State and Economy,” International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2001.

“Using social theory to leap over historical contingencies: A comment on Robinson,” Theory and Society, April 2001.

“Introduction” to the new paperback edition of Karl Polanyi, The Great Transformation, Beacon Press, 2001.

“Economic Institutions,” revised article for Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd Edition, 2000.

“Deconstructing Capitalism as a System,” Rethinking Marxism, Fall 2000.

“Disorderly Coordination: The Limited Capacities of States and Markets,” Leonardo Burlamaqui, Ana Celia Castro, and Ha-Joon Chang, eds., Institutions and the Role of the State, Edward Elgar, 2000.

“Introduction” to republication of “Contradictions of Capitalism as a World System”. Critical Sociologist Volume 25 Number 2/3 (July): 143-146.

“Reforming the Labor Market Through Guaranteed Incomes: A U.S. Perspective,” (with Jeff Manza) in Jonathan Michie and Angelo Reati, eds., Employment and Unemployment,

Edward Elgar, 1998.

“Could We Eliminate Poverty in a Postindustrial Society?: The Case for a Progressive Negative Income Tax,” (with Jeff Manza), Politics & Society, 1997.

“Alternatives: Qualitative Growth,” in Neva R. Goodwin, Frank Ackerman, and David Kiron, eds., The Consumer Society, Island Press, 1996. (Reprinted from Postindustrial Possibilities.)

“Finance and Market Socialism,” in Erik Wright, ed., Equal Shares: Making Market Socialism Work Verso, 1996.

“Controlling Global Finance,” World Policy Journal, Fall 1996. Revised version appears in Kenneth McRobbie and Kari Polanyi Levitt, eds., Karl Polanyi in Vienna: The Contemporary Significance of the Great Transformation. Black Rose, 2000.

“A Second Paradox of Thrift: Investment Strategies and the Future,” in Neva Goodwin, ed., Motivating People to Act as if the Future Mattered, University of Michigan Press, 1996.

“Did Household Saving Really Decline in the Reagan Years ?” Review of Radical Political Economy, December 1995.

“The Roles of the State in the Economy,” in Neil Smelser and Richard Swedberg, eds. Handbook of Economic Sociology, Princeton University Press, 1994.

“Ku Rekonstrukcji Rynku,” (Towards Market Reconstruction) Przegląd Społeczny, 1993, nos. 11-12.

“Beyond Impasse: New Strategies of Economic and Social Reform,” Dissent, Spring 1993. Reprinted in Frank Roosevelt and David Belkin, eds., Why Market Socialism ? M.E. Sharpe, 1994 and in William F. Grover and Joseph G. Peschek, eds., Voices of Dissent: Critical Readings in American Politics, 3rd edition, Addison Wesley Longman, 1999.

“Capitalism Without Class Power,” Politics & Society, September 1992. French translation in Actuel Marx no. 14, 1993.

“The Myth of a Savings Shortage,” (with Robert Heilbroner), The American Prospect, April 1992. Reprinted in Thomas R. Swartz and Frank J. Bonello, Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Economic Issues, Seventh Edition, McGraw-Hill, 1995.

“Economic Institutions,” entry for the Encyclopedia of Sociology, Macmillan, 1992.

“Mirrors and Metaphors: The United States and Its Trade Rivals,” in Alan Wolfe, ed.,

**America At Century's End, University of California Press, 1991.**

**"Contradictions of Self-Regulating Markets," in Marguerite Mendell and Daniel Salee, eds., The Legacy of Karl Polanyi, St. Martin's, 1991.**

**"Contradictions of Capitalist Success," Dissent, Winter 1991.**

**"Bad Data Drive out Good: The Decline of Personal Savings Reexamined," Journal of Post Keynesian Economics, Fall 1990. Reprinted in Thomas R. Swartz and Frank J. Bonello, eds., Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Economic Issues, Sixth Edition, Dushkin Press, 1993.**

