

CV, as of September, 2009

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EDUCATION: B A., Brooklyn College, 1955, in Philosophy,  
with a minor in Classics.

1955-60. Graduate student (part-time) in  
Philosophy and the Foundations of Mathematics.  
Columbia University. ABD .

PROFESSORIAL From August, 1970, State University of New  
York/ College of Old Westbury.

Appointed Full Professor in Social Science, State University of New  
York January 1, 1971.

Service on College Planning Committee, Skills Committee, Core  
Curriculum, Initial Appointments, Reappointment, Promotion and  
Tenure, Rights and Responsibilities, and Labor Studies Committees.  
Co- organizer of American Studies Department and of Labor Studies  
Department. Chair, CAP Subcommittee on Public Administration,  
1983-4. Personnel Oversight Committee, 1984-6; (Chair 1985-6).

Chairman, Labor Studies Department. 1981 to retirement.

Chair, Faculty Council, 1985-6 and Secretary, 1984-5.

Union Grievance Officer, UUP/UFT, 1987-9.

Early retirement and Professor Emeritus from January, 1990.

OTHER In 1959-60 and again in 1963-6 I taught at,  
COLLEGE respectively, the Westchester New York  
TEACHING Community College and Fairleigh Dickinson  
University Madison (evening, part-time),and  
Long Island University's Brooklyn Center.

In 1966-9 I was employed for a total of five semesters as  
a part-time Lecturer in political theory and international

relations in the evening, extension division of the New School for Social Research.

- VISITING                      During the Fall, 1969 semester I was in residence as Visiting Lecturer in Political Theory at M.I.T.
- APPOINTMENTS              During the Spring Semester of 1984 I was in residence as Visiting Scholar at the Graduate Centre of the Faculty of Humanities, Middlesex Polytechnic, London (UK).
- During the Spring Semester, 2003, I was a Visiting Academic at the Economics Department, University of Cape Town in South Africa.
- MORE                              From the spring of 1956 through the academic year 1960-1 I was employed for four and a half years in several elementary and secondary schools, all private, in New York City, mostly as a Mathematics teacher though English, Latin, Physical Education, and, at one point, driving the school bus were part of my duties.
- TEACHING:
- EXTENSION:
- Organizer of “Workshops for Working People”, a series of workshop presentations for workers on topical problems, such as occupational health, inflation, rights, etc. SUNY/Old Westbury, April-June, 1979
- Organizer of and liaison for Hospital League/Hospital Workers Union, District 1199 Training and Upgrading Fund program at SUNY/Old Westbury for the academic years 1980-2, offering High School Equivalency and College Prep classes each semester to union workers in English language skills and in mathematics.
- Organizer of mini-seminar on “Protecting and Extending the Legal Rights of Women Workers.” Funded by the Veatch Foundation, the seminar consisted of a series of Saturday classes offered at SUNY/Old Westbury in April and May, 1983 in cooperation with the legal firm of Gladstein, Reif and Meginnis.

OTHER

Helped to found and was a member of Executive Committee of (Westchester County) Reform Democrats, 1960-3.

EXPERIENCE:

District Committeeman, 8<sup>th</sup> Ward (Yonkers) Democratic Club, 1960-3.

Producer of public affairs program, WBAI-FM, NYC. 1960-2.

Edited community monthly newspaper, Yonkers and Westchester County, 1961-2.

Executive Director, New York State Americans for Democratic Action, 1961-3, with responsibilities for staff management, program, fund raising, campaign assistance and legislative lobbying.

Founder and Associate Editor, VIET-REPORT magazine 1965-8 (circulation 40,000 -- 125, 000 monthly), with responsibilities in editorial, production and fund raising areas.

Correspondent for VIET-REPORT and other media, Cambodia and South Viet Nam. January/February, 1967. Accredited as war correspondent to Army of the Republic of Viet Nam and to U.S. Military Assistance Command, Viet Nam.

Member of the Editorial Board. REVIEW OF RADICAL POLITICAL ECONOMICS. 1988-2009.

Editorial group, SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY. 1992- 2001

Founder and member of Executive Committee, The New University Conference, 1968-71.

