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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**

2001- Columbia University, Associate Professor of Sociology  
1995-2001 Columbia University, Assistant Professor of Sociology  
1994-1995 Williams College, Assistant Professor of Sociology

**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND MAJOR GRANTS**

2004-2005 Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation

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

- Forthcoming *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 AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming 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 (pub. date 2005).
- In press Francesca Polletta. "How Participatory Democracy Became White and Other Stories of Organizational Choice." *Mobilization* 9 (3), June 2005.
- In press Francesca Polletta, "Culture In and Outside Institutions." In *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts, and Change* 25 (2004): 161-183. Special Issue, "Authority in Contention," edited by Dan R. Myer and Daniel Cress.
- In press 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 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, "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-Notable Concepts in the Sociology of Social Movements." In *Passionate Politics*.
- 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.
- 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.

### **WORKS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS**

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.

Marshall Ganz, Francesca Polletta, eds., *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.

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, "Participatory Democracy in Social Movements," *Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by George Ritzer (Blackwell, 2006)

### **BOOK REVIEWS AND OCCASIONAL ESSAYS**

- 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.

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

- 2005 Author Meets Critics Session on *Freedom Is an Endless Meeting*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2005 “Is Telling Stories Good for Democracy?” New York Law School, April 15
- 2005 “Is Telling Stories Good for Democracy?” SUNY Stony Brook Sociology Colloquium, April 6.
- 2004 “Storytelling in Protest and Politics.” Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University, October 29.
- 2004 “Is Telling Stories Good for Democracy?” Yale Sociology Colloquium, October 28.
- 2004 “Is Telling Stories Good for Democracy?” (with John Lee), American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 16
- 2003 “How Participatory Democracy Became White,” thematic panel on the Culture of Democratic Organizations, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 16-20
- 2003 Panel organizer, “Culture, Strategy, and Politics,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 16-20
- 2003 “Dilemmas of Radical Democracy.” Northwestern University Sociology Colloquium, May 8
- 2003 “Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements.” University of Washington Sociology Colloquium, April 17
- 2003 “Rituals, Holidays, and Political Contention.” *The Ways We Celebrate* Conference, George Washington University, April 11-12
- 2003 “Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements.” University of Pennsylvania Sociology Colloquium, April 2
- 2003 Author Meets Critics Session on *Freedom Is an Endless Meeting*, Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, February 27-March 2
- 2003 Panel organizer and discussant, “Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Narrative,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 27-March 2
- 2003 “Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements.” Indiana University Sociology Colloquium, February 13
- 2003 “Democracy in Organizations,” Open Society Institute, February 12.
- 2002 “A Social Epistemology of Storytelling,” keynote address, Sociological Perspectives on Narrative Conference, Harvard University and MIT, October 4
- 2002 “Public Deliberation After 9/11.” Russell Sage Foundation, September 12
- 2002 “Authority in Movements.” Plenary panel, Miniconference on Authority in Contention sponsored by the Social Movements Section of the ASA, Notre Dame University, August 17-18

- 2002 “Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements,” University of California, Los Angeles, Sociology Colloquium, April 5
- 2002 Co-convenor (with Marshall Ganz) and discussant, Sociological Perspectives on Narrative Workshop, sponsored by the Hauser Center at Harvard University, March.
- 2002 Panel organizer and discussant, “Toward a Sociology of Movement Storytelling” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March.
- 2002 “Freedom Is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements,” University of California, Irvine, Sociology Colloquium, January 14
- 2001 “Cold Political Decisions in the Beloved Community: Race and Democracy in the Southern Civil Rights Movement,” New York University Sociology Colloquium, December 12
- 2001 “Who Decides? Strategic Choice in Social Movements.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, November 15-18
- 2001 “Contending Stories: Narrative in Social Movements,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 18-21
- 2001 Discussant, “Talk in Social Movements” panel, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 18-21
- 2001 Discussant, “Culture, Knowledge, and Politics” panel, Conference on Political Sociology, City University of New York, May 25-27
- 2000 Organizer and discussant, “The ‘60s Talk to the ‘00s—and the ‘00s Talk Back,” Columbia University, November 14
- 2000 “Friendship and Democracy.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 12-16
- 2000 “Free Speech in Social Movements,” Plenary Panel, Open Society Institute Conference, New York City, July 13
- 2000 “Cold, Political Decisions in the Beloved Community: Participatory Democracy and Racial Politics in the Southern Civil Rights Movement.” Sociology Colloquium, Rutgers University, March 22
- 2000 “Freedom is an Endless Meeting: Sustaining Democracy While Making Change.” Bunting Institute Colloquium, Harvard University, February 2
- 2000 “Cold, Political Decisions in the Beloved Community: Race, Rationality, and the Demise of Radical Democracy.” Hauser Center Colloquium, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, January 28
- 1999 “The Return of the Repressed: Several Generations of Scholarship on Emotions in Social Movements,” with Jeff Goodwin and James Jasper. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 6-10
- 1999 “Outsiders in Social Protest.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 6-10
- 1999 “The Structural Context of Novel Rights Claims: Rights Innovation in the Southern Civil Rights Movement.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 27-31
- 1999 Organizer and discussant, “Fight the Power? Contemporary Legal Mobilization and the Limits of the Law,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 27-31.

