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EDUCATION:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, - Doctor of Philosophy, 1991, in Urban and Regional Studies.
Academic areas: Political Sociology and Urban Politics. Dissertation title: *Labor and Neighborhood Organizing in the Context of Economic Restructuring: Six Organizations in Hartford, Connecticut.*

University of Connecticut - Master of Arts in Education, 1980.
Concentration: Higher Education and Community Education.

University of Wisconsin-Madison - Bachelor of Arts, 1971. Graduation with Distinction. Major: Sociology.

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, 1980-Present:

- Associate Professor and Director, Urban Semester Program, 2001-Present.
- Assistant Professor and Director, Urban Semester Program, 1998-2001.
- Lecturer in Social Work and Director, Urban Semester Program, 1980-1998.
 - Directs all facets of undergraduate urban internship program; teaching responsibility for weekly seminars on urban issues; administrative responsibility for recruitment, placement and supervision of student interns; liaison with faculty, administration and agencies.
 - Graduate teaching responsibilities in MSW program in Community Organization, Urban Policy, Labor and Social Work. Council on Social Work Education Certification to Teach Community Organization. Advisor and Field Agency liaison for Community Organization MSW students; Coordinator of Urban Issues Substantive Area.
- Research interests in urban politics and policy, community organization, welfare policy, economic rights and labor; involvement in collaborative research projects on the impact of welfare policy changes; labor and social work; community-labor partnerships.
- Service on school-wide committees:
 - Chairperson, Community Organization Sequence, 2004-Present
 - International Social Work Center Advisory Committee
 - Faculty Secretary, 1997-1999
 - Faculty Administration Advisory Committee, 1999-2001, Chairperson 2000-2001
 - Educational Policy Committee, 2003-Present
 - Promotion, Tenure, Reappointment Committee, 2003-Present
 - Faculty-Student Relations Committee, 2004-2005
- Service on University-wide committees:
 - Social Welfare Policy Study Group, mid-1990s
 - Member, Service Learning Committee and earlier Service Learning Council, from 1990s to present
 - Co-PI on Davis Education Foundation Grant to Develop University-wide plan to enhance Service Learning at the University, 2004-2005
 - Member, Department of Career Services Experiential Learning Advisory Board, 2000-present
 - Member, School of Allied Health Advisory Committee, 1996-2000
 - Member, Urban Studies Committees, Storrs and Tri-Campus, 1998-Present
 - Member, University Diversity Oversight Committee, 2002-2003

•Courses taught:

Undergraduate:

- Seminar on Urban Problems
- Urban Semester Field Work Seminar
- Sociology and Social Welfare

Graduate:

- Urban Policy Issues
- Community Organization II
- Political Systems
- Labor and Social Work
- Political Advocacy
- Theory and Practice of Social Movements for Community Organization

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, 1979-1980.

Coordinator of Projects, Center for Human Resource Planning and Utilization. Assist Center Director in proposal writing, grant administration; supervise statewide Title XX training needs assessment; participation in research design and implementation of projects.

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, 1977-1979.

Assistant to the Director of Field Education; Administration of Graduate Social Work Field Education Program for 300 full-time students; coordination with faculty, agencies and students.

Connecticut Public Interest Research Group, 1975-77.

Organizing Coordinator: Coordinate organizing of the chapters of the college consumer advocacy organization; supervision of student projects.

Yohel Camaid Freixas Associates, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1985.

Consultant in training project "Hispanics in Lawrence" sponsored by Massachusetts Dept of Social Services.

MIT Department of Urban Studies Community Fellows Program, 1984.

Coordinator, "Barriers to Reform, The Problem of Mayors of Color," October, 1984.

Boston College Social Welfare Research Institute, 1983-84.

Research Assistant on study of social and economic dislocation of laid-off auto workers in Southeast Michigan, sponsored by U.S. Dept. of Transportation.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Louise Simmons, editor. *Welfare, the Working Poor and Labor*. 2004. M.E. Sharpe.

Organizing in Hard Times. 1994. Temple University Press.

