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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1990. Dept. of Sociology. SUNY, Stony Brook.

B.A. 1982. Marietta College. Marietta OH. (magna cum laude)

EMPLOYMENT

(2005→)

Professor of Sociology. Villanova University

(1997-2004)

Associate Professor of Sociology. Villanova University

(1990-1996)

Assistant Professor of Sociology. Villanova University.

(1992-2008)

Staff, Center for Peace and Justice Education, Villanova University

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

Introductory Sociology; Honors Introductory Sociology (two semester course); Business and Society; Sociology of Sports; Sociological Theory and Public Policy; Senior Seminar in Applied Sociology; Education and Social Justice; Labor Work, & Unions; Health Care, and Social Justice; Sociology of War and Imperialism; Topics of Urban Education

TEACHING AWARDS

1999. Lindback Award for Teaching Excellence, Villanova University.
- 1988 President's Award for Teaching Excellence. SUNY, Stony Brook

DIRECTED STUDIES

Since 1990, I have been the primary adviser of 18 honors theses, the secondary adviser of 9 honors theses, and have directed 30 independent studies/readings/projects in either Sociology, Peace and Justice, or Honors. In addition, I have directed twelve students (in six separate courses) acting as undergraduate teaching assistants.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

BOOKS

2003. *Public Dollars, Private Stadiums: The Battle over Building Sports Stadiums*. Rutgers University Press. (equal co-authorship with Kevin Delaney). NOTE: a second paperback printing was issued in 2004.
- 1997 *Nuclear Power and Social Power*. Temple University Press.

BOOK AWARDS

2005. *Public Dollars, Private Stadiums* was chosen for an "Author Meets Critic" session at the Eastern Sociological Society meeting.
2004. *Public Dollars, Private Stadiums* was selected as best book of 2004 by the Association for Humanist Sociology.

JOURNAL ARTICLES (all co-authorships are equal)

2008. R. Eckstein, K. Delaney, E. McElwee, K. Carroll, S. Blanchard, "Patterns in Local Media Coverage of Sports Stadium Initiatives." Journal of Sport and Social Issues. Vol. 32 (4), pp.1-23.
2007. R. Eckstein, "The Surprising Face of Racist Attitudes." Journal for Peace and Justice Studies. Vol. 16(1), pp. 78-88.

2007. K. Delaney & R. Eckstein, "Urban Power Structures and Publicly Financed Stadiums." Sociological Forum. Vol. 22(3), pp. 331-353.
2006. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney, "Local Growth Coalitions, Publicly Subsidized Sports Stadiums, and Social Inequality." Humanity and Society, Vol 30 (1), pp. 84-108.
2003. K. Delaney & R. Eckstein, "The Devil is in the Details: Neutralizing Academic Studies of New Sports Stadiums." Critical Sociology, Vol 29 (2), pp. 189-210.
2002. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney, "New Sports Stadiums, Community Self-Esteem, and Community Collective Conscience." Journal of Sport and Social Issues, Vol. 26 (3), pp. 235-247.
1995. R. Eckstein, K. Delaney & R. Schoenike, "The Voice of Sociology: Obstacles to Teaching and Learning the Sociological Imagination." Teaching Sociology, Vol.23(4) pp. 353-363.
1995. R. Eckstein, J. Carcello, and C. Laz, "Reality and Rhetoric: The Glass Ceiling in Public Accounting." The Journal for Peace and Justice Studies, Vol. 6(2), pp.53-71.
1993. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney, "Institutional Investment in Troubled Corporations: A Sociological Analysis." American Journal of Economics and Sociology, Vol. 52(3), pp. 291-306.
1991. R. Eckstein, R. Boice, & E. Chua-Yap, "An Annotated Guide to Teaching Assistant Training." The Journal of Staff, Program, and Organizational Development, Vol.9(3), pp. 163-180.
1991. R. Eckstein, "No Island of Socialism: Free Market Policies Sink New Zealand's Labour Party." Dollars and Sense. (May), pp. 18-20.
1987. D. Swoboda, K. Delaney, & R. Eckstein, "A Theoretical Exploration of White Collar Organizing: Graduate Student Employees and the Future of Unions in Academia." Humanity and Society, Vol. 11(2), pp. 165-174.