**"Capitalism versus Socialism in World System Theory," Review: A Journal of the Fernand Braudel Center, Spring 1990.**

**"Empire and Domestic Reform," Radical History Review, Fall 1989.**

**"Modernity, Democracy and the Problem of Authority," in Harold Bershad, ed., Social Class and Democratic Leadership, University of Pennsylvania Press, 1989.**

**"Rethinking Responses to Economic Distress: A Critique of Full Employment," in Pat Voydanoff and Linda Majka, Families and Economic Distress: Coping Strategies and Social Policy, Sage, 1988.**

**"The Politics of New-Style Workfare," (with John Noakes), Socialist Review, July-Sept., 1988.**

**"Social Policy and Accumulation: A Critique of the New Consensus," in Gosta Esping-Andersen, Lee Rainwater, and Martin Rein, eds., Stagnation and Renewal in Social Policy, M.E. Sharpe, 1987.**

**"Productivity as a Social Problem: The Sociology of Social Indicators," (with Gene A. Burns), American Sociological Review, (December 1986) 51:6.**

**"Political Choice and the Multiple 'Logics' of Capital," Theory and Society, 15:1-2, 1986. Reprinted with revisions in Sharon Zukin and Paul Dimaggio, eds, Structures of Capital: The Social Organization of the Economy, Cambridge University Press, 1990.**

**"Post-industrial Development and the Obsolescence of Economic Categories," Politics & Society 14:1, 1985.**

**"Technological Change and Employment: New Perspectives on an Old Controversy," Economia & Lavoro, July-September, 1984.**

**"Beyond the Economic Fallacy: The Holistic Social Science of Karl Polanyi," (with Margaret Somers) in Theda Skocpol, ed., Vision and Method in Historical Sociology, Cambridge Univ. Press, 1984.**

**"The Political Perils of Full Employment," Socialist Review, May-June, 1984. French translation in Autogestion 19, 1985.**

**"The Myth of Reindustrialization," Socialist Review, Jan.-Feb., 1984.**

**"The Fiscal Crisis of the Capitalist State," Annual Review of Sociology, vol. 7, 1981.**

**"Economic Instability and Military Strength: The Paradoxes of the 1950 Rearmament Decision," Politics & Society 10:1, 1980. Reprinted in Charles Kegley and Eugene Wittkopf, eds., The Sources of American Foreign Policy, St. Martin's Press, 1983, in G. John Ikenberry, ed., American Foreign Policy: Theoretical Essays, 2nd edition, Harper Collins, 1996 and 3rd edition, Addison Wesley Longman, 1999.**

**"Beyond Relative Autonomy: State Managers as Historical Subjects," Socialist Register, 1980. Reprinted in New Political Science, Fall 1981.**

**"New Productive Forces and the Contradictions of Contemporary Capitalism: A Post-Industrial Perspective," (with Larry Hirschhorn), Theory and Society, May-June, 1979.**

**"Cooperation and Conflict in the Capitalist World Economy," Marxist Perspectives, Spring, 1979. Reprinted in revised form in Holly Sklar, ed., Trilateralism, South End Press, 1981.**

**"The Stalemate of European Capitalism: Eurocommunism and the Postwar Order," Socialist Review, Jan.-Feb., 1979. Reprinted in Carl Boggs and David Plotke, eds., The Politics of Eurocommunism, South End Press, 1980.**

