

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1970 Ph.D., Sociology Northwestern University

M.A., Sociology Northwestern University

B.S. (with Distinction), Journalism Northwestern University

Chemistry Major, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL

Present Position

1998-present

William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology, University of Virginia

Professor Emerita Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego

Former Positions

1970-1998

Teaching experience in sociology, development, gender & development, and research methodology at University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of California, San Diego. Also carried out development-related work in over 40 countries worldwide, always linking research on a wide array of development topics to her two gender theories. Many assignments as team leader, leading a research or monitoring & evaluation team in areas ranging from gender & development to sex trafficking to democratization/decentralization to microfinance. Microfinance experience in 16 countries. Peace Corps Volunteer

in Venezuela (taught advanced methodology and research methods in sociology in Spanish and directed field research for the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Andres Bello University, Caracas). Two years as resident advisor in sociological and survey research (Ford Foundation/University of Wisconsin project), Ministry of Education, Venezuela. Acting Director of Research, UN/INSTRAW, Dominican Republic.

Selected Publications

Books

Robert F. Winch, with Rae Lesser Blumberg, Maria-Pilar Garcia, Margaret T. Gordon and Gay C. Kitson. *Familial Organization: Quest for Determinants*. New York: The Free Press, 1977.

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(with Maria-Pilar Garcia), "The Political Economy of the Mother-Child Family: A Cross-Societal View." Pp. 99-163 in *Beyond the Nuclear Family Model*, edited by Luis Lenero-Otero. London: Sage, 1977.

(With Maria-Pilar Garcia), "The Unplanned Ecology of a Planned Industrial City: The Case of Ciudad Guayana, Venezuela." Pp. 587-618 in *Urbanization in the Americas from its Beginnings to the Present*, edited by Richard P. Schaedel, Jorge Hardoy and Nora Scott Kinzer. The Hague, Netherlands: Mouton, 1978. Also published as pp. 359-388 in *Peasants, Primitives and Proletariats: The Struggle for Identity in South America*, edited by David L. Browman and Ronald A. Schwartz. The Hague, Netherlands: Mouton, 1979.

"A Paradigm for Predicting the Position of Women: Policy Implications and Problems." Pp. 113-142 in *Sex Roles and Social Policy*, edited by Jean Lipman-Blumen and Jessie Bernard. London: Sage, 1979.

"Rural Women in Development: Veil of Invisibility, World of Work." *International Journal of Intercultural Relations* 3:447-472, 1979.

"Females, Farming and Food: Rural Development and Women's Participation in Agricultural Production Systems." Pp. 24-100 in *Invisible Farmers: Women and the Crisis in Agriculture*, edited by Barbara Lewis, Washington, DC: Agency for International Development, 1981.

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"Gender Bias in Textbooks: A Hidden Obstacle on the Road to Gender Equality in Education." Paris: UNESCO 2008/ED/EFA/MRT/PI/18 (electronic version released December 2007). Official Background Paper for 2008 Education for All Global Monitoring Report, *Education for All by 2015: Will We Make It?* (Paris: UNESCO; my paper is summarized in a sub-head section of *Education for All...*)

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"Gender Bias in Textbooks: A Remaining Obstacle to Educational Equality." Forthcoming in *Prospects*.

"Can a Focus on Survival and Health as Socio-economic Rights Help Some of the World's Most Imperiled Women in a Globalized World? Cases from Ecuador, Ukraine and Laos." Paris: UNESCO. Electronic and print versions forthcoming.

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NOTE: The above are selections from a publications list of over 90 items. In addition, there are many unpublished reports for development agencies (USAID, World Bank, IDB, UN/FAO, IFAD, etc.), on topics ranging from microfinance to agriculture/environment to gender and political and economic empowerment.