Refereed Journals:

Christopher Rhomberg and Louise Simmons. 2005. "Beyond Strike Support: Labor-Community Alliances and Democratic Power in New Haven" *Labor Studies Journal*. Vol.30, No. 3 (Fall, 2005), pp.21-47.

Robert Fisher, Michael Fabricant, and Louise Simmons. 2004. "Understanding Contemporary University-Community Connections: Context, Practice, and Challenges" *Journal of Community Practice* Vol.12, No. 3/4, pp.13-34.

Marcia Bok and Louise Simmons, 2004. "Pathways Out of Poverty: The Challenge of Welfare Policy",

Social Policy Journal. Vol. 3, No. 1, pp. 3-22.

John Bonelli and Louise Simmons, 2004. "Coalition Building and Electoral Organizing in the Passage of Anti-Discrimination Laws: The Case of Connecticut" *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services*. Volume 16, Numbers 3-4 35-53.

"Labor-Welfare Linkages and the Imperative of Organizing Low Wage Women Workers", *Working USA*, Vol. 6, No. 3 (Winter 2002-2003) 18-34. (Also published in *Welfare, the Working Poor and Labor*, Louise Simmons, Editor, 2004. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe).

Marcia Bok and Louise Simmons, 2002. "Post Welfare Reform, Low-Income Families, and the Dissolution of the Safety Net" *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, Vol. 23, No. 3, Fall pp. 217-238.

"Unions and Welfare Reform: Labor's Stake in the On-Going Struggle over the Welfare State" *Labor Studies Journal*, Vol. 27, No. 2, Summer, 2002, pp. 65-83.

Louise Simmons, Marcia Bok, Nancy Churchill and Alice Pritchard, 2001. "Urban Economic Development: What's Welfare-to-Work Got To Do With It?" *Journal of Poverty*, Vol 5., No. 2. 87-114.

"Labor and LEAP: Political Coalition Experiences in Connecticut" *Working USA*. Vol. 4, No. 1. (Summer 2000) 19-34. (Invited article).

"High Stakes: Casinos and Controversies" *Journal of Community Practice*, Vol. 7, No. 2. (2000) 47-69.

"A New Urban Conservatism: The Case of Hartford, Connecticut" *Journal of Urban Affairs*. Vol. 20, No. 2. (1998) 175-198. (1997 Annual Conference Issue of the Urban Affairs Association).

"The Battle for City Hall: What Is It We Fight Over" *New England Journal of Public Policy*. Vol. 12, No. 1, Fall/Winter 1996. 97-116.

"Dilemmas of Progressives in Government: Playing Solomon in an Age of Austerity" *Economic Development Quarterly*. Vol. 10, No. 2, May, 1996. 159-171.

Joan Fitzgerald and Louise Simmons, "From Consumption to Production: Labor Participation in Grassroots Movements in Pittsburgh and Hartford." *Urban Affairs Quarterly*. Vol. 26, No. 4. June, 1991. 512-531.

Book Chapters, Invited Articles and Published Proceedings:

"Preface" in *Politics, Neighborhoods and the Misuse of Social Capital* edited by James Jennings, Forthcoming. New York, NY: Palgrave-Macmillan.

Rhomberg, Chris and Louise Simmons. "Race, Labor and Urban Community: Negotiating a 'New Social Contract' in New Haven" in *Race and Labor Matters in the New U.S. Economy* edited by Manning Marable, Immanuel Ness and Joseph Wilson, 2006. New York, NY: Rowman & Littlefield.

Robert Fisher, Michael Fabricant, and Louise Simmons. "Understanding Contemporary University-Community Connections: Context, Practice, and Challenges" in *University-Community Partnerships: Universities in Civic Engagement* edited by Tracy Soska and Alice K. Johnson Butterfield, 2005. Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press.

"Community-Labor Coalitions" in *Roots to Power* (2nd edition), by Lee Staples, 2004. Westport, CT: Praeger.

