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**PERSONAL INFORMATION:** Citizenship: Canadian and American

## **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	Higher Education
Inequality	Racism and Stigma
Race and Immigration	Sociology of Knowledge
Comparative Sociology	Qualitative Methods
Social Change	Sociological Theory

## **PRIMARY ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

2016-present: Affiliated Faculty, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University  
2016-present: Distinguished Fellow, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto  
2006-present: Robert I. Goldman Professor of European Studies, Harvard University  
2005-present: Professor of African and African American Studies, Harvard University  
2003-present: Professor, Department of Sociology, Harvard University  
2015-2021: Director, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University  
2002-2019: Project Co-director, Successful Societies Program (with Peter A. Hall, Harvard University),  
Canadian Institute for Advanced Research  
Fellow, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research  
2014: Acting Director, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University  
2009-2010: Senior Advisor on Faculty Development and Diversity, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University  
2004-2010: Director, European Inequality Network, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy,  
John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University  
2000-2003: 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

### SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS:

- 2023: Member, American Academy of Arts & Sciences  
2022: Honorary Doctorate, University of Antwerp  
2021: Top Ten Breakthroughs in Social Sciences and Humanities Award, Falling Walls Foundation  
2020: Honorary Doctorate, University of Warwick  
Honorary Doctorate, University of Uppsala  
2017: Erasmus Prize, The Praemium Erasmianum Foundation (€150,000)  
Honorary Doctorate, University of Ottawa  
Honorary Doctorate, Université de Bordeaux  
Honorary Doctorate, University of Amsterdam  
2016-2017: 108<sup>th</sup> President, American Sociological Association (President-elect: 2015-16; Past-president, 2017-2018)  
2015: Elected Member, Royal Society of Canada  
2014: Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques, Gouvernement Français  
Gutenberg Research Award, Johannes Gutenberg University  
2010: Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Award, Harvard University  
2001: C. Wright Mills Prize of the Society for the Study of Social Problems for *The Dignity of Working Men*  
Mattei Dogan Award for the Best Comparative Book in 2001 from the Society for Comparative Research for *The Dignity of Working Men*.  
1995: Le Monde Choice List, *La morale et l'argent. La culture 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*

### SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2023: Hallsworth Visiting Professor, The University of Manchester (May)  
2019-2021: Fellow, Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program (\$200,000)  
2019-2020: Residential Fellowship, Russell Sage Foundation  
2016-2018: Distinguished Fellow, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto  
2015: Professeur d'Etat invitée, Collège de France  
2010-11: Visiting Professor, Centre d'études européennes, Sciences Po, Paris  
2005-2006: Matina Horner Distinguished Visiting Professorship, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study  
2002-2003: Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences (with the support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation)  
2002-present: Fellow and Program Director, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research  
1996-1997: Fellow, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation  
Jean Monnet Fellow, European University Institute, (declined)  
1996: Fellow, Russell Sage Foundation (one semester)  
1992-1993: Fellow, German Marshall Funds of the United States  
1982-1984: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Stanford University (with support of the Québec Government)  
1980-1982: Ph.D. Fellowship, Québec Government  
1978-1982: Ph.D. Fellowship, French Government

### EXTERNAL GRANTS (LAST 15 YEARS):

- 2018-2019: "Doctoral Dissertation Research: Becoming Part of the City: Place-Belonging in Urbanizing China" with Amy Tsang, NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement grant program (\$11,983)  
2002-2019: "Successful Societies Program." Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. Program co-director (app \$1,000,000 a year)