OP-ED ARTICLES

2008. R. Eckstein, "Stadium Promises Never Pay." *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Jan. 30.
2005. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney, "Many Yards to Go." *Newsday*. Feb. 27.
2003. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney, "Pittsburgh's Financial Troubles and New Stadiums" (pre-edited title). *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Nov. 13.
2000. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney, "Cities and the Stadiums." *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. March 16.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1996. "Schools, Poverty, and Opportunity" in P. Knapp, J Kronick, W. Marks, M. Vosburgh, The Assault on Equality, New York: Praeger, pp. 63-88 (co-authored with M. Vosburgh).
1995. "Education" in B.Jones, J. McFalls, & B. Gallagher, Principles of Sociology, Dallas: Harcourt-Brace, pp. 556-587.
1994. "Contemporary Social Problems" in W. Hartel, S. Schwartz, S. Blume, & J. Gardner (eds.), Getting Ready for the Real World, New York: Wadsworth, pp. 269-288.

PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS/PAPERS

1993. R. Eckstein & J. Carcello, "Upward Mobility of Female Accountants and Academics: From the Personal to the Structural." Resources in Education (February).
1992. R. Eckstein & J. Carcello, "An Empirical Analysis of Women's Upward Mobility in Public Accounting Firms." Proceedings of the Southeastern Accounting Association's Annual Meeting. Charlotte, NC.

INVITED PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

2007. "Publicly Financed Stadiums and Social Inequality." College of St. Elizabeth. Morristown, NJ. February.
2007. "Media Deceptions and Exaggerations about the Value of Sports." University of Indianapolis Honors College Speaker Series. February
2006. "How Marietta College Made Me Dangerous" (a response to David Horowitz). Marietta College, Marietta OH. April.
2005. Analysis of Indianapolis Colts' Economic Impact Study. Univ. of Indianapolis. Feb. 2
2005. Faculty colloquium on publicly financed stadiums. Division of Social Sciences. University of Texas-Dallas. Jan 17.
2004. Analysis of Washington DC stadium initiative. DC Fiscal Policy Institute. Washington, DC. Dec. 3.

- 2004. Discussion of *Public Dollars, Private Stadiums*. Barnes and Noble, Arlington VA. June 30.
- 2004. Panel presentation on “New Stadiums, Politics, and the Media.” Villanova University. (with Kevin Delaney and Jim Bouton). April 6.
- 2004. Discussion of *Public Dollars, Private Stadiums*. Univ. of Pennsylvania Bookstore. April 6.
- 2004. Colloquium talk about *Public Dollars, Private Stadiums*. Rollins College. April 5.

TELEVISION PRESENTATIONS

- 2007. Broadcast of public presentation examining Media Deceptions and Exaggerations about the Value of Sports. Indiana Public Access TV. Feb. 25-28.
- 2005. Broadcast of public presentation examining Indianapolis Colts’ Economic Impact Study. Indiana Public Access TV. Feb. 9.
- 2005. The Amos Brown Show, Indianapolis, IN. Feb. 3.
- 2005. The Coffee House. Montgomery County, MD cable access channel. Interview about Washington DC stadium initiative.
- 2004. Upper Merion Township Cable Access. “Book Chat” Series. Discussion about *Public Dollars, Private Stadiums*.
- 2004. C-SPAN (BookTV series). Broadcast of April 6 panel on “New Stadiums, Politics, and the Media” (see above)

RADIO INTERVIEWS

- 2006. WMRT-FM, Marietta, OH. Live interview about academic freedom (40 minutes).
- 2005. WBAI-FW, New York. “The David Rothenberger Show.” Live interview about New York’s stadium initiative (20 minutes).
- 2005. Texas Talk Radio. “The David Gold Show.” Live interview about Texas stadium initiative (60 minutes).
- 2005. KTKZ-AM. “The Eric Hogue Show.” Live interview about new Sacramento arena (30 minutes).