**"The New Left Grows Up," Working Papers for a New Society, Sept.-Oct., 1978.**

**"Class Consciousness and Capitalist Rationalization: A Reply to Critics," Socialist Review, July-Oct., 1978.**

**"The Ruling Class Does Not Rule," Socialist Revolution, May-June, 1977. Reprinted in Richard Quinney, ed., Capitalist Society: Readings for a Critical Sociology Dorsey Press, 1979, in Thomas Ferguson and Joel Rogers, eds. The Political Economy: Readings in the Politics and Economics of American Public Policy, M.E. Sharpe, 1984, in Unfinished Business: Twenty Years of Socialist Review, London: Verso, 1991, in John Roemer, ed., Foundations of Analytic Marxism, vol. 2, Edward Elgar Publishing, 1994, in Theda Skocpol and John L. Campbell, eds, American Society and Politics: Comparative, Historical, and Theoretical Perspectives, McGraw-Hill, 1994, and in Eva Etzioni-Halevy,**

ed., Classes and Elites in Democracy and Democratization, Garland, 1997. Spanish translation published in En Theoria, April-June, 1981. Swedish translation in Haften for Kritiska Studier, no. 3, 1984.

"Beyond Corporate Liberalism," Social Problems, Feb., 1977.

"Food Prices," (with David Plotke), Socialist Revolution, July-August, 1973. Reprinted in part in David Mermelstein, ed., The Economic Crisis Reader, Vintage, 1975.

"Contradictions of Capitalism as a World System," The Insurgent Sociologist, Winter, 1975.

"Implications for Applied Sociology of Alternative Sociological Perspectives," Catalyst, Winter, 1973.

"The International Monetary Crisis," (with Larry Hirschhorn) Socialist Revolution, Sept.-Oct., 1972.

"Expanding Capitalism: The British and American Cases," Berkeley Journal of Sociology, 1970.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"The 'Thing' Economy and the 'Care' Economy," Alternet.org, November 10, 2003.

"The Right's Moral Trouble." The Nation. September 30, 2002.

"Why Pay Bill Gates?" symposium contribution, Boston Review, October/November, 2000. Reprinted in Joshua Cohen and Joel Rogers, eds., What's Wrong with a Free Lunch? Boston: Beacon, 2001.

Participant in symposium on "The American Century," Novecento, no. 2, 2000.

"Savings Scam: Cooking the Savings Rate Promotes Tax Cuts for the Wealthy," Dollars and Sense, January/February, 2000.

"New Thinking about Capitalism," Dollars and Sense, November/December, 1999.

"The Vampire State and Other Creatures of the Right," Boston Review, September 1996.

"Beyond Stalemate: The Politics of Economic Renewal," Future Directions for American Politics and Public Policy, Harvard University, Working Paper, 1993.

**"The Keynes Mutiny, Tikkun, March/April 1992.**

**"The Trouble with Full Employment," (with Richard Cloward, Barbara Ehrenreich, and Frances Fox Piven), The Nation, May 17, 1986.**

**"Economic Problems Only Computer Error," In These Times, April 2-8, 1986.**

**"Full Employment as False Necessity," Socialist Review, November-December, 1985.**

**"Computerization Changes the Rules," (with John Judis), Commonweal, November 2-16, 1984.**

**"Watergate," Socialist Revolution, May-June, 1973.**

### **COLLOQUIA AND CONFERENCES (Partial Listing)**

**2003**

**"One World or Three ? : Globalization and the Future of Welfare Capitalism," presented at ISA Annual Meeting of the Research Committee on Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy, Toronto, August, 2003**

**"Reworking Embeddedness," presented at Workshop on "The Economy as Polity," European University Institute, Fiesole.**

**"Karl Polanyi and the Writing of The Great Transformation," Social Theory Workshop, Washington University, St. Louis.**

**2002**

**Co-organizer of conference on "The Next Great Transformation ? Karl Polanyi and the Critique of Globalization", University of California at Davis.**

**Participant in SSRC Workshop, "Markets and Corporations as Social Institutions" Bellagio.**

**Panelist on "Poor People's Movements After Twenty-Five Years", American Political Science Association meetings, Boston.**

**"Karl Polanyi and the Writing of The Great Transformation," Workshop on the Economy as Polity, European University Institute, Fiesole.**

**2001**

**“Polanyi, Post-Marxism, and the Politics of Global Transformation”, Eighth International Karl Polanyi Conference, Mexico City.**

