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EMPLOYMENT:

Professor of Political Science, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, beginning 1999. (Asst. Prof.: 1986-93; Assoc. Prof: 1993-1999).
Chairman, Department of Political Science, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 1996-1997, 1999-2002.
Occasional Visiting Professor at Central European University, Warsaw and Budapest, 1994 – present.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

University of Wisconsin - Madison; Department of Political Science; Ph.D. Aug.1986; M.A. Dec.1978.
State University of New York, Stony Brook - B.A. in History, and Russian, June 1976.

SCHOLARLY AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS:

Senior Fellow at Cornell Institute for European Studies, 2005 – present.
2006 Ed Hewett Book Prize, from the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, for best book on the political economy of postsocialism, awarded for *The Defeat of Solidarity*.
Awarded the “25th Anniversary of Solidarity Medal,” a state medal from the Polish government, presented by former Polish president Lech Walesa at Polish Consulate in New York, September 2005.
Visiting Research Professor at New School for Social Research, Jan-Aug, 2005.
Faculty Prize for Excellence in Scholarship, Hobart & Wm. Smith Colleges, May 2004.
Grant evaluator for Social Science Research Council, for Junior Scholars’ Training Seminar, 2000-present.
Awarded Senior Fulbright Professorship to Central European University and Warsaw University, 1998-99.
Major grant from the National Council of Eurasian and East European Research (together with Stephen Crowley), for organizing conference and editing

volume on Labor After Communism, 1998-2000.

Major grant from the National Council of Soviet and East European Research (together with Marc Weinstein), for research on “The Emergence of New Enterprise Institutions in Post-Communist Poland,” June 1993 to September 1995.

Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Joint Committee on Eastern Europe of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council, for study of “Institutional and Political Transformation in Poland,” focusing on economic and political change in small industrial towns, 1993-94 academic year.

Juror on Fulbright Discipline Advisory Committee, reviewing applications for Fulbright awards in Political Science, 1994-1996.

Harvard University Post-Doctoral Fellow, Program on East-Central European Studies, Center for European Studies, September 1990-August 1991.

1991 Herfurth Award -- given annually by the University of Wisconsin for best publication based on a Wisconsin Ph.D., awarded for my book Solidarity and the Politics of Anti-Politics.

IREX Fellowship -- for research in Eastern Europe, Spring 1990.

Harvard University, Fellow, Russian Research Center -- Fall 1988.

Hewlett-Mellon Fellowship -- for travel to Soviet Union and Poland, August-September 1987.

Visiting Scholar, Columbia University, Institute on East Central Europe, January-September 1984.

Fulbright Fellowship -- for 12 months dissertation research in Poland, 1981- 82.

National Defense Education Act Foreign Language/Area Studies Fellowships -- 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80, 1982-83, 1983-84.

PUBLICATIONS -- BOOKS:

The Defeat of Solidarity: Anger and Politics in Postcommunist Europe (Cornell University Press, 2005; paperback edition: 2006; Polish edition, *Kleska Solidarnosci*, published by Muza Press, Warsaw, 2007; now in second printing).

European Politics in Transition, Sixth Edition (Lexington, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 2008). In this volume edited by Mark Kesselman and Joel Krieger, I am sole author of the section (five chapters) “East-Central Europe in Transition.” (Have written this section for five earlier editions since 1992, and, in different versions, also for *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, with same editors and publisher.)

Workers After Workers’ States: Labor and Politics in Postcommunist Eastern Europe, co-edited with Stephen Crowley (Boulder: Rowman & Littlefield, 2001); author of introduction, conclusion, and chapter.

The Church and the Left, by Adam Michnik. Translated, edited, and with an Introduction by myself. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1993).

Solidarity and The Politics of Anti-Politics: Reform and Opposition in Poland Since 1968 (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1990. Paperback edition - Fall 1991)

PUBLICATIONS -- ARTICLES:

- “Trade Unions in Poland Since 1945,” co-authored with Michal Wenzel, in Craig Phelan, ed., *Trade Unionism Since 1945: Towards a Global History* (forthcoming).
- “Postcommunism and the Decline of Labor in the East,” in *Sociologie du Travail* (Paris, publication in French, forthcoming).
- “Using America Against Europe: Poland’s National Reactions to Transnational Pressure,” in Mitchell Orenstein and Stephen Bloom, eds., *Transnational and National Politics in Postcommunist Europe* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2008).
- Symposium on my book, *The Defeat of Solidarity* - five scholars comment, with my response, in *East-Central Europe* (Budapest, 2008).
- “Euroskepticism as Path for Inclusion: Multi-Level Governance in the European Union as Seen From the East,” in Joan Debardeleben and Achim Hurrelmann, eds., *Multilevel Governance and Democracy* (Palgrave, , 2008).
- “Why Labor Turns Right Yet Doesn’t Have To: Social Forces and the Postcommunist Transition,” in David Lane, ed., *The Transformation of State Socialism* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007).
- “The Personal and Political in Interwar Poland,” a review essay, in *East European Politics and Societies* 21:3, 2007, pp. 520-533.
- “Anachronizmy rzadow Kaczynskich” (The Anachronism of the Kaczynski governments), in *Europa*, Warsaw, August 11-12, 2007; at <http://www.dziennik.pl/Default.aspx?TabId=254&year=2007&nrw=175&art=694>
- “Trade Union Revitalisation in Poland,” in Craig Phelan, ed., *Trade Union Revitalisation: Trends and Prospects in 34 Countries* (Oxford: Peter Lang, 2007).
- “Symposium on *The Defeat of Solidarity* – four scholars comment on my book, with my response, in *Labour History* 48:1, February 2007, 81-118.
- “Polityka i gniew” (Politics and Anger), in *Krytyka Polityczna*, no.11-12, Warsaw, 2007.
- “After Postcommunism: Legacies and the Future of Unions in Eastern Europe,” in Craig Phelan, ed., *The Future of Organised Labour* (London: Peter Lang, 2006).
- “Solidarni czy liberalni?” (Solidaristic or Liberal?), in *Europa*, Warsaw, November 2, 2005; at <http://www.e-fakt.pl/artykuly/artykul.aspx/Artykul/80240> . English version: “Solidarity 25 Years Later,” in Skalny Center Newsletter, University of Rochester, 2006; at <http://www.rochester.edu/college/psc/CPCES/Newsletter06.pdf>
- “The Transformation of Labor in Postcommunist Eastern Europe,” published in Chinese (only) in *21C*, Hong Kong, China, Fall 2005.
- “Plumbers and Citizens: East European Labor Relations in the EU Context,” in on-line version of *Perspectives on Work*, Fall 2005; available at <http://www.lera.uiuc.edu/Pubs/Perspectives/onlinecompanion/Fall05->

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- “Solidarity, 25 Years Later,” article in *The Nation*, September 12, 2005.
- “Letter from Poland: Even America’s Closest Friend Now Turning Away,” in *The Nation*, October 4, 2004.
- “Warrior Reagan: Lots of Tough Talk But Not Much Action,” Op-Ed in the *Chicago Tribune*, Sunday, June 20, 2004.
- “Politics As the Mobilization of Anger: Emotions in Movements and in Power,” in *European Journal of Social Theory* 7:2, May 2004, 229-244.
- “Poles, Jews, and Postcommunist Insecurities,” in *Tikkun* May-June, 2003.
- “Letter From Poland: The Creeping Evolution of a Democratic Left,” in *The Nation* (November 25, 2002). Reprinted in *Annual Editions: Comparative Politics 02/03 and 03/04*, a compendium of articles for student use published by Mc-Graw Hill/Dushkin.
- “The Weakness of Strong Social Movements: Models of Unionism in the East European Context,” in *European Journal of Industrial Relations* 8:1, March 2002, 33-51. (Published in Polish translation in Wieslawa Kozek, ed. *Instytucjonalizacja stosunkow pracy w Polsce*, Warsaw, 2003.)
- “Imagining and Creating the Enemy: Trade Unions in the New Polish Democracy,” in Edmund Mokrzycki et.al., eds., *Lost Dynamics [Utracona Dynamika]: On the Immaturities of Polish Democracy* (Warsaw: Academy of Sciences, 2002).
- “The Weakness of Symbolic Strength: Labor and Union Identity in Poland, 1989-2000,” in David Ost and Stephen Crowley, eds., *Workers After Workers’ States: Labor and Politics in Postcommunist Eastern Europe* (Boulder: Rowman & Littlefield, 2001).
- “For-Itself but not In-Itself: Class and Democracy in Postcommunist Europe,” in Guy van Gyes et.al., *Can Class Still Unite? The Differentiated Workforce, Class Solidarity and Trade Unions* (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2001).
- “Labor Weakness is No Condition for Success,” in *Polish Sociological Review* No.1 (133), 2001.
- “Parties, Movements, Groups, and Ambiguities in Poland,” in Clive Thomas, ed., *Political Parties and Interest Groups: Shaping Democratic Governance* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2001).
- “The Salience of Class, Not of Class Voting,” in *Polish Sociological Review* No.2 (130), 2000.
- “Illusory Corporatism in Eastern Europe: Neoliberal Tripartism and Postcommunist Class Identities,” in *Politics and Society* 28:4, December 2000, 503-30.
- Editor (and introducer) of two special issues of *Emergo: Journal of Transforming Economies and Societies* on “Labor Quiescence in Post-Communist Transformations” 6:2, Spring 1999, and 6:3, Summer 1999.
- “Rationality of the Irrational: The Radical Right in Poland,” in Sabrina Ramet, ed., *The Radical Right in Eastern Europe* (Penn State Press, 1999).
- “Unionists Against Unions: Towards Hierarchical Management in Post-Communist Poland,” co-authored with Marc Weinstein, in *East European Politics and Societies* 13:1, Winter 1999.

