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EDUCATION

- 1994 Yale University, Ph.D. Sociology, with Distinction
1988 Yale University, M. Phil. Sociology
1984 Brown University, B.A., Sociology of Law, Magna cum Laude with Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2005- University of California, Irvine, Associate Professor of Sociology
1995-2005 Columbia University, Assistant to Associate Professor of Sociology (with tenure)
1994-1995 Williams College, Assistant Professor of Sociology

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND MAJOR GRANTS

- 2007 American Sociological Association, Collective Behavior/Social Movements Section, Outstanding Book Award for *It Was Like a Fever: Storytelling in Protest and Politics*
- 2007 American Sociological Association, Political Sociology Section, Distinguished Scholarship Award, Honorable Mention for *It Was Like a Fever: Storytelling in Protest and Politics*
- 2007 Association for Humanist Sociology, Book Prize, Honorable Mention for *It Was like a Fever: Storytelling in Protest and Politics*
- 2006 Boston College Distinguished Visiting Scholar
- 2004-2005 Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation
- 2004 American Sociological Association, Author Meets Critics Session for *Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements*
- 2003 American Sociological Association, Collective Behavior/Social Movements Section, 2003 Distinguished Scholarly Book Award for *Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements*
- 2003 American Sociological Association, Political Sociology Section, 2003 Honorable Mention for *Freedom Is an Endless Meeting*
- 2003 Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2003 C. Wright Mills Award, finalist: *Freedom Is an Endless Meeting*

- 2003 *Choice Magazine* Outstanding Academic Title, *Freedom Is an Endless Meeting*
- 2003 National Science Foundation, Digital Governance Program, for a study of decisionmaking in the redevelopment of Lower Manhattan, with David Stark and Monique Girard. \$500,000 (2 years)
- 2000-2001 Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation) Fellow
- 1999-2000 Evelyn Green Davis Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University

BOOKS

- 2006 *It Was Like a Fever: Storytelling in Protest and Politics*. University of Chicago Press
- 2002 *Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements*. University of Chicago Press
- 2001 Jeff Goodwin, James M. Jasper, and Francesca Polletta, eds., *Passionate Politics: Emotions in Social Movements*. University of Chicago Press

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- Forthcoming Francesca Polletta, "Just Talk." *Journal of Public Deliberation*
- Forthcoming Francesca Polletta, "Culture and Movements." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*
- 2006 Francesca Polletta, "Awkward Movements." Special section edited by Polletta in *Mobilization* 11(4): 475-8.
- 2006 Francesca Polletta and John Lee, "Is Telling Stories Good for Democracy? Rhetoric in Public Deliberation after 9/11." *American Sociological Review* 71 (5): 699-723.*
- 2005 Francesca Polletta. "How Participatory Democracy Became White: Culture and Organizational Choice." *Mobilization* 10 (2): 271-288.
- 2004 Francesca Polletta, "Culture In and Outside Institutions." In *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts, and Change* 25: 161-183.
- 2001 Francesca Polletta and James Jasper, "Collective Identity in Social Movements." *Annual Review of Sociology* 27: 283-305.
- 2001 Francesca Polletta, "The Laws of Passion." *Law and Society Review* 35: 467-493.

- 2001 Francesca Polletta, “‘This is What Democracy Looks Like’: Decisionmaking in the Direct Action Network.” *Social Policy* 31: 25-30
- 2000 Francesca Polletta, “The Structural Context of Novel Rights Claims: Rights Innovation in the Southern Civil Rights Movement, 1961-1966.” *Law and Society Review* 34: 367-406.
- Reprinted in *Social Justice: Professionals, Communities, and Law*, edited by Martha R. Mahoney, John O. Calmore, and Stephanie M. Wildman. West Publishing, 2003.
- Reprinted in *Law and Social Movements*, edited by Michael McCann. Ashgate Publishing, 2006.
- 2000 Jeff Goodwin, James Jasper and Francesca Polletta, “The Return of the Repressed: Several Generations of Scholarship on Emotions in Social Movements.” *Mobilization* 5: 65-84.
- 1999 Francesca Polletta, “Free Spaces in Collective Action.” *Theory and Society* 28: 1-38.*
- 1999 Francesca Polletta, “Snarls, Quacks, and Quarrels: Culture and Structure in Political Process Theory.” *Sociological Forum* 14: 67-74.
- 1998 Francesca Polletta, “Legacies and Liabilities of an Insurgent Past: Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr., on the House and Senate Floor.” *Social Science History* 22: 479-512.
- Reprinted in *States of Memory: Continuities, Conflicts, and Transformations in National Retrospection*, edited by Jeffrey K. Olick. Duke University Press, 2003.
- 1998 Francesca Polletta, “Contending Stories: Narrative in Social Movements.” *Qualitative Sociology* 21: 419-446.
- 1998 Francesca Polletta, “‘It Was Like a Fever...’: Spontaneity and Identity in Collective Action.” *Social Problems* 45: 137-159.*
- 1997 Francesca Polletta, “Culture and Its Discontents: Recent Theorizing on Culture and Protest.” *Sociological Inquiry* 67: 431-450.
- 1994 Francesca Polletta, “Strategy and Identity in 1960s Black Protest.” *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change* 17 (1994): 85-114.
- 1993 Francesca Polletta, “Politicizing Childhood: The 1980 Zurich Burns Movement.” *Social Text* 33: 82-101.