"Building Political Action Coalitions in Connecticut" in *Partnering for Change: How Unions and Community Groups Build Coalitions for Economic Justice* edited by David Reynolds, 2004. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

"Labor-Welfare Linkages and the Imperative of Organizing Low Wage Women Workers" in *Welfare, the Working Poor and Labor*, Louise Simmons, Editor, 2004. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

John Bonelli and Louise Simmons, 2004. "Coalition Building and Electoral Organizing in the Passage of Anti-Discrimination Laws: The Case of Connecticut" in *Gay and Lesbian Rights Organizing: Community-Based Strategies*, Yolanda Padilla, Editor, 2004. Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press.

Marcia Bok, Nancy Churchill and Louise Simmons, 1999. "Out of Poverty: What Do Education and Training or a Labor Force Attachment Model Offer Low-Income Women in Connecticut?" in *Conference Proceedings, Fifth Women's Policy Research Conference, Women's Progress: Perspectives on the Past, Blueprint for the Future* Institute for Women's Policy Research, Washington, D.C.

"Community Labor Coalitions: A Well-Spring from Connecticut" *Shelterforce: The Journal of Affordable Housing Strategies*. Issue No. 101, September/October, 1998.

"Organizational and Leadership Models in Community-Labor Coalitions." in *Building Bridges: The Emerging Grassroots Coalition of Labor and Community*. Jeremy Brecher and Tim Costello, Editors. 1990. New York: Monthly Review.

Op Ed Pieces:

"Unions Help Beat Poverty", Op Ed Piece, *Hartford Courant*, June 28, 2006.

"Tough Times for Low Wage Workers", Op Ed Piece, *Hartford Courant*, December 10, 2001.

"Proposed Hartford moratorium is punitive, divisive", Op Ed Piece, *Hartford Courant*, March 11, 1996.

"The Urge to Privatize", Op Ed Piece, *Hartford Courant*, May 8, 1994.

"Hartford's Challenge: An Inclusive Democracy", Op Ed Piece, *Hartford Courant*, December 12, 1993.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Christopher Rhomberg and Louise Simmons, "Corporatism in One City: Union and Community Coalition-Building in New Haven" presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, April 6, 2005, Santa Fe, NM.

"Teachable Events: The Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride of 2003" presented at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, February 27, 2005, New York, NY.

Christopher Rhomberg and Louise Simmons, "Community-Labor Coalition Building in a Multi-Racial Community: The Case of the Connecticut Center for a New Economy in New Haven and the Yale Campaign" presented at the How Class Works Conference, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Working Class Life, June 11, 2004, SUNY at Stony Brook, N.Y.

Christopher Rhomberg and Louise Simmons, "Community-Labor Coalition Building in a Multi-Racial Community: The Case of the Connecticut Center for a New Economy in New Haven and the Yale

Campaign" presented at the Race and Labor Conference, sponsored by the Brooklyn College Graduate Center for Worker Education, December 5, 2003, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY.

Christopher Rhomberg and Louise Simmons, "Going Public: Union and Community Coalition-Building in New Haven, Connecticut" presented at the American Sociological Association 98th Annual Meeting, August 19, 2003, Atlanta, GA.

"Wrestling with Dragons: The Connecticut Center for a New Economy and Yale" presented at the United Association for Labor Education/ALF-CIO Annual Education Conference, April 12, 2003, Miami, Florida.

Christopher Rhomberg and Louise Simmons, "Going Public: Union and Community Coalition-Building in New Haven, Connecticut" presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, March 28, 2003, Cleveland Ohio.

"Labor and Social Work: Courses, Curriculum and Collaboration" presented at the United Association for Labor Education/ AFL-CIO Education Department Conference, April 12, 2002, Los Angeles, California.

Marcia Bok and Louise Simmons, "Pathways Out of Poverty: The Challenge of Welfare Reauthorization" presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, March 22, 2002, Boston, Massachusetts.

"Building Stronger Bridges over the Work-Community Divide: The Stamford Organizing Project and Other Connecticut Community-Labor Coalitions" presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, April 27, 2001, Detroit, Michigan.

Panel Organizer and Moderator: "Contemporary Community Organizing: New Models, New Challenges, New Dilemmas in Diverse Settings" at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, April 27, 2001, Detroit, Michigan.

Marcia Bok and Louise Simmons, "Welfare Reform and the Dissolution of the Safety Net" presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, April 28, 2001, Detroit Michigan.