- “Illusory Corporatism in Eastern Europe: Tripartism in the Service of Neoliberalism,” in *Sisyphus Social Studies* (Warsaw) XI, 1999, 168-77.
- “The Dissipating Myth of Poland,” in *2B: To Be*, No.11-12, 1997.
- “Can Unions Survive Communism?” (comparison of Poland and Czech Republic), in *Dissent*, Winter 1997.
- “Polish Labor Before and After Solidarity,” in *International Labor and Working-Class History*, No. 50, Fall 1996.
- “Eastern Europe After the Social Democratic Collapse: A Symposium,” edited and expanded transcript of symposium I organized in 1996, in *Telos* No. 107, Spring 1996.
- “Race and Bad Social Science,” in *Telos* No. 106, Winter 1996.
- “Labor, Class, and Democracy: Shaping Political Antagonisms in Post-Communist Society,” in Beverley Crawford, ed., *Markets, States, and Democracy: The Political Economy of Post-Communist Transformation* (Boulder: Westview Press, 1995).
- “Social Consequences of Liberalization,” in Jerzy Hausner et. al., *Evolution of Interest Representation and Development of the Labour Market in Post-Socialist Countries* (Cracow: Cracow Academy of Economics, 1995).
- “Kryzys politycznie bezdomnych” (Crisis of the Politically Homeless), in *Rzeczpospolita* (Warsaw daily newspaper), December 28, 1995.
- “Class and the Organization of Anger in Post-Communist Poland,” in *Emergo: Journal of Transforming Economies and Societies* (Krakow and Copenhagen), 1:2, Autumn 1994.
- “Search for Balance: On the New Communitarianism,” in *Telos* #101, Fall 1994.
- “The Politics of Interest in Post-Communist East Europe,” in *Theory and Society* 22, August 1993. (Earlier version, issued as *Working Paper No.8* of the Program on East-Central Europe at the Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 1991; translated and published in Hungarian [*Valóság*, May 1991] and Polish [*Konfrontacje*, November 1991.]
- “Solidarity,” entry for *Oxford Companion to Politics of the World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993).
- “Shock Therapy and its Discontents,” in *Telos* No. 92, Summer 1992.
- “Is Latin America the Future of Eastern Europe?” (a roundtable discussion; my section titled “Labor and Societal Transition”), in *Problems of Communism* 41:3, May-June 1992. (Polish translation: *Przegląd Społeczny*, Warsaw, No. 5, Sept. 1992.)
- “Transition Theory and Eastern Europe,” in *Estudios Latinamericanos* 14:2, 1991 (Warsaw).
- “Give Soviet Workers a Stake in Capitalism,” Op-Ed page *New York Times*, November 30, 1991; and *International Herald Tribune*, December 6, 1991.
- “The Crisis of Liberalism in Poland,” in *Telos* No. 89, Fall 1991.
- “Interests and Politics in Post-Communist Society,” in *Anthropology of East Europe Review*, Vol. X, No. 1, 1991.
- “The Transformation of Solidarity and the Future of Central Europe”, in *Telos* No. 79, Spring 1989.

“Towards a Corporatist Solution in Eastern Europe: The Case of Poland,”
Eastern European Politics and Societies, 3:1, Winter 1989.

“Indispensable Ambiguity: Solidarity’s Internal Authority Structure,” in *Studies in Comparative Communism*, 21:2, Summer 1988.

“Poles, Jews (and Palestinians),” in *Jewish Currents*, April 1988.

“Poland Revisited: Normalization and Opposition,” in *Poland Watch*, No. 7, 1985.

“Popieluszko’s Legacy,” article for *The Nation*, March 2, 1985.

“O Niekotorych Osobliwosciach Dialogu Wschod-Zachod” (On East-West Dialogue), published in Polish in *Vacat* No. 21, 1984, Warsaw, Poland.

“November 1982: Opposition At a Turning Point,” in *Poland Watch*, No. 2, Winter 1982/83 (Washington, D.C.).

“Socialist World Market as Strategy of Ascent?,” in Edward Friedman, ed., *Ascent and Decline in the World System* (Los Angeles: Sage, 1982).

“The ‘New Right’ in Poland,” in *Worldview*, November 1981.

Numerous translations from Polish.

Over fifteen articles for Chicago-based national newspaper, *In These Times*, 1981-1988 (including regular reports sent from Poland in 1981-82).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Member, Franklin L. Burdette Pi Sigma Alpha Award Committee, for best paper presented at APSA National Conference, 2008-2009.

Editorial Board, *Polish Sociological Review*, since Fall 2007

Editorial Board, *Politics and Society*, since Spring 2006

International Editorial Board, *Studia Socjologiczne*, since 2005

Taught week-long social science seminar to social science faculty at Kazakh National University, Almaty, Kazakhstan, May 2005.

Judge and professor in Junior Scholars Training Seminar competition, sponsored by American Council of Learned Societies, 2003. (Judge only 2000-2002.)

Evaluator for tenure and promotion cases from University of Michigan, Claremont College, and elsewhere.

Juror for International Dissertation Field Research Fellowships, sponsored by Social Science Research Council, 2001-present.

Book Reviews for *American Political Science Review*, *Slavic Review*, *American Historical Review*, *International Labor Review*, *Telos*, and elsewhere.

Referee for National Science Foundation grant proposal, 2005.

Organized international conference in Warsaw: “David or Goliath: Trade Unions and the Workers’ Movement in East-Central Europe After Communism,” May 1999.

Member of Fulbright Discipline Advisory Committee, reviewing applications for Fulbright awards in Political Science, 1994-1996.

Organized two panels for National Conference of Council of European Studies, March 1996: “Left-Wing Liberalism in Eastern Europe,” and “The Future of Eastern Europe: After the Social Democratic Collapse.”

Convener/organizer of section (three panels) on “Socio-Cultural Consequences of Democratization,” for XVI World Congress of International Political Science Association, Berlin August 1994.

Editorial Board of journal *Telos*, 1989 to 2001.

Referee for National Science Foundation grant proposal, November 1991

Participant, Europeanists’ Colloquium, Cornell University, since Fall 1991.

Co-organizer of International Conference, “Dilemmas of Transition from State Socialism in East Central Europe,” Center for European Studies, Harvard University, March 15-17, 1991.

Evaluated and administered grant awards for undergraduate and graduate research on Eastern Europe, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Spring 1991.

Referee of manuscripts for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, *Social Problems*, *Theory and Society*, *East European Politics and Societies*, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, Oxford University Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Washington Press, Indiana University Press, Westview, Routledge, and others.

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

Frequent articles, commentaries, and interviews with me in Polish press, including *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Newsweek*, *Dziennik*, *Europa*, *Newsweek*, *Krytyka Polityczna*, *Obywatel*, and *Rzeczpospolita*, 2005-present.

Numerous appearances on Polish television and radio, and many interviews in Polish media, in connection with publication of my book *The Defeat of Solidarity* in Polish translation, Summer 2007. Also, about a dozen presentations and panel discussions in cities throughout Poland.

Two articles on Polish elections in on-line journal “Direland,” published October 15, and October 23, 2005

http://direland.typepad.com/direland/2005/10/is_polands_new_.html

http://direland.typepad.com/direland/2005/10/poland_turns_ha.html.

“Kaczynscy wroca do Europy (“The Kaczynskis Will Return to Europe”), in *Dziennik*, August 30, 2006.

“Liderzy Marca ’68 odwrocili sie od robotnikow,” in *Europa*, Warsaw, August 26, 2006, at <http://dziennik.pl/magazyny/europa/wydania/arttykul,209.html>

“25 Years After the Gdansk Uprising,” interview with me in *Against the Current*, no. 121, March/April 2006.

Interview with me, on my new book and contemporary Polish politics, on radio show “Beneath The Surface,” KPFK Los Angeles, November 28, 2005.

“Kazdego dnia probowali budowac lepszy swiat” (“Every Day They Tried to Build a Better World”), interview with me published in journal *Obywatel* (Poznan, Poland), No.5 (25), 2005.

“Europe and America: A New Divide?”, talk given to League of Women Voters, Geneva NY, November 4, 2004.

“On Dissidents, Solidarity, and Other Disappointed Dreams of the Western Left” – an interview with me published in *Fakt – Europa*, Warsaw, August 18,

2004. Available at <http://efakt.pl/artykuly/artykul.aspx/Artykul/32337>
 “Vietnotes: Reflections on Vietnam Thirty Years After,” in *The Bookpress* (Ithaca, NY), March 2002.
 “The View From New York,” essay on New York City after the World Trade Center attacks, in *The Bookpress*, October 2001.
 “Globalism or Globaloney: New Promises, New Dangers,” keynote speaker in Series on “Global Awareness,,” Finger Lakes Community College, November 2001.
 Radio commentator on American politics for BBC Radio, Polish Section, occasional, 1995-present
 “Lenin Nyet: The Revolution that Failed,” in *The New Leader*, December 2-16, 1991.
 Appearances on “One Norway Street,” televised news program of the Christian Science Monitor, November 26, 1990, and April 1991.
 Public lectures on “The Eastern European Revolutions and their aftermath,” at Finger Lakes Community Colleges, Rotary Club, elsewhere, 1989-today.
 Appearance on *McNeil-Lehrer Report*, discussing Poland, December 13, 1982.
 Over fifteen articles for *In These Times*, 1981-1988 (including regular reports sent from Poland in 1981-82).
 Numerous appearances as guest speaker and political commentator for radio, including WNYC and WBAI (New York City), WORT and WHA (Madison, Wisconsin), KPFK (Los Angeles), KPFA (San Francisco), and WXXI (Rochester), 1979 - present.
 Produced hour-long radio show, “The Prague Spring: Ten Years Later,” aired on WBAI (New York) and WORT (Madison), 1978.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

Polish - fluency of educated native speaker
 Russian - fluent but rusty
 Slovak, Czech, French - reading ability, with dictionary

COURSES TAUGHT (sample):

Politics of the New Europe
 Europe and America (senior seminar)
 Russia/China Unraveled
 Vietnam and Iraq
 Globalization
 Europe East and West: Democracy and Political Economy
 Protests and Social Movements
 Comparative Democratization
 Radical Thought, Left and Right
 Eastern Europe and Social Science
 Racisms and Other Hatreds
 Labor and Democratization
 Western Marxism/Western Social Science
 The Politics of Culture

Capitalism, Socialism, Modernity
Political Economy of Western Europe
Russian and Soviet Foreign Policy
Bosnia and Us
Palestine and Palestinians (cross-disciplinary forum)

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Invited speaker for special panel “Is Marx Obsolete?”; and presenter of paper “After Postcommunism: Legacies and the Future of Unions in Eastern Europe,” at International Conference of SASE, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Costa Rica, July 2008.
- “Passions and Elite Politics,” presented to International Conference of International Institute of Sociology, Budapest, June 2008.
- “Populism and Democratization,” presented at panel at Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia, June 2008.
- Invited speaker to founding conference of the Center for the Study of Imperfections in Democracy, Central European University, Budapest, presenter at panel “Labor and the Qualities of Democracy,” June 2008.
- “The Paradox of Left Anti-Communism: Oppositionist Legacies and the Rise of the Radical Right,” presented to international conference on Legacies and the Radical Right, at New York University, April 24-26, 2008.
- “Reexamining the Economic Consensus of 1989,” presented to international conference on 1989 and Beyond: The Future of Democracy, at the New School for Social Research, April 18-19, 2008.
- “A Labor Revival in Postcommunist Transition Societies, and Why It’s Not Likely to Make a Difference,” a talk at University of Denver, Graduate School of International Affairs, February 2008.
- “Solidarnosc a Transformacja: błędy, lekcje, przyszłość” (“Solidarity and Transformation: Mistakes, Lessons, the Future”), talk at “Solidarnosc a Transformacja,” a trade union conference focused on my book, at Institute of Politics, Wyszynski University, Warsaw, Poland, February 2008.
- “The Legacy of the Left,” presented at international conference on “The Captive Mind Revisited,” Villa Decius, Krakow, October 2007.
- “After Postcommunism,” presented to annual conference of Political Sociological Association, Zielona Gora, September 2007. ALSO: guest at special panel on my my book, *The Defeat of Solidarity*.
- “Challenges to Democracy in the Postcommunist World,” invited speaker for special panel, Warsaw Eastern Europe Conference, Warsaw, July 2007.
- “Anger, Politics, and Structural Adjustment,” presented to workshop on “Citizenship, Civil Society, and Political Parties in European Constitutional Politics,” Academy of Sciences, Prague, the Czech Republic, July 2007.
- Two lectures at Bremen University, Germany, Department of Social Sciences, June 2007: “Explaining the Right-Wing Turn in Poland,” and “Polish Foreign Policy Between Europe and America.”

- “Against the Notion of a New Anti-Semitism: Lessons From Eastern Europe,” presented to Conference on Global Anti-Semitism, Paris, Maison de Science de l’Homme, June 2007.
- “The Defeat of Solidarity,” presented at major Warsaw cultural club Fabryka Trzciny, May 2007.
- Guest speaker at “Special Panel on David Ost’s *The Defeat of Solidarity*,” annual conference of Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, April 2007.
- “Recent Developments in Postcommunist Unionism: Toward a Four-Dimensional Industrial Relations System,” presented at conference on Trade Unions in Central and Eastern Europe, at Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, March 2007.
- “Solidarity and Populism Before and After 1989,” presented to national convention of American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Washington D.C., November 2006.
- “The Bad Lessons of Eastern Europe,” presented to international conference on “The Power of the Powerless,” University of Oslo, Norway, October 2006.
- “Americans in the Eyes of Poles,” presented to conference on “Images of America: Polish Perspectives on the U.S.,” University of Rochester, October 2006.
- “Why Labor Turns to the Right: Social Forces in the Postcommunist Transition,” presented to conference on “The Transformation of State Socialism,” Cambridge University, UK, September 2006.
- Speaker at special panel on my book, *The Defeat of Solidarity*, at UCLA, February 2006.
- Keynote speaker at conference on “Solidarity: 25 Years Later,” University of Toronto, January 2006.
- “New Foreign Policy Debates in Eastern Europe,” presented to conference on “Post-Communist State and Society: Transnational and National Politics,” Maxwell School, Syracuse University, October 2005.
- “The European Constitution as Catalyst for Participation?: Lessons from Eastern Europe,” presented at conference on “Democracy and Multi-Level Governance in the EU and Canada,” Carleton University, Ottawa, September 2005.
- “After Postcommunism: Legacies and the Future of Unions in Eastern Europe,” paper presented to Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Budapest, June 30-July 2, 2005.
- “Class, Democracy, and the Politics of Postcommunism: Or, Why Solidarity Turned to the Right,” talk given to Graduate Faculty Sociology Department, and Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School University, April 5, 2005.
- “Between Europe, Iraq, and America: Polish Rethinking of National Interests,” paper presented at East-Central European Studies Center, Columbia University, New York, March 1, 2005.
- “The Legacy of Jacek Kuron,” paper presented at Boston University, December 2004.

- “What the East can Teach the West: Learning from Postcommunism,” paper presented at national convention of AAASS, Boston, December 2004.
- “Learning to Fight: Structuring Antagonisms as the Task Facing Democracy,” presented at international conference on “Democracy and Human Rights in Multiethnic Societies,” in Konjic, Bosnia, July 2004.
- “Social Movement or Economic Unionism: Lessons of the Post-Communist East European Experience,” presented at Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, May 6, 2004.
- “Displacing the Third World: How East European Developments Changed Western Understandings of Revolution”, and “Marcuse’s One-Dimensional Man Forty Years Later,” talks given at “Remaking Revolution” conference, Hobart & Wm. Smith Colleges, April 2004.
- “Making Sense of Polish-Jewish Conflicts,” talk given at Center for Russian, East Europe, and Central Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, March 25, 2004.
- “Social Movement Unions as Organs of Co-Optation: Trade Unions and Democratization in East-Central Europe,” paper presented at National Convention of Industrial Relations Research Association, San Diego, January 2004. Also, organized panel “Central European Industrial Relations Upon Entry into the EU.”
- “Eastern Europe and the Transformation of the American Left,” paper delivered at National Convention, AAASS, November 2003.
- Two lectures at Central European University, Budapest, Hungary: “Why Labor?: Reflections on Class, Democracy, and Postcommunism,” and “Prospects for American and Global Democracy in Light of America’s New Imperial Project,” March 2003.
- “The Decline, and Recent Revival, of Civil Society in Postcommunist Eastern Europe,” presented at Dalarna University, in Falun, Sweden, March 2003.
- “The Rise, and Hopeful Decline, of Transitology,” presented at New School University’s Institute for Democracy, Krakow, Poland, July 2002.
- “Divergent Post-Communist Pathways: Russia, East Europe, State Weakness, Cultural Assertion,” presented at National Convention of American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August-September 2001.
- “Are Business Unions Better Than Political Unions?: Polish Labor Weakness and Lessons of the Early American Experience,” presented at conference on “Central Europe a Decade Later: New Shopfloor Relations After Communism,” at London School of Economics, December 2000.
- “Class Analysis, Social Science, and Postcommunism,” presented at International Conference of Europeanists, Council of European Studies, Chicago, March 2000.
- “Capitalisms, Corporatisms, and Postcommunism,” talk at Colloquium on European Studies, Cornell University, February 7, 2000.
- “Social Movements and Democratic Transformation,” presented at National Convention of AAASS, November 1999.
- Series of three lectures given at Dept. of Law, University of Valencia (Spain):
 “Workers, Intellectuals, and the Left: Lessons of the European

- Transitions,” June 1999.
- “Solidarity and Capitalism: Transforming Industrial Relations in Poland,” talk given at Dept. of Sociology, University of Jyvaskyla (Finland), June 3, 1999.
- “Union Weakness in Postcommunist Poland,” talk given at international conference on “Trade Unions and the Workers’ Movement in East-Central Europe After Communism,” Warsaw, May 1999.
- “Non-Violent Social Protest: Martin Luther King Jr. and Solidarnosc,” talk presented at American Studies Center, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, January 14, 1999.
- “Bourgeois Society/Civil Society,” talk given at Tver State University, Russia, June 10, 1998.
- Series of lectures/classes on “Nationalism and Globalism,” at Central European University, Warsaw, May 1998.
- “What’s ‘Left’ in Europe?: The Postcommunist East,” talk given at Eleventh International Conference of Europeanists,” Baltimore, February 1998.
- “For-Itself But Not In-Itself: Class and Democracy in Post-Communist Europe,” paper presented at International Conference, “Does Class Still Unite?: Socio-Economic Differentiation as a Challenge for the Trade Unions,” Hoger Instituut voor de Arbeid, Leuven, Belgium, January 8-9, 1998.
- “Illusory Corporatism in Eastern Europe: Tripartism in the Service of Neoliberalism,” paper presented at International Conference of European Science Foundation, “Institution Building in the Transformation of Central and Eastern European Societies,” Central European University, Budapest, December 5-7, 1997.
- “The Curious Fate of Class after Communism,” round-table discussion organized for National Convention of AAASS, Seattle, November 1997.
- “Class Before and After Solidarity,” talk given at conference on “Polish Workers in Europe and America,” University of Rochester, November 15, 1997.
- “Class, Labor and Democracy in Post-Communist Poland,” talk given at Center for Research on Social Organization, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 30, 1997.
- “Solidarity and the Elections: Victory as Defeat,” talk given at Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 29, 1997.
- “Back in Power: The Left in Central Europe Since 1993,” talk given at Cornell University, Colloquium on European Studies, October 27, 1997.
- “Labor, Class, and Democracy in Post-Communist Society,” talk given at Center for Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 1997.
- Guest panelist (with Bronislaw Geremek, Polish parliamentary leader, now Minister of Foreign Affairs) at international symposium, “After Communism: Political and Economic Transformation in East Central Europe” at Reed College, Portland, Oregon, March 1997.
- “Can Unions Survive Communism?: New Trade Unionism in Poland and the Czech Republic,” talk given to Arbeitsgruppe Transformationsprozesse,

- Max Planck Gesellschaft zur Forderung der Wissenschaften, Humboldt University, Berlin, November 1996.
- “The Collapse of Communism and the Return of Class,” talk given at Central European University, Warsaw, November 1996.
- Discussant on two panels at APSA National Conference, San Francisco, August 29-September 1, 1996: “Russian Labor and Democratic Transformations,” and “Political Economy of East European Transformations.”
- “The Changing Concept of the Left in Eastern Europe,” paper presented at International Conference of Europeanists, Council of European Studies, Chicago, March 1996.
- Organized Round-Table panel on “Eastern Europe: After the Social Democratic Collapse,” at International Conference of Europeanists, Council of European Studies, Chicago, March 1996.
- “What is Solidarity Anyway?: The Political Dilemmas of Neoliberalism,” paper delivered as invited participant to “Coalitions Under Stress: Governing Party-Labor Alliances in the 1980s and 1990s,” conference sponsored by Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley, January 12-13, 1996.
- “Post-Communist Transition and Workers,” paper presented at national conference of AAASS, Washington, D.C., November 1995.
- “Toward a Politics of Non-Liberal Economics,” talk given at international conference on “Social and Economic Aspects of Democratization,” Economics Department, Moscow State University, October 1995.
- “What Happened to the East European Left?,” paper presented to Fourth Biennial Conference on East Central European and Polish Affairs, St. Mary’s College, Orchard Lake, Michigan, October 1995.
- “Work and Democracy in Small Industrial Towns: The Case of Mielec, Poland,” paper presented at V World Congress for Central And East European Studies, Warsaw, Poland, August 1995.
- “Slavic Studies: Where to Now? Why Bother?,” presented at Center for Slavic and East European Studies, Univ. of California, Berkeley, April 26, 1995.
- “Political Moderation and Political Extremism in Post-Communist Poland,” talk given at Jackson School of International Relations, University of Washington, Seattle, April 24, 1995.
- “Christopher Lasch and the Legacy of American Populism,” talk given at commemoration of legacy of Christopher Lasch, Ithaca College, March 1995.
- “Solidarity and Public Space in Poland: From Civil Society to Bourgeois Society,” paper presented at Annenberg Scholars’ Conference: On Public Space, Annenberg School for Communication, Univ. of Pennsylvania, March 1995.
- Chair and Organizer of panel, “Structuring Antagonisms in Post-Communist Eastern Europe,” at national conference of AAASS, Philadelphia, November 1994.
- “Is Eastern Europe Re-Turning Left?,” panel participant with Adam Michnik, at University of Rochester, October 26, 1994.

Organizer of three panels on “Socio-Cultural Consequences of Democratization,” and presenter of paper “Labor, Class, and Democracy: Organizing Antagonisms in Post-Communist Society,” World Congress of International Political Science Association, Berlin, August 1994.

“Workers, Anger, and Democracy: Shaping Antagonisms in Postcommunist Countries,” talk given (in Polish) at University of Torun, Poland, April 12, 1994.

Commentator on panel, “Domestic Impacts of Internationalization,” at APSA national conference, August 1993, Washington, D.C.

“Social Consequences of Liberalization: Labor, Class, Politics, and Democracy in Eastern Europe,” paper presented at SSRC Conference on “The Social and Political Consequences of Liberalization in Comparative Perspective,” co-sponsored by Joint Center for African Studies, University of California, Berkeley, April 1993

“Labor, Class, and Politics,” presentation at conference on “Markets, States, and Democracy: The Political Economy of Post-communist Transformation,” Center for German and European Studies, University of California, Berkeley, February 1993.

“Labor, Ideology, and Politics in Poland,” talk given at Center for European Studies, Cornell University, February 8, 1993.

“Liberalism and Leftism in Contemporary Poland,” paper presented at International Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, March 27-29, 1992; also, chair and discussant of panel on “Persons and Positions in Post-Communist Societies.”