- 2004. WPFA-FM, Washington DC. "The Richard Healey Show." Live interview about publicly financed stadiums (60 minutes).
- 2004. WVTS-AM, Charleston, WV. "The Jerry Waters Show." Live interview about publicly financed stadiums (30 minutes).
- 2004. WWOW-AM, Cleveland, OH. "The Louis Free Show" Live interview about publicly financed stadiums (60 minutes).

MEDIA CITATIONS

2004+. Interviews on publicly financed stadiums were quoted in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Indianapolis Star*, and *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and perhaps a dozen other venues (both print and on-line) More substantial stories appeared in *The Baton Rouge Advocate* and the *Dallas Morning News*.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2006 *High Stakes: Big Time Sports and Downtown Development*. American Journal of Sociology
- 2005. *Uncertain Business*. Contemporary Sociology
- 1996. *Research in Stratification and Mobility*. Contemporary Sociology, Vol. 25(3), pp. 340-341.
- 1992. *Strategic Bankruptcy*. Turnarounds and Workouts: News for People Tracking Distressed Business, Vol. 6(13), August 15.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (*paper presentations unless noted*)

- 2007. "A Humanistic Debate about the Pros and Cons of Distance Learning." Association for Humanist Sociology. Las Vegas.
- 2007. "The Media's Role in Stadium Battles." American Sociological Association. New York.
- 2007. "Sociologically Exploring the (Alleged) American Obsession with Sports." Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia

2006. "Are Americans Obsessed with Sports or Do We Just Think They Are and Either Way How Does this Happen?" Assoc. For Humanist Sociology. St. Louis.
2006. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney. "Publicly Financed Sports Stadiums, the Media, and Public Policy." American Sociological Association. Montreal
2004. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney. "Public Sociology, Public Policy, and Publicly Financed Sports Stadiums." American Sociological Association. San Francisco.
2004. R. Eckstein & T. Arvanites. "No Undergraduate Left Behind: Standardized Outcomes Assessment and the Future of Liberal Education." Teaching and Learning Conference. Edinburgh.
2003. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney. "How Academics Can Influence the Debate over Publicly Financed Sports Stadiums." American Sociological Association. Atlanta
2001. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney. "Public Dollars, Private Stadiums." American Sociological Association. Anaheim.
1999. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney. "New Sports Stadiums and Community Self-Esteem." Eastern Sociological Society. Boston.
1999. Paper discussant. Section on undergraduate research. Eastern Sociological Society. Boston.
1998. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney. "Home Field Advantage? The Public Funding of Professional Sports Stadiums." American Sociological Association. San Francisco.
1998. Roundtable Organizer. "Trends in Sociology Majors." Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia..
1997. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney. "Local Growth Coalitions and Professional Sports Franchise Mobility in the U.S. and Canada." American Sociological Association. Toronto.
1997. Paper discussant. Section on ethnographic research. Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD.
1997. R. Eckstein. "Nuclear Power and Social Power: Sociological Analysis and Public Policy." Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD.
1996. R. Eckstein. "Why Undergraduates Major in Sociology." Association for Humanist Sociology. Hartford, CT.
1996. Paper discussant. Section on Economic Sociology. American Sociological Association. New York.
1996. R. Eckstein. "Corporate Cohesion and Local Growth Coalitions." Society for the Study of Social Problems. New York.