* lead article

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming Francesca Polletta, "Storytelling in Social Movements," in *Social Movements and Culture*, edited by Hank Johnston. Routledge.
- 2007 Francesca Polletta, "Participatory Democracy in Social Movements," *Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by George Ritzer. Blackwell.
- 2006 Francesca Polletta and M. Kai Ho, "Frames and Their Consequences." In *The Oxford Handbook of Contextual Political Studies*, edited by Robert E. Goodin and Charles Tilly. Oxford Univ. Press.
- 2005 Francesca Polletta and Lesley Wood, "Public Deliberation after 9/11." In *Wounded City: The Social Effects of the World Trade Center Attack on New York City*, edited by Nancy Foner. Russell Sage.
- 2004 Francesca Polletta, "Can You Celebrate Dissent? Holidays and Social Protest." In *The Ways We Celebrate*, edited by Amitai Etzioni. New York University Press.
- 2004 Jeff Goodwin, James Jasper, and Francesca Polletta, "The Emotional Dimensions of Social Movements." In *The Blackwell Companion to Social Movements* edited by David A. Snow, Sarah A. Soule, and Hanspeter Kriesi. Blackwell Publishers.
- 2003 Francesca Polletta, "Culture is Not Just in Your Head." In *Rethinking Social Movements*, edited by Jeff Goodwin and James M. Jasper. Rowman and Littlefield.
- 2003 Francesca Polletta, "Strategy and Democracy in the New Left." In *The New Left Revisited*, edited by Paul Buhle and John McMillian. Temple University Press
- 2001 Francesca Polletta, "Plotting Protest: Storytelling in the 1960 Student Sit-In Movement." In *Stories of Change: Narratives in Social Movements*, edited by Joseph Davis, State University of New York Press.
- 2001 Jeff Goodwin, James M. Jasper and Francesca Polletta, "Why Emotions Matter." In *Passionate Politics*, edited by Goodwin, Jasper, and Polletta. Univ. Chicago.
- 2001 Francesca Polletta and Edwin Amenta. "Conclusion: Second that Emotion? Lessons from Once-Novel Concepts in the Sociology of Social Movements." In *Passionate Politics*.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

Francesca Polletta, "Familiar Relationships and Participatory Democratic Dilemmas: Accounting for the Fragility of Democracy in 1960s Social Movements." Revise and resubmit from *American Journal of Sociology*.

Francesca Polletta, "Social Movement Cultures," commissioned essay for *The Sociology of Culture: A Handbook*, edited by Laura Grindstaff, John Hall, and Ming-Chen Lo. Routledge.

Francesca Polletta, "Social Movements and Publics," commissioned essay for *The Oxford Handbook of Cultural Sociology*, edited by Jeffrey C. Alexander. Oxford Univ. Press.

Francesca Polletta, *Grand Designs: Public Deliberation in Rebuilding Ground Zero*. Through participant observation, a longitudinal interview-based study of participants in public deliberative efforts, and interviews with public officials, developers, and advocacy groups, this study both assesses contemporary theories of deliberative democracy in the context of a high-stakes development process and traces how new modes of citizen participation are reshaping traditional structures of urban policy and protest.

Francesca Polletta, ed., *Sociological Perspectives on Narrative*. Based on papers given at conferences in February and October 2002, this edited volume advances a sociological approach to the study of narrative, in which the emphasis is as much on the institutional rules of storytelling as on the formal structure of narrative texts.