"Labor, Welfare Reform and the Global Economy: Labor's Stake in the On-Going Struggle over the Welfare State", presented at the University and College Labor Education Association/AFL-CIO Education Department Conference, April 15, 2000, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"A Course in Labor and Social Work: Making the Connections", presented at the Council on Social Work Education 46th Annual Program Meeting, February 29, 2000, New York, New York.

"The Disconnect Between Welfare Reform and Economic Development in Connecticut", presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 41st Annual Meeting, October 21, 1999, Chicago, Illinois.

Louise Simmons, Marcia Bok, Nancy Churchill and Alice Pritchard. "Urban Economic Development: What's Welfare to Work Got to Do With It?" presented at the Urban Affairs Association 29th Annual Meeting, April 15, 1999, Louisville, Kentucky.

Marcia Bok, Nancy Churchill and Louise Simmons. "Out of Poverty: What Do Education and Training or a Labor Force Attachment Model Offer Low-Income Women in Connecticut?" presented at the Institute for Women's Policy Research Fifth Women's Policy Research Conference, June 12, 1998, Washington, D.C.

"Issues in Building Community-Labor Alliances", presented at the University and College Labor Education Association/AFL-CIO Education Department Conference: Building the 21st Century Labor Movement,

May 2, 1998, San Jose, California.

"New Developments in Community-Labor Coalitions in Connecticut", presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 39th Annual Meeting, November 8, 1997, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

"A New Urban Conservatism: The Case of Hartford, Connecticut." presented at the Urban Affairs Association 27th Annual Meeting, April 18, 1997, Toronto, Canada.

Daryl Harris and Louise Simmons. "Urban Education and the Politics of Privatization: The Hartford Experience", presented at the 28th Annual Meeting, Northeastern Political Science and International Studies Association-Northeast, November 14, 1996, Boston, Massachusetts.

"The Challenge of Elected Office", presented at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning-Association of European Schools of Planning Joint International Congress July 26, 1996 Toronto, Canada.

"Casino Development Controversies in Hartford and Elsewhere in Connecticut", presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 37th Annual Meeting, October 21, 1995, Detroit, Michigan; Panel Organizer and Moderator: Casino Development--Controversies and Challenges in Diverse Settings.

"The Battle for City Hall: What Is It We Fight Over?", presented at the Northeastern Political Science and International Studies Association 26th Annual Meeting, November 11, 1994, Providence, Rhode Island.

"Dilemmas of Progressives in Government: Playing Solomon in an Age of Austerity" presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 36th Annual Meeting, November 5, 1994, Tempe, Arizona.

"Organizing in Workplaces and Neighborhoods; The Case of Hartford, Connecticut" presented (in my absence by Penelope Gurstein) at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 35th Annual Meeting, October 30, 1993, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"Integrating Community Service, Career Development, Multi- Cultural Sensitivity and Cultural Diversity: The University of Connecticut Urban Semester Program" presented at the 5th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnic Relations in American Higher Education, June 7, 1992, San Francisco, California.

"Empowerment in the Era of Economic Restructuring: Possibilities and Meanings in the Arenas of Labor and Neighborhood Organizing" presented at the American Psychological Association Division 27 Northeast Region 84th Annual Community Psychology Conference, October 26, 1991, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut.

Joan Fitzgerald and Louise Simmons, "Citizen Participation in Economic Development Planning." presented at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 31st Annual Meeting, October 5, 1989, Portland, Oregon.

"Labor and Community Organizing in the Context of Economic Change." presented at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 29th Annual Meeting, Nov. 7, 1987, Los Angeles, California.

PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, PANELS, POSTER SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Louise Simmons and Stephanie Luce, "The Community Benefit Agreement Struggle in New Haven", presentation at the United Association for Labor Education Annual Conference, National Labor College, Silver Spring, MD., March 8, 2007.

"Community Perspectives on Work" Presentation at Work, the Workplace and Social Work Conference, University of Michigan School of Social Work, Ann Arbor, MI, November 10, 2006.

Scott Harding and Louise Simmons, "Social Workers as Union Organizers" presentation at the United Association for Labor Education Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, May 18, 2006.