- 2014-2016: "Cultures of Health." Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$25,000)
- 2013-2016: "The Fukushima Disaster and the Cultural Politics of Nuclear Power in the United States and Japan." Science and Technology program, National Science Foundation, with Kyoko Sato and Sheila Jasanoff (\$175,686)
- 2012-2014: "Qualitative Data Repository." National Science Foundation, with Colin Elman, Diana Kapiszewski, Howard Turtle, and Lisa Wedeen, Syracuse University (\$599,822)
- 2010-2011: "Doctoral Dissertation Research: Low Income Youth and Perceptions of Mortality." National Science Foundation, with Nathan Fosse, Harvard University (\$8,365)
- 2009-2011: "Destigmatization Strategies among Ethnic Groups in Israel." United States - Israel Binational Science Foundation, with Nissim Mizrahi and Hanna Herzog (\$52,000)
- 2009-2010: "Doctoral Dissertation Research: A Multilevel Study of Symbolic Boundaries towards Muslims, 2007-2008." National Science Foundation, with Christopher Bail, Harvard University (\$10,000)
- 2007-2010: "African-American Responses to Racism and Discrimination." National Science Foundation (\$209,985)
- 2007-2009: "Fostering Successful Interdisciplinarity through Shared Cognitive Platforms." Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (\$250,000)
- "Doctoral Dissertation Research: Hiring and Inequality in High Prestige Professions." National Science Foundation, with Lauren Rivera, Harvard University (\$7,500)
- 2008: "Exploring Culture and Poverty." Ford Foundation, with David Harding and Mario Luis Small (\$25,000)

#### **SCIENTIFIC BOARD MEMBERSHIP (LAST TEN YEARS):**

- 2022-present: Member, Advisory Board, Experiences of (in)dignity from the margins (INDIGMA) Project, Velux Foundations
- 2020-present: Member, Advisory Board, Understanding, Capturing and Fostering the Societal Value of Culture (UNCHARTED) project, European Commission Horizon Programme
- 2018-present: Member, Board of Directors, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)
- 2016-2022: Member, Scientific Advisory Board at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany
- Member, Advisory Board, Nordic Centre for Research on Gender Equality in Research and Innovation (NORDICORE)
- 2018-2021: Member of Foundation Board, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva, Switzerland
- 2016-2021: Member, Advisory Council for the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS)
- 2009-2015: Member, Advisory Board, Fellowship Program, Open Society Foundation
- 2009-2013: Member, Advisory Board, Réseau français d'Instituts d'études avancées
- 2010-2012: Member, Haut conseil de la science et de la technologie, French Government
- 2008-2012: Member, International Scientific Advisory Board, Sciences Po, Paris

#### **SELECTED SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS:**

##### **BOOKS**

- Forthcoming: *Seeing Others: How Recognition Works and How It Can Heal a Divided World*. New York: One Signal, Simon and Schuster; London: Penguin.  
Chinese translation. China Translation & Publishing House. Forthcoming.  
Dutch translation. Atlas Contact. Forthcoming.  
Korean translation. Rokmedia. Forthcoming.

- 2016: *Getting Respect: Responding to Stigma and Discrimination in the United States, Brazil, and Israel* (with Graziella Moraes Silva, Jessica S. Welburn, Joshua Guetzkow, Nissim Mizrachi, Hanna Herzog, and Elisa Reis). Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- 2009: *How Professors Think: Inside the Curious World of Academic Judgment*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press (translated in Korean, Chinese and Spanish).
- 2000: *The Dignity of Working Men: Morality and the Boundaries of Race, Class, and Immigration*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press and New York: Russell Sage Foundation (translated in French).
- 1992: *Money, Morals, and Manners: The Culture of the French and the American Upper-Middle Class*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (translated in French).

## ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

### Culture and Inequality

- 2023: "Recreating a Plausible Future: Combining Cultural Repertoires in Unsettled Times." (with Shira Zilberstein and Mari Sanchez). *Sociological Science*, 10(1): 348-373.
- 2019: "Inequality as a Multidimensional Process" (co-edited with Paul Pierson). Special Issue of *Daedalus: Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Science*, 148(3).  
 "Inequality Generation and Persistence as Multidimensional Processes: An Interdisciplinary Agenda" (with Paul Pierson). *Daedalus: Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Science*, 148(3): 5-18.  
 "Membership without Social Citizenship? Deservingness and Redistribution as Grounds for Equality." (with Irene Bloemraad, Will Kymlicka, Leanne Son Hing). *Daedalus: Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Science*, 148(3): 73-104.  
 "From 'Having' to 'Being': Self-Worth and the Current Crisis of American Society." *The British Journal of Sociology*. 70(3): 660-707.  
 With responses by Andrew Cherlin, Claude Fischer, Margaret Frye, Eva Illouz, Giseline Kuipers, Mike Savage, and Adia Wingfield.  
 Portuguese translation: "De 'Ter' a 'Ser': Autoestima e a Crise Atual da Sociedade Americana." Pp.121-188 in: Igreja, R. and Negri, C. (orgs.) *Desigualdades Globais e Justiça Social: Interfaces Teóricas, Acesso à Justiça e Democracia*. Brasília: Faculdade Latino-Americana de Ciências Sociais. 2021.
- 2018: "For a 'Sociology as a Team Sport.'" *The British Journal of Sociology*. 70(3): 769-779.  
 "Cultural Sociology and China" (co-edited with Amy Tsang). Special issue of *The Journal of Chinese Sociology*, 4(15), 4(17), 4(18), 4(19), 5(7), and 5(15).
- 2017: "The Trump/Brexit Moment: Causes and Consequences" (co-edited with Nigel Dodd and Mike Savage). Special issue of *British Journal of Sociology*, 68(S1): S1-S280.  
 "Bridging Cultural Sociology and Cognitive Psychology in Three Contemporary Research Programs." (with Laura Adler, Bo Yun Park, and Xin Xiang). *Nature Human Behavior*, 1:866-872.
- 2014: "What is Missing? Cultural Processes and the Making of Inequality." (with Stefan Beljean and Matthew Clair). *SocioEconomic Review*, 12(3): 573-608.  
 Chinese translation: "He Zhe Que Xi? Wen Hua Guo Cheng Yu Dao Xiang Bu Ping Deng De Yin Guo Lu Jing." Trad. Junchao Tang. *Journal of Sociological Studies*. 1(1), 2018: 201-39+278.
- 2012: "Toward a Comparative Sociology of Valuation and Evaluation." *Annual Review of Sociology*, 38: 201-221.  
 "How Has Bourdieu Been Good to Think With? The Case of the United States." *Sociological Forum*, 27(1): 228-237.

- 2010: *Reconsidering Culture and Poverty* (co-edited with Mario Luis Small and David J. Harding). Special issue of the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 629: 6-225.
- 2008: "How Culture Matters: Enriching Our Understandings of Poverty." (with Mario Luis Small). Pp. 76-102 in *The Colors of Poverty: Why Racial and Ethnic Disparities Persist*, edited by A. Lin and D. Harris. New York: Russell Sage Foundation
- 2007: "Boundary Processes: Recent Theoretical Developments and New Contributions." (with Mark A. Pachuchi and Sabrina Pendergrass). *Poetics*, 35: 331-351.
- 2002: "The Study of Boundaries Across the Social Sciences." (with Virag Molnar). *Annual Review of Sociology*, 28: 167-195.
- 2000: *Rethinking Comparative Cultural Sociology: Repertoires of Evaluation in France and the United States* (co-edited with Laurent Thévenot). London: Cambridge University Press and Paris: Presses de la Maison des sciences de l'homme.
- 1992: *Cultivating Differences: Symbolic Boundaries and the Making of Inequality* (co-edited with Marcel Fournier). Chicago: University of Chicago Press (2nd edition: 1994).
- 1988: "Cultural Capital: Allusions, Gaps and Glissandos in Recent Theoretical Developments." (with Annette L. Lareau). *Sociological Theory*, 6(2): 153-168.