BOOK REVIEWS AND OCCASIONAL ESSAYS

- In press Review of Marian Mollin, *Radical Pacifism in Modern America: Egalitarianism and Protest* (Penn State Univ. Press), *American Historical Review*
- 2007 Review of Andrew Perrin, *Citizen Speak: The Democratic Imagination in American Life* (Univ. Chicago Press), *Social Forces* 85(3): 1457-9.
- 2006 "Designing the New World Trade Center: Personal Storytelling in Public Deliberation." *The Storyteller and the Listener Online*, December
- 2006 Review of Gianpaolo Baiocchi, *Militants and Citizens: The Politics of Participatory Democracy in Porto Alegre* (Stanford Univ. Press), *Social Forces* 84(4): 2353-2354
- 2005 "Culture, Structure, and False Oppositions." *The Chronicle of Higher Education* 51 (49): B12-13.
- 2003 "Letting the People Decide?" *The Responsive Community* 14 (Winter): 9-14.
- 2003 "This is (Sort of) What Democracy Looks Like," *City Limits Magazine*, December: 33-35.

Reprinted in *Building Collaborative Communities*, 4 (1), Spring 2004.

- 2003 Review of Taeku Lee, *Mobilizing Public Opinion* (Univ. Chicago Press, 2002), *Social Forces* 81: 1056-8.
- 2002 “What is Civil Society (And Is it Really a Good Thing)? Review of *Civil Society and Government* edited by Nancy L. Rosenblum and Robert C. Post (Princeton Univ. Press, 2002),” *The Responsive Community* 13.
- 2002 Review of Doug McAdam, Sidney Tarrow, and Charles Tilly, *Dynamics of Contention* (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2001), *Contemporary Sociology* 31: 580-2.
- 2001 Review of Claire Jean Kim, *Bitter Fruit: Black-Korean Conflict in New York* (Yale Univ. Press, 2000), *American Journal of Sociology* 106: 1811-1813
- 2000 “Freedom’s Price.” *The Radcliffe Quarterly* 85.
- 1999 Review of Belinda Robnett, *How Long? How Long?* (Oxford Univ. Press, 1997), *Mobilization* 4: 113-115.
- 1999 Review of Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics* (Cornell Univ. Press 1998), *Contemporary Sociology* 28: 96-97.
- 1997 Review of Alberto Melucci, *Challenging Codes and The Playing Self* (Cambridge Univ. Press, 1996), Featured Essay, *Contemporary Sociology* 26: 681-683.
- 1997 Review of James Tracy, *Direct Action: Radical Pacifism from the Union Eight to the Chicago Seven* (Univ. Chicago Press, 1996), *Mobilization* 2: 247-248.
- 1996 Review of Marcy Darnovsky, Barbara Epstein, and Richard Flacks, eds., *Cultural Politics and Social Movements* (Temple Univ. Press, 1995) and Hank Johnston and Bert Klandermans, eds., *Culture and Social Movements* (Univ. Minnesota Press, 1995), *Contemporary Sociology* 25: 483-485.
- 1996 Review of *Women in the Civil Rights Movement: Trailblazers and Torchbearers* (Carlson Press, 1990), *Gender, Place and Culture* 3: 227-229.

SMALL GRANTS

- 2002 Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, seed grant for a study of the role of digital technologies in decisionmaking around the redevelopment of Lower Manhattan, with David Stark. \$12,500
- 2002 Russell Sage Foundation, Grant for a study of public deliberation in the redevelopment of the World Trade Center site. \$10,000.
- 2002 Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation), Publication Grant. \$10,000.

- 2002 American Sociological Association/National Science Foundation, Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, grant for a conference on sociological approaches to narrative, with Marshall Ganz. \$5,200.
- 2001 Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, Seed Grant. \$8,000.
- 2000 Columbia University Council Grant for Research in the Social Sciences. \$7,500.
- 1999 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship. \$5,000.
- 1998 ASA/NSF, Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, for a conference on emotions and social protest, with James Jasper and Jeff Goodwin. \$7,000.
- 1997 Columbia University Council Grant for Research in the Social Sciences. \$7,500.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2007 University of Pennsylvania, Sociology Colloquium. “Why Sociologists Should Be More Like Literary Critics—and Less Like Them.” April 25.
- 2006 University of California, Santa Cruz, Sociology Colloquium. “Storytelling in Protest and Politics.” October 23.
- 2006 Boston College Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series. “Is Telling Stories Good for Democracy?” and “Meaning in Movements.” April 25 and 26.
- 2006 Vanderbilt University Sociology Colloquium. “Is Telling Stories Good for Democracy?” March 28.
- 2005 New York Law School, Law and Society Colloquium. “Is Telling Stories Good for Democracy?” April 15.
- 2005 SUNY, Stony Brook Sociology Colloquium. “Is Telling Stories Good for Democracy?” April 6.
- 2004 Yale University, Center for Cultural Sociology. “Storytelling in Protest and Politics.” October 29.
- 2004 Yale University Sociology Colloquium. “Is Telling Stories Good for Democracy?” October 28.
- 2003 Northwestern University Sociology Colloquium. “Dilemmas of Radical Democracy.” May 8.
- 2003 University of Washington Sociology Colloquium. “Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements.” April 17.

