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*Curriculum Vitae*

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**Education**

C.Phil., U. S. History, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL, 1988: "Investing Other People's Money: Life Insurance Investment and Social Networks in New York City, 1896-1905," Dissertation.

M. A., U. S. History, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL, 1986: "A Reflection of a Changing Culture: The Home Insurance Building and the 1880s," M.A. Thesis.

B. A., History, *Magna Cum Laude*, Carroll College, Helena, MT, 1983 "The Home of T. H. Kleinschmidt," Senior Honors Paper.

**Career Experience**

Administrator, Center for Social Theory and Comparative History, UCLA, 10/89 to the present

Head office administrator of Center; responsible for all event organizing from conception to completion; overseeing visiting scholars; liaison to related academic departments; grant writing; paperwork, website maintenance, budgeting, and finances in addition to ongoing, in-depth research for Director and Co-Director in economic history, as well as social and political theory.

Editorial Board, *New Left Review*, 1/2000 to the present

Editorial Associate, *Contention: Debates in Society, Culture and Science*, 6/94 to 12/95

Co-Managing Editor, *Contention: Debates in Society, Culture and Science*, 1/96 to 6/96

## Teaching Experience

Instructor, UCLA Extension - Los Angeles, 1/95 to the present (selected courses):  
History 6A "Survey of U.S. Colonial Social History"  
History 7A "Survey of U.S. Political History 1776-1865"  
History 7B "Survey of U.S. Political History 1865-Present"  
History 13A "Survey of U.S. Colonial History" (classroom and online)  
History 13B "Survey of US History, 19<sup>th</sup> Century" (classroom and online)  
History 13C "Survey of US History, 20<sup>th</sup> Century"  
History 141B "American Economic History: 1910 to the Present"  
(classroom and online)  
History 156B "Alternative Globalization Movements since 1975"

Instructor, California State University - Los Angeles, 3/91-6/91  
History 202A "History of U.S. Civilization"

Instructor, Northern Illinois University - Dekalb, Illinois, 1/89-5/89  
History 260 "American History to 1865"

## Publications

### *Books*

Co-Author and Editor, *A Movement of Movements: Is Another World Really Possible?* (London: Verso, 2004).

Italian translation: (Rome: Piemme, 2005)

Thai translation: (Bangkok: Fah Diaw Kan, Forthcoming)

Turkish translation: (Istanbul: Aram, Forthcoming)

### *Articles/Reviews/Chapters*

"Anticorporate Social Movements: A Global Phenomenon," William Wiist, ed. *The Bottom Line or Public Health: Tactics Corporations Use to Influence Health and Health Policy, and What We can Do to Counter Them*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010): pp. 365-394.

"Anti-globalization Movements: From Critiques to Alternatives," Bryan Turner, ed., *International Handbook of Globalization Studies*, (New York: Routledge, 2010): pp. 77-95.

"Cyberprotest," (Review of *Cyberprotest: New media, Citizens and Social Movements*, ed. Wim van de Donk, et al. and *Global Media/Global Activism*, ed.

- Wilma de Jong et al.) *Labor History* 51:1 (February 2010): pp. 162-166.
- "Red and Blue States", Roger Chapman ed., *Culture Wars: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Voices, and Viewpoints*, (Armonk, NY: ME Sharpe, 2009).
- "American Duopoly," (Review of Jerry Hough's *Changing Party Coalitions*) *New Left Review* n. 49 (January-February 2008): pp. 123-135
- "Measuring Yields," (Review of Bruce Gardner's *American Agriculture in the Twentieth Century*) H-NET Business History Book Review (November 2007).
- "Whitewashing Jackson," (Review essay on Sean Wilentz's *Andrew Jackson*) *New Left Review*, n42 (November-December 2006): pp. 132-138.
- "Structuring the Information Age," (Review of Joanne Yates's, *Structuring the Information Age*) *Enterprise and Society*, 7:#3 (September 2006): pp. 633-635.
- "Life Insurance," "New York Department of Insurance," "Auto Insurance," *Encyclopedia of New York State* (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2005): pp. 775-778.
- "Roaring Nineties?" (Review of Joseph Stiglitz's *Roaring Nineties*) *Enterprise and Society*, 5:#4 (December 2004): pp. 739-741.
- "A Republican Proletariat," (Review of Thomas Frank's *What is the Matter with Kansas*) *New Left Review*, n30 (November-December 2004): pp. 37-47.
- "Southern Discomfort," (Review of Walden Bello's *Deglobalization*) *New Left Review*, n22 (July-August 2003): pp. 143-50.
- "Grass-Roots Globalism," *New Left Review*, n17 (September-October 2002), pp. 101-10. Reprinted in *Debating Empire*, Gopal Balakrishnan ed, (London: Verso, 2003).
- "Light from Florida," (Review of Richard Posner's *Breaking the Deadlock*) *New Left Review*, n12, (November-December 2001): pp. 168-72.
- "The Monied Metropolis," (Review of Sven Beckert's *Monied Metropolis*) *Enterprise and Society*, 2:#4 (December 2001): pp. 836-838.
- "Insurance," *Oxford Companion to U.S. History*, Editor-in-Chief Paul S. Boyer (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001): p. 338.

