

STEPHEN PIMPARE

Education

- Ph.D., Political Science (Public Policy), City University of New York Graduate Center (2002)
- B.S., Community & Human Services (Urban Studies and Nonprofit Management), State University of New York – Empire State College (1998)

Academic Appointments

- Professor of Public Policy, Vermont Law and Graduate School (2024-)
 - Director, Master in Public Policy
- Principal Lecturer (2019-2023); Senior Lecturer (2015-2019), University of New Hampshire
 - Founder, Public Service & Nonprofit Leadership Program
 - Founding Director, Center for Community Engagement & Experiential Learning
 - Faculty Fellow, Carsey School of Public Policy
- Online Instructor, Simmons University School of Social Work (2015-2019)
- Adjunct Associate Professor
 - New York University Silver School of Social Work (2010-2015)
 - Columbia University School of Social Work (2011-2014)
 - Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, CUNY (2011-2013)
- Associate Professor (untenured)
 - Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work & Yeshiva College (2007-2010)
- Assistant Professor
 - Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work & Yeshiva College (2004-2007)
- Visiting Assistant Professor
 - City University of New York, Hunter College Department of Political Science (2002-2004)
- Adjunct Assistant Professor; Adjunct Instructor
 - City University of New York, Brooklyn College Department of Political Science (2000-2002)

Not-for-Profit and Public Agency Employment

- Subject Matter Expert/Consultant, Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps VISTA (2011-2017)
- Management, Program Development, and Fundraising Consultant (1996-2000)
- Acting Executive Director, Food & Hunger Hotline (1995-1996)
- Co-Founder, *One City Café*: New York's First Nonprofit Restaurant (1994)
- Director of Development & Technical Assistance Programs, Food & Hunger Hotline (1993-1995)
- Deputy Director to Executive Director, Artists to End Hunger (1990-1993)

Fellowships, Grants and Awards

- Society for Social Work & Research Book Award, for “outstanding scholarly contributions that advance social work knowledge,” to *Politics for Social Workers* (2023)
- Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, University of New Hampshire (2022)
- Faculty Excellence in Service Award, University of New Hampshire (2021)
- Silver Sustainability Award for Curriculum Development & Teaching, UNH Sustainability Institute, University of New Hampshire (2021)
- Faculty Fellow, Campus Compact, Campuses for Environmental Stewardship (\$1,000) (2019-2021)
- Fellow, Leadership Greater Manchester, Manchester NH Chamber of Commerce (2019-2020)
- Campus Compact Coalition and Davis Educational Foundation, Campuses for Environmental Stewardship Grant for Interdisciplinary Service Learning, PI/Project Lead (\$4,500) (2018)
- Aspen Institute, J. Christopher Stevens Exchange Initiative, grant co-author and educational technology lead for the Palestinian American Youth Civic Engagement project (PAYCE), awarded to Al Quds University with Pimpare as subcontractor (\$250,000) (2017-2018)
- ENACT Fellowship, Brandeis International Center for Ethics, Justice, and Public Life — Educational Network for Active Civic Transformation (\$2,000) (2016-2017)
- Michael Harrington Award, American Political Science Association, Caucus for a New Political Science. “For a book that demonstrates how scholarship can be used in the struggle for a better world,” to *A People’s History of Poverty in America* (2009)
- Faculty Research Grant, Yeshiva University (2008, 2007)
- Sue Rosenberg Zalk Travel and Research Grant, City University of New York (2002)
- University Fellowship, City University of New York (2001, 2000, 1999)
- Graduate Teaching Fellowship, City University of New York (2001, 2000)
- New York Scholarships Foundation Award for Interdisciplinary Scholarship (2000, 1999, 1998)
- Victory Against Hunger Award, United States Congressional Hunger Center, co-recipient, with project team of *One City Café* (1995)

Books

- *Politics for Social Workers: A Practical Guide to Effecting Change*. New York: Columbia University Press (2022).
- *Ghettos, Tramps, and Welfare Queens: Down & Out on the Silver Screen*. New York: Oxford University Press (2017).
- *A People’s History of Poverty in America*. New York: New Press (2008).
- *The New Victorians: Poverty, Politics, and Propaganda in Two Gilded Ages*. New York: New Press (2004).

