

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Current Positions

Miriam Scharfman Zadek Family Professor and Chair, Dept. of Sociology  
Dean for Faculty Diversity and Development  
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### Previous Positions

Associate Professor, University of Washington, Department of Sociology, 2000-2005  
Associate Professor (non-tenured), Yale University, Department of Sociology, 1995-2000  
Assistant Professor, Yale University, Department of Sociology, 1990-1995

### Visiting Positions

Visiting Professor, Institute for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam, Fall 2011  
Fulbright Distinguished Chair of American Studies, Institute for Social Science, Humboldt  
University of Berlin, Germany, 2003-2004  
Eric Voegelin Professor, Institute for Sociology, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich,  
Germany, Summer 2000  
Fellow, Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1993-1994

### Education

Ph.D., Sociology, Harvard University (1991)  
M.A, Sociology, Harvard University (1987)  
B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Philosophy, Brandeis University (1983)

### Books

*ORGANIZING FOR EQUALITY: The Evolution of Women's and Racial-Ethnic Organizations in America, 1955-1985.* ASA Rose Book Series, Rutgers University Press, 1995.

### Articles and Book Chapters

“The Payoffs of Organizational Membership for Political Activism in Established Democracies.”  
*American Journal of Sociology*, 122, 2 (2016): 425– 68.

“The Local Embedding of Community-Based Organizations” (with Floris Vermeulen and Tom van der Meer). *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 45,1(2016): 23-44. Recipient of the 2017 *NVSQ* Best Article Award.

“Documenting Dissent.” *New Labor Forum*. Vol. 24(2015) 99–112.

“Welcome to the neighbourhood: The spatial dimensions of legitimacy for voluntary leisure organisations” (with Floris Vermeulen and Joran Lameris). *Urban Studies*. doi: 0042098015590771, first published on June 19, 2015

“The Changing Supply Side of Mobilization: Impressions on a Theme.” In J. Van Stekelenburg, C. Roggeband and B. Klandermans, eds. *The Future of Social Movement Research: Dynamics, Mechanisms, and Processes* (Minneapolis: The University of Minnesota Press, 2013).

“Population Ecology and Social Movements” in D. Snow, D. della Porta, B. Klandermans, and D. McAdam, eds., *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*. Published online January 14, 2013.

“Consolidating Social Change: The Consequences of Foundation Funding for Developing Movement Infrastructures” (with Jon Agnone). Pp. 347-367 in H. Anheier and D. Hammack, eds., *Contributions of Foundations* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2010).

“Organizational Diversity in the U.S. Advocacy Sector” (with Silke Aisenbrey and Jon Agnone). *Social Problems* 55(2008): 525-48.

“Nonprofit Mission: Constancy, Responsiveness, or Deflection?” (with Walter W. Powell). Pp. 591-611 in Walter Powell and Richard Steinberg, eds. *The Nonprofit Sector Handbook*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (Yale University Press, 2006).

“Reinvigorating the Study of Organizational Processes in Social Movements” (with John D. McCarthy). *Mobilization* 10(2005): 401-21.

“Conceptualizing Political Opportunity” (with David S. Meyer). *Social Forces* 82,4(2004): 1457-1492. Recipient of the 2005 Best Published Article Award, American Sociological Association Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements.

“Beyond the Iron Law: Rethinking the Place of Organizations in Social Movement Research” (with Elisabeth Clemens). Pp. 157-170 in *The Blackwell Companion to Social Movements* edited by D. Snow, S. Soule, and H. Kriesi. (Blackwell Publishing, 2004).

“The Emergence of Hybrid Organizational Forms: Combining Identity-based Service Provision and Political Action.” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 31,3(2002): 377-401.

“Macro-Organizational Analysis.” Pp. 260-285 in *Methods of Social Movement Research* edited by Bert Klandermans and Suzanne Staggenborg. (University of Minnesota Press, 2002).

“Walking a Political Tightrope: Responsiveness and Internal Accountability in Social Movement Organizations.” Pp. 33-48 in *Exploring Organizations and Advocacy: Governance and Accountability* edited by E. Reid and M. Montilla. Nonprofit Advocacy and the Policy Process, Vol. 2., Issue 2. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute, 2002.

“Social Movement Politics and Organization.” Pp. 282-294 in *The Blackwell Companion to Sociology* edited by Judith R. Blau.. (Blackwell Publishing, 2001).