- 2003 University of Pennsylvania Sociology Colloquium. "Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements." April 2.
- 2003 Indiana University Sociology Colloquium, "Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements." February 13.
- 2003 Open Society Institute, Breakfast Forum. "Democracy in Organizations." February 12.
- 2002 Sociological Perspectives on Narrative Conference, Harvard University and MIT, Keynote Address. "A Social Epistemology of Storytelling." October 4.
- 2002 Russell Sage Foundation. "Public Deliberation After 9/11." September 12.
- 2002 "Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements," University of California, Los Angeles, Sociology Colloquium, April 5.
- 2002 University of California, Irvine Sociology Colloquium. "Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements." January 14.
- 2001 New York University Sociology Colloquium, "Cold Political Decisions in the Beloved Community: Race and Democracy in the Southern Civil Rights Movement." December 12.
- 2000 Open Society Institute. "Free Speech in Social Movements." July 13.
- 2000 Rutgers University Sociology Colloquium. "Cold, Political Decisions in the Beloved Community: Participatory Democracy and Racial Politics in the Southern Civil Rights Movement." March 22.
- 2000 Bunting Institute Colloquium, Harvard University. "Freedom is an Endless Meeting: Sustaining Democracy While Making Change." February 2.
- 2000 Hauser Center Colloquium, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. "Cold, Political Decisions in the Beloved Community: Race, Rationality, and the Demise of Radical Democracy." January 28.
- 1997 City University of New York Graduate Center Sociology Colloquium. "The Narrative Necessity of Compelling Protest." October 17.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2007 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. "Victim Stories."
- 2007 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. "Is Information Good for Deliberation? Link Sharing in an Online Deliberative Forum," with Christopher Anderson and Pang Ching Bobby Chen.

- 2007 ASA Collective Behavior/Social Movements Workshop, Plenary Session. "Culture in Strategy."
- 2006 University of California, San Diego. Culture Conference. "Culture in Social Movements." May 5.
- 2005 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Author Meets Critics Session for *Freedom Is an Endless Meeting*. August 14.
- 2005 National Science Foundation, National Conference on Digital Government Research. "Policy Made Public." May 17.
- 2004 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. "Is Telling Stories Good for Democracy?" (with John Lee). August 16.
- 2003 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Thematic Panel on Culture. "How Participatory Democracy Became White." August 18.
- 2003 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Panel organizer, "Culture, Strategy, and Politics." August 18.
- 2003 George Washington University, *The Ways We Celebrate* Conference. "Rituals, Holidays, and Political Contention." April 11-12.
- 2003 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Author Meets Critics Session on *Freedom Is an Endless Meeting*. February 28.
- 2003 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Panel organizer and discussant, "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Narrative." February 28.
- 2002 Sociological Perspectives on Narrative Workshop, sponsored by the Hauser Center at Harvard University. Co-convenor (with Marshall Ganz) and discussant. March.
- 2002 Miniconference on Authority in Contention sponsored by the Social Movements Section of the ASA, Notre Dame University. Plenary panel, "Authority in Movements." August 17.
- 2002 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Panel organizer and discussant, "Toward a Sociology of Movement Storytelling." March.
- 2001 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, "Who Decides? Strategic Choice in Social Movements." November 15-18.
- 2001 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. "Contending Stories: Narrative in Social Movements." August 18-21.

