

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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1976-1982 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, Columbia

1970-1975 Consultant, Abt Associates, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts.

1969-1970 Director of Research, Migrant Farmworker Programs Evaluation for the U.S. Department of Labor, Abt Associates, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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## **SCHOLARSHIP**

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