“Bending with the Wind: Organizational Change in American Women's and Minority Organizations.” *American Journal of Sociology* 104, 6 (May 1999): 1666-1703.

“The Sequencing of Social Movements.” *American Sociological Review* 62, 5 (October 1997): 779-799.

“Producing Social Capital: National Social Movements and Civil Society.” *American Behavioral Scientist* 40, 5 (1997): 606-619. Reprinted in B. Edwards, M. Foley and M. Diani, eds. *Beyond Tocqueville: Civil Society and the Social Capital Debate in Comparative Perspective* (Tufts University Press, 2001, pp. 183-93).

“Innovating at the Margins: Comparing the Organizations of White Women and Women of Color.” Pp. 477-496 in *Women Transforming Politics* edited by Cathy Cohen, Kathleen Jones, and Joan Tronto. (New York University Press, 1997).

“Interorganizational Influences and the Founding of African American Organizations, 1955-85.” *Sociological Forum* 10 (1995): 51-79.

“From Service Provision to Institutional Advocacy: The Shifting Legitimacy of Organizational Forms.” *Social Forces* 72, 4 (1994): 943-969.

“The Institutional Structuring of Organized Social Action, 1955-1985.” *Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change* 17 (1994): 135-171.

“The Organization of Survival: Women's and Racial-Ethnic Voluntarist and Activist Organizations, 1955-1985.” *Social Forces* 71, 4 (1993): 887-908.

### **Grants and Award**

Fulbright Fellowship, Council for International Exchange of Scholars (German Distinguished Chair of American Studies), 2004-05.

“The U.S. Social Movement Sector: Structure and Determinants.” Nonprofit Sector Research Fund of the Aspen Institute, 1998. 97-2-NSRF-14 (\$35,000)

“Associating for a Change: The Shaping of American Social Action.” National Science Foundation Research Planning Grant for Women, 1993. SBR-9308518 (\$18,000)

“American Voluntary Action: The Advocacy Alternative.” Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University (\$7,400)

Junior Faculty Fellowship in the Social Sciences, Yale University, 1993-94.

Social Science Faculty Research Fund, Yale University, 1990, 1992, and 1996.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of *Fighting for NOW: Diversity and Discord in the National Organization for Women*, by Kelsy Kretschmer, *Mobilization*, 24,3(2019): 525-526.

Review of *A Theory of Fields*, by Neil Fligstein and Doug McAdam, *American Journal of Sociology*, 119,4(2014): 1201-1203.

Review of *Disrupting Science: Social Movements, American Scientists, and the Politics of the Military, 1945-1975*, by Kelly Moore, *Review of Policy Research* 27,4(2010).

Review of *Party Movements in the United States and Canada: Strategies of Persistence*, by Mildred A. Schwartz, *American Journal of Sociology* 113(2007): 874-876.

Review of *The Global Dynamics of Ethnic Mobilization*, by Susan Olzak, *Mobilization* 12(2007): 215-217.

Review of *Rhyming Hope and History: Activists, Academics, and Social Movement Scholarship*, edited by David Croteau, William Hoynes, and Charlotte Ryan, *Contemporary Sociology* 36,1(2007): 73-75.

Review of *Forging Gay Identities*, by Elizabeth Armstrong, *American Journal of Sociology* 109(2003): 262-264.

Review of *Movement Genesis: Social Movement Theory and the West German Peace Movement*, by Steve Breyman, *Social Forces* 78, 2 (1999): 840-841.

Review of *The Structure of Women's Nonprofit Organizations*, by Rebecca Bordt, *Contemporary Sociology* 27, 6 (1998): 601-602.

Review of *Challenging Codes: Collective Action in the Information Age*, by Alberto Melucci, *Sociological Inquiry* 68,1 (1998): 139-142.

Review of *Money for Change*, by Susan A. Ostrander, *Mobilization*, 3, 1 (1998): 136-138.

Review of *The Politics of Social Protest: Comparative States and Social Movements*, by J. Craig Jenkins and Bert Klandermans, eds. *Contemporary Sociology*, 26, 2 (1997): 181-182.

**Selected Conferences and Colloquia (since 2000)**

Discussant, Session on “Women of Color and Social Movements.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY August 2019.

Invited Session Organizer, Political Sociology. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2018.

Discussant. Regular Session on “Collective Behavior: New Perspectives on Group Processes.” 111<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2016, Seattle, WA.

Discussant. Paper session on “The Company Loves Misery: Labor Organizing in the Service Economy.” Annual meeting of the American Studies Association, October 2015, Toronto, CN.