Panel Organizer, Panelist and Moderator: "Social Work and Urban Studies/Urban Affairs: Intersections and Mutual Concerns" at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, April 21, 2006.

Scott Harding and Louise Simmons, "Social Workers as Union Organizers" at the Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 19, 2006.

"ACORN at 35: Past, Present & Future" Panelist, at Researching ACORN: Past, Present and Future Conference, The University of Connecticut Tri-Campus Urban & Community Studies Program & the School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT., December 7, 2005.

"Resurgent Labor: The Challenges Before the Labor Movement as the Global Movements Heat Up" Workshop Presentation, Social Welfare Action Alliance Annual Conference, Smith College, Northampton, MA, June 25, 2004.

Panel Co-Organizer and Co-Moderator: "Building Common Ground: Lessons from Recent Labor-Community Work" at the United Association for Labor Education/ALF-CIO Annual Education Conference, Chicago, IL, April 15, 2004.

"Urban Scholars as Policymakers and Politicians—Views from the Front Lines" Panelist, Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 1, 2004.

Panel Organizer and Moderator: "Low Wage Work, Labor and Welfare Policy" at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2, 2004.

"Racism, Poverty and Human Rights: The Continuing Struggle" Panelist, Human Rights in Today's Social & Political Environment Conference, Center for International Social Work Studies, University of Connecticut School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT., April 28, 2003.

"Diversity and Service Learning" Panelist, University of Connecticut Career Services Experiential Learning Advisory Board, Storrs, CT., April 2, 2003.

"Unionists and Welfare Reform", presentation at the University of Connecticut Humanities Research Institute's Study Group on Social Movements, Education and Participatory Democracy, Storrs, CT., Sept. 23, 2002.

"Economic Justice and Workforce Development: Local, National and Global Perspectives" Panelist, Planners Network 2002 National Conference, Holyoke, Massachusetts, June 15th, 2002.

Panel Organizer and Moderator: "Overcoming Boundaries: Contemporary Organizing Strategies in Diverse Community and Labor Settings" at the Urban Affairs Association 32nd Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, March 28, 2002.

Louise Simmons and Mary Alice Neubeck. "Student Development Through Social Action: Creating Linkages and Curriculum Through Service Learning and Related Activities" presented at the 14th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies, June 3, 2001, Seattle, WA.

Louise Simmons, Mary Alice Neubeck and Diane Wright. "Creating Linkages and Curriculum for Social Action." Presentation at the 2000 Annual Conference of the National Society for Experiential Education, October 26, 2000, San Antonio, Texas.

Louise Simmons, Mary Alice Neubeck and Diane Wright. "Creating Linkages and Curriculum for Social Action." Presentation at the Connecticut Campus Compact State Conference and Faculty Forum on Service Learning, Sacred Heart University, October 13, 2000, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Louise Simmons and Bandana Purkayastha. "University-Community in an Urban Setting through Outreach and Service: University of Connecticut Programs and People in the Hartford Area." Presentation at the 13th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies, June 5, 2000, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

"Organizing 2000! Globalization and the Grassroots: The CUNY Connection" Panelist. Conference sponsored by the Hunter College School of Social Work, May 19, 2000, New York, New York.

"Employment and Employment Barriers." Panelist, Welfare Reform and Self-Sufficiency: Research on Connecticut's First Steps Conference sponsored by CT Voices for Children, The Welfare Working Group and the Legal Assistance Resource Center of Connecticut, February 4, 2000, Hartford, CT.

Louise Simmons and Marcia Bok. Presentation: "The Politics of Welfare Reform Research." Poster Session: "The Goals of Education, Training and Employment in Welfare Reform: What Are We Trying to Achieve? The Clients' Perspective on Welfare Reform." at "Nonprofits and Academia: Strategies to Shape Social Change" Conference sponsored by the Nonprofit Education Initiative, Center for Women in Government, University at Albany, November 10, 1999, Albany, NY.

"Building Bridges: Learning from Community-Labor Campaigns." Panelist, June 25, 1999.

"Community/University Connections for Change--What's Possible, What are the Limits?" Panelist, June 26, 1999. Bertha Capen Reynolds Society National Conference, Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, MA.

