

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Professional Employment

2005 - Research Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Virginia  
1999 -2005 Research Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Virginia  
1999 - Program Director, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture  
2001 - Co-Director, Center on Religion and Democracy  
2003 - 2004 Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ  
1983 - 1995 Held director positions with a human rights group and a private foundation.

### Education

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Virginia, 1998  
M.A. Sociology, University of Virginia, 1995  
B.A. Anthropology, summa cum laude, University of Minnesota, 1981

### Publications

#### *Books*

*Accounts of Innocence: Sexual Abuse, Trauma, and the Self.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005. Co-winner of the Cooley Award from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction.

*Stories of Change: Narrative and Social Movements.* Edited volume. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2002.

*Identity and Social Change.* Edited volume. Transaction Publishers, 2000.

#### *Monograph*

*Thought Control, Totalism and the Extension of the Anti-Cult Critique Beyond the 'Cults'.* Ann Arbor: Tabor House, 1993.

#### *Edited Journal Issues*

Guest editor, "Identity." *The Hedgehog Review* 1:1 (1999).

Co-Editor, "The Body and Being Human." *The Hedgehog Review* 3:2 (2001).

*Articles and Book Chapters*

“How the Medicalization Thesis Lost its Way,” forthcoming in *Society*.

“Victim Narratives and Victim Selves: False Memory Syndrome and the Power of Accounts.” *Social Problems*, 52:4 (November 2005), 529-548.

“The Commodification of Self,” *The Hedgehog Review* 5:2 (Summer 2003), 41-49.

“Strangers in the Chancery,” *Society*, 40:3 (March/April 2003), 25-34.

“An Interview with Francis Fukuyama,” *The Hedgehog Review* 4:3 (Fall 2002), 98-109.

“If the ‘Human’ is Finished, What Comes Next?: A Review Essay,” *The Hedgehog Review* 4:3 (Fall 2002), 110-125.

“Social Movements and Strategic Narratives: Creating the Sexual Abuse Survivor Account,” in Wendy Patterson, ed., *Strategic Narrative: New Perspectives on Personal and Cultural Narratives*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2002, 107-125.

“Narrative and Social Movements: The Power of Stories,” in Joseph E. Davis, ed., *Stories of Change: Narrative and Social Movements*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2002, 3-29.

“Accounts of False Memory Syndrome: Parents, ‘Retractors,’ and the Role of Institutions in Account Making,” *Qualitative Sociology* 23:1 (2000), 29-56.

“Introduction: Social Change and the Problem of Identity,” in Joseph E. Davis, ed., *Identity and Social Change*. New Brunswick: Transaction, 2000, 1-10.

“Not Dead Yet: Psychotherapy, Morality, and the Question of Identity Dissolution,” in Joseph E. Davis, ed., *Identity and Social Change*. New Brunswick: Transaction, 2000, 155-178.

“Healing the Fragmented Self,” *The Hedgehog Review* 1:1 (1999), 47-53.

“Identity and Social Change: A Short Review,” *The Hedgehog Review* 1:1 (1999), 95-102.

“An Interview with Sherry Turkle,” *The Hedgehog Review* 1:1 (1999), 71-84.

“Cultural Politics at the Edge of Life,” *Journal of Policy History* 7/1 (1995), 103-127. (with James Davison Hunter)

Reprinted in Donald T. Critchlow, ed., *The Politics of Abortion and Birth Control in Historical Perspective*. University Park, PA: Penn. State University Press, 1996, 103-127.

“Crossing Cultural Divides: Moral Conflict and the Cairo Population Conference,” in James L. Nolan, Jr., ed., *The American Culture Wars: Current Contests and Future Prospects*. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1996, 189-212.

## Popular Essays

“The Intersection of Sociology and Bioethics,” *Footnotes*, 33:5 (May/June 2005). (with Raymond DeVries and John H. Evans)

“Me. Inc.” *Soup: The Online Creative Magazine*, Issue 2, 2004.

“Religious Freedom: The U.N. Special Rapporteur,” *Freedom Review*, November-December 1991, 34-37.

“The Protestant Challenge in Latin America,” *America*, January 19, 1991, 37-38, 44-46.

“The Islamization of the Sudan,” *America*, November 12, 1988, 371-374.

## Book Reviews

Wuthnow, *American Mythos*, forthcoming in *First Things*.

McNally, *Remembering Trauma*, in *Society*, 42:5 (July/August 2005), 84-85.

Rieder, *The Fractious Nation? Unity and Division in Contemporary American Life*, in *Contemporary Sociology*, 33 (2004):703-704.

Numerous short book reviews for *InSight*, 2000-2003.

Etzioni, *The Monochrome Society*, in *Social Forces*, 81 (2003), 1053-1054.

Madsen, Sullivan, Swidler, and Tipton, *Meaning and Modernity: Religion, Polity, and Self*, in *American Journal of Sociology*, 108 (2003):930-32.

Moskowitz, *In Therapy We Trust: America's Obsession with Self-Fulfillment*, in *Journal of College and Character* (online journal of The Center for the Study of Values in College Student Development at Florida State University) 2002.

Sherman, *The Soul of Development: Christianity and Economic Transformation in Guatemala*, in *Contemporary Sociology* 27 (May 1998), 273-274.

Loftus and Ketcham, *The Myth of Repressed Memory*; Ofshe and Watters, *Making Monsters: False Memories, Psychotherapy, and Sexual Hysteria*; Pendergrast, *Victims of Memory: Incest Accusations and Shattered Lives*; and Wakefield and Underwager, *Return of the Furies: An Investigation into Recovered Memory Therapy*, in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 34 (December 1995), 524-526.