Member of Executive Committee, the Caucus for a New Political Science, American Political Science Association, 1968-7

Organized and led tour of Caribbean and other hemispheric scholars to Republic of Cuba, July and August, 1969.

Fellow, Cambridge Institute, 1969-70

Founder and “Visiting Professor  
Southeastern Massachusetts University-in-Exile, 1970.

Staff, community monthly newspaper, Nassau-Suffolk  
Counties, 1971.

Executive Committee, LI Progressive Coalition, 1982-4.

## **BOOKS**

1. *THE CRISIS IN THE WORKING CLASS: AND SOME ARGUMENTS  
FOR A NEW LABOR MOVEMENT*. Boston: South End Press. 1980

2. *CORPORATE SOCIETY: CLASS, PROPERTY AND  
CONTEMPORARY CAPITALISM*. Boulder, San Francisco and Oxford:  
Westview Press. 1991

3. *ECONOMICS IN REAL TIME; A THEORETICAL RECONSTRUCTION*.  
Ann Arbor; University of Michigan Press. 2004.

4. *REVERSING CONTEMPORARY HISTORY: FREEING SOCIETY  
FROM THE MARKET*. To be published by Penn State University  
Press under an alternate title; Winter 2009-10.

5. In preparation: A critique of the concept-fundamental social  
sciences methodologies of Max Weber and other modern Neo-  
Kantians, the construction of an alternate methodology on a  
proposition-fundamental basis.

## **ARTICLES AND REVIEWS**

1. “Does the Goldwater Movement Have a Future?”  
DISSENT. Spring, 1965.

2. “A Profile of Vietnamese History”.  
Part 1 - The Colonial Period. VIET-REPORT. July, 1965.  
Part 2 - The Diem Regime. *ibid.* August/September,  
1965.  
Part 3 - Postscript. *ibid.* October, 1965.

Republished in revised form as *Viet Nam Profile*. The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. London, 1965.

Republished in pamphlet form by various groups here and in Australia.

3. "The Deer and the Dinosaur". Review of Roger Smith, *Cambodia's Foreign Policy*. Cornell University Press, 1965 and Lin Piao, *Long Live The Victory Of People's War*. Foreign Languages Press. Peking, 1965. VIET-REPORT. November/December, 1965.
4. "Two Programs for South Viet Nam". VIET-REPORT. February, 1966.
5. "Welfare Imperialism in Viet Nam". THE NATION. July 25, 1966.  
  
Reprinted as a pamphlet by Glad Day Press (Ithaca, NY). 1966.
6. "The Unexamined Peace: What the NLF Proposes". VIET-REPORT. August/September, 1966.
7. "Intellectuals and the War; A Modest Manifesto". VIET-REPORT. October, 1966.
8. "Peace Flurries or Diplomatic Snow". VIET-REPORT. January/February, 1967.
9. "Viet Nam is No Mistake". THE NATION. February 13, 1967.

Reprinted in Marvin Gettleman and David Mermelstein, *The Great Society Reader*. Random House, 1967.

Reprinted in Marvin Gettleman and David Mermelstein, *The Failure Of American Liberalism: After The Great Society*. Vintage Books. 1971

Reprinted several times in pamphlet form.

10. "The Pause that Refreshes". NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS. March 23, 1967.
11. "The Crisis Managers". Review of Roger Hilsman, *To Move A Nation*. Doubleday, 1967. NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS. September 14, 1967.

Reprinted in Walter LaFeber, *America And The Cold War*. John Wiley, 1969.

Reprinted in Paul Menzel, *Moral Arguments About The War In Viet Nam*. Aurora Press, 1971. Several pamphlet versions.

12. "Who Does the Movement Move?" VIET-REPORT. September/October, 1967.

Reprinted in Priscilla Long, *The New Left*. Porter Sargeant, 1969.

Reprinted in M. Goodman (Ed.), *The Movement Toward A New America*. Aurora Press, 1971.

Several pamphlet versions.

13. "The Laying on of Culture". THE NATION. March 10, 1969.