"Community-Labor Organizing for Community Standards in Economic Development: Examples Coast to Coast." Panelist, June 18, 1999. "Electoral Strategies for Progressive Reform." Panelist, June 18, 1999.

"Building Trust Between Labor and Community." Panelist, June 19, 1999. Planners Network 1999 National Conference, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, Lowell, MA.

"A Conversation on Service Learning" Workshop Discussant. Workshop sponsored by the Community-Technical Colleges Center for Teaching and the Connecticut Campus Compact. October 9, 1998, Middlesex Community-Technical College, Middletown, CT.

"Devolution, Nonprofits, and the Future of the Welfare State." Panelist, Mini-Plenary Session. Urban Affairs Association 28th Annual Meeting, April 23, 1998, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Louise Simmons and Mary Alice Neubeck. "Service Learning, Diversity and Race Relations." Presentation at the National Society for Experiential Education 1997 National Conference October 24, 1997, Kansas City, Missouri.

"Community Labor Coalition Building." Workshop Leader at the Working Women's Conference sponsored by the Connecticut AFL-CIO, October 18, 1997, Middletown, Connecticut.

Mary Alice Neubeck and Louise Simmons. "Service Learning and Curriculum Transformation." Presentation at Inclusive and Interdisciplinary: Building the New Curriculum National Conference" sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine System, September 12, 1997, Portland, Maine.

Mary Alice Neubeck and Louise Simmons. "Service Learning and Community Service as Pedagogical Methods for Studying Racism and Race Relations." Presentation at the 10th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies, May 31, 1997, Orlando, Florida.

"Urban Politics and Local Planners: A Politician/Planner's Perspective." University of Wisconsin Department of Urban and Regional Planning URPL Brown Bag Lecture Series, February 14, 1997, Madison, Wisconsin.

Louise Simmons and Mary Alice Neubeck. "Service Learning and Community Service as Pedagogical Methods for Studying Racism and Race Relations" Presentation at the 9th Annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education, sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Southwest Center on Human Relations Studies, June 1, 1996, San Antonio, Texas.

"Sharing Experiences in Integrating Social Justice In Experiential Education", Workshop Leader, 1996 New England Regional Conference, National Society for Experiential Education, April 26, 1996, Pine Manor College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

"The State of the Union: A Labor/Social Work View", Panelist, NASW-Connecticut Community Organization Network, April 12, 1996, Cromwell, Connecticut.

"Multi-Racial Coalition Experiences in Hartford", Presentation at the Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, March 26, 1996, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, Massachusetts.

"Universities and the Urban Community", Panelist; Trinity College, March 1, 1996, Hartford, Connecticut.

"Valuable Experiences in Designing Service-Learning Programs and Proposals" Poster Session at the National Society for Experiential Education 1995 National Conference, November 8, 1995; New Orleans, Louisiana.

"Organizing in Hard Times: Labor & Neighborhoods in Hartford", University of Connecticut School of Social Work Third Annual Alumni Workshop Series, September 29, 1994, West Hartford, Connecticut.

Panel Moderator: "Women Executives and Legislators in State and Local Government: Their Experiences", Institute for Women's Policy Research Fourth Women's Policy Research Conference: Innovations in Government and Public Policy: New Directions for Women, June 4, 1994, Washington, D.C.

"Challenges For Progressive Organizing in the Modern Economy", at the Center for Popular Economics Summer Institute, August 10, 1993, Mt. Hermon School, Northfield, Massachusetts.

Leslie Brett and Louise Simmons, "Job Training for Women -- A Path to Poverty or Success?" at the Congress for Connecticut's Future: People Rebuilding Connecticut, February 5, 1994, East Hartford, Connecticut.

"The Call for National Community Service and Issues of Race and Ethnic Relations" Presentation and Workshop at the 6th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, June 5, 1993, New Orleans, Louisiana.

"Urban Challenges and Social Welfare" presented at University of Connecticut School of Social Work Alumni Workshop Series, September 17, 1992, West Hartford, Connecticut.

