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Education:

PhD University of Missouri, Sociology, 1984 to 1987
MA University of Missouri, Sociology, 1980 to 1983
University of Warwick, England, Sociology, August to December, 1983
BJ University of Missouri, School of Journalism, 1976 to 1978

Areas of Specialization

Political sociology
Gender and sexuality
Women's studies/feminist theory

Employment:

Associate Prof. (tenured), Department of Sociology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1993 to present.
Graduate Coordinator, Department of Sociology, UNLV, 1998-2002, 2007 to 2008
Assistant Prof., Department of Sociology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1988-1993.
Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri--Columbia, 1983-86 (part-time).

Honors and Awards:

2005 Honoree, "Las Vegas Wall of Women (1905-2005) -- 100 Years of Influence: The Role of Women in Shaping the First Hundred Years of Las Vegas." Traveling exhibit opening at the Las Vegas Art Museum March 18, 2005 through May 22, 2005. Las Vegas Centennial.
2004-05 UCCSN Nevada Regents Outstanding Graduate Advisor Award
2003 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
2001 UNLV Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award
2000 UNLV Graduate College Special Recognition for Graduate Education
1998 UNLV Alumni Faculty Award for Academic Excellence and Student Focus (first award given)
1994-5 Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles.
1993 Nominee, Morris Award for Excellence in Teaching, College of Liberal Arts, UNLV.
1992 Annual Good Gal Award, Southern Nevada Women's Political Caucus.
1987 Graduate Teaching Award, Sociology, University of Missouri.
1986 Graduate Achievement Award, Sociology, University of Missouri.
1983 Caroline Rose Student Paper Competition, Midwest Sociological Society, Third place.

Grants and Fellowships:

2008 UNLV Presidential Research Award, \$45,000, "Las Vegas Metropolitan Area Social Survey," with Robert Futrell and Christie Batson
2003 UNLV SITE Grant, \$5000, "Youth Movements in Zanzibar," with Deo Mshigeni, PhD. Candidate.
2002 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, Advisor/Co-PI for Pete Simi, PhD candidate, "Biographical Outcomes of Right Wing Activism."
2001 UNLV Teaching and Learning Center Thread Grant, Using Web CT in Introduction to Sociology Classrooms, with Matt Wray and Simon Gottschalk.
2001 UNLV SITE Grant, \$5000, "Biographical Outcomes of Right Wing Activism," with Pete Simi.
1997 UNLV College of Liberal Arts Research Award, "Southern Nevada Sex Industry Research Project--Brothels," \$2000, with Kathryn Hausbeck.
1993 UNLV University Research Council Grant, "Class Segments and Social Policy: Business Political Alignments 1900-1935," \$1040.
1990 Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation and UNLV Foundation, travel grant to Cambodia and Vietnam, with Frederick Preston.

- 1988 UNLV University Research Council Grant, "Business Elites, Policy Intellectuals and the Formation of the 1935 Social Security Act," \$2,400 for archive research.
- 1982-6 Midwest Council for Social Research in Aging pre-doctoral fellowship.

Journal articles:

