Curriculum Vitae
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Professional Positions:

University of Virginia:

William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology and History, 2017-present
Sociology Department Chair, 2013-2020
Professor of Sociology and History 2007-2017
Associate Professor of Sociology, 2004-2007

Columbia University:

Associate Professor of Sociology, 2000-2004
Assistant Professor of Sociology, 1994-2000
Instructor, 1993-1994

Education:

Yale University:

Ph. D. in Sociology, with Departmental Distinction, December 1993
-Warren B. Sussman Dissertation Prize
M. Phil. in Sociology, 1990
M. A. in Sociology, 1987

Swarthmore College:

B.A. in Sociology and Anthropology, with High Honors, 1986
Books:

Forthcoming  *In the Grip of the Past: The Ciphered Transits of Collective Memory.* Under contract, Oxford University Press.


Turkish translation: *Kilektif Hafiza Kitabi.* Ankara: Dipnot Yayinlari.


2003  *States of Memory: Continuities, Conflicts, and Transformations in*
Olick C.V.


An earlier, shorter version of *States of Memory* appeared as a special issue of *Social Science History* (24, 1998) entitled “Memory and the Nation.”

Korean translation by Young Hwi Yoon, Ho Gun Choi and Yoo Ki Min (Seoul: Korea Democracy Foundation, 2006). Sponsored by the Korea Democracy Foundation.

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**Articles, Chapters, Special Issues and Essays:**


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      Translated into Persian:
      www.anthropology.ir/article/7040.html


      Turkish translation: “Kollektif Bellek: Iki Farklı Kultur,” in *Moment* (1) 2.

1998  “What does it Mean to Normalize the Past?: Official Memory in German Politics since 1989,” *Social Science History* 22, 4: 547-571.


**Reviews and Shorter Essays:**


- Глобальная память «Память — это не вещь и не предмет. Память — это непрерывный процесс». Интервью с Дж.К. Оликом. [“Memory is not a thing, it is not an object. Memory is an ongoing process”. Interview with J.K. Olick]. ИСТОРИЧЕСКАЯ ЭКСПЕРТИЗА The Historical Expertise № 4(17)/2018. pp.11-21.


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**Honors, Prizes, Fellowships, and Grants:**

Elected to Membership, Sociological Research Association, 2019

Co-President, Memory Studies Association (2017-2022)

The Sins of the Fathers: Germany, Memory, Method named Choice “Outstanding Academic Title” (2017)


National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (#1131556) for Tara Tober: “Irish Neutrality in World War Two.” (2011-12)

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (#1131551) for Benjamin Snyder: “How Employment Context Shapes Time and Stress Factors.” (2011-12)

John T. Casteen III Faculty Fellowship in Ethics, University of Virginia, 2011

Visiting Professor Award, Institute for Social Research, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia, June 2009.


ASA-NSF Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, 2005, for a workshop on Collective Memory (with Daniel Levy).


Council Grant in the Social Sciences, Columbia University, Summer 1998.

Chamberlain Fellowship, Columbia University, Fall 1997.

Warren B. Sussman Dissertation Prize, Yale University, 1995.

Council Grant in the Social Sciences, Columbia University, Summer 1994.


DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Dissertation Year Fellowship, Universität Bielefeld, 1991-92.
DAAD Summer Program Fellowship, University of California at Berkeley, 1990.
Mellon Foundation Fellowship, Institute for Social and Policy Studies, Yale
University, 1989-90.


Yale University Graduate Fellowship, 1986-89.

Lectures and Presentations:

2023  Keynote Lecture, “Who’s Afraid of Collective Memory.” Bilanz und
Perspektiven kultur- und sozialwissenschaftlicher Gedächtnisforschung. Berlin,
Germany, September 27-29, 2023.

2023  Invited Lecture, “Who’s Afraid of Collective Memory.” University of Bielefeld,
Germany, Faculty of History. June 29, 2023.