Reprinted in Herbert G. Reid, *Up The Mainstream: A Critique Of Ideology In American Politics And Everyday Life*. David McKay Company, Inc. 1974

Reprinted in Gene L. Mason and Fred Vetter. *The Politics Of Exploitation*. Random House. n.d.

Reprinted in GREEN MOUNTAIN QUARTERLY. November, 1975.

Several pamphlet versions here and in Great Britain.

Reprinted in Theodore Mills Norton and Bertell Ollman, *Studies In Progressive Pedagogy*. 1978. New York and London. Monthly Review Press

14. "Knowledge is Power". THE NATION. April 14, 1969.

Reprinted in Goodman, op. cit.

Reprinted in Reid, op. cit.  
Several pamphlet versions.

15. "The Politics of the Movement". Review of Christopher Lasch, *The Agony Of The American Left*. Doubleday, 1969. THE NATION. June 23, 1969.

Reprinted in Goodman, op. cit.

16. "Technology: The Opiate of the Intellectuals". Review of Harvard Program on Technology and Society", *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Report*. NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS. August 31, 1969.

Reprinted in QUADERNI PIACENTINI (Italy). October, 1970.

Reprinted in Albert Teich (Ed.), *Technology And Man's Future*. St.Martin's, 1972. 1981.

See also 9<sup>th</sup> Edition. Wadsworth Publishing. 2003.

Reprinted in Wolf-Dieter Narr and Claus Offe (Eds.), *Wohlfahrtstaat Und Massen-Loyalitat*, Kiepeheuer und Witsch (W. Germany). 1975.

Reprinted in a pamphlet version by Glad Day Press entitled *Intellectuals And Technology*.

17. "More Thoughts on the Movement". MONTHLY REVIEW. February, 1970.

18. "Facing Up to the Seventies: Letters to an Old Comrade". LIBERATION. January, 1974.

19. "The Secret History of the Deficit". THE NATION. August 21- 28, 1982.

Reprinted in *Social Problems*. Dushkin Publishing Group, Inc. 1983

20. "Economics: Old Liberal, New Left". Review of *Dangerous Currents: The State of Economics*. By Lester

Thurow. Random House, 1983 and *Beyond The Wasteland*. By Samuel Bowles, David M. Gordon and Thomas E. Weisskopf. Anchor/Doubleday. 1983. THE NATION. July 2, 1983.

21. "The Entrepreneur's New Clothes". Review of *Dream Maker: The Rise And Fall Of John Z. Delorean*. By Ivan Fallon and James Srodes. G.P.Putnam's Sons/ A Boston Book. 1983. and *Grand Delusions: The Cosmic Career Of John Delorean*. By Hillel Levin. Viking. 1983. THE NATION. November 12, 1983.

22.a. *The Modern Capitalist Labor System; Going Beyond Braverman And Edwards*. LABOR STUDIES PAPERS. Labor Studies Program. (mimeo) College of Old Westbury, 1983.

22b."The Modern Capitalist Labor System: Going Beyond Braverman and Edwards". MIDDLESEX POLYTECHNIC HISTORY JOURNAL. (London). Spring, 1984. (excerpted version of 22a.)

23. "Corporate Form: A Unitary Theory of Technology, Property and Social Class". REVIEW OF RADICAL POLITICAL ECONOMY. Vol. 20 (1) (1988) pp. 21-45.

24. Review of Prisoners Of The American Dream: Politics And Economy In The History Of The American Working Class. By Mike Davis. Verso. 1986. REVIEW OF RADICAL POLITICAL ECONOMY. Vol. 20 (4) (1988) pp. 143-6.

25. "Free Enterprise and Socialized Labor." SCIENCE AND SOCIETY. Winter 1991-2. Vol. 55, No. 4. pp. 388-416.

26a. "Margaret's Minions or The Normalization of Middle Class Politics." SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY. 1991, Vol. 7, No. 3. pp. 57-82.

26b. "Margaret's Minions: The Ur-Text". SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY. 1992. Vol. 8, No. 1. pp. 131-138. [Correcting and commenting on editorial alterations in # 26a.]