Articles

- "Social Work under Rising Authoritarianism in the United States." *European Journal of Social Work*, Special Issue on *Political and Transformative Approaches in Social Work* (Published Online September 11, 2025).
- "Welfare, Race, and the American Imagination" (with Joan Maya Mazelis). In Lynette Spillman, ed., *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*. New York: Oxford University Press (February, 2020).
- "Thirteen Lessons from Fifty Years of Anti-Poverty Policy and Research." *Philadelphia Social Innovations Journal* 23 (Spring 2015): 33-41.
- "Welfare Reform at 15 and the State of Policy Analysis." *Social Work* 58, no. 1 (2013): 53-62.
- "The Barricades and the Ivory Tower: A Review Essay." *Review of Radical Political Economics* 44, no. 4 (December 2012): 504-515.
- "Why No Fire This Time? From the Mass Strike to No Strike." *New Labor Forum* 20, no. 1 (2011): 17-25. Reprinted in translation as "¿Por qué no hay más fuego esta vez? Claroscuros del Estado de Bienestar estadounidense." *Nueva Sociedad* 236 (November-December, 2011): 88-103.
- "Poverty & Inequality: A Review Essay." *Review of Radical Political Economics* 41, no. 4 (2009): 570-76.
- "The Failures of American Poverty Measures." *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare* 36, no. 1 (2009): 103-22.
- "The 'Vaguest Notion of Poverty' and the Blindness of Welfare State Histories." *Journal of Poverty* 12, no. 3 (2008): 372-81.
- "The Disposable Blog: Using the Weblog to Facilitate Classroom Learning and Communications" (with Jonathan Fast). *Journal of Effective Teaching* 8, no. 1 (2008): 3-13.
- "An African American Welfare State." *New Political Science* 29, no. 3 (2007): 313-31.
- "Toward a New Welfare History." *Journal of Policy History* 19, no. 2 (2007): 234-52.

Book Chapters

- "Poverty." In Clyde W. Barrow, ed., *Encyclopedia of Critical Political Science*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar (2024).
- "Living Down to Expectations." In David Cay Johnston, ed., *Divided: The Perils of Our Growing Inequality*. New York: New Press (2014): 226-234.
- "The Great Depression vs. the Great Recession" and "Cash Assistance Programs." In Lindsey K. Hanson and Tim Essenburg, eds., *The New Faces of American Poverty: A Reference Guide to the Great Recession*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO (2013): 73-84, 529-537.
- "Vagrancy and the Homeless." Ch. 19 in William J. Chambliss, ed., *Crime and Criminal Behavior*. Thousand Oaks, California: SAGE Publications (2011): 255-67.
- "Hopeful, Active Realism: A Pedagogy of Critical Social Policy." Ch. 5 in Julie Birkenmaier et al., eds., *Educating for Social Justice: Transformative Experiential Learning*. Chicago: Lyceum (2010): 99-110.

- “Welfare Reform Has Increased Poverty.” In Noel Merino, ed., *Poverty and Homelessness: Current Controversies*. Detroit: Greenhaven Press (2009): 124-127.
- “Richard A. Cloward and Frances Fox Piven.” In Gary L. Anderson and Kathryn Herr, eds., *The Sage Encyclopedia of Activism and Social Justice*. New York: Sage (2007): 357-8.
- “Charity Organization Society,” “National Conference on Charities and Corrections,” and “Tramps.” In John D. Buenker and Joseph D. Buenker, eds., *Encyclopedia of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*. New York: M.E. Sharpe (2005): 293-4, 704, and 963-4.
- “The Poorhouse” and “Relief.” In Gwendolyn Mink and Alice O’Connor, eds., *Poverty in the United States: An Encyclopedia of History, Politics, and Policy*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO (2004): 561-64 and 628-30.

Policy Reports and White Papers

- Contributor, “PAYCE Educators’ Toolkit,” Palestinian American Youth Civic Engagement Project (June 2019)
- “Precarious Lives: Gender Lens on Low-Wage Work.” New York: *Re:Gender* (National Council for Research on Women) (May 2014) (Contributor, with Mimi Abramovitz and Julia R. Henley; Rosa Cho, author; Gail Cooper, Ed.).
- “Poverty in the United States: A Concise Guide for VISTAs.” Portland & New York: Education Northwest and Bank Street College (March 2012).
- “The Effects of Welfare Reform on Head Start Programs in New York and New Jersey.” New York: NYU Steinhardt School of Education, Head Start Quality Improvement Center (September 2000).
- Editor, “One City Cafe: A Guidebook to Help Conceive, Structure, Finance and Start-up Alternative Feeding and Job Training Programs.” New York: Food & Hunger Hotline (1996).
- “Starting a Neighborhood Food Assistance Program: A Technical Assistance Manual.” New York: Food & Hunger Hotline (March 1994).