**“The Past and Future of Neoliberalism,” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Amsterdam.**

**2000**

**Co-organizer of Mini-Conference on "The Politics of Globalization," Washington, D.C.**

**Workshop presenter at SSRC Conference on "The Corporation as a Social Institution," Berkeley.**

**"The Great Forgetting," presented at Workshop on "Labour Market Norms in Transition," European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy.**

**Presentation on "The New Ascendancy of Finance," Center for Social Theory and Comparative History, UCLA.**

**1999**

**"The Ideational Embeddedness of Markets," European University Institute, March, Fiesole, Italy.**

**"Deconstructing Capitalism as a System," presented to Conference on "Approaches to the Varieties of Capitalism", March, Center for Research on Innovation and Competition, University of Manchester, United Kingdom.**

**"Constructed Nature and Naturalized Economies: Contradictions at Century's End," August, American Sociological Association, Chicago.**

**"From AFDC to Structural Adjustment: The Shared Logics of Neo-liberal Reform," lecture series, September, Havens Center, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison.**

**"The Old Poor Law and its Consequences: New Thoughts on an Ancient Question," November, Economic History Workshop, U.C. Davis.**

**"The Great Forgetting: Neoliberal Globalization and the Unmaking of the Postwar Economic Order," December, Center for Research on Social Organization, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.**

**1998**

**Panelist on "Welfare States in Transition," American Sociological Association, San Francisco.**

**"Two Hundred Years of Welfare Reform: Polanyi Meets Gingrich," with Margaret Somers, International Sociological Association, Montreal.**

**Panelist on "Do we Need a New Bretton Woods ? " at conference on Stop the World: I Want to Understand It, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C.**

**"Sociology and Radical Politics: The Past and the Future," Eastern Sociological Society, March, Philadelphia.**

**1997**

**"Polanyi and the Concept of Capitalism," Social Science History Association," October, Washington, D.C.**

**"Disorderly Coordination: The Limited Capacities of States and Markets," International Seminar on Institutions and Economic Development, November, Rio de Janeiro.**

**1996**

**Keynote Speaker, "Metaphors and the Market: Updating Polanyi's Critique," Sixth International Karl Polanyi Conference, Concordia University, Montreal.**

**Organizer of the first Politics & Society policy conference, "After AFDC: Reshaping the Anti-Poverty Agenda", New School for Social Research.**

**"Vampires, Lifeblood, and Repentance: What's Wrong with our National Economic Debate ?" Lecture, Department of Economics, California State University at Chico.**

**"Vampires, Household Savings, and the Construction of Reality" Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Columbia University.**

**1995**

**Three lectures on Economic Sociology, Republic of China, sponsored by National Science Council of Taiwan.**

**"What if Financial Markets Don't Get Prices Right ?" paper presented at the American**

**Sociological Association.**

**"Ending Welfare As We Know It: A Proposal for a Negative Income Tax," (with Jeff Manza), paper presented at the American Sociological Association.**

**1994**

**"The Great Transformation and the World Economy in the 1990's," paper presented at Fifth International Karl Polanyi Conference, Vienna.**

**"Finance and Market Socialism", paper presented to conference, "Society by Design: A Future for Socialism," Havens Center, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin.**

**1993**

**"Toward a Sociology of Finance," paper presented to the Roundtable on Political Economy, Northwestern University.**

**"Beyond Stalemate: The Politics of Economic Renewal," paper presented in the program on "Future Directions for American Politics & Public Policy," Harvard University.**

**1992**

**"Capitalism without Class Power," Colloquium, Department of Economics, University of California, Riverside.**

**"A Revisionist History of the U.S. Economy in the 1980's," Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Annual Meeting, Irvine, California.**

**"A Market for Land: A California Case Study," paper presented to the Economic History Seminar, University of California, Davis.**

**Co-organizer of Conference on "Efficiency and Ownership: The Future of the Corporation," Program on Economy, Justice, and Society, U.C. Davis.**