- Brents, Barbara G. "Sexual Politics from Barnard to Las Vegas," The Communication Review, 11(3): 237–246, 2008.
- Brents, Barbara G. and Hausbeck, Kathryn. "Marketing Sex: American Legal Brothels and Late Capitalist Consumption," Sexualities: Studies in Culture and Society, 10(4):425-439 2007.
- Brents, Barbara G. and Kathryn Hausbeck, "Violence and Legalized Brothel Prostitution in Nevada: Examining Safety, Risk and Prostitution Policy," Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 20(3): 270-295, 2005.
- Brents, Barbara G. and Deo Mshigeni, "Terrorism in Context: Race, Religion, Party and Violent Conflict in Zanzibar," The American Sociologist, 35(2):60-74, 2004.
- Futrell, Robert and Barb Brents "Protest as Terrorism: The Potential for Violent Anti-Nuclear Activism," American Behavioral Scientist, 46(6):745-765 1 February 2003,
- Ballard, James David, Barbara G. Brents and Amanda Dean, "The Oklahoma City bombing and policy agendas in the media," Popular Culture Review, 13(2):89-101. September 2002.
- Brents, Barbara G. and Kathryn Hausbeck, "State Sanctioned Sex: Negotiating Formal and Informal Regulations in Nevada Brothels," Sociological Perspectives 44(3):307-332, 2001.
- Brents, Barbara G., "Dale Carnegie, The Carpenters, and Cambodia," Journal of Contemporary Ethnography. 27(4):435-460, January 1999.
- Brents, Barbara G., "Class Political Organizing and Welfare Capitalism," Critical Sociology, 19(1):69-101, 1992.
- Jenkins, J. Craig and Barbara G. Brents, "Capitalists and Social Security: What Did They Really Want? A Reply to Amenta and Parikh," American Sociological Review, 56(1):129-132, 1991.
- Jenkins, J. Craig and Barbara G. Brents, "Social Protest, Hegemonic Competition and Social Reform: The Political Origins of the American Welfare State," American Sociological Review, 54(6):891-909, 1989.
- Godino, Victoria and Barbara G. Brents, "The Many Faces of Sociology: Ambivalence and Conflict in Graduate Education," The American Sociologist, 18(1):53-57, 1987.
- Brents, Barbara G., "Policy Intellectuals, Class Struggle and the Construction of Old Age: The Creation of the Social Security Act of 1935," Social Science and Medicine, 23(12):1251-1260, 1986.
- Brents, Barbara G., "Capitalism, Corporate Liberalism and Social Policy: The Origins of the Social Security Act of 1935," Mid-American Review of Sociology, 9(1):23-40, 1984.

Book chapters

- Simi, Pete and Barbara G. Brents "An Extreme Response to Globalization: The Case of Racist Skinhead Youth" pp. 185-202 in David Brotherton and Michael Flynn, eds., Globalizing the Streets: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Youth, Social Control and Empowerment, Columbia University Press, 2008.
- Hausbeck, Kathryn and Barbara G. Brents, "McDonaldization of the Sex Industries: The Business of Sex," pp 103-118 in George Ritzer, ed., McDonaldization: The Reader, Pine Forge Press, 2002, 2nd Ed. 2006.
- Hausbeck Kathryn and Barbara G. Brents, "Inside Nevada's Brothel System," pp. 217-243 in Ron Weitzer, ed., Sex for Sale: Prostitution, Pornography and the Sex Industry. NY: Routledge, 2000.
- Brents, Barbara G. and Melissa Monson, "White Washing the Strip: Confronting White Privilege in Las Vegas," pp 213-228 in Joe Kincheloe, Shirley Steinberg, Nelson Rodrigues, and Ronald Chennault (eds.), White Reign: Learning and Deploying Whiteness, St. Martin's Press 1998.
- Brents, Barbara G. "Housing Policy in Nevada." pp. 215-229 in Dennis Soden and Eric Herzik, (eds.), Towards 2000: Public Policy in Nevada, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt Publishing 1997.
- Brents, Barbara G., "Aging and Social Policy in the United States," pp. 157-174 .in Berberoglu, Berch (ed.), Critical Perspectives in Sociology, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co., 1991. 2nd Ed.

Other publications:

- Hausbeck, Kate, Barbara Brents and Crystal Jackson, "Vegas and the sex industry: Don't make assumptions about the choices women make." Las Vegas Review-Journal, Sept 16, 2007 page 4D.

- Brents, Barbara G. "Review of Prostitution and Trafficking in Nevada, Making the Connections" posted Sept 17, 2007 800 word invited review on Bound not Gagged blog.
<http://depththroated.wordpress.com/2007/09/17/review-of-prostitution-and-trafficking-in-nevada-making-the-connections/>
- Hausbeck, Kathryn and Brents, Barbara G., "Regulation in Nevada Brothels" Spread magazine, 2 (1):36-37, 2006.
- Brents, Barbara G., Kathryn Hausbeck, Anastasia H. Prokos, Jennifer Reid Keene, Crystal Jackson, and Cristina Morales. 2005. Response to Lois Helmbold, "Women's Studies in Sin City: Reactionary Politics and Feminist Possibilities." National Women's Studies Association Journal 17, 3: 186-88.
- Hausbeck, Kathryn, Barbara G. Brents and Crystal Jackson, "Putting the 'Sin' in 'Sin City': Mapping Commercial Sex in Nevada" A Report Prepared for the Center for Democratic Culture, Leading Social Indicators in Nevada: Quality of Life in the Silver State. 2004.
- Brents, Barbara G. and R.R. Apache, "Editors' Introduction," Creative College Teaching Journal. Aug 2004.
- Brents, Barbara G., Review of Alexa Albert, Brothel in Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, 2002.
- Hausbeck Kathryn and Barbara G. Brents, "Prostitution–Nevada," in the Encyclopedia of Criminology and Deviant Behavior, Vol 3 Sexual Deviance, edited by Nanette Davis and Gilbert Geis, Taylor and Francis 2000.
- Hausbeck, Kathryn and Barbara G. Brents, "Special Topics: Sociology of the Sex Industry," in Paula Rust (ed.) The Sociology of Sexuality and Sexual Orientation: Syllabi and Teaching Materials. ASA Publications: Washington D.C. 1997. (Published syllabi)
- Brents, Barbara G., Review of Halleh Afshar and Mary Maynard (eds.), The Dynamics of 'Race' and Gender: Some Feminist Interventions. Bristol, PA: Taylor and Francis Inc. forthcoming in International Journal for Contemporary Sociology, 33(2) 1996.
- Brents, Barbara G., Gayle Morris and Lisa Licausi. "Prostitution." pp. 221-223 in Women and Work: A Handbook, edited by Kathryn Borman and Paula Dubeck. NY: Garland Publishers 1996.
- Brents, Barbara G., Review of Geoff Payne and Pamela Abbott (eds.), The Social Mobility of Women: Beyond Male Mobility Models. Bristol, PA: Falmer Press, Taylor and Francis Inc. International Journal for Contemporary Sociology, 32(1) 1995:143-44.
- Brents, Barbara G., "Cambodian Killing Fields," Las Vegas People's Press, 1(1):9, Jan. 15, 1992.
- Brents, Barbara G., "Cambodia: The Fragile Peace," Las Vegas People's Press, 1(2):4, Feb. 18, 1992.
- Brents, Barbara G., "Phnom Penh Tumbles Again in Battle over Indochina," In These Times, Sept. 12-18, 1990.
- Brents, Barbara G., "Recent Changes in U.S. Cambodian Policy," Nevada Views column, Las Vegas Review Journal, August 2, 1990.
- Eckert, Craig M. and Barbara G. Brents, "Overview of the 1989 Pacific and Midwest Regional Meetings," States and Societies: Newsletter, ASA Section on Political Sociology, 6(2):1-2, Winter 1989.
- Brents, Barbara G., Review of James R. Kluegal and Eliot R. Smith, Beliefs About Inequality, Humanity and Society, 13(1):107-109, February 1989.
- Vaughan, C. Edwin and Barbara G. Brents, "The Aging Process," Extension Division publication, University of Missouri, January 1983.

Invited Presentations

- "She Said, He Said, We Said: Representing Commerical Sex in the Media," Roundtable Discussion, panelist, Far West Popular Culture Association Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, NV, Jan. 27, 2008.
- "The State of Sex—Nevada's Sex Industry," Plenary Luncheon Panel, Local Scholars on Local Issues, Association for Humanist Sociology, Las Vegas, NV, Oct. 27, 2007. With Crystal Jackson and Kate Hausbeck.
- "Sexual Politics/Morality Politics" informal roundtable discussion, Section on Political Sociology, American Sociological Association. August 2007, New York City. With Elizabeth Bernstein (Columbia University) and Nicola Beisel (Northwestern University).
- "Culture and Sex Work: The Sexualization of Culture and Sex Work in the 21st Century," Presidential Plenary Session, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality annual meetings, Las Vegas, November 2006. (With Kate Hausbeck, Stacey Swimme and Susan Lopez-Embury.)
- "Prostitution: Legalize, Decriminalize or Criminalize? A Panel Discussion" Five-person panel organized by the National Lawyers Guild Student Chapter at the New England School of Law, Boston, MA, April

- 13, 2006. (With Kate Hausbeck). Received honorarium.
- “Opening panel: Opportunities and Challenges in Sex Work Activism and Research,” Sex Work Matters: Beyond Divides conference, New School University and City University of New York, March 30, 2006. (With Kate Hausbeck.)
- “The Sexualization of Culture and the Nevada Brothel Industry” UNLV Women’s Research Institute of Nevada Research Roundtable, Oct 4, 2005. (With Kate Hausbeck.)
- “The Sexualization of Culture and the Nevada Brothel Industry,” Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society Satellite Seminar Series, Sept 27, 2005. One of five lectures taped and broadcast to community colleges across the United States. They are also recorded to DVD. (With Kate Hausbeck.) Received honorarium.
- “The Sexualization of Culture and the Nevada Brothel Industry,” Plenary presentation at the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute, Las Vegas, June 21, 2005. (With Kate Hausbeck). Received honorarium.
- “Globalization and the Business of Sex: Nevada’s Brothel Industry,” Keynote speaker, Russell School of International Business, Menlo College, San Francisco, CA, Women’s History Month, March 14, 2005. Received honorarium.
- "Nevada Brothels," Invited presentation at the American Humanist Association Conference, May 8, 2004, Las Vegas. (With Kate Hausbeck.)
- “The Sex Industry in Nevada,” Invited presentation at the MENSA Regional Gathering, Dec. 16, 2001. (With Kate Hausbeck.)
- “The Anti-Apartheid Movement at the University of Missouri–Columbia,” Invited presentation at the MU Department of Sociology Centennial Symposium, Sept 30, 2000. (Craig Eckert and Albert DiChiara.)
- “(Un)Covering the Sex Industry” panelist National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association, Las Vegas. Oct 2, 1998. (With Kate Hausbeck.)
- “The Body for Sale: Types of Prostitution and Organizing Institutions/Discourses of Power.” UNLV Women’s Studies Brown Bag. Jan. 28, 1998. (With Kate Hausbeck.)
- "Public and Private in Cambodian Foreign Policy," UNLV Women's Studies Brown Bag, Oct. 1993.
- "The Feminization of Poverty," UNLV University Forum Lecture, Feb. 1991.
- “Cambodia, 1990: The Public and Private of War,” UNLV University Forum Lecture, Nov. 1991
- "Woman: Image and Image Maker," UNLV University Forum Lecture, panelist, March 1990.
- "Class Power and the Control of Knowledge," UNLV Interdisciplinary Research Seminar.

Professional Papers:

- Brents, Barbara G. and Teela Sanders, “Mainstreaming the sex industry: economy, culture and sexual commerce from Las Vegas to Leeds.” Paper presented at the conference, Investigating the Theory and Practice of Gender and Sexuality in the Workplace, University of Surrey, U.K., June 13, 2008
- Brents, Barbara G., Albert DiChiara and Craig M. Eckert, “Withered Activism: Sociologists (Mis)Connecting with Communities in Need,” paper presented at the Thematic Session, Sociology and Public Policy, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings, St. Louis, Mo., March 27, 2008.
- Jackson, Crystal and Barbara G. Brents, “Fractured femininity in late capitalist sex work: Nevada’s sex industry” paper presented at the 5th Biennial International Interdisciplinary Conference on Gender work and Organisation, Keele University, UK, June 27, 2007.
- Barbara G. Brents and Kathryn Hausbeck, “What is Wrong With Prostitution? Assessing Exploitation in Legal Brothels.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, August 2006.
- Radeloff, Cheryl, Barbara G. Brents and Robert Futrell. “Sex Panics? HIV and the Regulation of Prostitution in Nevada, Sex Panics and the Regulation of Prostitution in Late Capitalism: The Origins of Nevada's HIV Policies for Prostitutes.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, August 2005.
- Hausbeck, Kathryn and Barbara G. Brents. “Laboring Behind the Red Light: Working Girls & Working Women in Nevada’s Brothel Industry.” SSSI Annual Meetings, Philadelphia 2005. With Kate Hausbeck.

- Hausbeck, Kathryn, Barbara G. Brents and Crystal Jackson. "Pornoculture: Exploring the Body & Sex Industries from 'Sin City' to Main St." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, August 2005. With Kate Hausbeck and Crystal Jackson.
- Hausbeck, Kathryn and Barbara G. Brents. "Foucault's Brothels." Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Portland, Oregon, March 2005.
- Hausbeck, Kathryn, Barbara G. Brents and Crystal Jackson. "Putting the 'Sin' in 'Sin City': Mapping Commercial Sex in Nevada" presented at the Center for Democratic Culture, Leading Social Indicators in Nevada: Quality of Life in the Silver State conference, UNLV Boyd School of Law, November 5th, 2004. (Invited)
- Simi, Pete, Barbara G. Brents and Robert Futrell. "Skinhead Politicization and Enduring White Power Activism in the U.S.," Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, San Francisco, August 2004.
- Hausbeck, Kathryn and Barbara G. Brents. "Politics of Passing and Coming out in Feminist Fieldwork," Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, San Francisco, August 2004.
- Brents, Barbara G. and Deo Msigeni. "Race, Party and Radical Islam: Social Movements and Ethnic Identity in Zanzibar." To be presented at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meetings, Kansas City, April 2004. With Deo Mshigeni.
- Hausbeck, Kathryn and Barbara G. Brents. "The Politics of Passing & Coming out in Auto-ethnographic Fieldwork: Performing Feminist Research on the Sex Industry." Paper presented at the Western Social Science Association annual meetings, Las Vegas, NV, April 2003.
- Hausbeck, Kathryn and Barbara G. Brents. "Brothels, Bodies, Politics: The Meaning of Sex in a Commercial Space." Paper presented at the Pacific Sociological Association annual meetings, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 2002. With Kathryn Hausbeck.
- Simi, Pete and Barbara G. Brents. "Renegade Youth: Origins and Trends in the Racist Skinhead Subculture." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, Chicago, Illinois, August 2002.
- "Managing Culture and Building Community: Evaluating One Department's Approach to the Internet and Technology." Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, March 2001. With Troy McGinnis, Robert Futrell and Lisa Sharp.
- "A Feminist Theory of Gangs," presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 2000. With Albert DiChiara.
- "The Lay of the Land: Political Culture and Cultural Politics in Nevada's Brothels," Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meetings, Washington D.C., August 2000. With Kate Hausbeck.
- "Pro-Family, Pro-Prostitute: Culture and Politics in a Nevada Brothel Town," presented at the Midwest Sociological Association annual meetings, Chicago, April 2000. With Kate Hausbeck.
- "Feminism, Postmodernism and Gang Theory." Paper presented at the Midwest Sociological Association annual meetings, Chicago, April, 2000. With Albert DiChiara.
- "The Business of Sex as a Social Movement: Mobilization, Politics and Culture in the Adult Video and Nevada Brothel Industries," presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Chicago, August 1999.
- "Recent Developments in Sex Industry Research," panel presentation, National Women's Studies Association, Albuquerque, June 1999.
- "The World's Oldest Profession: Alive and Well in Sin City," presented at the Far West Popular Culture Association Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, NV Feb 1999. With Kathryn Hausbeck.
- "Bureaucratic Seductions: McDonaldizing the Sex Industry, Sexualizing Post-Fordism?" Presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, August 1998. With Kathryn Hausbeck.
- "Images of Women in Las Vegas," Paper presented at the National Women's Studies Association, Oswego, NY, June 1998. With Kathryn Hausbeck.
- "Bodies, Business and Politics: Corporate Mobilization and the Sex Industries," Paper presented at the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, April 1998. With Kathryn Hausbeck.
- "The Body for Sale: Analyzing the Rhetoric of Illegal Prostitution in Las Vegas," Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Toronto, August 1997, With Kathryn Hausbeck.
- "Clothed Women in an Undressed Industry," Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction meetings, Toronto, August 1997, With Kathryn Hausbeck.
- "The Price of Admission: Sex Work and the Body Industry" Paper presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference, June 1996. With Kathryn Hausbeck.