Op-Eds and other Non-Refereed Writings

- “It’s Time to Admit the US Constitution Has Failed.” *Common Dreams* (June 1, 2025).
- “Where are all the Films about Poor Americans?” *The Guardian* (March 5, 2018).
- “Where Do We Learn that Poverty is Shameful and Dangerous? At the Movies.” *Washington Post* (August 23, 2017).
- “Laziness isn’t why People are Poor. And iPhones aren’t why they Lack Health Care.” *Washington Post* (March 8, 2017).
- “The Poverty of American Film.” *Oxford University Press Blog* (February 25, 2017).
- “Sooner or Later, Most of Us Will Be Poor and on Welfare.” *Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity*. Washington, D.C.: Center for Law and Social Policy (August 12, 2015).
- “Is Rising Inequality Slowly Poisoning our Democracy? Mark Twain was Right.” *Zócalo Public Square* (April 22, 2015).

- “The Hard Work of Poverty: Linda Tirado’s *Hand to Mouth*.” *TalkPoverty*. Washington, D.C.: Center for American Progress (October 15, 2014).
- “The Three False Premises of the Ryan Poverty Plan.” *TalkPoverty*. Washington, D.C.: Center for American Progress (July 30, 2014).
- “Why Big Business Loves Desperate Workers.” *Common Dreams* (July 17, 2014).
- “Generational Poverty is the Exception, Not the Rule.” *TalkPoverty*. Washington, D.C.: Center for American Progress (June 27, 2014).
- “Welfare Reform Turns Fifteen.” *Counterpunch.org* (August 26, 2011).
- “What Business Wanted from Welfare Reform.” *Counterpunch* 11, no. 16 (September 2004): 1-5.
- “Welfare ‘Reform’: This is Success?” *Common Dreams* (September 17, 2004).
- “Why Welfare Reform Has Failed.” *Z Net (Z Magazine)* (September 15, 2004).

Book and Film Reviews

- Robert Chernomas, Ian Hudson, and Mark Hudson, *Neoliberal Lives: Work, Politics, Nature, and Health in the Contemporary United States* (Manchester University Press), *Review of Radical Political Economics* 56, no. 1 (2023).
- “Listen to the Hysterics: A New (?) American Political Economy.” Review essay on Christopher Witko, Jana Morgan, Nathan Kelly, and Peter Enns, *Hijacking the Agenda: Economic Power and Political Influence* (Russell Sage); Jacob S. Hacker, Alexander Hertel-Fernandez, Paul Pierson, and Kathleen Thelen, eds., *The American Political Economy: Politics, Markets, and Power* (Cambridge); and Hahrie Han, Elizabeth McKenna, & Michelle Oyakawa, *Prisms of the People: Power & Organizing in Twenty-First-Century America* (Chicago), *New Political Science* 45, no. 2 (2023).
- “Lessons from the Teachers’ Strikes.” Review of Rebecca Kolins Givan and Amy Schrager Lang, Eds., *Strike for the Common Good: Fighting for the Future of Public Education* (Michigan), *Academe* 109, no. 1 (February 2023).
- Romain Huret, *The Experts’ War on Poverty: Social Research and the Welfare Agenda in Postwar America* (Cornell). *Contemporary Sociology* 39, no. 1 (December 2019).
- Steven Attewell, *People Must Live by Work: Direct Job Creation in America, from FDR to Reagan* (University of Pennsylvania). *Political Science Quarterly* 134, no. 3 (fall 2019).
- Melinda Cooper, *Family Values: Between Neoliberalism and the New Social Conservatism* (MIT). *Review of Radical Political Economics* 50, no. 4 (winter 2018).
- James L Baughman, Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen and James P. Danky, eds., *Protest on the Page: Essays on Print and the Culture of Dissent since 1865* (University of Wisconsin). *J-History: History of Journalism and Mass Communication* (h-net.org/~jhistory/) (May, 2016).
- Joseph J. Varga, *Hell’s Kitchen and the Battle for Urban Space: Class Struggle and Progressive Reform in New York City, 1894-1914* (Monthly Review). *American Historical Review* 119, no. 4 (October 2014): 1286-7.