- 1999 Conference co-organizer (with J. Goodwin and J. Jasper) and discussant, Emotions and Social Protest, New York University, February 19-21
- 1998 “Race, Rights, and Radicalism: Southern Civil Rights Organizing, 1961-1967.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 21-25
- 1997 “The Narrative Necessity of Compelling Protest.” City University of New York Graduate Center Sociology Colloquium, October 17
- 1997 “Metaphors of Mobilization: Free Spaces in Recent Social Movement Theorizing.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 9-13
- 1996 Discussant, “Gender and Nationalism.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 16-20
- 1995 “Strategy and Ideology: Decisionmaking in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, 1964-1965.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 19-23
- 1994 “‘Freedom Is an Endless Meeting’: Participatory Democracy in SNCC and SDS.” American Sociological Association, August 5-9
- 1993 “Strategy and Identity in 1960s Black Protest.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 13-17

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

*Social and Political Movements*

*Law and Inequality*

*Sociology of Race*

*Designing Social Research*

*The Making and Meaning of Popular Culture*

*Introduction to Sociology*

*Social Theory*

*Deviance and Social Control*

*Rights-Talk*

*Social Movement Strategy*

## **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE**

- 2004- American Sociological Association, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, Chair
- 2004- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Culture Section, Council
- 2004- *Journal of Public Deliberation*, Editorial Board
- 2004- Eastern Sociological Society, Executive Committee
- 2003- National Science Foundation, Sociology Advisory Panel
- 2003- *ASA Rose Monograph Series*, Editorial Board
- 2003- *Social Policy*, Editorial Board
- 2001- *Social Movement Studies*, Editorial Board

- 1999-2003 American Sociological Association, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, Council
- 2002 American Sociological Association, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, Book Award Committee
- 2002 Sociological Perspectives on Narrative Workshops, I and II, Kennedy School of Government and MIT, co-organizer.
- 1996-1999 American Sociological Association, Collective Behavior/Social Movements Section, Membership Committee
- 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*, *Contemporary Ethnography*, University of Minnesota Press, University of Chicago Press, Cambridge University Press, Yale University Press, Harvard University Press, Sage Press, and the University of Manchester Press, and grant proposals for NSF.

#### **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

- 2003- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Sociology Department
- 2003 Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2003 Barnard College Sociology Junior Faculty Search Committee
- 2003 Columbia University Dean's Day Speaker, Atlanta
- 2002- Truman Fellowship Review Committee
- 2002 Contentious Politics Workshop, Co-coordinator
- 2001-2003 Sociology Awards Committee
- 2001-2002 Sociology Faculty Search Committee
- 1999 Columbia University Dean's Day Speaker

- 1998-1999 Faculty Minority Advisory Committee
- 1998-1999 Sociology Committee on the Graduate Program
- 1998 African-American Studies/Sociology Faculty Search Committee
- 1996-1999 Departmental Representative (Director of Undergraduate Studies)
- 1997-1999 Whitney Young Task Force on Race
- 1996-1997 University Senate, 1996-1997
- 1996-1997 Senate Committee on External Relations, 1996-1997
- 1996-1997 University Commission on the Status of Women, 1996-1997
- 1996 African-American Studies/Sociology Faculty Search Committee

**CURRENT AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Center on Organizational Innovation, Columbia University, Faculty Affiliate  
American Sociological Association  
Eastern Sociological Society  
Law and Society Association  
Social Science History Association  
Deliberative Democracy Consortium