### **Racism and Stigma**

- 2018: "Addressing Recognition Gaps: Destigmatization and the Reduction of Inequality." *American Sociological Review*, 83(3): 419-444.
- 2012: "Responses to Stigmatization in Comparative Perspectives: Brazil, Canada, Israel, France, South Africa, Sweden, and the United States" (co-edited with Nissim Mizrahi). Special issue of *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 35(3): 365-540.
- "African Americans Respond to Stigmatization: The Meanings and Salience of Confronting, Deflecting Conflict, Educating the Ignorant and 'Managing the Self.'" (with Crystal M. Fleming and Jessica S. Welburn). Special issue of *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 35(3): 400-417.
- 2009: "Responses to Racism, Health, and Social Inclusion as a Dimension of Successful Societies." Pp. 151-168 in *Successful Societies: How Institutions and Culture Affect Health*, by P. A. Hall and M. Lamont. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- 2002: "Ordinary Cosmopolitanisms: Strategies for Bridging Racial Boundaries among Working Class Men." (with Sada Aksartova). *Theory, Culture and Society*, 19(4): 1-25.
- 2001: "North African Immigrants Respond to French Racism: Demonstrating Equivalence through Universalism." (with Ann Morning and Margarita Mooney). *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 25(3): 390-414.
- "How Blacks Use Consumption to Shape their Collective Identity: Evidence from African American Marketing Specialists." (with Virág Molnár). *Journal of Consumer Culture*, 1(1): 31-45.

### **Academia and Knowledge**

- 2020: *La morale des sociologues*, (co-edited with Bruno Cousin), Paris : Presses universitaires de France.
- 2021: "Postface: Making Sense of Reality Together: Interdisciplinary 'Ways of Seeing,'" in John R. Bowen, Nicolas Dodier, Jan Willem Duyvendak, and Anita Hardon (eds.) *Pragmatic Inquiry: Critical Concepts for Social Sciences*. New York: Routledge.
- 2020: *La morale des sociologues*, (co-edited with Bruno Cousin), Paris : Presses universitaires de France.
- "Les nouvelles frontières de la *cultural sociology*." Pp. 89-98 in *La morale des sociologues*, edited by B. Cousin and M. Lamont). Paris: Presses universitaires de France.
- 2019: "Michèle Lamont." Pp. 127-134 in *How to Get Grant Money in the Humanities and Social Sciences*, by R. B. Folsom. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

- 2018: "Sociology's Response to the Trump Presidency: Views from the 108th ASA President." *Sociological Forum*, 33(4).
- 2015: "Shared Cognitive-Emotional-Interactional Platforms: Markers and Conditions for Successful Interdisciplinary Collaborations." (with Veronica Boix-Mansilla and Kyoko Sato). *Science, Technology & Human Values*, 41(4): 571-612.
- 2011: *Social Knowledge in the Making* (co-edited with Charles Camic and Neil Gross). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- 2009: "Fairness as Appropriateness: Negotiating Epistemological Differences in Book Review." (with Grégoire Mallard and Joshua Guetzkow). *Science, Technology and Human Values*, 34(5): 573-606.
- 2006: "Beyond Blind Faith: Overcoming the Obstacles to Interdisciplinary Evaluation." *Research Evaluation* 15 (1): 43-55.
- 2004: "What is Originality in the Social Sciences and the Humanities?" (with Joshua Guetzkow and Grégoire Mallard). *American Sociological Review*, 69(2): 190-212.

### **Social Change and Successful Societies**

- 2022: "How American College Students Understand Social Resilience and Navigate towards the Future during Covid and the Movement for Racial Justice." (with Mari Sanchez and Shira Zilberstein). *Social Science & Medicine* 301:114890. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.114890>.
- 2020: Folke, Carl, et al. 2020. "Our Future in the Anthropocene Biosphere: Global sustainability and resilient societies". in *Nobel Prize Summit: Our Planet, Our Future*. Stockholm, Sweden: Beijer Discussion Paper Series No. 272.
- 2016: "Mutuality, Health Promotion and Collective Cultural Change" (co-edited with Mabel Berezin, Alonzo Plough, and Matthew Trujillo.) Special issue of *Social Science & Medicine*, 165:1-296. "Destigmatization and Health: Cultural Constructions and the Long-term Reduction of Stigma." (with Matthew Clair and Caitlin Daniel). *Social Science & Medicine*, September, 165: 223-232. "Neoliberalism and Symbolic Boundaries in Europe: Global Diffusion, Local Context, Regional Variation." (with Jonathan J.B. Mijs and Elyas Bakhtiari). *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*, January-December, (2): 1-8.
- 2014: "How Neo-Liberalism Has Transformed France's Symbolic Boundaries?" (with Nicolas Duvoux). *French Politics, Culture and Society*, 32(2): 57-75.
- 2013: *Social Resilience in the Neoliberal Era* (co-edited with Peter A. Hall). New York: Cambridge University Press.  
Reprinted in *Cultural Sociology: An Introductory Reader*, edited by Matt Wray. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2013, pp. 532-550.  
French translation, "Introduction," *Revue des politiques sociales et familiales*.  
Forthcoming. Paris, France: CNAF
- 2010: "Introduction: Assessing France as a Model of Societal Success." (with Eloi Laurent) *French Politics, Culture & Society*, 28(3): 66-73.
- 2009: *Successful Societies: How Institutions and Culture Affect Health* (co-edited with Peter A. Hall). New York: Cambridge University Press.