- "Learning from Las Vegas: Crafting Women's Studies in the 21st Century," Presentation at the Sixth International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, Adelaide, Australia, April 1996. With Maralee Mayberry, Peg Rees, Ellen Rose, Jaime Phillips.
- "Dale Carnegie, The Carpenters, and Cambodia" Paper presented at the Midwest Sociology Association Annual Meetings, April 1996.
- "Business Political Alignments Before the New Deal," presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual meetings, March 11, 1994, with James David Ballard.
- "Counting Ceiling Tiles: Prostitutes View of their Work" Presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, Miami Beach, August 1993. With Gayle Morris and Lisa Licausi.
- "What I Did on My Vacation in Cambodia, the Public and Private of Foreign Policy" presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual meetings, Chicago, April 1993.
- "Class Segments and Welfare Capitalism: State, Capital and Social Policy," Presented in a Political Sociology Regular Session at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, Cincinnati, August 1991.
- "Bringing Praxis Back In: Academics, Political Theorizing and Political Action." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meetings, Des Moines, April 1991.
- "Rockefeller, Social Science Research, and New Deal Reform." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meetings, Chicago, April 1990.
- "Class Power and the Control of Knowledge: Policy Reform Groups and the Social Security Act." Presented at the American Sociological Society annual meetings, session on the Welfare State, San Francisco, August 1989.
- "Hegemonic Competition and Social Reform." Presented at Bringing Class Back In Conference, Lawrence, Kansas, April 1989. With J. Craig Jenkins.
- "The Deserving Poor: Archaeology of Old Age and Welfare State Benefits." Presented at the Western Social Science Association annual meetings, Albuquerque, April 1989.
- "Comparative Analysis of Men and Women in the Nevada Prison System." Presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, Chicago, Nov. 1988. With William Brown.
- "The Many Faces of Sexual Harassment: Is Policy the Only Issue?" Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Pre-Conference Workshop on Women In Sociology, Las Vegas, Nev. April 1988.
- "Bringing Class Struggle Back In: The Peculiar Origins and Nature of the American Welfare State." Presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, Chicago, Ill. August 1987. Second author with J. Craig Jenkins.
- "Political Discourse and the Making of Social Security, 1900-1939: Legal Professionals, Policy Intellectuals, and Government Bureaucrats in the Welfare State." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings, Chicago, Ill. April 1987. First author with Gary R. Peck.
- "Theory, Gerontology and the Welfare State: Should We Really Be Studying the Elderly?" Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meetings, St. Louis, Mo. April, 1985.
- "Creation of the U.S. Social Security Act: In the Interests the Elderly?" Revised version of previous paper. Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings, St. Louis, Mo. April, 1985.
- "What I Did on My Summer Vacation: Graduate Student Life in the Great Britain, or Why There are No Politics in American Universities." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meetings, Chicago, Ill. April 1984.
- "Creation of the U.S. Social Security Act: In the Interests of the Elderly?" Presented at the British Society of Gerontology annual meetings, Liverpool, England. October, 1983.
- "The Corporate Liberals and Class Struggle: Passage of the Social Security Act of 1935." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meetings, Kansas City, Mo. April 1983.

Other Professional/Public Speeches/Presentations:

- 2005 Keynote speaker, First-year student academic recognition reception, MSU Auditorium, Feb. 9, 2005. The reception honors all first year students with a 3.5 or greater grade point average. Sponsored by First Year Programs and Transition Services, UNLV.
- 2003 Panelist, People's Forum on Iraq War, invited by Coalition to Prevent the Erosion of Human Rights, October 25
- 2003 Panelist, UNLV Teach in on Iraq, Feb.
- 2003 Speaker, "Feminist Research and Prostitution in Nevada," UNLV chapter of the Sociologists for Women in Society, November 5.

- 2001 Speaker, UNLV College of Liberal Arts Teach in on Terrorism, Sept. 20
- 2001 “Professional Seminars in Sociology Graduate Programs,” invited panel presentation at the Directors of Graduate Study Mini-Conference, American Sociological Association annual meetings, Los Angeles, August 2001.
- 2000 Presenter, “Value Added Components in Ph.D. programs,” UNLV Ph.D. programs retreat, Graduate College, March 23.
- 1998 Rotary Club, Ely Nevada, “The Sex Industry in Nevada.” With Kate Hausbeck, July 23.
- 1997 Co Organizer, “Bodies, Boundaries and Bounty: A Public Forum on Nevada’s Sex Industries with numerous UNLV departments, Women’s Studies, Clark County Parks and Recreation, a series of three forums, April.
- 1996 Co Organizer, “Fight for America’s Future: A Teach In with the Labor Movement” UNLV Campus, with AFL-CIO, Culinary, Dept Sociology, Dept Economics, Women’s Studies, Nevada Faculty Alliance-AAUP, Industrial Relations Research Association, Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
- Organizer and moderator, panel “Gender and the Future of Labor,” Labor Teach-In
- Public speeches: on policy, women's studies, sex industry, racism and ageism to government bodies, community organizations, church groups, businesses (more than 25 addresses/testimonies 1988-2001)
- Numerous media interviews on policy, women's issues, feminism, sexism, racism: NBC News Specials, [New York Times](#), [USA Today](#), [Newsweek](#), [New Yorker](#), [Nevada Women](#), [LA Times](#), [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), [Las Vegas Weekly](#), [Las Vegas City Life](#), [The Las Vegas Sun](#), [UNLV Yellin Rebel](#), [Inside-Out \(UNLV publication\)](#), many regional and local TV and radio talk shows.

