CURRICULUM VITAE
ROBIN WAGNER-PACIFICI

OFFICE: Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, PA 19081  
(610) 328-8638/8106  
rwagner1@swarthmore.edu

HOME: 303 Elm Avenue  
Swarthmore, PA 19081  
(610) 328-3420

ACADEMIC DEGREES:
B.A. Comparative Literature  
Brown University  1976
M.A. Sociology  
University of Pennsylvania  1978
Ph.D. Sociology  
University of Pennsylvania  1983

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:
Gil and Frank Mustin Professor of Sociology  
Swarthmore College  2006-
Chair-Department of Sociology  
Swarthmore College  1997-98; 2004-05
Professor  
Swarthmore College  1997-2006
Associate Professor  
Swarthmore College  1989-1997
Assistant Professor  
Swarthmore College  1983-1989

VISITING ACADEMIC POSITIONS
Charles Moskos Visiting Professor of Sociology  
Northwestern University  Fall 2007
Visiting Scholar, Annenberg School for Communication  
University of Pennsylvania  Spring 2007
Visiting Professor of Sociology  
Princeton University  Spring 2003

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Honorable Mention, 2006 Culture Section of the American Sociological Association Best Book Award  
Author-Meets-Critics Session, American Sociological Association 2007 Annual Meeting  
Meet the Author Session, European Sociological Association 2007 Annual Meeting

Winner, 2001 Culture Section of the American Sociological Association Best Book Award


ARTICLES:


CHAPTERS IN BOOKS:


CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Providing for the “Common Defence” in Post 9/11 America

Genealogies and Networks in National Security Strategy (with John Mohr and Ronald Breiger)

The Restlessness of Events in the Performance of History: Cultural Forms of Power

REVIEWS


Review of Nation and Commemoration: Creating national identities in the United


AWARDS, ADMINISTRATION, AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Eugene M. Lang Junior Faculty Fellowship 1986-87
Election to the Swarthmore College Council 1988-90
on Education Policy
Fund for Research on Dispute Resolution 1990-91
Research Grant
Flack Award for Excellence in Teaching 1995
Co-coordinator, Interpretation Theory Concentration 1998-2000
Fellow, Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture, Rutgers University 1999-2000
Election to Swarthmore College Committee on Faculty Procedures 2000-2002
Chair - Swarthmore College Division of Social Sciences 2001-2002
Winner of 2001 Best Book Award for Theorizing the Standoff, ASA Sociology of Culture Section
Eugene M. Lang Faculty Fellowship 2003-04
Faculty Associate, Yale University Center for Cultural Sociology
Scholar in Residence, Annenberg School for Communication (University of Pennsylvania) Spring, 2007
Scholar's Program in Culture and Communication
Honorable Mention, 2006 Best Book Award for The Art of Surrender, ASA Sociology of Culture Section
Charles Moskos Professor, Northwestern University Fall, 2007

COURSES TAUGHT AND SPECIALIZATION AREAS:
Political Sociology Social Inequality
Discourse Analysis Standoffs, Breakdowns, and Surrenders
Discourse and the Nation Power, Authority, and Conflict
Modern America: Culture, Society, State The Forest of Symbols
Modernism in Literature and Society Symbols and Society

PAPERS AND CONFERENCES:
Social Science History Association, Annual Meeting, Miami, October, 2008.

Keynote Speaker, 2nd Annual George Mason University Graduate Cultural Studies Conference, October, 2008.

Invited Presenter, Culture and Social Analysis Workshop, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, Title of paper: “Theorizing the Restlessness of Events,” March 10, 2008.


Organizer, Thematic Session, “War and Violence From the Ground Up.”
Invited Speaker, Theory Section Mini-Conference on “Extreme Theory.”
Invited Speaker, Sociology of Culture Mini-Conference: “Art as Models: Between Theory and Method.”


Organizer, “Cultural Beginnings and Endings” Culture Section Session, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Montreal, August, 2006.


Invited Participant, “The State of Social Memory Studies,” workshop at the University of Virginia, October, 2005.


Invited speaker, Yale University, Center for Comparative Research - Colloquium Series, November, 2001.


The Narrative Structures of the Stand-off: Times and Spaces in a Situation of Paralysis,” presented in the Cultural Theorizing session of the 14th World Congress of Sociology, Montreal, July, 1998.


Invited speaker, LaSalle University, Research Methodology class, Department of Sociology, April 17, 1995.


Invited speaker, University of Chicago, Professor Wendy Griswold’s Culture Seminar, February, 1992.


Panel discussant at the “Terrorism in Context” conference at Wesleyan University, June, 1989.

Session Organizer, 1988 American Sociological Association Meetings: Regular Session, "Phenomenological and Symbolic Sociology" and Round-table Session, "Political Discourse and the Political Subject."


RESEARCH GROUPS


PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND POSITIONS:

Committee Member, American Sociological Association W.E. B. DuBois Career of Distinguished Scholarship Award Selection Committee, January 2007 – December 2009

Chair, Sociology of Culture Section, American Sociological Association, August, 2003-2004.

Association member: American Sociological Association, ASA Culture Section, ASA Theory Section, ASA Section on Historical-Comparative Sociology - ongoing

Member, ASA Culture Section Program Committee, 2002, 2005.
Elected to ASA Culture Section Council, 1999 – 2006.
Chair, ASA Culture Section Book Prize Committee, 2007-08.
Member, ASA Theory Section Nominations Committee, 2007-08.

North American Editor, *Cultural Sociology* – 2007 – Present


Grant Reviews for The National Science Foundation, The American Council of Learned Societies.


**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Board member, Trinity Co-operative Day Nursery 1993 - 1994

**LANGUAGES**

Italian (fluent), French (reading).