**1991**

**"Can the Structural Power of Capital Be Offset," Interdisciplinary Colloquium, University of California, Irvine.**

**"Party Politics and Domestic Stalemate," American Sociological Association Meetings.**

**Participant in Conference on "Post-Communist Futures for Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union," Yale University.**

**"Postindustrialism and False Necessity," Colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley.**

**1990**

**Participant in Conference on Rights, University of Warsaw.**

**"The Political Economy of Basic Income Grants," paper presented at a Conference sponsored by the Havens Center, University of Wisconsin.**

**1989**

**Organizer, Session on Economic Sociology, American Sociological Association meetings.**

**"Capitalism versus Socialism in World System Theory," American Sociological Association meetings.**

**"Economic Sociology and Postindustrial Development," Colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.**

**1988**

**"Contradictions of Self-Regulating Markets," Second Annual Karl Polanyi Conference, Montreal.**

**"How Autonomous is the State ?" American Sociological Association meetings.**

**"Empire and Domestic Reform," Colloquium on The First Post-Modern Empire, Department of History, Rutgers University.**

**"The Politics of New-Style Workfare," (with John Noakes), Faculty Seminar on Work and Welfare, University of Pennsylvania.**

**"The Economic Sociology of Postindustrialism," Colloquium, Department of Sociology, City University of New York Graduate Center.**

**1987**

**Participant in Roundtable on "The Capital of Capital," American Political Science Association meetings.**

**"Postindustrialism and the Welfare State in Comparative Perspective," Center for European Studies, University of Minnesota.**

**"The Postindustrial Subversion of Economic Categories," Colloquium, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.**

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Senior Fellow, The Rockridge Institute, 2000-**

**Editorial Board, Studies in Comparative International Development, 2000-**

**Chair, Political Economy of the World System Section, American Sociological Association, 1999-2000.**

**Member of Office of Technology Assessment Advisory Panel on the Electronic Enterprise, 1992-93.**

**Consulting Editor, American Journal of Sociology, 1990-1992.**

**Member of the External Review Committee, Department of Sociology, University of California at San Diego, May 1991.**

**Manuscript Editor, Politics & Society, 1981-85.**

**Member Editorial Board, 1979-**

**Board member, Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, 1989-**

**Editorial Board, Contemporary Sociology, 1983-84.**

**Member Nominations Committee, Eastern Sociological Society, 1980-81.**

**Council Member, Marxist Section of the American Sociological Association, 1980-82.**

**Secretary and Newsletter Editor, Political Economy of the World System section of the American Sociological Association, 1977-79.**

**Program Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1975-76.**

**Referee for the American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, International Studies Quarterly, Sociological Forum, Sociological Quarterly, Sociological Theory, ASA Rose Monograph Series, and various university presses.**

### **DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES**

**Acting Director, Program on Economy, Justice, and Society,  
University of California, Davis, 1998-99.**

**Coordinator, Social Science Program, University of California, Davis, 1997-1998.**

**Member, Social Science Dean's Advisory Committee, 1995-96.**

**Member, Special Committee on Academic Programs and Organization, University of  
California, Davis, 1994-95.**

**Chair, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis,  
1992-96.**

**Chair, Graduate Awards Committee, University of California, Davis, Spring 1991-1992.**

**Convenor of Workshop on the Embeddedness of Economic Institutions, Center for  
Comparative Research, University of California, Davis, 1990-1992.**

**Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 1988-1990.**

**Graduate Chair, Department of Sociology, 1987-1988.**

**Undergraduate Chair, Department of Sociology, 1983-1986.**

**Co-Convenor Mellon Seminar on Technology and Culture, 1984-1986, 1987-1989.**

**Chair, Urban Studies Advisory Committee, 1984-1986.**

**Secretary, Faculty Senate, University of Pennsylvania, 1984-85.**

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

**Economic Sociology, Political Sociology, Sociological Theory, Sociology of  
Welfare.**