Victor, *Satanic Panic: The Creation of a Contemporary Legend*, in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 33 (June 1994), 193-194.

Kirk, *Politics and the Catholic Church in Nicaragua*, in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 32 (December 1993), 417-418.

Stoll, *Is Latin America Turning Protestant? The Politics of Evangelical Growth*; and Martin, *Tongues of Fire: The Explosion of Protestantism in Latin America*, in *First Things*, May 1991, 54-56.

Hodges, *Intellectual Foundations of the Nicaraguan Revolution*, in *The Times of the Americas*, December 28, 1988, 9.

### *Work in Progress*

“A Reversal of Fortunes” (with David Franz). Draft chapter for the book, *Prophecies of Godlessness*, edited by Charles Mathewes and Christopher Nichols.

“Psychopharmacology, Enhancement, and the Limits of Medicalization: Public Perceptions.” Qualitative field research in progress.

*Your Confident Self is Waiting: Shyness, Medicalization, and the New Pharmacology*. In preparation.

“Freud and the Memory Wars.” Manuscript.

“The Ethics of Naming and Classifying.” Manuscript.

### **Paper Presentations and Invited Lectures**

“The Shifting Meanings of Medicalization,” Rendering Bioethics conference, McGill University, March 11, 2006.

“Bioethics, Technology, and the Question of Limits.” Paper presented at the conference on sociology and bioethics, Georgetown University, March 18, 2005.

“Getting Your Life Back: DTC Advertising and the Anxious Self,” McGill University, January 27, 2005.

“Narratives in Social Research,” Williams College, March 17, 2004.

“The Psychological Reproduces the Social: Sexual Abuse as a Trauma,” Social Science Seminar lecture, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, May 27, 2004.

“Diagnosing the Self,” Bioethics Seminar, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, February 18, 2004.

“Changing Frameworks of Meaning and Moral Order in America,” The Brookings Institution conference, *Executive Leadership in a Changing Environment*, March 24, 2003.

“Life and Story.” Paper presented at the workshop, “Crafting Narrative Analysis for the Social Sciences,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 4, 2002.

“Social Activism and Storied Transactions,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 16, 2002.

“Formula Stories and Autobiographical Occasions.” Paper presented to the “Working Group on Narrative and Social Movements,” Harvard University, March 10, 2002.

“Stories as Social Transactions: Directions and Pitfalls for Movement Research,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Boston, March 9, 2002.

“Stories as Data.” Williams College, March 6, 2002.

“Victim Stories and Identity.” Paper presented to the “Working Group on Bioenhancement and Identity” (sponsored by McGill University) in Charleston, S.C., November 27, 2001.

“‘Retractor’ Accounts of False Memories: A Countermovement’s Strategic Use of Narrative,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 8, 1999.

“Accounts of False Memory Syndrome: Parents, ‘Retractors,’ and the Role of Institutions in Account Making,” Virginia Social Science Association Annual Conference, March 26, 1999.

“On Moral Resistance to Reproductive Technologies,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, April 11, 1997.

“Transforming the Self: Modern Means, Postmodern Ends.” The Colloquium on Postmodernity, University of Virginia, December 5, 1996.

“Cultural Conflict and Population Control: The Moral Struggle at Cairo,” Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, April 12, 1996.

“Memories, Psychotherapy, and Illegitimate Persuasion: On the Countermovement Critique of Adult Survivor Therapy,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, March 29, 1996.

“Peace in Central America,” New York University, New York, NY, October 6, 1987.

## **Editorial**

Editor, *InSight* (bi-annual newsletter), Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, 1999-present.

Manuscript Reviewer: State University of New York Press; *Qualitative Sociology*; Oxford University Press; *Social Movement Studies*; *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*; National Science Foundation; *Social Problems*; *Hastings Center Report*; *Symbolic Interaction*; *Social Psychology Quarterly*; W.W. Norton; *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*; *Sociology of Health and Illness*.

## **Academic Honors and Awards**

2003-2004	Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
1996	Bierstedt Prize -- Department of Sociology, U.Va.
1981	Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, University of Minnesota

## **Fellowships and Grants**

- 2004-2005 Principal Investigator (with John Evans and Raymond DeVries), "A Conference to Further the Development of a Sociology of Bioethics" American Sociological Association, Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (\$7,000)
- 2004 - 2006 Co-Investigator, Center on Religion & Democracy, Pew Charitable Trusts (\$1.5 million)
- 2003 -2005 Principal Investigator, "Paxil and Anxiety: Social and Ethical Implications of the New Pharmacology," Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (\$2,200)
- 2000 - 2004 Co-Investigator, Center on Religion & Democracy, Pew Charitable Trusts (\$2.5 million)
- 1998-1999 Sorokin Post-Doctoral Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, U.Va.

## **Professional Activities**

- Organizer, Colloquium on "Telling Suffering," March 16-17, 2006.
- Organizer (with Slavica Jakelic, and John M. Owen), "Religion, Secularism, and the End of the West," Vienna, Austria, June 3, 2005.
- Organizer and Moderator, 2 panels at the Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, March 2005.
- Book Panel respondent, *Playing God?* by John Evans. U.Va. Religious Studies, April 2, 2002.
- Co-Organizer, Colloquium Series on "Technology and the Human Person," 2002.
- Organizer, Fall Lecture on Culture and Social Theory, 1999, 2000, 2001.
- Discussant, "Gender and the Sociology of the Body," ASA Annual Meeting, August 1998.
- Organizer, Colloquium Series on "The Problem of Identity," 1996-97.