1996. R. Eckstein. "Follow the Money: the Rise and Fall of Nuclear Power." Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA.
1995. Session organizer. "Using Non-Non Fiction in the Classroom." Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia PA.
1994. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney. "The Voice of Sociology." Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD.
1993. R. Eckstein. "Nuclear Power and Local Political Economies." American Sociological Association. Miami, FL.
1993. R. Eckstein. "Nuclear Power and Corporate Power: An Organizational Analysis." Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA.
1992. R. Eckstein & K. Delaney. "Institutional Investment in Troubled and Bankrupt Corporations." American Sociological Association. Pittsburgh, PA.
1992. R. Eckstein & J. Carcello. "Upward Mobility of Female Accountants and Academics: From the Personal to the Structural." Eastern Sociological Society. Washington, D.C.
1991. R. Eckstein. "Let's Make a Deal: Closing the Shoreham Nuclear Plant." Eastern Sociological Society. Providence, RI.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

1998. Villanova University College of Arts & Sciences, Research Support Grant. Project: The Public Funding of Professional Sports Stadiums. (\$1500)
1993. Villanova University Faculty Summer Research Grant. Project: Nuclear Power and Social Power. (\$7000)

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2004. Teacher Education Committee, Bryn Mawr/Haverford College
- 2004-06. Book Review Editor, Humanity and Society
- 2004-2007. Manuscript Reviewer, State and Local Gov't Review
2006. Manuscript Reviewer, Roxbury Press

- 2002-07. Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Sport and Social Issues
- 1994-2006. Manuscript Reviewer, Journal for Peace and Justice Studies
- 1995-2004. Manuscript Reviewer, Temple University Press
1996. Manuscript Reviewer, Sociological Forum
- 1995-98. Manuscript Reviewer, Teaching Sociology
1994. Manuscript Reviewer, Prentice Hall
- 1993,95,98. Manuscript Reviewer, Pine Forge Press
- 1992-2000. Paper Reviewer, Eastern Sociological Society

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2006. Member, Arts & Sciences Rank and Tenure Committee
- 1993-2004. Academic Adviser, College of Arts and Sciences
2001. Faculty Adviser. Service trip to Juarez, Mexico
- 1992-2008. Staff, Center for Peace and Justice Education (CPJE)
- 1991-2004. Curriculum Committee, CPJE
- 2005-08. Chair, Curriculum Committee, CPJE
- 2001-2004. Editor, CPJE Newsletter
- 1998-2004. Contributor, CPJE Newsletter
- 2002-2008. Chair, Lindback Teaching Award Committee
- 2001-2002. Member, Lindback Award Committee.
2002. Chair, Ad hoc Committee to Restructure the Lindback Teaching Award (Committee on Faculty)
- 2002-2008. Member, Liberal Arts Advisory Committee, Villanova Institute for Teaching and Learning
2005. Presenter, History Department Colloquium on Effective Teaching
- 1997-2000. Faculty Senate Vice-Chair

- 1996-97. Faculty Senate Representative
- 2001-2006. Faculty Congress Representative
- 1993-2008. Presenter, M. L. King Day "Freedom School" Lecture Series.
2007. Presenter, Panel Discussion on Health Care in the U.S. (C.A.T)
2007. Presenter, Panel Discussion of Brecht's *Mother Courage* (Honors)
- 1995-2000. Participant, "Books and Hoops" program.
- 1993-7. Steering Committee, Presidential Committee on Cultural Diversity.
- 1991-93. Steering Committee, Martin Luther King Day.
1991. Steering Committee, Conference to Celebrate Native Americans.
1991. Member, President's Task Force on Cultural Diversity.
1994. Presenter, Forum on The Economic Oppression of Women
1994. Presenter, Teach-In on The Bell Curve
- 1992-95. Presenter, Diversity Day Lecture Series. *Race, Class & IQ*
1991. Presenter, Sigma Xi Luncheon Series. *Nuclear Power and Corporate Power*
1991. Presenter, Teach-in on Persian Gulf War.
1991. Moderator, Dormitory discussion of Persian Gulf War.
1993. Moderator, Student Forum on North American Free Trade Agreement.
- 1992-2003. Adviser, Progressive Student Network (student group).
- 1992-93. Adviser, Campaign for Community (student group).
1997. Presenter, Career Planning Workshop

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- 1990-2006. Chair, Instructional Development Committee.
- 1996-2000. Evaluation Committee

1991-2001. Faculty Advisor to the Sociology Club

1994. Department representative on Candidate's Day

COMMUNITY SERVICE