"Baffler in Boomtown," (Review of Thomas Frank's *One Market Under God*) *New Left Review*, n7 (January/February 2001): pp. 151-155.

"After Seattle," (Review of Naomi Klein's *No Logo*) *New Left Review*, n4 (July/August 2000): pp. 168-172.

"The New Prince," (Review of Dick Morris's *The New Prince*) *New Left Review*, n1 (January/February 2000): pp. 157-162.

"Wall Street," (Review of Doug Henwood's *Wall Street*) *Enclitic* 12:2 (2000): 80-83.

"James Grant, A History of Debt," in *UCLA Historical Journal*, Vol. 13 (1993): 130-133.

"Ron Chernow, The House of Morgan," in *UCLA Historical Journal*, Vol. 11 (1991): 157-159.

### ***Forthcoming:***

Review of Liaquat Ahamed's *The Lords of Finance: The Bankers who Broke the World*, *New Left Review* (Fall 2010).

### **Invited Papers and Lectures**

"Economists Roundtable on the Crisis," Marxist Literary Group Summer Institute (19 June 2009) Portland State University.

"Two Cancuns: The Rise and Fall of Neoliberalism" Center for Global Solutions, (2 November 2006) University of South Florida.

"Social Forums, What is To Be Done?" The Discourse of Autonomy in Social Movements and Political Theory, (19-20 May 2006), UC Irvine.

Discussant, John Agnew's *Hegemony: The New Shape of Global Power*, Center for European and Eurasian Studies Book Discussion Series (6 April 2006), UCLA.

"NGO's and International Organizing," Networked Labor: the Future of Unions and the Internet, (23-25 March 2006) Labor & Worklife Program at Harvard Law School Conference.

"Porto Alegre, Mumbai: The Future of Globalization Activism" Socialist Scholar's Conference (13 March 2004) Cooper Union, New York City, New York.

"Neoliberal Globalization a Good Thing?" University Philosophical Society (10 November 2004), Trinity College (Dublin) [unable to attend].

"Grassroots Globalism in Porto Alegre," *Semana Brasileira* Conference (19 February 2003), California State University Los Angeles.

### **Guest Class Lectures**

"Democracy and International Financial Institutions," Political Science, (28 May 2009), Professor Carole Pateman.

"Comparing Depressions: 1929 to 2007 - Causes and Differences" History, Linfield College (28 April 2008), Professor Lissa Wadewitz.

"Economic Globalization and Social Movements in Latin America," CSU-Los Angeles (11 November 2005) Professor Eric Schantz.

"New Social Movements and Globalization," Sociology, CSU-Los Angeles (10 March 2005), Professor Gunnar Valgeirsson.

"Democracy and the WTO?" Political Science, UCLA, (10 March 2004), Professor Carol Pateman.

### **Media Interviews**

"Beneath the Surface," KPFK 90.7 FM, (16 February 2004), ½ hour interview

"RadioActive" KRCL 90.9 FM (30 March 2004), 1 hour interview

"Radioactive," KPFK 90.7 (9 November 2004), ½ hour interview

### **Conferences**

"The Institutional Development of American Life Insurance Companies in New York State, 1830-1850," Conference on New York State History (5-8 June 1997), Saratoga, New York.

### **Other Work Experience**

Sub-edited *Rank and File Rebellion*, eds. Aaron Brenner, Robert Brenner and Cal Winslow (London: Verso, 2010).

Curriculum Committee for Studies in Global Justice, six week course on "Global Migrations" (2007).

Sub-edited *The Vinyl Ain't Final*, eds. Dipannita Basu and Sid Lemelle (London: Pluto Press, 2006).

Historical Research for: Tigg Productions (1998) and Hallinan Consulting for PBS American Presidents Series (1997).

References Available Upon Request