

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

Cornell University
School of Human Ecology
Human Service Studies Program
Minors: Public Policy and History
Dissertation Title: **The Gentle Warrior: Rose Pesotta, Anarchist and Labor Organizer** Ph. D., 1980-1985

University of California
School of Public Health
Earl Warren Hall
Berkeley, California
Specialty: Community Mental Health M.P.H., 1974-1975

Wurzweiler School of Social Work
Yeshiva University
New York, New York
Thesis Title: **The Young Worker and Aged Client Relationship** M.S.W., 1967-1969

Northeastern University
360 Huntington Ave
Boston, Massachusetts
Major: Sociology
Minor: Psychology B.A., 1962-1967

EXPERIENCE:

Interim Program Director, The Wright Institute, Berkeley, CA May, 2024 to January, 2025

The Wright Institute is a private Masters in Counseling Program serving #180 students in a cohort model; I was brought in after a serious rupture in the community to stabilize the situation. Hired faculty and program director, dealt with budget, faculty evaluation, staff oversight and student interactions

Sonoma State University, Dean of Social Science 2001-June, 2013 (Emerita)
Professor of Sociology, 2001-2019 (Emerita)
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Sonoma State University is one of the 23 campuses in the California State University system. It enrolls approximately 7000 students and has a \$65,000,000 budget. The School of Social Sciences has 2000 students, a \$6,000,000 budget, with 80 full time faculty members, 120 part time faculty members and 13 staff positions.

Ithaca College	1977-2001
Sociology and Social Work Department Professor, School of Humanities and Sciences, Associate Professor of Ithaca, New York 14850	1997-2001;
Sociology and Social Work, Chair - Sociology,	1990-1997; 1992-1995
Coordinator of Social Work Program-January,	1977- 2001

Ithaca College is an independent, private college in upstate NY. It has 5600 students, \$170,000,000 budget. The Sociology department has 13 full time faculty members, and enrolls 350 majors

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

1. Budget, personnel, assessment, planning, development and other administrative duties required of a dean; also dealt with difficulties in community at the Wright Institute after 13 years as dean at SSU.
2. Hers/Bryn Mawr Mid-America Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration
3. ACE/OWHE 61st National Leadership Forum on Advancing Women's Leadership: Styles, Strategies and Tools, Washington, DC, December 4-6, 2002.
4. Faculty trustee to Ithaca College Board of Trustees, 1998-2001, Investment Committee, Educational Policies Committee;
5. Five years on the all college Faculty Council, as Executive Committee member;
6. The Humanities and Sciences Curriculum Committee;
7. The All College Academic Policies Committee;
8. The Humanities and Sciences Steering Committee;
9. The All-College Tenure and Promotion Committee;
10. Faculty advisor to the Oracle Society, the freshman honor society;
11. Chair of the Sociology department;
12. The All-College Middle States Self-Study Committee.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Sociology courses:

1. Introduction to Sociology
2. Social Change
3. Global Family
4. Changing Family
5. Family Violence
6. Treatment and Prevention of Family Violence
7. Sociological Theory
8. Family Forms
9. American Jewish Life
10. The Holocaust: Sociology of Genocide

Social Work courses:

1. Social Welfare and Social Work
2. Methods of Social Work
3. Supervised Field Work
4. Social Policy
5. Group Work and Community Organizing
6. Coordination of program and field placements

PSYCHOTHERAPIST AND CONSULTANT EXPERIENCE

June, 1969-1992

- Treated women, couples and families on a sliding scale basis as a part-time practicing feminist therapist
- Conducted individual, marital, family and play therapy at a community mental health clinic
- Consulted and delivered training seminars to New York State Mental Health facilities, as well as colleges and community agencies on domestic violence. Clinical supervisor of direct service staff at facility for developmentally disabled adults
- Intake, follow up and treatment of alcoholics in a hospital setting
- Organized a partial hospitalization facility in rural Central NY. Planning, recruitment, delivery of services. Developed a flood-related crisis intervention center.
- Treated foster children in NYC

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Fellow of the Institute of Jewish Spirituality and Society (IJSS) from 2022-current; did many talks regarding prison work with convicted felons and the families of the victims

Real Hero Award, American Red Cross of Sonoma County, California, for work in prisons. 2013; Sponsored by Amy's Kitchen