### **Qualitative Methods**

- 2022: "Research Questions, Research Designs and Explanations: Lessons from *Getting Respect*." (with Graziella Moraes Silva and Joshua Guetzkow). In *The How To of Qualitative Research*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., edited by J. D. Aurini, M. Heath, and S. Howells. London: Sage.
- 2014: "Methodological Pluralism and the Possibilities and Limits of Interviewing." (with Ann Swidler). *Qualitative Sociology*, 37(2): 153-171.

2008: Workshop on The Evaluation of Systematic Qualitative Research in the Social Sciences (co-edited with Patricia White). Washington, DC: National Science Foundation.

#### **SELECTED INTERVIEWS, PUBLIC LECTURES, and OTHER SPEECHES:**

- 2022: Keynote: “Political Subjectivity and Personhood”, Theory Section of the German Political Science Association, Aachen, Germany.  
Keynote: Politeia Conference, Leuven, Belgium.  
Honorary Doctorate Lecture on “Narratives of Hope: Self-Worth and the Current Crisis in American Society and Beyond”, University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium.  
“Uncertain Times, Unsettled Lives: Shaping our Future in a World in Transformation,” Global launch of the 2021/22 Human Development Report, United Nations Development Programme.  
Cadario Lecture on “Who Matters: Redefining Worth in our Divided World,” University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.
- 2021: Falling Walls Science Summit 2021 on “Breaking the Wall to Universal Dignity,” Berlin, Germany.  
TEDWomen Conference on “Dignity and Recognition,” Palm Springs, CA
- 2020: Endowed Lecture: Gunnar Myrdal Lecture on “Narratives of Hope: Self-Worth and the Current Crisis in American Society and Beyond,” Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2019: Endowed Lecture: Mosse-Lecture on “In Search of Hope: The Current Crisis of American Class Society,” Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany  
Keynote: “The Role of Narratives in Social Resilience,” Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Albaeco, Future Earth, & Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm, Sweden  
Keynote: “Promoting Gender Diversity in Peer Review? Lessons from *How Professors Think*,” Gender Institute, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia  
“Narratives of Hope: Self-Worth and the Current Crisis in American Society and Beyond,” Plenary speaker, European Sociological Association Conference, Manchester, UK
- 2018: “From ‘Having’ to ‘Being’: Self Worth and the Current Crisis of American Society.” Annual Lecture *British Journal of Sociology*.  
“Trump’s language, unseemly to critics, reassures his base.” Interview with the Harvard Gazette, February 7.  
Keynote: “Addressing Recognition Gaps,” Swedish Sociological Association 2018 Annual Meeting/Sociologidagarna, Lund, Sweden
- 2017: “Addressing the Recognition Gap: Destigmatization and the reduction of inequality.” American Sociological Association Presidential Address  
Endowed Lecture: Vilhelm Aubert Memorial Lecture, University of Oslo/Universitetet i Oslo, Oslo, Norway  
Endowed Lecture: Erving Goffman Memorial Lecture, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK  
Public Lecture, International Inequality Institute, London School of Economics  
President’s Lecture, Open Society Foundations, New York, NY  
Honoris Causa Degree Lecture, Université de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France  
Keynote Speaker, 5th CRISES International Conference, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Canada