- “The Poverty of Relentless Disappointment: *Rich Hill* and a Vanishing American Dream.” Review of *Rich Hill* (Andrew Droz Palermo and Tracy Droz Tragos, directors). *TalkPoverty*. Washington, D.C.: Center for American Progress (August 22, 2014).
- Philip N. Jefferson, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Poverty* (Oxford). *Critical Social Policy* 34, no. 2 (May 2014): 285-7.
- Michael Baranowski, *Navigating the News: A Political Media User’s Guide* (Praeger). *H-Net Book Reviews for J-History: History of Journalism and Mass Communication* (h-net.org/~jhistory/) (March 2014).
- Edward D. Berkowitz and Larry DeWitt, *The Other Welfare: Supplemental Security Income and U.S. Social Policy* (Cornell). *Journal of American History* 100, no. 4 (March 2014): 1294-5.
- Lori McNeil, *Street Practice: Changing the Lens on Poverty and Public Assistance* (Ashgate). *Social Policy & Administration* 47, no. 5 (October 2013): 613-15.
- Brent Ruswick, *Almost Worthy: The Poor, Paupers, and the Science of Charity in America, 1877-1917* (Indiana). *H-Net Book Reviews for H-SHGAPE: Society of Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* (h-net.org/~shgape/) (September 2013).
- Francis G. Castles, Stephan Leibfried, Jane Lewis, Herbert Obinger, and Christopher Pierson, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the Welfare State* (Oxford). *New Political Science* 35, no. 2 (June 2013): 325-27.
- Martin Gilens, *Affluence & Influence: Economic Inequality and Political Power in America* (Princeton) and Kay Lehman Schlozman, Sidney Verba, and Henry E. Brady, *The Unheavenly Chorus: Unequal Political Voice and the Broken Promise of American Democracy* (Princeton). *Critical Social Policy* 33, no. 2 (May 2013): 351-54.
- Rebecca M. Blank and Michael S. Barr, eds., *Insufficient Funds: Savings, Assets, Credit, and Banking among Low-Income Households* (Russell Sage). *Review of Radical Political Economics* 44, no. 3 (September 2012): 411-13.
- Kaaryn Gustafson, *Cheating Welfare: Public Assistance and the Criminalization of Poverty* (NYU). *Critical Social Policy* 32, no. 2 (May 2012): 287-89.
- Sarah Sobieraj, *Soundbitten: The Perils of Media-Centered Political Activism* (NYU). *H-Net Book Reviews for J-History: History of Journalism and Mass Communication* (h-net.org/~jhistory/) (May 2012).
- Katherine S. Newman and Elisabeth S. Jacobs. *Who Cares? Public Ambivalence and Government Activism from the New Deal to the Second Gilded Age* (Princeton). *Contemporary Sociology* 40, no. 4 (July 2011): 472-73.
- Aziz Rana, *The Two Faces of American Freedom* (Harvard). *Law & Politics Book Review* 21, no. 6 (June 2011): 305-07.
- “The Favor Factory.” Review of *Casino Jack and the United States of Money* (Alex Gibney, director), *Casino Jack* (George Hickenlooper, director) and Peter H. Stone, *Heist: Superlobbyist Jack Abramoff, His Republican Allies, and the Buying of Washington* (Ferrar, Straus and Giroux). *New Political Science* 33, no. 2 (June 2011): 259-64.
- Adam Dinham, *Faiths, Public Policy and Civil Society: Problems, Policies, Controversies* (Palgrave Macmillan UK). *CEU Political Science Journal* 6, no. 2 (April 2011): 311-14.