Study Tour Leader, Vietnam, March, 2007- Sonoma State University Osher Life Long Learning Institute

California Department of Corrections Director's Advisory Committee on Higher Education, (selected) 2006

ACE/OWHE National Leadership Forum for Women in Higher Education Administration, 2006

ACE/OWHE Northern California Steering Committee, 2003-2013; Chair 2005-2007

Hers/Bryn Mawr Leadership Program for Women in Higher Education; Summer, 2002

Study Tour Vietnam & Cambodia. Funded by Ithaca College Provost's Office Jan. 2001

Phi Beta Delta: International Scholars Honor Society; Ithaca College Vice President, 2000-01; founder Phi Beta Delta chapter, Sonoma State University

Visiting Scholar. US Holocaust Memorial Museum. Seminar for faculty teaching the Holocaust. June, 2000; January 2004 (guest lecturer).

Semester at Sea Faculty, Spring 1999: Administered the core course taught to all 600 students, appeared on MTV's "Road Rules" Sailed again in 1992 and 2013 as well

Invited presentation to Republic of The Philippines, Department of Social Welfare & Development Caseworkers, March, 1997, Quezon City, The Philippines

Who's Who of American Women, 1997-present edition; Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2005- present edition; Who's Who in America, 2005 - present edition

NEH Summer Seminar, 1996, The History of American Women Through Social Movements, State University of NY at Binghamton

Accepted to NEH Summer Seminar. UCLA, LA, California, Immigration in the U.S., 1995

Fulbright Scholar Award (Alternate), 1994-1995

Dana Research Award: Ithaca College, 1993-1994

Dept. of Health & Human Services, Public Health Service (April 1994), Think Tank: at McLean, VA.

Summer Research Grant: A Feminist Approach to Therapy with Abuse in Families. Ithaca College, 1993

Semester at Sea Faculty, Spring 1992, 1999 and 2013: Teaching on a ship that circumnavigated the world;

Fulbright/Seminar - Summer, 1990, U.S. Department of Education; Liberia, Senegal and Ghana (alternate)
 Certified Social Worker (C.S.W.) State of New York
 Summer Research Grant: Anarchist Women - 1920-1980; Ithaca College, 1986
 Dana Teaching Award; Ithaca College, 1985-1986
 National Institute of Mental Health Grant; University of California - Berkeley, 1974-1975
 Yeshiva University Scholarship; 1967
 Sheltering Arms Children's Service Fellowship; 1968
 Deans List; Northeastern University, 1967

COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Victim/Offender Dialogue Facilitator	2015-present
Facilitate dialogues between victims of crimes and the persons who harmed them in maximum security prisons	
Institute for Jewish Spirituality and Society Scholar in Residence - Prison and Spirituality	2022- present
Congregation Ner Shalom Board of Directors.	2019-present
Arbiter Ring/Worker's Circle Board of Directors, San Francisco branch	2015-present
Sonoma Mountain Business Cluster Advisory Board	2007-2008
Editorial Board: <u>Women and Therapy</u>	2002-2013
United Against Sexual Assault Board of Directors - President	2002-2005
Cultural Arts Council of Sonoma County Board of Directors, Secretary	2001-2004
Founder and Coordinator College Lecture Series: Joint program between Ithaca College and Elmira Correctional Facility	1998-2001
Patten University at San Quentin	Fall, 2003
Phi Beta Delta Honor Society First Vice-President Ithaca College	2000-2001
Ithaca College Board of Trustees Faculty Trustee	1998-2001

Ithaca College	1995-1996
Tenure & Promotion Committee	2000-2001
Editorial Board	1995-1998
<u>Violence Against Women: An Interdisciplinary and International Journal</u>	
Board of Directors	1992-1998
Hillel - Ithaca College	
Board of Directors	January 1986, to December 1991
Tompkins County Task Force for Battered Women	Chair 1989-1991
Executive Committee 1	1984-1989
Ithaca College Faculty Council	
Editor	1987-1988
New York State Social Work Education Association Newsletter	
Academic Policies Committee	1988; 1990; 1994
Ithaca College	
Minorities Experience Committee	1987; 1992
Ithaca College	
Humanities and Sciences Curriculum Committee;	1982-1984
H&S Steering Committee	1990-1991
Ithaca College	
Editorial Board	1985 - 2005
<u>Social Anarchism: A Journal of Theory and Practice</u>	
Board of Directors	Spring, 1980-1983
Economic Opportunities Corporation (EOC)	

