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Education: PhD Sociology, Université de Paris. 1983.
DEA Sociology, Université de Paris. 1979.
MA Political Science, Ottawa University. 1979.
BA Political Science, Ottawa University. 1978.

Areas of Research:
Cultural Sociology, Inequality, Race, Comparative Sociology, Sociology of Knowledge, Sociological Theory, Higher Education.

Academic Appointments:

2000 Full Professor, Department of Sociology, Princeton University
1993-2000 Associate Professor with tenure, Department of Sociology, Princeton University.
1987-1993 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Princeton University.
1985-1987 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas-Austin.
1983-1985 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Sociology, Stanford University.

Visiting Positions:

July 2000 Visiting Professor, Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies
January 1998 Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University.
January 1995  Directeur d'études invité, Institut d'études comparées, Université de
Paris IV-Nanterre.

January 1994  Directeur d'études invité, Groupe de sociologie politique et morale,
Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales.

Spring 1993  Scholar-in-Residence, Schomburg Center for Research in Black
Culture, New York Public Library.

Summer 1987  Visiting Scholar, Center for European Studies, Harvard University.

Awards, Fellowships and Honorary Positions:

Invitation to the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences, 2000.
Elected Member, Society for Comparative Research, 1998.
Visiting Scholar, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, 1997.
Fellow, Russell Sage Foundation, Fall 1996.
Elected member, Sociological Research Association, 1996.
Member, Woodrow Wilson Society of Fellows, 1996.  
Jean Monnet Fellow, European University Institute, 1996-97 (declined).
Chair, Culture Section, American Sociological Association, 1994-95.
1995  Le Monde Choice List, La morale et l’argent.  La cultures des cadres en France et
aux Etats-Unis.
1993  C. Wright Mills Prize Finalist, Money, Morals, and Manners: The Culture of the
French and the American Upper-Middle Class.

External Grants:

"Categories and Criteria of Evaluation of Research Proposals in the Social Sciences
"Defining Sexual Harassment in France and the United States.” National Science
Foundation. Dissertation improvement grant with Abigail Cope Saguy.
"Race, Class, and Culture.” Russell Sage Foundation. ($25,000). Fall 1996.
"The Princeton-Paris Project on Evaluative Models.” National Science Foundation
and the Centre national de recherche scientifique (jointly with Groupe de
sociologie politique et morale, Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, 
"The Best and the Brightest: Definitions of Personal and Cultural Excellence among


Internal Grants:

250th Anniversary Fund for Innovation in Undergraduate Education. $9,900 for the preparation of a new course: "How Inequality Shapes our Communities in the United States and in a Global World." Spring 1999.


Center for International Studies, Woodrow Wilson School: Peter Lewis Fund, Summer 1992 ($2,500); Boesky Family Fund, Summer ($2,000) 1989; Compton Fund, fall 1996 ($2,000). Research fund ($3,500) 1999.

Center of Excellence in French Studies ($2,500) 1994.

Publications

Books


Edited Collections


1989 Culture as Capital. Special issue of Sociologie et Sociétés, 19 (4). Co-editor and co-author of introduction, both with Marcel Fournier (published in French; refereed journal).

Articles:


In Press “How Blacks Use Consumption to Shape their Collective Identity:


Chapters:


In Press "Social Categorization and Group Identification: How African Americans Shape their Collective Identity Through Consumption." (with Virág Molnár). Interdisciplinary Approaches to Demand and Its
Role in Innovation, edited by Kenneth Green, Andrew McMeekin, Mark Tomlinson and Viven Walsh. Manchester: Manchester University Press.


Review Essays and other Essays


2001 (b) “Comparative Cultural Sociology and the Study of Europe.” European Studies Newsletter. 30 (3-4), February, pp. 9-11.


1995(a) "The Mysteries of Fluid Identities." Culture 9(2).

1995(b) "Ferments from the Field." Culture 9(4)

1994(a) "Postcard from L.A." Culture 9(1).

1994(b) "Symbolic Politics and the Hill/ Thomas Affair." Contemporary Sociology (Review essay).


1992(a) "Boudon on Truth or Some Cognitive Explanations for Theoretical Seduction." Contemporary Sociology. 21 (2) (Review essay).

1992(b) "Crisis or No Crisis: Culture and Theory in Sociology, the Humanities, and Elsewhere." Culture. 6 (2).