"Progressive Politics and City Government: The Case of People for Change in Hartford, Connecticut." Presentation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Urban Studies and Planning, May 7, 1992, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Panelist and Guest Lecturer in numerous settings on welfare issues, civil rights, political organizing, community organizing and development, coalition building and other topics.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Association for Community Organization and Social Administration,
Member, National Board of Directors, 1998-2002; 2004-Present.
- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
- Council on Social Work Education
- National Society for Experiential Education
- Planners' Network
- Social Welfare Action Alliance, formerly the Bertha Capen Reynolds Society
- Trinity College Center for Collaborative Teaching and Research, Member, Board of Directors, 1999-2001.
- United Association for Labor Education, formerly the University and College Labor Education Association
- Urban Affairs Association
Member, Governing Board, 2006-2009 term.
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 2006-2009.
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Working USA*.
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Labor Studies Journal*, 2007-2010.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Service involving the City of Hartford:

- Councilperson, Hartford Court of Common Council, 1991-1993. People For Change Party. Chairperson, Affirmative Action, Employment and Social Services Committee, 1991-1993 Term.

- Co-Chairperson, Joint Policy Board Planning Committee for Hartford Service Delivery Area Policy Consortium with the Private Industry Council (now the Workforce Investment Board), 1991-1993.
- Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women, Commission Member, 2000-2003.
- City of Hartford Health Department AIDS Community Advisory Committee, 1992-1995.
- Commissioner, Hartford Human Relations Commission, 1981-1991 Chairperson, 1990, 1983. Vice Chairperson, 1989.

Service involving the larger community in Connecticut:

- Connecticut Center for a New Economy, Board of Directors, 2001-Present. Board Chairperson, 2006-present.
- Citizens for Economic Opportunity, Steering Committee Member, 1995-Present.
- Connecticut Alliance for Basic Human Needs, 1994-present. Steering Committee: 2003-present.
- Institute for Community Research, Board of Directors, 1996-Present. Board Secretary, 1998-2002.
- Hartford Community Development Federal Credit Union Task Force Member, 1997-1999 (explored formation, ultimately not created).
- Community Renewal Team, Board of Trustees Alternate, 1994-1995.
- Community Works of Connecticut, Board of Directors, 1994-1996; 2003-2004.
- Non-Traditional Opportunities for Women Advisory Committee, Connecticut Employment and Training Commission, 1994-1995.
- St. Francis Hospital, Corporator, 1991-1995.
- Urban League of Greater Hartford Health and Human Services Advisory Board, 1991-1995.
- HIV Action Initiative Policy Group, 1993-1997.
- South Africa Ecumenical Ministries, Inc., Member, Board of Directors and Treasurer, 1993-1995.
- People For Change. Steering Committee Member, 1987-1994. Candidate for Hartford Court of Common Council, 1991, 1993.
- Citizen Research Education Network, Member, Board of Directors, 1989-1991.
- American Association of University Professors, Member, 1981-Present.
- Community Labor Alliance for Strike Support, Steering Committee Member, 1986-1991.
- Grassroots-Labor Forum, 1987-1995. Participant. Conference Coordinator, Sept., 1989.
- Anti-Racism Coalition of Connecticut, Steering Committee, 1982-1987.
- Hartford Community Mental Health Center, (now Hartford Behavioral Health Center) Member, Board of Directors, 1980-1987.
- Connecticut State Federation of Teachers, Executive Board Member, 1979-1980.
- Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, Member, 1977-1980.
- Friends of the William Benton Museum of Art, Storrs, Connecticut, Member.
- Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, Connecticut, Member.

AWARDS

- Community Service Award, Connecticut Alliance for Basic Human Needs, May, 2004.
- Emerging Scholar Award, Association for Community Organization and Social Administration, February, 2000.
- AIDS Educator Award, AIDS Project Hartford, April, 1998.
- University of Connecticut Nominee for Connecticut Department of Higher Education Community Service Award, 1997.
- University of Connecticut Award for Promoting Multiculturalism and Affirmative Action, 1995.
- United Auto Workers International Union Douglas Fraser Community Service Award, April, 1990.
- Marion Davis Scholarship Fund Recipient, 1984 to 1986. (now the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund).