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Academic Background

- 2004 Ph.D., University of Connecticut, Sociology
Dissertation Topic: APawns, Knights, or Kings: Understanding the Role of Regulators in Public Policy@
- 1999 M.A., University of Connecticut, Sociology
Thesis Topic: AA Case Study of Organizational Dynamics in the Welfare/Workfare Rights Movement@
- 1986 Advanced Management Program (AMP 96), Harvard Business School
- 1983 B.A., New Hampshire College, Human Services
- 1981 Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers

Scholarly Interests

Research interests include public policy, organizations, social movements, and urban issues.

Publication

AMission versus Maintenance: Social Movement Organizations= Multiple Forms.@ 2003.
Sociological Focus Vol 36:3, 257-273.

Works in Progress

In Preparation for submission:

"Institutional Contradictions: The Effect of Conflicting Political Signals on Policy Interpretation and Enforcement in the Financial Services Industry"

"Working Up the Food Chain: Power Relations in Obtaining Food at a Soup Kitchen"

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

2005

"Pawns, Knights, or Kings: The Role of Regulators in Public Policy." Accepted for presentation at the 2005 ASA Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA.

Sandra Bender Fromson and Davita Glasberg, "Too Big to Fail, Too Big to Deny: Wal-Mart and the Extension of Informal State Doctrine." Accepted for presentation at the 2005 ASA Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA.

"A Neighborhood by Any Other Name Still Looks the Same: Urban Place Naming."
Accepted for presentation at the 2005 SSSI Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA.

2004

AIstitutional Contradictions: The Effect of Conflicting Political Signals on Policy Interpretations and Enforcement in the Financial Services Industry.@ Presented at the 2004 ASA Annual

Conference in San Francisco, CA.

ΔSticks and Stones Will Break My Bones, But Names Will Never Hurt Me: Client Power Over Well-Meaning Volunteers.@ Presented at the 2004 SSSI Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA.

2003

ΔWorking Up the Food Chain: Power Relations in Obtaining Food at a Soup Kitchen.@ Presented at the 2003 SSSI Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA.

2002

ΔStructure and Culture: Focusing the Lens on Social Movement Organizations.@ Presented at 2002 ASA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

Davita Silfen Glasberg and Sandra Bender Fromson ΔPredatory Lending and the Subversion of CRA.@ Presented at 2002 ASA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

2001

"Organizational Theories and Social Movement Organizations." Sociology Department Brown Bag Series

2000

ΔParticipatory Democracy, Collective Action, and Social Capital: A Case Study of the Welfare/Workfare Rights Movement.@ 2000 ASA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Davita Silfen Glasberg, Sandra Bender Fromson, and Dan Skidmore, ΔTheories of the State and Race, Class and Gender: Toward a Comprehensive Contingency Perspective.@ 2000 ASA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

1999

ΔA Case Study of Organizational Dynamics in the Welfare/Workfare Rights Movement@ 1999 ASA Annual Conference in Chicago

ΔEmpowerment in the Welfare/Workfare Rights MovementΔA Key to Capturing Citizen Rights.@ Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) 1999 Annual Conference

Davita Silfen Glasberg and Sandra Bender Fromson, ΔThe Devil is in the Details: Inter- and Intra-Agency Dynamics in the Balance of Class Forces in the Community Reinvestment Act, 1990-1993.@ 1999 ASA Annual Conference in Chicago.

1998

ΔMediation and Exchange: A Framework for Viewing a Case Study of Coalition Conflict Resolution@ 1998 ASA Annual Conference in San Francisco

ΔThe Role of Ideology in Organizing and Sustaining Workfare Rights Movement Organizations.@ The 68th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society

Awards

- 2003 National Science Foundation (NSF) Dissertation Improvement Grant
- 2003 Dunphy Award, Honorable Mention
- 2001 Summer Fellowship to pursue research interests.
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Research Responsibilities

- 2000 Research Assistant, UCRF Summer Grant awarded to Davita Silfen Glasberg
- 1999-2000 Research Assistant, Davita Silfen Glasberg, University of Connecticut
Review of Testimony from CRA Regulatory Hearings
- 1997-1998 Research Assistant, Davita Silfen Glasberg, University of Connecticut--
Legislative history of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (CRA)

Department Committees

- Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut
- 2001-2002 Graduate Admissions Committee
- 1998-1999 Financial Aid Committee
- 1997-1998 Communications Committee

Professional Memberships

- American Sociological Association
- Sociologists for Women in Society
- Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

Professional Activities

Steering Committee, "Reacting to the Past" pedagogy conference sponsored by a consortium of Hartford universities and colleges to be held in November 2005.

Review of Social Movement article for Qualitative Sociology 2005.

Community Activities

Boards

- 1991-Present St. Joseph College, Trustee
Member, Planning and Budget Committee
Member, Information Technology Committee
- 1991-Present St. Patrick and St. Anthony Church
Member, Working Connection (Employment counseling)
Member, Finance Committee
- 1997-Present Bushnell Park Foundation
- 2001-Present Stonington Free Library
Member, Budget and Investment Committee
Member, Development Committee

Corporator/Board of Visitors

- Hartford Hospital
- St. Francis Hospital
- Hartford Public Library
- Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art

I have also served on numerous board and committees, as well as chaired major fundraising campaigns

including the 1989 Capital Campaign for the Wadsworth Atheneum (where I served on the board for 10 years) and the Greater Hartford Arts Council.

Work and Political Background

University of Connecticut (2004-2005) Social Movements; City Life/Urban Studies
(Fall 2002) Special Lecturer, Social Problems

Combined Health Appeal (1991-1995)--Chief Executive Officer

Combined Health Appeal was a statewide non-profit organization that raised approximately \$3 million annually for more than a dozen health agencies through workplace giving. The agencies included both large well-known charities such as the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and the American Diabetes Association; as well as smaller organizations such as the Lyme Disease Foundation.

Connecticut Bank & Trust Company (1974-1990) - Executive Vice President, Private Banking Division

The Connecticut Bank & Trust Company was a major bank in the State of Connecticut. I was a member of the bank management committee and during my tenure as a banker my responsibilities included management of the Human Resources Division, the Private Banking and Investment Division; and, as President of the bank's Florida Trust Company.

Connecticut Lt. Governor Candidate, 1990; South Windsor Town Council (1971-1978); Mayor (1976-1978).
Executive Committee of the Capitol Region Council of Governments 1976-1978.

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