Work in Progress

"Religion and African-American Anti-Racist Strategies." Public lecture to be delivered at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Religion, Yale University, May 3,
“Identity and Inequality.” To be presented at a conference on Comparative Inequality, Federal University, Rio de Janiero, July 3-4. 2001.


“Position paper”. Special issue of Comparative Social Research around The Dignity of Working Men.


Culture and Inequality. Under contract with W.W. Norton.

**Editorial Activities:**


Member of Editorial Board, American Sociological Review (2000- )
Member of Editorial Board, Sociological Theory (2000-2001.)
Member of Editorial Board, Journal of Consumer Culture, (2000- )
Member of Editorial Board, French Politics, Culture, and Society (1999- )
Member of Editorial Board, Genèses. Sciences sociales et histoire (1999- )
Member of Editorial Board, The Tocqueville Review (1997- ).
Member of Editorial Board, Canadian Journal of Political Science (1997- ).
Member of Editorial Board, Canadian Journal of Sociology (1997- ).
Member of Editorial Board, Sociologie et Sociétés (1996- ).
Member of Editorial Board, Sociological Forum (1995- ).
Member of Editorial Board, Politique et sociétés (1995- ).
Member of Editorial Board, Theory, Culture, and Society (1988- ).
Member of Editorial Board, Contemporary Sociology (1994-1997).

**Elected Positions in Professional Associations:**

Member of Steering Committee, Council for European Studies, 1996- .
Council Member, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 1997-2000 .
Council Member, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 1997-1999.
Member, Committee on Committees, American Sociological Association, 1996-1998.
Chair, Culture Section, American Sociological Association, 1994-1995; Chair elect 1993-1994.
Council Member, Culture Section, American Sociological Association, 1992-1993.

**Services on Fellowships and Academic Prizes Panels:**

Panel reviewer:
- Danish Research Council, Program on Power and Knowledge, 1998.
- Chair, Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 1999-2000.
- Member of the jury, Seymour Martin Lipset Award for the best dissertation in comparative research, Society for Comparative Research, 1999.
- Culture Section, American Sociological Association: Culture Prize Committee, 1992-93.
Theory Section, American Sociological Association; Theory Prize Committee 1990-91.
Comparative Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association: Chair, Student Prize Committee, 1999-2000.

Consultancy:


Other Services in Professional Associations:

Culture Section, American Sociological Association: Membership Committee 1991-92; Nominations Committee 1990-91; Program Committee 1990-91; Publication Committee 1989-90.
Theory Section, American Sociological Association: Chair, Nominations Committee 1991-92.
Comparative Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association: Chair, Nominations Committee, 1989-90.

Organizer, special session on “Racialized Ways of Seeing” American Sociological Association meetings, Anaheim, August 2001.
Co-organizer, session on “Theoretical and Empirical Implications of ‘Cultural Repertoires’” and “Culture and Comparative Sociology: The Tension Between Context and Generalization.” (with Charles Ragin) Co-sponsored by the Comparative and Historical Sociology Section and the Culture Section, American Sociological Association Meetings, Anaheim, August 2001.

Organizer, thematic session on “Cultural Transitions,” American Sociological Association Meetings, Chicago, August 1999.
Co-organizer (with Ann Swidler), Conference on “Meaning and Measurement” and Symbolic Boundaries, George Mason University, August 1995.

Program Chair, Culture Section, American Sociological Association meeting. Organized sessions on "Theory and Culture;" "Class, Race, and Culture;" "Culture Across Disciplinary Boundaries;" and an "Author Meets the Critics" session, Los Angeles, 1994.


Organizer, session on "Inequality, Cultural Hierarchies and Cultural Institutions," International Institute of Sociology conference, Paris, June 1993.

Chair and co-organizer (with Diana Crane), sessions on "The Sociology of Culture," Culture Section, American Sociological Meetings, Cincinnati 1991.

Organizer, session on "Subcultures," Culture section, American Sociological Association annual meetings, Atlanta 1988.

Membership in Research Groups:

Member, Society for Comparative Research, 1998-. Correspondent member, European Society for the Sociology of Art and Design (ESSAD), 1998- .


Member, Research Group on the Birth and Death of Norms, Russell Sage Foundation, 1996-98.

Other Professional Activities:

Member of international network, Academy of Migration Studies of Denmark (2001-)


Advisory Board, “Groupe de recherche et de prospective sur les nouveaux territoires urbans (Culture et Ville), Institut national de recherche scientifique, 1996- .

University Service:

Fall 1995: Acting Chair, Advisory Committee for the Fund for Canadian Studies.
1993-: Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, Princeton University.
1993-: Member, Committee for the Program in European Cultural Studies.
1991-: Member, Advisory Committee for the Fund for Canadian Studies, Princeton University.
1990-: Fellow, Rockefeller College, Princeton University.
1989-: Member, Committee for European Studies, Princeton University.
1988-: Associate Faculty, Center for International Studies, Woodrow Wilson School.
1990-1994: Member, Committee on Committees, Princeton University.
1990-1991: Member, Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Princeton University.

Selected Presentations

Invited Conference Papers (past five years):


“Schudson, Wolfe, and Universal Morality.” Conference on “The Transformation of Civic Life,” John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence, Middle Tennessee State University, November 11-12, 1999.


“Inequality and Community in the U.S. During Clinton’s First Mandate.” Final Panelist, Conference on the Clinton Years in Perspective, Université de Montréal, October 1996.

"On Human Worth and Dignity: Shades of Race and Class." Conference "Interpreting Historical Change at the End of the 20th Century: The Challenges of the Present Age to Historical Thought and Social Theory" organized by Theory and Society, University of California, Davis, February 1995.

"The Frontiers of our Dreams are No Longer the Same: Cultural Dynamics of Exclusion and Community in France, Québec, and the United States." Conference on "Ethnicity and World Politics," Howard University Law School, April 1995.


Other Invited Lectures (past ten years):

Department of Sociology, Brown University, March 2000.
Department of Sociology, Yale University, February 2000.
Department of Sociology, University of Cork, Ireland, May 2000.
Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, April 1999.
Centre d’études de la vie politique française (CEVIPOF), Fondation nationale de science politique, Paris, March 1999.
Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, May 1999.
Training Seminar on Race and Ethnicity, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 1999.
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University, January 1998.
Department of Sociology, Hebrew University, January 1998.
Program in European Cultural Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 1998.
Jenson Lecture, Department of Sociology, Duke University, November 1998.
Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, December 1998.
Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 1997.
The Social Science Seminar, Institute for Advanced Study, April 1997.
Department of Sociology, CUNY-Graduate Center, February 1996.
Program on Culture and Society, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, CA, April 1996.
Institut International de Paris-La Defense, October 1996.
Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, June 1995.
Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, October 1995.
Department of Sociology, Cornell University, November 1995.
Department of Sociology, Université de Montréal, February 1994.
Department of Sociology, McGill University, February 1994.
Culture Workshop, University of Chicago, March 1994.
Department of Sociology, Temple University, April 1994.
Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, December 1994.
Cultural Studies Seminar, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California, Santa Barbara, February 1993.
Department of Sociology, University of Virginia, February 1993.
Visiting Scholars Seminar, Schomburg Center, New York City, February 1993.
Department of Sociology, Graduate School, New School for Social Research, April 1993.
Department of Sociology, Harvard University, April 1993.
Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, March 1992.
University of Zurich, May 1992.
Department of Communications, Concordia University and Department of Sociology, Université de Montréal, October 1991.
Culture Workshop, University of Chicago, January 1990.
Center for the Study of Social Transformation, University of Michigan, April 1990.
Department of Sociology, City University of New York, Graduate Center, May 1990.
Department of Sociology, Graduate School, New School for Social Research, October 1990.

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings (past five years):

“National Identity and National Boundary Patterns,” American Sociological Association, 1995

Graduate and Undergraduate Teaching

Courses taught:

Undergraduate Courses: Culture and Inequality in Comparative Perspective, Stratification and Social Inequality, Social Structure and Values: France, Canada and the U.S. (with Seymour Martin Lipset), Power, Culture and Inequality, Cultural Interpretation (with James Boon, Michael Jennings, Alan Ryan, and others), History of Political and Social Thought from Plato to Marcuse, Intellectual Life in France and the U.S., Marxism, Introduction to Sociology.
Teaching involvement with the European Cultural Studies Program, the Council of the Humanities, the Center for Human Values, and the Freshman Seminar Program, and the Community-Based Learning Initiative, Princeton University.

**Graduate Courses:** Sociology of culture, Contemporary sociological theory (American and European), Sociology of knowledge and science, Racial and Class Inequality, Comparative sociology.