Community Achievement Awards:

Greater Ithaca Activities Center, 1979 and 1988
Tompkins County Task Force for Battered Women, 1986-1991
Oracle Society recognition award for 10 years of advising
Elmira Correctional Facility Volunteer of the Year award, 2001
Numerous awards from student groups at Sonoma State and Ithaca College

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

My Life With Lifers: Lessons for a Teacher, Humanity Has No Bars. Terra Nova Press, 2011

The Gentle General: Rose Pesotta, Anarchist and Labor Organizer. State University of New York, 1993

Treating Abuse in Families: A Feminist and Community Approach. Springer Publishing Company, 1994

The Family in Global Perspective: A Gendered Journey. Sage Publications, 2004 (Second Edition Cognella Press, 2019) - third edition in progress (Due, January, 2025)

Inside and Out: Women, Prison and Therapy. A Special Issue of *Women and Therapy*. Haworth Press, January, 2007

Articles:

From Atheist to Seeker: A Path to Becoming a Skeptical Believer; In process, accepted for publication by *Spirituality Studies*. Fall, 2025

Healing the Healer: An Exploration of Restorative Justice as a Tool for Practitioner Self-Growth; Accepted for publication by *Journal of Somatics*;

Anarchist Women: 1920-1950 With Freedom in Our Eyes. *University of Illinois*, 2023

"The Daymare: Holocaust Remembrance and Memory.." *Bnai Brith Magazine*. 2017

"Rose Pesotta" *Encyclopedia Judaica*. 2006

"Globalization of the Human Services: Exporting High Cultural Artifacts and the Selling of the Therapy Industry as a Form of Neo-Colonialism". *Understanding Gender and Culture in the Helping Process.* Edited by Claire Low Rabin. Brooks/Cole 2004.

"Rose Pesotta" in *Encyclopedia of American Jewish History*. ABC/CLIO Press. 2004.

"Anarchism and Women: Historical and Comparative," 2000 *Women's Studies Encyclopedia*. Routledge.

"Reflections From a Mid-life Therapist" for special issue of *Women and Therapy*, Fall, 1996. Haworth Press

"Speaking Rich People's Words: Implications of a Feminist Class Analysis and Psychotherapy" for special issue of *Women and Therapy*, Fall 1996. Haworth Press

"A Feminist Community Based Intervention Strategy," *Psychological Interventions: A Guide to Strategies*. Mary Ballou (ed) (1995). Praeger

"Violence at The Door: Treatment of Women Batterers" with Liz Margolies. *Violence Against Women: An Interdisciplinary and International Journal*, Sage Vol. 1, N.2, June 1995

Book review on Battering and Family Therapy by Harway & Hansen in *Affilia: A Feminist Journal of Social Work*, Summer 1994

European Immigrant Women in the United States, 1800 to present, encyclopedia biographical entry on *Rose Pesotta*, published by *Garland Press*, 1994

Book review Mujeres Libres, by Martha Ackelsberg in *Journal of Social Anarchism*, 1994

“Journal Entries” in *Write From the Heart: Healing from Heartbreak*, 1992

“Outsider on the Inside: Working Class Women in Academia,” *Creative Woman*, Fall, 1991

“Supermom or Child Abuser? Treatment of the Munchausen Mother,” *Women and Therapy: A Feminist Quarterly*, V. 10 (1), Spring 1990

“The Indomitable Militant Spirits: The Rose Pesotta and Emma Goldman Relationship,” *Phoebe: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Feminist Scholarship, Theory and Aesthetics*, V. 1 (1), 1988

“Enmeshed in Pain: Counseling the Battering Couple,” *Women and Therapy: A Feminist Quarterly*, V. 7 (1), 1988

“Journal Entries” in *Politics of the Heart*, *Firebrand Books*, 1988

“Let Our Mothers Show the Way,” *Social Anarchism: A Journal of Practice and Theory*, 1986. Reprinted in *Reinventing Anarchy, Again*. A. K. Press, 1996

“Rose Pesotta: The Gentle Warrior,” *Social Anarchism: A Journal of Theory and Practice*, V. 8-9, 1985

The Gentle Warrior: Rose Pesotta, Anarchist and Labor Organizer, dissertation reprinted on microfilm, 1985

“Rose Pesotta,” postcard printed by *Helanie Victoria Press*, 1985

“True Emancipation Will Not Come From the Polls,” *Sojourner: Journal of Feminist Opinion*, June, 1984

Book Review on Electro-Shock Therapy: Its Brain Disabling Effects, by Peter Breggin, *Women and Therapy: A Feminist Quarterly*, Fall 1983

“Anarchy for Muppets,” *Social Anarchism: A Journal of Practice and Theory*, V. 3 (2), 1983

“Anarchia e Feminismo, secondo me,” *Rivista A*, #121, September, 1984, (article translated into Italian)

“Feminism as an Anarchist Process,” *Social Anarchism: A Journal of Practice and Theory*, V.1 (1), Winter, 1980

“The Indomitable Militant Spirits: The Rose Pesotta and Emma Goldman Relationship,” *Phoebe: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Feminist Scholarship, Theory and Aesthetics*, V. 1 (1), 1988

PRESENTATIONS:

2022-24

Jews, Prison and Spirituality; Presented to over 40 community agencies in England and the United States. Sponsored by IJSS (Institute for Jewish Spirituality and Society)

2021 Anarchist Women, 1920-1950. YIVO Institute online presentation

2021 Jews in Prison. San Francisco Jewish Community Library online presentation; numerous other presentations since then

2021 Jews, Gender and the Family. Three week course at the Osher Marin Jewish Community Center

2020 American Jewish Culture. Four week course. Osher Marin Jewish Community Center

2020 American Jewish Culture. Four week course Hamaquom Jewish Learning, Berkeley CA

2019 American Jewish Radicals. Four week course SONOMA COUNTY Jewish Community Center
American Jewish Radicals. Four week course Osher Marin Jewish Community Center
American Jewish Radicals, Four week course Lehrhaus Berkeley, CA

2014 Radical Jewish Labor Women. Yiddishland. Spring, 2014, Congregation Ner Shalom

2007 "Inside and Out: Women, Prison and Therapy" presented to Association of Women in Psychology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. March, 2007

2005 "I am because we are: The family in Africa" presented during African History Month, Sonoma State University; February, 2005

The Last Lecture Series, invited lecture by the students of Sonoma State University, February, 2005

Family Life in Nigeria and Zimbabwe, California Association of African Scholars, CSU Sacramento, April 2005

2004 Canada College, Preconditions for Genocide: Are We There Again?, Lecture to faculty and students; April 21, 2004

US Holocaust Memorial Museum, January. The Sociology and Psychology of Genocide and Preserving Memory: The Literature and Films of the Holocaust. Presented to 20 Professors from Hispanic Serving Universities in a weeklong symposium.

2001 A social science perspective on the Holocaust. April, University of California, Santa Cruz

2000 Alcohol Policy XII conference: Alcohol and Crime Research and Practice for Prevention. Topic: Battering and Alcohol. June, Washington, DC

1999 Core presentations, Semester at Sea. Multiple lectures on Cuba, Brazil, South Africa, Kenya, India, Malaysia, Vietnam, China, and Japan

