

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Ph.D.	Columbia University New York, NY	Sociology	1970
	Dissertation: "The Effects of Federal Aid to Higher Education on Social Inequality: An Example of Status Inflation"		
M.A.	University of Texas Austin, TX	Sociology	1965
M.Div.	Union Theological Seminary New York, NY	Ethics	1960
B.Sc.	Texas A & M University	Sociology/Agriculture	1957

Employment:

Senior Fellow	Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, U.Va.	2003-
Professor	University of Virginia	1993-2003
Chair	Department of Sociology	1989-93
Acting Chair	Department of Sociology	1988-89
Associate Director	Center for South Asian Studies, U.Va.	1985-87
Associate Professor	University of Virginia	1972-93

Assistant Professor	New York University New York, NY	1969-72
Research Associate	Center for Policy Research New York, NY	1969-72
Research Analyst	Bureau of Social Science Research Washington, D.C.	1968-69
Director	East Pakistan Relief and Rehabilitation Program, National Council of Churches, USA, Dacca East Pakistan (Bangladesh)	1960-63

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association (member of Program Committee for 1995 and 1996), Southern Sociological Association, Eastern Sociological Association, Association for Asian Studies, American Association of University Professors (local and conference executive committees).

Fellowships, Grants, Honors, Professional Activities

Fulbright Senior Fellowship 2006-7 (India), Thomas Jefferson Visiting Fellow, Downing College, Cambridge University (2001); Theory Prize Selection Committee, American Sociological Association (1999); Virginia Social Science Association Scholar Award (1998); American Sociological Association 1996 Distinguished Publication Award; Program Committee, American Sociological Association, 1995 and 1996; 1996 Grant for Relating Research to undergraduate University Seminar (USEM) Program, Visiting Scholar, Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics (January-July, 1991); Visiting Scholar of Clare Hall, Cambridge University (Spring and Summer, 1985); Senior Research Fellow, American Institute of Indian Studies (1984-85); Visiting Research Scholar, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University (Fall 1984); Grants from The Alton W. Jones Foundation to produce television documentary on peoples' reactions to the threat of nuclear war (1984); Grant from Virginia Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy for state-wide conference on the Nuclear Arms Debate (1983); Faculty Research Grant and Sesquicentennial Fellowship, University of Virginia (1981); American Institute of Indian Studies Short-term Fellowship (1978); Senior Fulbright Fellow to India (1976-77); NEH Summer Institute for Cross-disciplinary Study, Williamstown, MA (1973); Faculty Summer Research Grant, New York University (1970); NIMH Research Grants, Center for Policy Research (1970); NIMH Training Fellowships and OE Research Fellowships, Columbia University (1966-68); University Fellowship, University of Texas (1964-65).

Referee, Editorial Consultant, or Advisory Committee

American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Sociology of Education, Social Forces, Sociological Forum, Sociological Theory, Social Problems, Sociological Spectrum, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, National Science Foundation,

British Social Science Research Council, Prentice-Hall, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Advanced Institute for the Study of Culture, Pugh Center on Religion and Democracy.

Publications

Books:

Freaks, Geeks, and Cool Kids: American Teenagers, Schools, and the Culture of Consumption. New York: Routledge. 2004; paperback 2006.

Status and Sacredness: A General Theory of Status Relations and an Analysis of Indian Culture. New York: Oxford University Press, 1994. (American Sociological Association Distinguished Publication ["best book"] Award for 1996)

Unequal Care: A Case Study of Interorganizational Relations in Health Care. New York: Columbia University Press, 1980.

The Illusion of Equality: The Effects of Educational Opportunity on Inequality and Conflict. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1972. Japanese edition with new introduction, Tokyo: Reimer Shobo, 1976.

Police on Campus (co-author), New York Civil Liberties Union, 1969.

Articles (and recent reviews):

"Youth and Consumer Culture," *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, George Ritzer, editor, in press.

"Status," *Routledge Encyclopedia of Social Theory*, Austin Harrington, Barbara Marshall, Hans-Peter Müller, editors, London: Routledge. 2006

"Celebrity Culture as a Status System," *The Hedgehog Review*, Spring 2005, 66-76.

Review of David Smith, *Hinduism and Modernity*, *American Journal of Sociology*, in press.

"Does Monotheism Undercut Human Rights?" A review of Barrington Moore's *Moral Purity and Persecution in History*, in *Journal of Human Rights*, 2003.

"Caste," *Encyclopedia of Asia*, (Gale Publications/Scribners), 2002.

"Solidarity, the Sacred, and Human Rights: A Sociological Response," *The Hedgehog Review*, 3 (Summer 2001): 33-37.

"Caste," and "The Patterson Thesis." 1998. *Macmillan Encyclopedia of World Slavery* edited by Paul Finkelman, Joseph C. Miller. New York: Macmillan Reference

USA: Simon and Schuster Macmillan; London: Simon & Schuster and Prentice Hall International, c1998.

"Status and Sacredness: Worship and Salvation as Forms of Status Transformation." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, (June 1994).

"Hindu Eschatology and the Indian Caste System: An Example of Structural Reversal," *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 52 (May 1993):298-319.

"Status Relations in Marriage Alliances: Toward A General Theory," *Contributions to Indian Sociology (NS)*, 22,2 (1989): 146-169.

"Theories of Inequality: An Overview and a Strategy for Synthesis," *Social Forces*, June 1987.