2023  Invited Lecture, The Weaponization of Memory in Times of Political Rupture,
Annual Conference of the Memory Studies Group, New School for Social

2023  Invited Lecture, “Who’s Afraid of Collective Memory.” Nottingham Trent
University. April 26, 2023.

2022  Keynote Address, “Remembering: Transnational memory Cultures and American
Studies,” 32nd Annual Conference of the Postgraduate Forum of the German
Association for American Studies, Regensburg, Germany, November 10, 2022.

2022  Master Class (for masters and Ph.d. candidates), “Collective Memory between
Ethics, Regret, and Manipulation,” European American Forum Universität
Regensburg, Germany, November 9, 2022.

2022  Invited Lecture, “Burned in Memory? The Changing Meanings of Smyrna.” The
Gennadius Library, American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Greece,
October 11, 2022.

2022  Manuscript Workshop, The Oxford Handbook of History and Memory, Center
for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld, Germany, July 18-20, 2022.

2022  Workshop presentation, “Breaking Down the Silos,” Forschungskolleg
Humanwissenschaften, Bad Homburg, Germany, March 24-27, 2022.
2022  Keynote Address, “The Politics of Memory,” Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University, March 10, 2022.


2021  Special Plenary Address, Memory Disorders Research Society. October 5, 2021 (on line). https://www.memorydisorders.org (this is an election-only society for leading cognitive psychologists)


2021  Sociology Department Colloquium, University of Chicago, May 26, 2021.

2021  Numerous Plenary Events, Fifth Annual Meeting of the Memory Studies Association, Warsaw, Poland, July 5-9, 2021 (virtual).


2019  Numerous Plenary Events, Third Annual Meeting of the Memory Studies Association, Madrid, Spain, June 24-28, 2019


2018  Keynote Address, 3rd “Seoul is Museum International Conference,” Seoul, South Korea, September 13, 2018.
2018  Keynote Address, “Workshop on Journalism and Memory,” Memory and Media Research Network (German Research Foundation), Universität Tübingen, Germany, July 12, 2018.

2018  Invited Lectures, Department of Sociology and Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota, May 8-9, 2018.

2018  Invited Lecture and Workshop, School of Modern Languages, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, April 2018.

2018  Distinguished Lecture, Humanities Institute, University College, Dublin, April 2018.


2017  Invited Lecture, Department of Political Science, Lund University, Sweden, Dec. 11, 2017.


2017  Invited Lecture, Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College, April 26, 2017.


2016  Invited Speaker, “Has the Past Gone Away? The Future of Memory in Germany.” BMW Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University, November 18, 2016.


2016  Keynote Speaker. “Memory and Identity in Post-Soviet Space: Georgia and the Caucasus in Broader Eastern European Context.” Memory Studies Center in the Caucasus, Ilia State University, Tibilisi, Republic of Georgia, June 1, 2016.


2015  Keynote Speaker, “Agency and Transcultural Memory,” Vytautas Magnus University, in Kaunas, Lithuania 16-18th April, 2015.


2014  Keynote Address: “Systems of Memory: Beyond the Matryoshka Doll.”
Contested Memories and the Politics of Change, Bildner Center for the Study of
Jewish Life, Rutgers University, May 12-14, 2014.

2012  Invited Lecture: “The Future of Memory Studies.” University of Utrecht,

2012  Introductory and Concluding Statements: “Regions of Memory.” Warsaw School
for Social Sciences and Humanities and National Cultural Centre, Warsaw, Poland, November 2012. Also conference co-convener.

2012  Keynote Lecture: “Theodicy Motives in Contemporary Memory Studies.” New
Directions in Memory Studies series, University of Gent, Belgium. November
29, 2012.

2012  Keynote Address, International Conference: Towards a Common Past?
Conflicting Memories in Contemporary Europe, Nordic Network in Memory
Studies, Lund University, Sweden 14-16 May 2012.