1998 Multiple lectures at Elmira Correctional Facility, New York State Maximum Security Prison.

- 1997 Three Day Symposium to Caseworkers, Republic of Philippines, Department of Social Welfare & Development, Quezon City, The Philippines, March, 1997
- Creating a Transnational Feminist Therapy, Advanced Feminist Therapy Institute, Woodstock, IL. October 1997
- Keynote speaker: Take Back The Night March, May, 1997
- Anarchism & Family Life
Social Science History Association, Washington, DC, October, 1997
- 1996 The Politics of Sexuality: Anarchist Women NEH Summer Seminar, Binghamton University, 1996
- 1995 "Treating Women Batterers" Advanced Feminist Therapy Institute Preconference Training. New Mexico, November, 1995 (invited)
- 1994 "Treatment of Women Batterers" with Lisbeth Margolies, Association of Women in Psychology, Oakland, CA., March 1994
- 1993 "Anarchist Women Between The Wars: Gender and Politics". Berkshire Women's History Conference, June, 1993, Vassar College with Martha Ackelsberg and Alice Wexler
- "A Feminist Approach to Therapy with Abuse in Families". National Women's Studies Association, June 1993. Washington, DC
- "Treatment of Women Batterers" with Lisbeth Margolies, Advanced Feminist Therapy Institute, Cambridge, October, 1993
- 1992 Women in India
Women in China
Women in the Third World; Presented in Core Curriculum
Semester at Sea, Spring 1992
- "Ethnic and Cultural Approaches to Understanding Violent Families." Advanced Feminist Therapy Institute. Portland, Oregon., Fall 1992
- 1991 "Motherhood in Africa" with Marcellina Offoha and June Richards
Association of Women in Psychology, Keene, NH, October, 1991
- "A Feminist Approach to Treating Violent Families" Advanced Feminist Therapy Institute, Berkeley, CA, October, 1991
- "A Feminist Response to Infanticide". Association of Women in Psychology. Hartford, CT. March, 1991
- Eastern Sociological Society. Providence, RI. April, 1991
- "Outsiders on the Inside: Working Class Women in Academia" with Judith Barker
New York Women's Studies Association. Troy, NY, March, 1991
- Eastern Sociological Society. Providence, RI. April, 1991

- 1990 “Remediation or Transformation? A Response to the Grave Social Problem of Baby Dumping in Zimbabwe.”
- New England Women’s Studies Conference. University of Rhode Island. April 6, 1990
- Fifth International Congress on Women; Hunter College, NYC. June 4, 1990
- National Women’s Studies Association; University of Ohio - Akron, June 26, 1990
- “Outsiders on the Inside: Working Class and Women of Color in Academia” Roundtable Presentation: New York State Sociological Association LeMoyne College, Syracuse, NY. October 13, 1990
- 1989 Take Back the Night Day of Discussion: Elder Abuse Presentation; April 1989
- Guest Lectures at Ithaca College: Oracle Society Faculty Colloquium on President Bush and Contemporary Social Policy; Introduction to Sociology: Overview of Family Violence
- Guest Lectures at Tompkins Cortland Community College - Nursing students on Family Violence
- Guest Lecture at Tompkins Cortland Community College - Continuing Education Department on Elder Abuse
- Organizer of all day workshop on Battered Women: Current Data, presented by Susan Schechter, MSW. Co-sponsored by Tompkins Cortland Community College, Ithaca College and The Tompkins County Task Force for Battered Women
- 1988 Convener: Workshop on the Clinical Utility of an Adolescent Sexual Abuse Screening Instrument. National Association of Social Workers conference, Philadelphia, PA. November 10, 1988
- Staff Development and Training Workshop for mental health professionals Hudson River Psychiatric Center, Overview of Domestic Violence, June 29, 1988
- In Service Training for Volunteers at Tompkins County Task Force for Battered Women
- Organizer of all day workshop on Treatment of Male Batterers, presented by Ellen Pence. Co-sponsored by Tompkins Cortland Community College, Ithaca College and Tompkins County Task Force for Battered Women
- 1987 Workshop on Teaching Skills in Counseling the Battering Couple at the New York State Social Work Education Association Conference, November 3, 1987
- Guest Lecture at the induction of new members, Oracle Society, Ithaca College, March 31, 1987
- 1986 Workshop on the “Myth of the Perfect Mother: The Politics of Mother Daughter Relationships” at the Women’s Community Building Brown Bag Luncheon Series, Ithaca, NY, January 18, 1986
- Facilitator of Film Discussion: Women Direct Film Series, Ithaca College

1975 to 1985

“A Social Analysis of Cooptation in a Mental Health Setting,” co-authored with Cynthia Knight Selmar. Presented at the University of California School of Public Health, Spring, 1975

Expert testimony on shock treatment to New York State Legislature, Winter, 1978

“The Anarchist Tradition: A Feminist Perspective,” Presented to the Anarchos Institute, Montreal, Canada, Spring, 1982

“Introducing Feminism to a Social Work Curriculum,” Presented at the National Women’s Studies Association conference, Columbus, Ohio, June, 1983

Invitation to present on Anarchist Feminism at International Gathering, Venice, Italy, September, 1984