27. "Employees or Servants: The "Deep" Logic of the Contemporary Labor System: NEW POLITICS. 1992. 13:IV:1. pp.149-154.
28. "History in the Present: Contemporary Debates About Capitalism". SCIENCE AND SOCIETY. 1992. 56:3. Pp.291-323
29. "Subsidizing Low Wages: And the Poor Get Poorer." THE NATION. Nov. 14, 1994. Pp .576-80.
30. "Notes on the Capitalist Production of Human Producers" SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY Vol.9:1 (1995)
31. "Bare Minimum: A Too Low Minimum Wage Keeps All Wages Down". DOLLARS AND SENSE. July/August 1995. pp.26-9.
32. "On the Theory of Democratic Economy". SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY. Vol.9:2 (1995-6) pp.95-123.
33. Review of *Cold War In The Working Class: The Rise And Decline Of The United Electrical Workers*. By Ronald Filipelli and Mark McColloch. Albany: The State University of New Press. 1995. REVIEW OF RADICAL POLITICAL ECONOMICS . 29:1 (March 1997). Pp. 167-70.
34. "On the Origin of the Present World in the Defeat of "the 60s"". SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY. VOL. 11. NO. 2 (1999). PP. 71-135.
35. Review of *The Politics Of Memory; The Journey Of A Holocaust Historian* by Raul Hilberg. Ivan Dee 1996. SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY. VOL. 11. NO. 2 (1999)
36. Review of *How Credit Money Shapes The Economy; The United States In The World System* by Robert Guttman. M.E.Sharpe,1994, REVIEW OF RADICAL POLITICAL ECONOMICS. Vol. 33, No. 3. (1999); pp. 144-6.
37. Review of *Surrender: How The Clinton Administration Completed The Reagan Revolution*. By Michael Meeropol.

University of Michigan Press. 1998. SCIENCE AND SOCIETY. Vol. 64. No. 2 (2000). Pp. 250-2.

38. "One Hundred Years of ????" Review essay on *One Hundred Years Of Socialism: The West European Left In The Twentieth Century*. By Donald Sassoon. New York: The New Press. 1996. REVIEW OF RADICAL POLITICAL ECONOMICS. 33:1 (Winter 2001) pp. 99-115.
39. "Producing Labor-Power". SCIENCE AND SOCIETY. Vol. 71. No. 3 (July 2007): 299-321.
40. "Future Time in Microeconomics: An Alternate Approach to Its Study". REVIEW OF RADICAL POLITICAL ECONOMICS. 39 (4): Fall, 2007: pp. 503-522.
41. "A Mass Constituency for Globalization." RETHINKING MARXISM. 20: 1. January 2008. :pp. 151-159.
42. "Chamberlin and Robinson: Their Realism Revisited and Revised." Submitted to an Economics journal. August, 2009.
43. "Imperial Pretensions: An Epistemological Critique of Theoretical Economics. Submitted to a Philosophy journal. August, 2009.

### **MISCELLANEOUS EDITORIAL WORK**

During 1982-3 I worked on the memoirs of a close friend, Max Granich (1896-1987) child of immigrants, draft resister in World War I, organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World and other progressive labor organizations, volunteer in the Soviet industrialization effort, participant in the Chinese Revolution, founder and director of summer camp for children of the victims of McCarthyism, leader in the Chinese-American Friendship Association, and husband of (the late) Grace Granich who was the long time director of the central office of the Communist Party USA. Using oral history techniques a manuscript record of about 800 pages was elicited. Mr.

Granich's advanced years slowed and eventually precluded the development of a finished, publishable memoir. The manuscript material has been placed with the Tamiment Library of New York University and is available to scholars; it has been consulted in a number of cases, most notably for a history of Americans in old China by Professor Thomas Gruenfeld of Empire State College and by Harrison Salisbury for his book on the Long March.

### **PAPERS AND CONFERENCES**

1. "Escalation and the Future of the Viet Nam War." Paper read at the Stockholm Conference on Viet Nam. Sweden, July, 1967.

2. "The Nation Builders." Paper read at the Conference on the Lessons of Viet Nam. Adlai Stevenson Institute of International Affairs, University of Chicago. July, 1968.