Plenary panelist and panel discussant. “Advancing the Field(s) of Nonprofit Management: New Structures, New Solutions.” School of Public and Environmental Affairs, University of Indiana, April 16-18, 2015.

Invited panelist. “The Conversation: Young Women, Leadership & Empowerment.” Teachers College, Columbia University. March 31, 2015.

Invited panelist. Author-Meets-Critics session on Kathleen Blee, *Democracy in the Making*. Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, 109<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2014, San Francisco, CA.

“Acquiring Socio-political Legitimacy in Immigrant Neighborhoods: The Survival of Immigrant Organizations in Amsterdam, 2002-2012” (with Floris Vermeulen and Tom van der Meer), 108<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, New York, August 2013.

Invited Session Organizer, Nonprofit and Voluntary Organizations, 107<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, Colorado, August 2012.

"The Payoffs of Organizational Involvement for Political Participation." Invited presentations at the Institute for Sociology, Munich University, February 2012 and the Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam, October 2011.

Invited participant, Academy Colloquium on “Advancements in Social Movement Research.” The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Amsterdam, October 2009

“Organizational Diversity in the U.S. Advocacy Sector.” Invited presentation at the Center for the Study of Democracy, University of California at Irvine, November 2008.

“Making Change from Foundation Dollars: Consequences of Social Movement Philanthropy for Women’s & Civil Rights Organizations, 1955-1980” (with Jon Agnone). Paper presented at the 102<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, August 2007.

“Consolidating Social Change: The Consequences of Foundation Funding for Developing Movement Infrastructures” (with Jon Agnone). Paper presented at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action. Chicago, IL, November 2006.

Organizer and Discussant. “Social Movements and Institutional Politics.” 101<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 2006.

Invited panelist. Author-Meets-Critic: Jason Kaufman, *For the Common Good?* 100th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 2005.

Discussant. Regular session on “Protest, Activism and Social Movements.” 100th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 2005.

Invited participant in “Bringing Social Movement Thinking to Bear on the Design of Large Systems Change in the National Health Service: A Colloquium for Practitioners and Academics,” Sponsored by the National Health Service, London, England. May 17-18, 2004.

“The Ecology of Ethnic Claims-Making.” Paper presented at the European Social Science History Conference. Berlin, Germany, March 23-27, 2004.

“Social Movements and Civil Society in the U.S.” German Fulbright Commission Inaugural Lecture, Humboldt University, Berlin, November 25, 2003.

“Protest Potential in the U.S. Social Movement Sector” (with Jon Agnone). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2003.

Invited commentator. Conference on Social Movement and Organizations. University of Michigan Business School. Ann Arbor, MI. May 2002.

Discussant. “Presidential Session: Responses to Globalization.” Pacific Sociological Association Meetings. Vancouver, BC. April 2002.

Discussant. “What is Activism? Social Movements, Non-Profits and the Academy.” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, November 2001.

“Walking a Political Tightrope: Responsiveness and Internal Accountability in Social Movement Organizations.” Paper presented at Nonprofit Advocacy and the Policy Process: A Seminar Series (Seminar #6, Representation, Participation, and Accountability), Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy, The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C., February 2001.

**Department Service**Barnard College

Chair, Department of Sociology, Barnard College, Columbia University (2005-2018; 2022-present)

Columbia University

Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, Columbia University (2006- )

Junior Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Columbia University (2010-11)

University of Washington

Associate Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Washington (2004-2005)

Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Sociology, University of Washington (2001-2003)

Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Washington (2000-01)

Yale University

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology (January 1998-June 1999)

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology (January-December 1997)

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology (1994-1996)

Junior Faculty Personnel Committee, Joint Position in Sociology and African and African American Studies (1994-1995)

Co-Chair, Junior Faculty Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology (1992-1993)

Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology (1990-1992)

**University Service**Barnard College

Co-Director, Barbara Silver Horowitz '55 Scholars of Distinction Program (2020-2023)

Co-Chair, Middle States Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion (2019-2022)

Elected Representative, Faculty Budget and Planning Committee (2020-2022)

Dean for Faculty Diversity and Development, Barnard College (2013-2018; 2022-present)

Chair, Council on Diversity and Inclusion (2017-18)

Co-Chair, Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion (January 2016-May 2017)

Committee on Honors (2012-2016)

Associate Provost Search Committee (2013-14)