"Dirt and Development in India", *Virginia Quarterly Review*, Winter 1987.

"Limiting Case Models in the Behavioral Sciences: Perfect Competition, Perfect Benevolence, and Perfect Malevolence," *Human Relations*, October, 1982, (with Bruce Busching).

"Toward a Theory of Societal Inequality," in *Democracy in Two Nations*, ed., Ramashray Roy. New Delhi: South Asian Publishers, 1982.

"Alternative Forms of Coordination: Combining Theoretical and Policy Analysis," *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, March-June, 1978. Reprinted in *Policy Research*, Amsterdam: Brill, 1979.

"The Churches Division of Labor," *UTS Journal*, April, 1975.

"Race, Education, and Jobs: Trends 1960-1970," *Sociology of Education*, Summer, 1973.

"On Getting Somewhere: Notes on Equal Opportunity and Other Convenient Delusions," *The Columbia Forum*, Spring, 1972. Reprinted in *Intellectual Digest*, October, 1972, and in a number of newspapers.

Other Media

Financial Times (London), "Black sheep and the nerding instinct," by Emma Jacobs, July 23, 2005. (Extensive quotes from phone interview about nerds.)

Newsday (Long Island, NY) "Brawls In The Halls / The Only Thing Kids Can Control In School Is The Social Order," by Nedra Rhone (relates events in Long Island schools to arguments in *Freaks* . . . December 20, 2004

Wisconsin Public Radio (One-hour program: interview, discussion and call-in show about *Freaks, Geeks and Cool Kids*, broadcast in Wisconsin and the Chicago area) September 1, 2004.

“High-schoolers Create Castes, Researcher Says,” *Richmond Times Dispatch*, (News article summarizing *Freaks, Geeks and Cool Kid*; reprinted in several other papers). May 10, 2004

“Charlottesville Live,” WINA Radio (Twenty minute interview about *Freaks, Geeks and Cool Kids*) March 3, 2004.

“Virginia Tonight,” WVPT-TV, Harrisonburg (Thirty-minute in interview and discussion of *Freaks, Geeks and Cool Kids* as part of publicity for the Virginia, February 23, 2004.

Television documentary: "Living Double Lives," as executive producer, organized and supervised the production of thirty minute documentary about living under the threat of nuclear war that was broadcast nationally July 7, 1985 over more than 150 PBS affiliate stations.

Radio commentary: Consultant and commentator for program on Twin Oaks, a commune celebrating its 20th anniversary. Broadcast over National Public Radio.

Public Lectures (2001-):

“Social Simplification: Theoretical Synthesis of the Mechanism of Coordination and Solidarity,” Regular Session 395, Social Theory, 12:30, Sun. Aug. 13, 2006, American Sociological Association, Montreal, Palais des congrès de Montréal.

“Adolescence, Consumerism and Social Change,” (A summary and discussion of my book, *Freaks, Geeks, and Cool Kids*, which was required reading for all freshman), Forman University, Apr. 5-6, 2006.

“Adolescence and Globalization,” American University Beirut, March 2005.

“Dirt, Development, and Doctors in India: the Cultural Context of Purity and Cleanliness,” Center for Global Health, University of Virginia School of Medicine, January 11, 2005.

Department of Politics, University of Virginia, “Adolescents and Consumption, October 29, 2004.

September 16, 2004 “Freaks, Geeks, and Cool Kids,” Department of Sociology Colloquium, University of Virginia.

Knight Center on Specialized Journalism, Conference (for 30 education editors from papers around the country, on "Covering Youth Culture: Beyond the Fads." Also led journalist on tour of two Washington DC area high schools and led the concluding discussion. June 17, 2004

“Youth and Television,” Noggin-MTV Staff (Viacom), New York, NY, May 25, 2004.

“The World of Teens: A Panel,” Virginia Festival of the Book (Featured *Freaks, Geeks, and Cool Kids* and *Not Much, Just Chillin’* by Linda Perlstein of the Washington Post), March 27, 2004.

“A General Model of Elites and Nonelites, University of Trento, Italy, March 8, 2004.

“Youth Cultures and Consumer Societies,” Department of Sociology, University of Milan, Italy. March 6, 2004

“Teenagers and Consumption,” Faculty Seminar, McIntire School of Commerce, University of Virginia, January 23, 2004.

“The Theory of Status Relations: Castes and Teenagers,” Department of Sociology, Yale University (March 2003)

“Caste, Politics, and Development in India: Past and Present,” India Club, World Bank/IMF, November 21, 2002.

“New” Theory-Guided & Student-Oriented Data Collection Techniques: Guided Recollections and Multiple Ethnographers,” Methods Section, American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 18, 2002.

“Nerds, Weirdos, and Cool Kids: Understanding Teenagers in a Consumer Society,” Brown College, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, August 14, 2002.

“Learning to Consume: Teenage Status Systems as a Core Mechanism in a Consumer Society, Regular Session, Consumers and Consumption, American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 16, 2002.

“The Implicit Religion of American Teenagers,” Implicit Religion Conference, Harrogate, England U.K. (April 2001)

“Teenagers and the Consumer Society,” London School of Economics, London, U.K. (April 2001)

“Nerds, Weirdos and Cool Kids,” Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cambridge, U.K. (February 2001)

Current Projects:

Social Simplification

A General Model of Elites and Non-elites

The Role of Adolescents in Globalization

