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Education

Queens College- City University of New York	BA 1975
Harvard University- Sociology	MA 1984
Harvard University- Sociology	PhD 1985

Employment History

Instructor in Sociology, Bryn Mawr College 1984-1985
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Bryn Mawr College 1985-1992
Associate Professor of Sociology, Bryn Mawr College 1992-2006
Professor of Sociology- Bryn Mawr College 2006– present

Fellowships, Honors, and Grants

Adjunct professor- Title conferred by Aalborg University Department of Health
Science and Technology of the Faculty of Medicine, 2019-2024
McPherson Award For Excellence- Bryn Mawr College Faculty award for “excellence
and service to the community, either within or beyond the boundaries of the
institution” - May, 2014
Institute for Advanced Study- Princeton, NJ – September 2009-June 2010-
Member/Visiting Scholar
Bryn Mawr College Curriculum Development Grant- Community-Based Research
Summer 2008
Bryn Mawr College “Change master” grant-2006
Spencer

- Syllabus for "Social Inequality," in American Sociological Association, Teaching Materials and Course Syllabi in Social Stratification, Washington, DC, 1989.
- "Are Middle-Class Feminists Selfish?" (with Carole Joffe), Baltimore Sun, December 14, 1986, p. 5D.
- "CollegeAid Cut Effect Would Be 'Devastating' GuestOpinion, Philadelphia Daily News, April 16, 1985, p. 36.
- "A Danger of Reagan's School Cuts," Newsday, May 24, 1982, p. 36.
- "Color on the Court: Race in Professional Basketball," (with Jerome Karabel) In These Times 6, 12 (Feb.10-16, 1982): 23-4.
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- "Who Applies Where to College An Empirical Examination of the Social Context of Ambition," American Educational Research Association, April, 1988.
- "The Politics of Gatekeeping The Case of Elite Colleges," American Sociological Association, August, 1987.
- "The Social Base of Feminism Opportunities and Change," Roundtable, American Sociological Association, August, 1987 (organized with Carole Joffe).
- "Varieties of Feminism Diversity and the Future of the Women's Movement," Colloquium, Eastern Sociological Society, May 1987 (with Carole Joffe).
- "The Declining Significance of Gender? Barriers to a Unified Women's Movement," Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 28, 1986 (with Carole Joffe).
- "Ambition and Social Structure," Roundtable, American Sociological Association, August, 1986 (organized with Katherine E. McClelland).
- "The Politics of Admission to Elite Colleges The Case of Harvard," Eastern Sociological Society, April 6, 1986.
- "Admission to Harvard The Effects of Race/Ethnicity Gender Social Background and Ability," American Educational Research Association, April 18, 1986.
- "Social Closure in Education The Case of Harvard Admissions," American Sociological Association, September, 1983.
- "Trends in Access to Higher Education Race Class and Sex," (with Katherine E. McClelland) American Sociological Association, September, 1983.
- "Trends in Racial Sexual and Class Inequality in Access to American Higher Education, 1940-1980," Eastern Sociological Society, March 21, 1981.

Invited Lectures

- University of Texas-Austin, "Making Sports... and Society... Fairer Dimensions of Fairness in Sports with Implications for Education and Health Care," March 27, 2020. (postponed)
- Inaugural Lecture at Aalborg University: "From Harvard to the Olympics Engaging and Overcoming Meritocracy in the Pursuit of Fairness in Education and Sport," May 25, 2019
- "Admission to US Elite Universities," Aalborg University, Center for Education Policy Research Seminar, April 20, 2016, Fjerritslev, Denmark
- "Elite College Sport in the United States," Presentation to Aalborg Sportskole, April 20, 2016
- "Women Athletes' Body Image Engagement versus Muscularity," Research Seminar, Aalborg University, April 19, 2016.
- "When Do Sports Matter? Sports and Normative Ideas of Fairness," Aalborg University, April 12, 2016.
- "Organizing Talent in the United States? Presentation to Course 4(m)-2(i)-2(na)-6(r)] TJ 0 Tr -1(,) T Tr

- “Education in a New Society”, Respondent to paper by Scott Davies and Jal Mehta
Sociology of Education panel at University of Pennsylvania May 5, 2011.
- “Sports Meritocracy Neo-institutional models of change”. Institute for Advanced
Study May 13, 2010.
- “Perceptions of Opportunity for Higher Education”, Conference on Higher Education
Access and Opportunity, University of Georgia Institute of Higher Education,
April 3-5, 2003.
- “Patterns of Educational Selection by Race, Class, and Gender”, Fulbright Educational
Experts Seminar 2000-- “Democracy and Higher Education: A Complex Mix in
Advanced Industrial Societies”, October 26-29, 2000, Ann Arbor, MI.
- “Status Report Where are we now in the struggle for affirmative action? How did we
lose so much ground? Center for Constitutional Rights- Affirmative Action
Symposium- January 16, 1999
- “Dilemmas in Social Research”, Spence Foundation Forum for Pre-Doctoral Fellows,
October 4, 1996.
- “Political Mobilization and Shifting Patterns of Admission to Harvard During the
Twentieth Century”, Columbia University, Department of Sociology April 14,
1994.
- “A Political-Organizational Analysis of Gatekeeping”, Columbia University Seminar on
Higher Education, February 20, 1991.
- “Social Background and College Applications”, University of Pennsylvania November
5, 1986.
- “Who Gets Into Harvard? Harvard Club of Philadelphia Sept 21, 1986.

Other Professional Activities (selected)

- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Education Section Nominations
Committee (2019-2020)
- Program Committee, Eastern Sociological Society 2017 Annual Conference
Philadelphia PA.
- Consultant on Sports Talent Development Project in Denmark SportsClassanced