- “The Welfare Queen and the Great White Hope.” Review of *Precious* (Lee Daniels, director) and *The Blind Side* (John Lee Hancock, director). *New Political Science* 32, no. 3 (September 2010): 453-57.
- Jessica Clark and Tracy Van Slyke, *Beyond the Echo Chamber: Reshaping Politics through Networked Progressive Media* (New Press). *H-Net Book Reviews for J-History: History of Journalism and Mass Communication* (h-net.org/~jhistory/) (May 2010).
- Robert Bauman, *Race and the War on Poverty: From Watts to East L.A.* (University of Oklahoma). *Journal of American History* 96, no. 3 (December 2009): 914-15.
- Alex Vitale, *City of Disorder: How the Quality of Life Campaign Transformed New York Politics* (NYU). *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare* 36, no. 4 (December 2009): 188-90.
- Eli Burnstein, *Next to Godliness: Confronting Dirt and Despair in Progressive Era New York City* (University of Illinois). *H-Net Book Reviews for H-SHGAPE: Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* (h-net.org/~shgape/) (September 2007).
- James McEnteer, *Shooting the Truth: The Rise of American Political Documentaries* (Praeger). *H-Net Book Reviews for J-History: History of Journalism and Mass Communication* (h-net.org/~jhistory/) (September 2007).
- Joel Handler and Yeheskel Hasenfeld, *Blame Welfare, Ignore Poverty and Inequality* (Cambridge). *Law & Politics Book Review* 17, no. 5 (May 2007): 369-71.
- David Stoesz, *Quixote’s Ghost: The Right, the Liberati, and the Future of Social Policy* (Oxford). *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare* 34, no. 1 (March 2007): 177-80.
- Jill Quadagno, *One Nation Uninsured: Why the U.S. Has No National Health Insurance* (Oxford). *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare* 33, no. 3 (September 2006): 171-73.
- Staffan Kumlin, *The Personal and the Political: How Personal Welfare State Experiences Affect Political Trust and Ideology* (Palgrave Macmillan). *American Review of Public Administration* 36, no. 2 (June 2006): 229-31.
- Davidson M. Douglas, *Jim Crow Moves North: The Battle Over Northern School Segregation, 1865-1954* (Cambridge). *Law & Politics Book Review* 16, no. 2 (February 2006): 146-48.
- M.C. Hokenstad and James Midgley, eds., *Lessons From Abroad: Adapting International Social Welfare Innovations* (NASW). *The New Social Worker* 12, no. 4 (fall 2005): 16.
- “Reality of ‘Reform’.” Review of Sharon Hays, *Flat Broke with Children: Women in the Age of Welfare Reform* (Oxford). *Dissent* 50, no. 4 (fall 2003): 95-98.
- Mimi Abramovitz, *Under Attack, Fighting Back: Women and Welfare in the United States* (new ed., Monthly Review). *Labour/Le Travail* 49 (spring 2002): 321-23.
- “Back to the Future.” On Joel Schwartz’s, *Fighting Poverty with Virtue: Moral Reform and America’s Urban Poor, 1825-2000* (Indiana University). *Dissent* 48, no. 4 (fall 2001): 144-48.

Conference Papers

- “Trust Issues” (with Dan Bromberg). Northeast Conference on Public Administration, Kean University, New Jersey (November 8, 2025).

- “Poverty in Context: Teaching Judges about Obstacles to ‘Responsible’ Behavior among Poor and Low-Income People.” Poverty Law Conference, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (March 25, 2022).
- “Social Workers on Film in the U.S.: Public Images of the Profession and Implications for Advocacy and Practice.” Annual Conference of the National Association of Social Workers, Washington, D.C. (July 23-26, 2014).
- “Images of the American Ghetto.” Representing Social Classes in Films, on Television, and in Cinema in English-speaking Countries, University of Rennes, France (October 10-11, 2013).
- “Poverty Policy, Public Opinion, and the Homeless Man in American Film.” New England American Studies Association, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston (October 1-3, 2010).
- “Politics, Policy, and Poverty in American Film: (How) Do Movies Matter?” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago (April 2-5, 2009).
- “It’s Not Meant to Help: Punishment, Women, and Welfare Reforms.” Symposium on Women, Welfare Reform, and Access to Higher Education, Brooklyn College Women’s Studies Program and the Shirley Chisholm Center, New York (March 24, 2009).
- “The Disposable Blog: Teaching New Media and Experiments in Active Online Learning” (with Jonathan Fast). Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas (March 8-10, 2007).
- “The African American Welfare State: State Power and Poor Relief from the Slave Economy to the Welfare Queen and the Prisoner.” Jamestown 2007 Commission’s Conference on America’s 400th Anniversary: Voices From Within the Veil, Norfolk State University, Virginia (February 22-23, 2007).
- “The Dependent Variable Problem in American Welfare State History.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon (November 3-6, 2005).
- “Toward a New Policy History.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago (April 7-10, 2005).
- “Re-envisioning the American Welfare State: Policy History from the Bottom Up.” New York Colloquium on American Political Development (February 17, 2005).
- “The Poor Law Strikes Home?” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (August 28-31, 2003).
- “Failures of Welfare Reform and Lessons from the Gilded Age.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago (April 3-6, 2003).
- “Other Synergies and the Politics of Welfare Reform: A Historical Analysis of the Roles of Research and Advocacy.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Denver (March 27-29, 2003).
- “Resisting Reform: Late Nineteenth Century Poor Relief Battles.” Policy History Conference, Institute for Political History/*Journal of Policy History*, St. Louis (May 30-June 2, 2002).