Guest speaker at World Policy Institute Lecture Series, topic “The Triumph of Liberalism in Eastern Europe,” at New School for Social Research, New York City, March 5, 1992.

Panelist on two “roundtable” discussions -- “Is Latin American the Future of Eastern Europe?” and “Social and Political Obstacles to Privatization” -- at national conference of AAASS, Miami, November 1991.

Chair and Discussant on panel, “Approaches to the Political Transformation of Socialist State,” APSA national conference, August 1991, Washington D.C.

“The Generation of New Interests in Post-Communist East Europe,” paper presented at panel on “Parties and Movements in an Age of New Identities,” at World Conference of International Political Science Association, Buenos Aires, July 1991.

“Labor and Economic Restructuring: New Problems for New Business in Poland,” talk delivered to convention of human resource managers at School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Center for Advanced Human Resources Studies, Cornell University, May 2, 1991.

“The Decline of Civil Society and the Crisis of Liberalism in Poland,” presentation at conference on Social Movements and Regime Liberalization in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, April 12-13, 1991.

“Populism in East Europe and the International Context,” presentation at Telos

- Conference on "Populism, Community, and the New Class," at Elizabethtown College, April 5-7, 1991.
- "Politics and Interests in Post-Communist Society: New Patterns of Interest Formation in Poland," paper presented April 4, 1991, to "Workshop on Europe 1989-1992: Challenges to States, Markets, and Citizenship," New School for Social Research, New York City.
- "Polish Solidarity and the Transformation of Eastern Europe," paper presented at New Hampshire International Seminar series, Center for International Perspectives, University of New Hampshire, March 29, 1991.
- "Obstacles to Liberal Democracy in Post-Communist East Europe," paper delivered at Soviet and East European Studies Program, Cornell University, March 27, 1991.
- "Shaping a New Politics in Poland," paper presented at conference on Dilemmas of Transition from State Socialism in East Central Europe, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, March 15-17, 1991.
- "Problems of Liberal Transition in Poland," presentation at symposium on Upheaval in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, at Institute on East Central Europe and the Soviet Union, at Institute on East Central Europe/Harriman Institute, Columbia University, March 8, 1991.
- "Post-Communist Society and the Obstacles to Liberal Democracy in Eastern Europe," paper presented at International Colloquium on Transitions to Democracy in Europe and Latin America, University of Guadalajara, Mexico, January 21-25, 1991; published in Conference Proceedings.
- "Security Implications of Democratization Processes in Eastern Europe," part of panel discussion presented to the Working Group on European Security, Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, November 14, 1990.
- "Demise of A Misunderstanding: Labor and Intellectuals in Poland," paper presented at Workshop on Changing Relations Between Intellectuals and Labor, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, November 1990.
- "Interests and Politics in Post-Communist Society," paper delivered at APSA National Conference, August 1990, San Francisco.
- "Democratization in Eastern Europe and Transition Theory," paper delivered at International Conference on Democratization in Latin America and Eastern Europe," in Pultusk, Poland, June 1990.
- Discussant, "Post-Communist Societies in the Making: The Role of Intellectuals," at AAASS national conference, November 1989.
- Invited panelist in special seminar: "Communism in Decline?", at Hamilton College, October 2, 1989.
- "Solidarity and The Transformation of Europe," talk to the faculty of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, September 22, 1989.
- "Corporatist Theory and Eastern Europe," paper delivered at Center for European Studies, Harvard University, November 1988.
- Invited participant in "International Conference on the History and Culture of Polish Jews," Hebrew University, Jerusalem, February 1988.
- "Does 'Bourgeois' Mean 'Citizen'?": Politics, Markets and the Dilemmas of

- Opposition in Poland,” paper delivered at National Convention of AAASS, November 1987, Boston.
- “The Necessity and Impossibility of Totalitarianism,” paper delivered at Western Political Science Association, annual conference, March 1987, Anaheim, California.
- “Intentional Ambiguity: Solidarity’s Internal Authority Structure,” paper delivered at National Convention of AAASS, New Orleans, Nov. 1986.
- Seminar on Democracy, East and West: scholarly seminar, held concurrently at the New School for Social Research in New York and at Warsaw University. In the October 1986 session I presented the main paper, titled “The Totalitarianism of Everyday Life: Reflections on Contemporary Eastern Europe inspired by Merleau-Ponty and Milan Kundera.”
- “Democratization and State Socialism,” paper delivered at Wisconsin Political Science Association, October 1985.
- “Solidarity at the Imposition of Martial Law”, paper delivered at AAASS East Coast Regional Conference, February 1983, at Princeton University; similar paper presented as special guest lecturer at Harvard University (March 1983), Columbia University (March 1983), and SUNY-Binghamton (April 1983).
- “Comecon and the World Economy,” paper delivered at 5th Annual Political Economy of the World-System Conference, Madison, Wisconsin, May 1981.