Courses Taught:

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| Interdiscipl. Honors | Individual, Society and Freedom, Power in America |
| Sociology, Graduate | Seminar in Political Sociology (cross-listed with Ethics and Policy Studies), Seminar in Sociology of Sex, Feminist Theory |
| Sociology Undergraduate | Sex and Social Arrangements, Sociology of the Sex Industry (team taught, cross listed with Women’s Studies), Feminist Theories and Research (cross listed with Women's Studies), Gender and Society (cross-listed with Women's Studies), Social Perspectives on Aging, Aging and Social Policy, Sociology of Poverty, Politics and the Media, Mass Communications, Intro to Sociology |
- Instructor, UNLV Institute for Gifted and Talented High School Students, UNLV Honors Program, Summers, 1991-93.

Professional Activities:

- 2007-08 Member, local arrangements committee Sociologists for Women in Society
- 2007 Co-organizer, Political Sociology Refereed Roundtables, ASA annual meetings.
- 2007 Chair, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship (Book) Award, Political Sociology, ASA.
- 2006 Chair, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship (Article) Award, Political Sociology, ASA.
- 2005 Member, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship (Article) Award, Political Sociology, ASA.
- 2004-2007 Council Member. American Sociological Association Political Sociology Section
- 1999-02 Member, National Women’s Studies Association, NWSA 25th anniversary 2002 Conference Organizing Committee. Member.
- 2000-02 Member, National Women’s Studies Association, NWSA 25th anniversary 2002 Embedded Conference Deconstructing Sin City.
- 1999-01 Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference Committee 2001.
- 1999-00 Member, American Sociological Association Political Sociology Section Nominations Committee
- 1998-00 Member, Scholar Activist Fund Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 1997-01 National Women’s Studies Association, Conference Program Committee.
- 1993-94 Chair, Outstanding Student Paper Committee, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.
- 1991-93 Member, Nominating Committee, Midwest Sociological Society.
- 1991 Member, Nominating Committee, Marxist section, American Sociological Association.
- 1988 Member, Local Arrangements Committee, Pacific Sociological Association.
- 1985-86 Student Representative, Midwest Council for Social Research on Aging (1985-1986).

- 1984-85 Member, Ad hoc Committee on Social Responsibility, Midwest Sociological Society.
 1983-84 Student Director, Midwest Sociological Society.

Editorial Activities:

- 2003-07 Editorial board, Sociological Perspectives.
 2004 Guest editor, Creative College Teaching Journal (inaugural issue, published at UNLV)
 1993-97 Associate editor, Sociological Inquiry.
 1988- Manuscript reviewer, American Sociological Review, Social Forces, Social Problems, Signs, Contexts, Sociological Quarterly, Gender and Society, Symbolic Interaction, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, National Women's Studies Association Journal, Critical Sociology, Journal of the History of Sexuality, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Humanity and Society, Social Science Journal, Popular Culture Review, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Forum.
 1988- Book manuscript reviewer, McGraw Hill, Wadsworth, St. Martin's Press, Routledge.

University Service:

- 2002-- UNLV Boyd School of Law Clinic Advisory Committee
 2004-2007 Member, Carnegie Foundation/AAHE Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Initiative Task Force
 2003-2004 Member, Teaching and Learning Center Committee for Technology in Classroom
 2003 Member, Teaching and Learning Center Outstanding Graduate TA Award selection committee
 2001-02 Chair, UNLV, Graduate Council
 2001 Facilitator, UNLV Planning Retreat on Research Infrastructure," discussion section on "Maximizing Campus Research Support Services," Aug. 13.
 2000 Facilitator, UNLV Planning Retreat, "Growing Selectively," discussion section on Graduate Education, Aug. 21
 2000-01 Member, Graduate College Professional Development programs task force
 2000-01 Member, UNLV Task Force on Research Infrastructure
 2000 Member, Ad Hoc Selection Committee for GREAT Assistantships, UNLV Graduate College
 1999-02 Member, UNLV Graduate College Executive Committee
 1999-00 Chair, UNLV Graduate College Graduate Student Funding Committee
 1999 Member, UNLV, CSUN Student Teaching Scholarship Committee
 1998 Member, UNLV President's KUNV Reorganization committee
 1996-98 Chair UNLV Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Committee to Review Grievance, Ethics and Appeals Process
 1996-97 Member, Committee to Review Plan of Greenspun School of Urban Affairs
 1995-96 Member, University Comprehensive Institutional Planning Roundtable
 1995 Member, University Task Force on Institutional Planning, UNLV
 1992-93 Member, Faculty Senate Committee on the Status of Women, UNLV.
 1992-94 Co-chair, Committee for the Womyn's Festival, Women's Center, UNLV.
 1991-93 Member, Committee to Prevent Sexual Exploitation, UNLV.
 1990-95 Member, Women's Center Advisory Committee; also member University of Nevada Board of Regents subcommittee to develop UNLV Women's Center, co-author of initial proposal, coordinator of various programs.
 1990 Member, Internal Review of the M.S Program in Electrical Engineering, UNLV.
 1988-99 Member, Interdisciplinary Gerontology Program Committee, UNLV.
 1995-97 Faculty Advisor, UNLV National Organization for Women.
 1993-94 Faculty Advisor, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association, UNLV student associations.
 1991-94 Faculty Advisor, Students for Choice, UNLV student associations.