Selected Talks and Panels

- “The Realities of Rural Childhood Poverty -- And What You Can Do about It” (with Quixada Moore-Vissing). Teach for America Rural School Leadership Academy (coming March 19, 2026)
- Panelist, “Teaching Law and Policy in Unprecedented Times,” Vermont Law and Graduate School (September 23, 2025)
- “Imagining -- and Working Toward -- a Better Future.” Closing Keynote Address, New Hampshire Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Annual Conference, Bretton Woods, NH (May 20, 2025)
- “The State of Health National Policy and Strategies for Action and Client Care.” Georgia Social Work Oncology Group (April 3, 2025)
- “Social Work and Politics II: Now What?” Vermont Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (February 10, 2025)
- Panelist, “The Law and Politics of the 2024 Election: Where Are We and What’s Likely to Come?” Panel discussion with Brian Porto and Dan Bromberg, Vermont Law and Graduate School (November 14, 2024)
- “What Next? What You Can Do in the Wake of the 2024 Elections.” Rhode Island College, Providence (coming November 6, 2024)
- “Social Work and Politics: Getting Ready for the 2024 Elections.” Vermont Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (October 23, 2024)
- “Politics for Social Workers: Strategies for Policy Change.” Presentation to the Eighth Annual ‘Social Work in the City’ Conference, New York City Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (June 7, 2023)
- “Effective Advocacy to Meet the Moment.” Vermont Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Advocacy Day (April 11, 2023)
- “Politics and Social Work.” Plenary Address, Vermont Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Annual Conference, Killington, VT (November 3, 2022)
- Panelist, “The Future of Political Social Work,” Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy, Washington, D.C. (March 9, 2022).
- “Poverty in Context: Obstacles to ‘Responsible’ Behavior among Poor and Low-Income People.” Invited presentations to incoming judges of the New Hampshire Circuit Court (August 26, 2022; previous versions September 29, 2021; May 4, 2021)
- “Politics for Providers: Obstacles and Opportunities for Policy Change.” Keynote Address, St. Anselm College Requity Lab’s Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Conference, Manchester, NH (June 17, 2022)
- “Lessons from the Pandemic: Effective Advocacy and Engagement with Your Communities.” Presentation delivered to America’s Service Commission, National Service Training, Burlington, VT (May 18, 2022) and Governor’s Conference on Volunteerism, Concord, NH (May 11, 2022)
- “Why are Students Homeless or Housing Insecure and What Can You Do to Help?” Invited talk and workshop, Southern New Hampshire University, Online Behavioral Intervention Team (April 19, 2022)
- “The Power and Limits of Electoral Politics.” Invited talk, Housing Works Speakers Series, New York, NY (February 22, 2022)

- “Policy Education for Civic Engagement.” Discussion with Dan Bromberg for the Coffee & Conversations series of the Carsey School of Public Policy and NH Bureau of Education and Training, University of New Hampshire (February 16, 2022)
- “Politics for Social Workers: Practical Strategies for Policy Change.” Invited talk and workshop, New Hampshire Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (February 9, 2022)
- “Lessons from the Pandemic about Politics and Advocacy.” Governor’s Conference on Volunteerism, Concord, NH (May 11 and 13, 2021)
- “Civics 101: How Does Policy Change Happen, and What Can You Do About It?” Governor’s Conference on Volunteerism, Concord, NH (June 24, 2020; May 20, 2019; May 23, 2018)
- “Rethinking Assessment: *Ungrading* to Foster Student Agency and Engagement.” Talk and Workshop, University System of New Hampshire Academic Technology Summer Institute (May 27, 2020)
- Guest, *Reel Talk* with Scott Adlerberg, Bryant Park Reading Room, New York, NY (June 24, 2019).
- “Making Sense of the 2020 Primary.” Panel discussion for the Harvard University Nieman Foundation Fellows, Concord, NH (February 7, 2020)
- “Causes and Consequences of Poverty in the US and NH.” City Year New Hampshire, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, Manchester, NH (January 21, 2019)
- “Food Security and Insecurity: Practical Lessons for Instructors and Administrators.” Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH (November 14, 2018)
- “What Do American Movies Teach Us about Poverty and Homelessness (and Why Should We Care)? *The Bookery*, Manchester, NH (October 23, 2018)
- “Lessons from American Movies about Poverty, Race and Place.” Opening Plenary Address to Poverty Matters: Wisconsin Community Action Program and Wisconsin Social Development Commission Summit on Poverty, Milwaukee, WI (September 28, 2018)
- “Poverty and Planning: What Makes for Healthy, Equitable Communities?” Keynote Address to the New Hampshire Planners Association Annual Conference, Nashua, NH (June 1, 2018)
- “The Foundations of Food Insecurity in NH and the US.” Keynote Address to the Campus Compact Forum on Food Insecurity, Manchester, NH (May 23, 2018)
- “Poverty in Culture and the Culture of Poverty: Representations of Poor and Homeless Americans in Film.” Harvard Humanist Hub, Cambridge, MA (July 16, 2017)
- “What’s Keeping Us From Reducing Poverty in Fresno?” Fresno Housing Authority, Fresno Metro Ministry, and the Fresno Economic Opportunity Commission, Fresno, CA (June 22 and 23, 2017)
- “What Makes People Poor Today and What Can We Do About It.” Fresno Family Development Credentialing Program, Fresno, CA (June 22, 2017)
- “Living Poor in Trump’s America: Myths, Realities, and Opportunities for Change.” Keynote Address, Annual Symposium of the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Harrisburg, PA (June 20, 2017)
- “Creating Pathways for Low-Income New Yorkers.” Keynote Address to the New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals Symposium on TANF, New York, NY (June 7, 2017).