Co-Chair, Provost Search Committee (2011-12)

Member, Barnard Medalist Committee (2010-2013)

Committee on Faculty Governance and Procedures (2008-2010; Chair 2009-10)

Athena Center Faculty Advisory Committee (2009- )

Barnard Leadership Initiative Faculty Planning Committee (2005-2008)

Barnard College Grants Committee (2006-08)

University of Washington

Political Science Department Ten-Year Review (2004-05)

Faculty Senate Representative, University of Washington (2000-2002)

Disability Studies Committee (2000-01)

Yale University

Graduate School Degree Committee for the Social Sciences (1998-2000)  
 Yale College Committee on Honors and Academic Standing (1997-99)  
 Center for the Study of Race, Inequality and Politics, Institution for Social and Policy Studies,  
 Graduate Program Coordinator (1997-2000)  
 Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies at Yale (1994-2000)  
 Council on Ethnicity, Race and Migration Program (1997-1998)  
 Provost's Advisory Committee on Information Technology (1995-96)  
 Faculty of Arts and Sciences Committee on the Protection of Human Subjects (1992-96)

**Professional Activities**

Organizer, Regular Sessions on Political Sociology, 113th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.  
 Council Member-At-Large (elected), American Sociological Association (2008-2011)  
 Chair, Outstanding Paper Award, ASA Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements (2007)  
 Chair, American Sociological Association Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements (2005-06)  
 Chair-Elect, American Sociological Association Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements (2004-05)  
 Council, ASA Section on Political Sociology (2001-2004)  
 Chair, Book Award Committee, ASA Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements (2002)  
 Publications Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements; Member (1999-2001) and Chair (2001-02)  
 Organizer, Regular Sessions on Social Movements, 96th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, California, August 2001.  
 Advisory Committee, Nonprofit Advocacy and the Policy Process Seminar Series, Center for Nonprofits and Philanthropy, The Urban Institute (1999-2001)  
 Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology* (1998-2000)  
 Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements (1997-98)  
 Chair, Nominations Committee, ASA Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements (1996-97)

Consulting Editor, *Sociological Science* (May 2013- present)  
 Editorial Board, *Contexts* (January 2006-08)  
 Editorial Board, *American Sociological Review* (2003-2006)  
 Editorial Board, *Social Forces* (2002-2004)

Occasional reviewer for the National Science Foundation, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Administrative Science Quarterly*, *Mobilization*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Forum*, New York University Press, Oxford University Press, University of Chicago Press.



### Research Interests

Contemporary social movements; organizational ecology; nonprofit organizations and advocacy; inequality and political participation.

### Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Courses: Collective Action and Social Movements; National Social Movements; Inequality and Opportunity in American Society; Collective Identity and Group Formation; Topics in Contemporary Social Theory; Senior Research Workshop; Funding Social Change: A Research Practicum; Junior Colloquium: Logic of Social Research  
 Graduate Courses: Social and Political Movements; Logic of Social Inquiry; Social Movements; Organizational Dynamics; Social Movements: Organizations, Politics, and Identity; Civil Society, the State and Citizen Action; Social Movements in Comparative Perspective; Graduate Proseminar; Dissertation Proposal Workshop; Graduate Research Practicum

### MA Thesis Committees

Joan K. Mukogosi, “The Construction of Black Data Expertise: Black Data Activism During the COVID-19 Pandemic” (Columbia University, 2022) (Advisor)  
 Amy Weng, “Social Movements without Borders” (Columbia University, 2017) (Advisor)  
 Jessica Callahan, “The Corporate Ga(y)ze: A Frame Analysis of Gay and Lesbian Issues in the *New York Times* Business Section from the 1970s-2010s (Columbia University, 2016) (Advisor)  
 Nur Fikri Alkhatib, “Beyond the Closet: Queer Identity Formation Processes and Disclosure Strategies among Singaporean LGBTQ+ Malay Muslims (Columbia University, 2015) (Advisor)  
 Sarah Valdez, “The Unintended Consequences of Democratization: The Role of Cooperatives in Fueling Protest among Farmers in Poland” (University of Washington, 2005)  
 Jon Agnone, “Explaining Federal Environmental Policy: The Impact of the U.S. Environmental Movement” (University of Washington, 2004) (Chair)  
 Gillian Murphy, “A Double-Edged Sword: Coalitions and the Development of the Global Environmental Movement” (Chair; University of Washington, 2002) (Chair)