The paper is published in the record of the conference in Richard Pfeffer, *No More Viet Nams: The War And The Future Of American Foreign Policy*. Harper and Row, 1968.

3. "Power and the New Knowledge." Paper read at the conference of the American Political Science Association. September, 1968.

4. "The Report of the Cox Commission and the Politics of Insurgent Majorities." Paper read at the New York Section, World Education Fellowship. November, 1968.

5. "Political Scientists and Political Movements." Paper read at the Conference of the American Political Science Association. September, 1969.

6. "Academic Freedom and non-Political Firings." Paper read at the Conference of the Speech Association of America. December, 1969.

7. "Class Conflict between Subordinate Classes in Contemporary America." Paper read at the Faculty of

Humanities Graduate Centre Seminar, Middlesex Polytechnic (London). January, 1984.

8. "Five Theses on Andre Gorz' *Adieux Au Proletariat*. (English edition: *Farewell To The Working Class; An Essay On Post-Industrial Socialism*; Pluto Press {London}, 1982.) Paper read at the History Seminar, Middlesex Polytechnic. London. April, 1984.
9. "Technological Autonomism and Corporate Form". Paper read at the Marxist Scholar's Conference. University of Chicago, Center for the Study of Industrial Societies. March, 1985.
10. "The Labor System". Paper read at the Annual Summer Conference of the Union for Radical Political Economics, Sandwich, Mass. August 21, 1986.
11. "Neither Competition Nor Monopoly; Price Theory and the Modern Corporation". Paper read at the Annual Summer Conference for the Union for Radical Political Economics, Sandwich, Mass. August 27, 1987.
12. "Neither Artisan nor Proletarian: Re-conceptualizing the Modern Working Class". Paper read at the Annual Summer Conference for the Union for Radical Political Economics, Sandwich, Mass. August 25, 1988.
13. "Margaret's Minions, or The Normalization of Middle Class Politics." Paper read at the Annual Summer Conference for the Union for Radical Political Economics, Rock Hill, N.Y. August 24, 1990.
14. "The Invisible Hand; Planned Economy in the U.S." Paper read at the Annual Summer Conference for the Union for Radical Political Economics". Rock Hill, N.Y. August 23, 1991.
15. "The White Working Male Class and other UFO's". Paper read at the Annual Summer Conference for the Union of Radical Political Economists. Rock Hill, N.Y.. August 24, 1991

16. "Industrial Unions: An Obsolete Form" Socialist Scholar Conference. New York City. April 25, 1992.
17. "Commodity Theory and Intrinsically Social Modes of Consumption." Paper read at the Annual Summer Conference of the Union for Radical Political Economists." Bantam, CT. August 21, 1994.
18. "A Morphology of the Modern Property System". Paper read at MARX INTERNATIONAL II. Paris, September, 1998
19. "Introducing Positive Time Intervals into Basic Microeconomics". Paper read at the Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) meetings, Washington, DC. January, 2003.
20. "Critical Microeconomics: Capitalism Without the Market." Paper read at University of Cape Town Economics Seminar. South Africa. April 30, 2003.
21. "A Mass Constituency for Globalization", Paper read at Intl Marx convention, Paris, October, 2004.
22. "The Antinomy Within Traditional Value Theory: Is It Resolvable?" Paper read at the Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) meetings, Philadelphia. January, 2005.
23. "The Cosmetic Economy and the Actual Economy". Paper read at The Left Forum, Pace University, NYC. April 19, 2009.

## ADDENDUM

I read papers or was a featured speaker, generally on Vietnamese topics, in the 1968-71 period at the Modern Language Association, the Association of Asian Scholars, the American Sociological Association, at the meetings of the main organizations of teachers of English and of computer scientists, and, I believe, at the American Historical Association.

## LECTURES

During 1966-70 I earned a substantial part of my income on the lecture circuit. In the event, I was invited to speak at over 140 different university campuses, often returning for a follow-up talk. Earlier those lectures focused on Vietnamese and Cold War subjects; later and to the present, on the social organization and impact of modern technology and on working class and trade union topics.