- "Poverty and Mobility: Separating Fact from Fiction." Closing Plenary Address, Student Public Policy Summit on Social Mobility, Keene State College, Keene, NH (March 25, 2017)
- "Barriers to College among Poor, Low-Income, and/or First-Generation Students." Talk delivered to Manchester School District Administrators and Guidance Counselors for the National College Access Network's FAFSA Completion Challenge Grant, Manchester, NH (September 13, 2016)
- Moderator, Panel Discussion on Poverty in New Hampshire. New Hampshire/Vermont/Maine VISTA, Corporation for National and Community Service 50th Anniversary Celebration, U.S. F.I.R.S.T., Manchester (November 23, 2015).
- "Thirteen Lessons from Fifty Years of Anti-Poverty Research and Policy," prepared for AmeriCorps VISTA 50th Anniversary events at National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA (April 24, 2015) and National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C. (February 25, 2015)
- "Poverty Discourse, Paul Ryan, and the Murray Conundrum." Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C. (July 25, 2014)
- "The Myth of the American Exception." Columbia University School of Continuing Education, New York, NY (July 24, 2014; July 25, 2013)
- "Talking about Race in the Classroom." Bank Street College of Education, Graduate Faculty Seminar, New York, NY (January 30, 2013)
- "Poverty, History, and Social Justice." University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice, Philadelphia, PA (October 9, 2012)
- "Sociology, Social Work, and Social Action." Manhattan College, Department of Sociology and the Programs in Urban Studies and Peace Studies, New York, NY (October 7, 2011)
- Panelist, "Passivity and Resistance in Politics Today." Conference on the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire and its Legacy, Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies, City University of New York (March 24, 2011).
- "Why the Long History of Poverty in the U.S. Matters for Service Today." Corporation for National and Community Service and the Points of Light Institute, National Conference on Volunteering and Service, New York, NY (June 29, 2010)
- "Poverty in the U.S.: A Primer." Center for the Jewish Future, Eimatai Leadership Development Project, New York, NY (October 20, 2009)
- "What Does it Mean to Take Seriously the Perspectives of People Living in Poverty?" Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT (April 13, 2009)
- "Failures of Poverty Research and Advocacy." The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C. (March 5, 2009)
- "The Potted Plant Society and What it Means to Mean Well." Fairfield University, Peace & Justice Studies Program, Fairfield, CT (February 26, 2009)
- "Gilded Age Charity Organization Philosophy and Social Work Today." University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Center for Health Administration Studies, The Michael Davis Lecture, Chicago, IL (November 12, 2008)
- "Is it Philanthropy or is it Social Control?" Manhattan College, Annual Dante Seminar Lecture, Bronx, NY (November 29, 2007)
- "Living in a New Gilded Age." Fairfield University, Departments of History and Politics, Fairfield, CT (October 28, 2004)

- “The Long and Awkward History of U.S. Poverty Policy.” Fulbright American Studies Institute on American Political Development, New York, NY (July 9, 2003)
- “The Great Society and its Legacies.” Queens College Labor Resource Center, Queens, NY (October, 2000)