### PhD Dissertation Committees

Erika Kessler, *The School Strikes for Climate Change: Why are youth protesting schools?* (Teachers College, Columbia University, PhD expected May 2023)  
 Kristen Murphy, *The Living and the Dead: Funeral Work in New York City* (Columbia University, January 2018)  
 Warren McKinney, *Incorporating Diaspora: Blurring Distinctions of Race and Nationality through Heritage Tourism in Ghana* (Columbia University, January 2018)  
 Kinga Makovi, *Structural Avenues for Mobilization – The Case of British Abolition* (Columbia University, 2017)  
 Eun Kyong Shin, *Historical Understanding of Korean Resistance Movement Structures, 1895-1945* (Columbia University, 2015)  
 Anna Mitschele, *Identity and Social Structure in Early Modern Politics* (Columbia University, 2013)

- Anne Nassauer, *Violence in Demonstrations: A Comparative Analysis of Situational Dynamics at Social Movement Protests* (Humboldt University, Berlin, 2013)
- David Pettinichio, *The Rise of the Disability Rights Movement: From Service Provision to Advocacy* (University of Washington, 2013) (Co-Chair)
- Jennifer Kondo, *The spatial and temporal diffusion of museums in New York City, 1910-2010* (Columbia University, 2012)
- Shannon Arvizu, *Who Defines What's Green? Civic Mobilization for Clean Technology Development in the U.S.* (Columbia University, 2010) (Chair)
- Hrag Balian, *Pathways to Violence: The Microdynamics of Large-Scale Civil Violence* (Columbia University, 2010).
- Jon Agnone, *Racial Inequality in Wealth: Do Unions Matter?* (University of Washington, 2010)
- Erzsebet Fazekas, *Institutional Entrepreneurship and Cross-National Diffusion: The Project of Civil Society Development in Hungary* (Columbia University, 2009)
- Paolo Parigi, *Manufacturing Saints: The Simultaneity of Social Changes and Institutional Stability* (Columbia University, 2008)
- Linda Catalano, *Organizational Boundary Definition and the Micropolitics of Organization-Constituency Relationships and Organizational Autonomy* (Columbia University, 2008)
- Marissa King, *Diagnosis, Substitution, and Diffusion in the Autism Epidemic* (Columbia University, 2008)
- Cecelia Walsh-Russo, "The World is My Country and My Countrymen are All Mankind": *Transnational Diffusion of Anglo-American Abolitionism, 1824-1839* (Columbia University, 2008)
- Sun-Chul Kim, *Defiant Institutionalization: Democratization and Social Movements in South Korea, 1984-2002* (Columbia University, 2008)
- Eric B. Johnson, *Meaning through Movement: Institutional Rules and Patterns of Pastor Mobility in Presbyterian and United Methodist Congregations* (Columbia University, 2008)
- Carson Hicks, *Bringing the States Back In: The National Governors' Association & Transformations in U.S. Welfare Policy, 1986-1996* (Columbia University, 2006)
- Erich Steinman, *Institutionalizing Tribes as Governments: Skillful Meaning Entrepreneurship Across Political Fields* (University of Washington, 2005) (Chair)
- Floris Vermeulen, *The Immigrant Organizing Process: The Emergence and Persistence of Turkish Immigrant Organizations in Amsterdam and Berlin and Surinamese Organizations in Amsterdam, 1960-2000* (University of Amsterdam, 2005)
- Bruce Hoffman, *The Cultural Power of Law: The Criminalization, Organization, and Mobilization of Independent Midwifery* (University of Washington, 2004)
- Matthew Archibald, *The Population Dynamics of Modern Self-help/Mutual-aid: Organizational and Institutional Change in the Civil Sector, 1955-2000* (University of Washington, 2002) (Chair)
- Emily Horowitz, *Institutionalized Feminism? The Case of a Domestic Violence Court* (Yale, 2002) (Chair)
- Sophia Tsakraklides, *The Structuring of Civic Action in State-Dominated Societies: State-Nonprofit Association Relations in Greece* (Yale, 2001) (Chair)
- Rabab Abdulhadi, *Palestinianness in a Comparative Perspective: Inclusionary Resistance, Exclusionary Citizenship* (Yale, 2000)
- Anne Boyle Cross, *A Confederacy of Faith and Fact: UFO Research and the Search for Other Worlds* (Yale, 2000)

David Fithian, *Dark and Shining Stone: Symbol Contests and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial*  
(Yale, 1994)