- 2000 Columbia University, Organizer and discussant, “The ‘60s Talk to the ‘00s—and the ‘00s Talk Back.” November 14
- 2000 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. “Friendship and Democracy.” August 12-16
- 1999 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. “The Return of the Repressed: Several Generations of Scholarship on Emotions in Social Movements,” with Jeff Goodwin and James Jasper. August 6-10.
- 1999 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. “Outsiders in Social Protest.” August 6-10
- 1999 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. “The Structural Context of Novel Rights Claims: Rights Innovation in the Southern Civil Rights Movement.” May 27-31
- 1999 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Organizer and discussant, “Fight the Power? Contemporary Legal Mobilization and the Limits of the Law.” May 27-31.
- 1999 Emotions and Social Protest Conference, New York University. Conference co-organizer (with J. Goodwin and J. Jasper) and discussant. February 19-21
- 1998 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. “Race, Rights, and Radicalism: Southern Civil Rights Organizing, 1961-1967.” August 21-25.
- 1997 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. “Metaphors of Mobilization: Free Spaces in Recent Social Movement Theorizing.” August 9-13.
- 1995 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. “Strategy and Ideology: Decisionmaking in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, 1964-1965.” August 19-23
- 1994 American Sociological Association “‘Freedom Is an Endless Meeting’: Participatory Democracy in SNCC and SDS.” August 5-9.
- 1993 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. “Strategy and Identity in 1960s Black Protest.” August 13-17.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Sociology

Social Theory

Designing Social Research

Sociology of Culture

Law and Inequality

Sociology of Race
Social and Political Movements
Political Talk
Deviance and Social Control

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

- 2007- *Mobilization*, Editorial Board
- 2006- *Contexts*, Editorial Board
- 2004-2006 American Sociological Association, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, Chair, 2004-5; Distinguished Book Award Committee, 2002 and 2005; Publication Award, 2006; Council 1999-2003; Membership Committee 1996-1999.
- 2004-2007 American Sociological Association, Sociology of Culture Section, Council 2004-2007; Distinguished Book Award Committee, 2006
- 2004- *Journal of Public Deliberation*, Editorial Board
- 2004-2005 Eastern Sociological Society, Executive Committee
- 2003-2005 National Science Foundation, Sociology Advisory Panel
- 2003-2006 *ASA Rose Monograph Series*, Editorial Board
- 2003- *Social Policy*, Editorial Board
- 2001- *Social Movement Studies*, Editorial Board
- 2002 Sociological Perspectives on Narrative Workshops, I and II, Kennedy School of Government and MIT, co-organizer.
- 1999 Conference on Emotions in Social Protest, New York University, co-organizer.
- 1998-1999 Lazarsfeld Center for the Social Sciences, Columbia University, seminar series on Law and Society, 1998-1999, co-organizer
- 1995- Reviewed manuscripts for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Problems*, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Law and Society Review*, *Mobilization*, *Theory and Society*, *Research in Social Movements*, *Conflict, and Change*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Administrative Science Quarterly*, *Public Management Review*, *Journal of Deliberative Democracy*, *Contemporary Ethnography*, University of Minnesota Press, University of Chicago Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Yale University Press, Harvard University Press, Sage Press, Pennsylvania State University Press, and the University of Manchester

Press, and grant proposals for the National Science Foundation and the Russell Sage Foundation.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

2007- Center in Law, Society, and Culture, UC Irvine, Advisory Board.
2006- University Senate, Committee on Research, Computing, and Libraries, UC, Irvine
2006- Graduate Committee, UC, Irvine
2005-2006 Undergraduate Committee, UC, Irvine
2005- Center for Ethnography, UC, Irvine, Faculty Affiliate
2005- Center for the Study of Democracy, UC, Irvine, Faculty Affiliate
2005- Center for Organizational Research, UC, Irvine, Faculty Affiliate
2003 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Sociology Department, Columbia
2003 Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee, Columbia
2003 Barnard College Sociology Junior Faculty Search Committee
2003 Columbia University Dean's Day Speaker, Atlanta
2002- Truman Fellowship Review Committee, Columbia
2002 Columbia Contentious Politics Workshop, Co-coordinator
2001-2003 Sociology Awards Committee, Columbia
2001-2002 Columbia Sociology Faculty Search Committee
1999 Columbia University Dean's Day Speaker
1998-1999 Columbia Faculty Minority Advisory Committee
1998-1999 Columbia Sociology Committee on the Graduate Program
1998 Columbia African-American Studies/Sociology Faculty Search Committee
1996-1999 Departmental Representative (Director of Undergraduate Studies), Columbia
1997-1999 Columbia Whitney Young Task Force on Race
1996-1997 Columbia University Senate, 1996-1997
1996-1997 Columbia Senate Committee on External Relations, 1996-1997
1996-1997 Columbia University Commission on the Status of Women, 1996-1997
1996 Columbia African-American Studies/Sociology Faculty Search Committee