University Service

- Member, Faculty Appointments Committee, Vermont Law and Graduate School (2024-present)
- Member, Curriculum Committee,, Vermont Law and Graduate School (2024-present)
- Member, Learning Assessment Committee, Vermont Law and Graduate School (2024-2025)
- Elected Member, Faculty Senate, University of New Hampshire (2019-2022)
 - Co-Chair/Chair, Committee on Finance & Administration (2021-2022)
- Lead Negotiator, UNH Lecturers United-AAUP, Contract Bargaining Team (2022)
- Founding Member, New Hampshire Public Faculty Coalition (2018-2022)
- Member and Lecturer Faculty Representative, Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluations of Teaching (2021), University of New Hampshire
- Academic Resources and Curriculum Committee (2015-2020), University of New Hampshire at Manchester
- UNH Lecturers United-AAUP, Contract Bargaining Team (2018-2020)
- Ad Hoc Committee on Evaluating Teaching (2019-2020), University of New Hampshire at Manchester
- Contract Administrator, UNH Lecturers United-AAUP (2018-2019)
- Elected At-Large Member, Executive Council, UNH Lecturers United-AAUP (2017-2019)
- Committee on Workload and Promotion, UNH Lecturers United-AAUP (2015-2016)
- Policy Curriculum Committee (2005-2009), Committee on Technology in the Classroom (2006-2009), Student Government Association Co-Advisor (2006-2007), Social Action Committee (2005-2007), Wurzweiler School of Social Work
- Undergraduate Academic Advisor for the Social Sciences, Yeshiva College (2004-2009) and for the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program (2008-2009); Pre-Law Advisor (2004-2006)
- Elected Member, Faculty Task Force on Shared Governance, Yeshiva College (2007-2009)
- Committee on Curriculum & Examinations, CUNY Graduate Center Ph.D. Program in Political Science (2000-2002) and Co-Chair, CUNY Graduate Center Doctoral Students’ Council, Social & Political Theory Students’ Association (1999-2000)

Professional Service

- Podcast Host, New Books Network - Public Policy Channel (2016-present)
- Consulting Editor, *Social Work* (2011-present)
- Ad Hoc Manuscript Referee (various years)

- *Social Service Review*
- *Journal of Family & Economic Issues*
- *Journal of the Society for Social Work & Research*
- *New Political Science*
- *Syllabus Journal*
- *National Political Science Review*
- *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*
- *Comparative Studies in Society and History*
- Oxford University Press
- NASW Press
- New Press
- Rowman & Littlefield
- Lynne Rienner
- Pearson
- Lexington Books
- CSWE/APM
- PSC/CUNY Research Foundation
- Editorial Review Board, *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research* (2010-2014)
- Selection Committee, Christian Bay Award, American Political Science Association, New Political Science Caucus (2012)
- Editor/Moderator, *Social Work/Social Action* (socialworkaction.blogspot.com/) (2006-2010)
- Editor, *H-State (Welfare State & Policy History)* (www.h-net.org/~state/) (2003-2005)
- Nominating Committee, APSA Politics & History Section (2003)

Community Service

- National Association of Social Workers - Vermont, Social and Legislative Action Committee (2024-present)
- National Association of Social Workers - Vermont, Political Action for Candidate Election (PACE) Committee (2024-present)
- National Association of Social Workers - New Hampshire, Social and Legislative Action Committee (2020-2023)
- National Association of Social Workers - New Hampshire, Political Action for Candidate Election (PACE) Committee (2022)
- Pro Bono Consultant, Nashua, NH Soup Kitchen (2021)
- Pro Bono Consultant, Fresno California Housing Authority, Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce, and Fresno United Way (2021)
- Selection Committee, Spirit of NH Award, Volunteer NH (2021)
- Phillips Andover Academy, Alumni Admissions Representative (2017-2019)
- Trustee of the Trust Funds (elected), Town of Deering, NH (2018)
- Budget Advisory Committee (appointed), Town of Deering, NH (2017-2018)
- Ballot Clerk, Town of Deering, NH (2016-2018)
- Granite State United Way (Southern Region) Community Review Team (2017)
- Solidarity (Advisory) Board, Community Voices Heard (2012-2013)
- Policy Advisory Group, New York City Human Resources Administration, Office of Food Programs & Policy (1996)

Select Courses Taught

Undergraduate

- US Politics; US Public Policy; Research Methods; Politics of Poverty & Inequality; Politics of Food; Social, Political & Economic Theory; Politics, Law & Justice; New Hampshire Politics in Action/Policy Advocacy; Politics & Literature; Social Welfare Programs & Policies

Masters

- US Public Policy; Policy Design; Research Methods; Lobbying & Government Affairs; Social Welfare History; Social Welfare Programs & Policies; Advanced Social Welfare Policy; Policy Advocacy; Dynamics of Racism & Oppression; Research for Policy and Practice; Poverty & Homelessness

PhD

- History of Social Work & Social Welfare; Social Science Theories & Social Work; U.S. Welfare State in Comparative Perspective; Policy Analysis

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