2012  The First Israel-China International Conference on Collective Memory.
Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March 2012

2012  Provostial Lecture, Stony Brook University, March 2012.

2011  Introductory and Concluding Plenaries, “Genealogies of Memory in Central and
Eastern Europe: Methods and Disciplines”. Warsaw School for Social Sciences
and Humanities and National Cultural Centre, Warsaw, Poland, November 2011.

2011  Sociology Department Colloquium, Yale University, November 2011, invited
lecture.

2011  Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University, November 2011, invited
workshop presentation.

2011  “Memory, Memorials, and Memoirs,” Center for Ethics, Muhlenberg College,
October 2011.

2011  Guest Lecture, Konstanzer Kolloquium zur Erinnerungsforschung, July 11, 2011

2011  Arbeitsgespräch, Forschungsgruppe “Geschichte und Gedächtnis,” University
of Konstanz, July 12, 2011

2011  Evening Lecture, "Europäische Erinnerung? Gruppenübergreifende Erinnerung
jenseits der Nation,” Center for Interdisciplinary Research, University of
Bielefeld. July 14, 2011


2010 Spotlight Session on The Politics of Regret, Rhetoric Society of America, May 2010

2009 Keynote Address, “Memory &...,” Davidson College, November 3, 2009


2007 Keynote Speaker, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National


2007 Keynote Speaker, “Media and the Dynamics of Cultural Memory,” Giessen International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture, University of Giessen, Germany, September 2007.

2006 Center for Comparative Research, Yale University (January 2006), guest lecture.


2006 Department of Sociology, University of Southern California, invited lecture, March 2006.

2006 Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, April 2006, invited lecture.


2006 Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs, Annual Fellows Meeting,
2006

2006  Plenary Speaker, “Collective Memory and the Uses of the Past: An Interdisciplinary Conference,” University of Norwich, East Anglia, Great Britain, July 2006 (cancelled due to illness).

2006  Center for Contemporary Theory, University of Chicago, invited manuscript workshop, January 2006.


2004  "Symbolic Interactionist Perspectives on Collective Memory," Northwestern University

2002  Distinguished Lecturer, Research Humanities Group, University of Windsor, Fall 2002


2000 and Prior:

“Memory and Power in International Relations,” All Soul’s College, Oxford University

Center for History, Society, and Culture, University of California, Davis ("New Work in Historical Sociology" series)

Dept. of Sociology, Northwestern University

Dept. of Sociology, Temple University

Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, George Mason University

Makor/Steinhardt Center of the 92nd Street Y, New York City

“Sociology of the Holocaust and Post-Holocaust Life,” Rutgers University

“Usable Pasts,” Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs
Culture Workshop, Dept. of Sociology, Rutgers University

Jackson School of International Affairs, University of Washington

Macro-Sociology Workshop, Dept. of Sociology, University of Washington

“Culture and Cognition,” Rutgers University

“Utopia, Violence, Resistance,” Institute for Contemporary History, Rutgers University

“In Memory: Remembering Nazi Atrocities in Post-Cold War Europe,” Arezzo, Italy.

Workshop on Religion and Culture, Dept. of Sociology, Princeton University

Fakultät für Soziologie, Universität Bielefeld

Laborenstudienkreis, Universität Bielefeld

Society of Fellows, Columbia University

Council on West European Studies, Columbia University

Workshop on Sociology of Culture, New School for Social Research

Dept. of Sociology, Yale University (Sussman Prize Lecture)

Dept. of Sociology, Cornell University

Dept. of Sociology, University of Chicago

World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Stockholm, Sweden

World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Tel Aviv, Israel

The Communitarian Summit, Washington, D.C.

Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association

Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society

Annual Meetings of the German Studies Association

Conference of Europeanists

Annual Meetings of the Social Science History Association
Courses Taught:

Graduate:

Sociology of Culture
The UVa/MSA Graduate Seminar in Memory Studies
Proseminar
Evil, Disaster, and Suffering
European Social Theory
Classical Sociological Theory
Contemporary Sociological Theory
Political Sociology
National and Ethnic Identities
Time and Memory
The Sociology of Collective Memory
Graduate Research Practicum

Undergraduate:

Memory and Justice
Ethics and Memory
Introduction to Social Theory
Contemporary Sociological Theory
Introduction to Sociology
Sociology through Cinema
Contemporary Civilization
Sociology of Mass Media and Popular Culture
American Society and Popular Culture
Deviant Behavior and Social Control
Deviance and Moral Order
Trauma, Atrocity, and Responsibility
Time and Memory

Selected Disciplinary Service:

Editorial Boards:

Memory Studies Review, Associate Editor, (2023-)
Moment Dergi (Turkey) (2018-)
American Journal of Cultural Sociology (2012-)
History and Memory (2007-)
Memory Studies (2006-)
Olick C.V.

*Qualitative Sociology* (2004-)
*Communication Review* (2006-)
*Contemporary Sociology* (2012-2016)
*Sociological Theory* (2009-2012)
*Social Science History* (1998), Guest Editor.

Series Founder and Editor (with Astrid Erll), *Oxford Studies in Collective Memory*, Oxford University Press, 2023-
Series Founder and Editor (with Aline Sierp and Jenny Wüstenberg), “Worlds of Memory”, Berghahn Books. 2019-
Editorial Board Member, “Memory, Heritage, and Public History in Central and East Central Europe,” Central European University Press, 2021-
Editorial Board Member, “Memory Studies” book series, Palgrave Macmillan” 2018-
Editorial Board Member, “Memory Politics and Transitional Justice” book series, Palgrave Macmillan
Editorial Board Member, “Media and Cultural Memory” book series, de Gruyter.

*Other:*

Nominations Committee, Memory Studies Association, 2023-

Founding Co-President, Memory Studies Association, 2016-2023.

Distinguished Scholarly Career Award Selection Committee, Section on the History of Sociology, American Sociological Association (2017-18).

Advisory Board and Conference Convener, Genealogies of Memory, Warsaw, Poland (2013-5)

American Sociological Association, Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award Selection Committee, 2010-2012. (Chair, 2012-2013).

Council Member (elected), History of Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2011-2013.

Council Member (elected), Culture Section, American Sociological Association, 2002-

Section Session Organizer, Comparative Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2001.

Coordinator, Network on History and Culture, Culture Section, American Sociological Association (1997-).


Chair, Paper Prize Committee, Culture Section, American Sociological Association (1997-8).

Chair, Nominations Committee, Culture Section, American Sociological Association (1998-9; 1999-2000).

Chair, Shils-Coleman Prize Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association (1998-9).

Book Prize Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association (2001-2002).

Session organizer for Annual Meetings of the Social Science History Association (1996).

Confidential Evaluator, MacArthur Foundation, Career (“genius”) Awards Program.


External Examiner, Swarthmore College (May 1999 and May 2015)

External Member, Warwick Center for Memory Studies.

Manuscripts reviewed for:


American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, American

Selected Grant Reviews:

Austrian Academy of Sciences
Elise-Richter Program, Austrian Science Fund
UK Research Council
Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada.
National Science Foundation.
National Endowment for the Humanities-American Councils for International Education.
Israel Research Foundation.

Approximately fifteen promotion and tenure evaluations.

Selected Departmental and University Service:

Endowed Chair Review Committee, Arts and Science, UVA (2023-)
Chair, Dept. of Sociology, University of Virginia (2013-2020)
Director, The Memory Project, The Democracy Initiative (2019-2020)
Member, Democracy Initiative Faculty Advisory Committee (2019-2020)
Chair, Associate Dean Search Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (2017-18)
Member, Center for German Studies Director Search Committee (2016)
Member, Bicentennial Committee (2016-17)
Elected Member, Committee on Academic Priorities (2014-16)
Chair, Search Committee for Associate Dean of Graduate Affairs, University of Virginia (2014)
Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of Sociology, University of Virginia (2006-2009)
Director of Graduate Admissions, Dept. of Sociology, University of Virginia (2006-2009)

Summer Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia (multiple times)

Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture

Member Advisory Board, Center for German Studies, University of Virginia

Page-Barbour Lecture Committee, University of Virginia, 2011-

Chair, Sociology Search Committee, University of Virginia (2007-2008)

Principal Organizer, “The State of Social Memory Studies: An Interdisciplinary Workshop,” University of Virginia, October 28-30, 2005

Media Studies Director Search Committee, University of Virginia

Member, Jewish Studies Faculty, University of Virginia

Planning Committee, German Studies, University of Virginia

Graduate Committee, Sociology, University of Virginia

Comprehensive Exam Committees in Political Sociology, Historical Sociology, Criminology and Deviance, Theory (Virginia)

Co-Chair, University Seminar “Beyond History and Memory”, Columbia University (2001-2004), Co-sponsored by the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs.

Doctoral Program Sub-Committee on Communications, School of Journalism, Columbia University (2000-2004).


University Senate, Junior Faculty Representative for Graduate School, Columbia University (1996-98).

Institute on Western Europe, Administrative Committee (1997-2004).

Numerous Sociology Dept. Committees at Columbia, including Curriculum, Career Development, Junior Search, and Comprehensive Exams (Theory, Culture, Historical, Political)

Provost's Committee on Communications Studies, Columbia University (1994-5).

Workshop on the Dissertation Prospectus, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University (1996).


**Supervisions:**

*Visiting Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellows:*

Gökhan Şensönmez, Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) 2219-International Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, UVA, 2023-24

Rui Gao (Yale University), 2019-2021

Elene Kekelia (Ilia State University), Carnegie Research Fellow, Sept.2015-Feb. 2016

Martha Duch (Jagiellonian University, Cracow, Poland), Fulbright Junior Advanced Research Grant, 2012-13

Marcin Napiorkowski (University of Warsaw), Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education Postdoctoral Fellow, 2013-2014.

*Dissertation Committees:*

Lana Park (Chair)
Olya Feldberg (Chair)
Elene Kekelia (Chair), Defended June 2023
Hexuan Zhang (Chair), Defended April 2019
Licheng Qian (Chair), Defended May 2017
David Hsu (Chair), Defended April 2014
Ben Snyder (Chair), Defended July 2013
Tara Tober (Chair), Defended June 2013
Christina Simko (Chair), Defended May 2013
Haiming Yan (Chair), Defended May 2011
Justin Snyder (Chair), Defended October 2009
Tanya Omeltchenko (Chair), Defended September 2010
Michael Hightower (Chair), Defended December, 2006
Daniel Levy (Co-Chair), Defended 1999 (Columbia University)
Alex Sutton (Reader), 2019-
Kobi Kabelek (Reader), Defended July 2013
Yuliya Dudaronek (Reader), Defended July 2013
Matthew Hughey (Reader), Defended 2009
Shannon Anderson (Reader), Defended May, 2007
Carey Sargent (Reader)
Bradley Campbell (Reader), Defended 2008
David Franz (Reader), Defended 2009

*Masters Degree/Qualifying Paper Committees:*

Lana Park (Chair)
Olya Feldberg (Chair)
Elene Kekelia (Chair)
Yen-Yu Lin (Chair)
Catalina Vallejo Pedraza (Chair)
Licheng Qian (Chair)
Claire Maiers (Chair)
Ahrum Lee (Chair)
Allan McCoy (Reader)
Matthew Morrison (Reader)
Cagri Tanyol (Reader)
Sema Akboga (Reader)
Ryan Beckland (Chair)
Rebecca Yurman (Reader)
Jennifer Silva (Reader)
Eric Taubel (Reader)

Numerous Graduate Directed Readings, Undergraduate Thesis Supervisions, and Independent Studies.

External member of dissertation defenses in Sociology, English, Comparative Literature, German Studies, Political Science, International Relations, Yiddish, Anthropology, Russian History, German History, and Music, Spanish.

Preliminary Exam Committees in East Asian Languages and Literatures, Middle Eastern Languages and Literatures, Communications, Columbia University

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**Other:**