Women's Studies Service:

- 1993-4, 1997- Member, Women's Studies Steering Committee, UNLV.
 2002-03 Member, Search Committee, Women's Studies.
 2001-02 Member, Women's Studies Department chair search committee.
 1996-97 Chair, Curriculum Committee
 1996 Member, Committee to Review the Director of Women's Studies
 1995-97 Member, Women's Studies Curriculum Committee, UNLV.
 1993-94 Chair, Women's Studies Curriculum Committee, UNLV.
 1993-94 Chair, Women's Studies Scholarship Committee, UNLV.

- 1991-93 Undergraduate Advisor, Women's Studies Committee, UNLV.
- 1991-93 Member, Hiring Committee for Women's Studies director search
- 1989-91 Co-chair, Women's Studies Committee; active since 1988

College Service:

- 2005-07 Member, College of Liberal Arts Personnel Committee
- 1997-98, 1999-00 Member, College of Liberal Arts Executive Committee
- 1998-00 Member College of Liberal Arts Student Awards committee
- 1993- Member, Social Science Studies Committee.
- 1995-96 Member, College Personnel Committee
- 1992-93 Member, Bylaws Committee, UNLV.
- 1990-92 Chair, Academic Standards Committee, UNLV.
- 1989-91 Member, Curriculum Committee, UNLV.
- 1988-03 Member, Ethics and Policy Studies Steering Committee, UNLV.

Departmental Service:

- 2007-08 Chair, Hiring Committee
- 2001- Member, Graduate Committee
- 1996-97 Chair, Theory Comprehensive Examining Committee.
- 1996- Chair, Departmental Planning Committee
- 1990-92 Chair, Aging Comprehensive Examining Committee, Sociology UNLV.
- 1989- Member, Theory Comprehensive Examining Committee, Sociology, UNLV.
- 1988- Member, various committees, Sociology, UNLV.

Community Service:

Board participation:

- 2006 Desiree Alliance, founding member, Organizing Committee for Re-Visioning Prostitution Policy Conference, 2006. Desiree Alliance is a sex worker-led network of organizations, communities and individuals across the US
- 1996-2000 President of the Board, ACLU of Nevada
- 1998-99 Member, State of Nevada Supreme Court Task Force on Racial and Economic Bias in the Criminal Justice System
- 1996-98 Member, National Board of Directors, American Civil Liberties Union
- 1996 ACLU of Nevada Reorganization Committee
- 1994-95 Secretary, Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
- 1993-94 Citizen Alert, statewide board.
- 1992-94 Southern Nevada chapter, American Civil Liberties Union
- 1991-96 Las Vegas Shade Tree advisory board, women's homeless shelter
- 1991 Nevada Women's Lobby Southern Nevada Roundtable
- 1990-93 Nevada State Advisory Board to the Las Vegas Office of Aging Services
- 1988-2001 Foster Grandparents Program of Clark County (Vice Chair 2000-2001)

Reviewer/Consultant:

- 1992 Nevada Humanities Committee summer research grant for teachers.
- 1992-Expert witness, sexual harassment cases in federal court.
- 1991 Widening Opportunities for Women Conference, Las Vegas.
- 1988 Clark County Coalition on Maternal Child Care
- 1988 Nevada Department of Education, National Teacher Examination test