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Education: Ph.D., October, 1983 Department of Sociology, New York University,  
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Domination of Women: the English Witch Trials of the 16th and 17th  
Centuries Reconsidered*

M.A. October 1972, Sussex University, England, Department of Sociology

B.A., June 1971, Brooklyn College of the City University of New York (cum  
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**PUBLICATIONS:**

**BOOKS:**

Helen A. Berger and Douglas Ezzy. 2007. *Teenage Witches: Magical Youth and the  
Search for the Self* Rutgers University Press

Helen A. Berger (Ed.) 2005. *Witchcraft and Magic in the New World: North America in  
the Twentieth Century*. The University of Pennsylvania Press

Helen A. Berger, Evan A. Leach and Leigh S. Shaffer. 2003. *Voices from the Pagan  
Census: Neo-Paganism in the United States*. University of South Carolina Press, as part  
of their religious studies series.

Helen A. Berger 1999. *A Community of Witches: Contemporary Neo-Pagans and  
Witches in the United States*. Columbia, S.C.: The University of South Carolina Press,  
as part of their religious studies series.

## **ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:**

- Helen A. Berger and Douglas Ezzy 2009 "Mass Media and Religious Identity: a case study of young Witches" Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 48 (3):501-514.
- Douglas Ezzy and Helen A. Berger 2009. "Witchcraft: Changing Patterns of Participation in the Early Twenty-first Century" Pomegranate: The International Journal of Pagan Studies 11(2): 165-180.
- Helen A. Berger 2009 "Routinization of Creativity" in Barbara Jane Davy Paganism: Critical Concepts in Religion. London: Routledge (reprint)
- Helen A. Berger 2009 " Neopaganism by the Numbers" in James Lewis and Murph Pizza (eds) Handbook of Contemporary Paganism. Brill Publications
- Douglas Ezzy and Helen A. Berger. 2007. "Becoming a Witch: Changing Recruitment Patterns in Contemporary Witchcraft" in Hannah Johnston and Peg Aloi (eds) Next Generation Witches 41-56 London: Ashgate press.
- Helen A. Berger. 2006. "Learning about Paganism." In New and Alternative Religions in the United States 200-217 Eugene Gallagher and W. Michael Ashcraft eds, Westport Ct: Praeger Press.
- Helen A. Berger 2006 "To the Tribe Let Be Children Born" in Between the Worlds: readings in Contemporary Neopaganism Siân Reid (ed) Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press (reprint from A Community of Witches )
- Helen A. Berger and Douglas Ezzy 2004. "The Internet as Virtual Spiritual Community: Teen Witches in the United States and Australia," in Religion Online:Finding Faith on the Internet. Eds. Lorne L.Dawson and Douglas E. Cowan. New York: Routledge.
- Helen A. Berger "High Priestess: Mother, Teacher, Leader" 2000. Daughters of the Goddess: Identity, Healing and Empowerment. Wendy Griffin (ed.). Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press (Sage Press).
- Helen A. Berger"Witches - the Next Generation" 1999. In Children in New Religious Movements. Susan Palmer and Charlotte Hardman (eds.). Rutgers University Press.
- Helen A. Berger "The Earth is Sacred: Environmental Concerns in American Wicca" 1998. In Religion in a Changing Global Environment. Madeleine Cousineau (ed.) Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing.
- Berger, Helen A., Leigh S. Shaffer, Bonita Freeman-Witthoft, and Hugo A. Freund "Friends and Lovers" 1998. The Journal of Social and Personal Relationships (October) 15,5:623-636.
- Helen A. Berger"Routinization of Spontaneity," Sociology of Religion, Spring 1995,56:1 49-62.
- Hynes, John, Lynda Baloche, and Helen A. Berger. 1997. "The Sociological Imagination Goes to School" Teaching Education (Summer/Fall) 9;1:105-110.
- Hynes, Baloche, and Berger "Moving toward the Integration of Professional and General Education with John Hynes and Lynda Baloche, in Action in Teacher Education. Spring 1996 XVIII;1:1-9.

- Helen A. Berger "Witches and Scientists," Sociological Viewpoints, Vol. 10 fall 1994

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### **Encyclopedia Entries:**

- "Wicca and Witchcraft" 2010 Encyclopedia of Religion in America CQ Press
- Neopaganism 2010 Encyclopedia of Religion in America CQ Press
- "EarthSpirit Community" Encyclopedia of Nature and Religion 2005. Bron Taylor and Jeffrey Kaplan (Eds). London and New York: Continuum International Publishers.
- "Witchcraft" Funk and Wagnall's New Encyclopedia 1999
- "Satanism" Funk and Wagnall's New Encyclopedia 1999
- "Occultism" Funk and Wagnall's New Encyclopedia 1999

### **BOOK REVIEWS:**

- Susan Greenwood.2009. The Anthropology of Magic Oxford, Oxford University Press. For Alternative Spirituality and Religion Review 1 (2): 181-2 2010.
- The Sign of the Witch: modernity and the pagan revival. By David Waldron. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press for The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (Spring 2009).
- Eugene B Gallagher. 2004. The New Religious Movements Experience in America. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press for Sociology of Religion 60 (2): 225-6 (Summer 2007)
- Nikki Bado Fralick 2005. Coming to the Edge of the Circle: A Wiccan Initiation Ritual. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press for Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft 1(1) 119-120.
- Douglas E. Cowan 2005. Cyberhenge: Modern Pagans on the Internet. London: Routledge. For Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 44;3:365-6
- Jone Salomonsen 2002. Enchanted Feminism:Ritual, Gender and Divinity Among Reclaiming Witches in San Francisco.London and New York: Routledge. Reviewed for The Journal of Contemporary Religion 18:3428-29.
- Willem de Blecourt, Ronald Hutton and Jean la Fontaine. Witchcraft and magic in Europe: Volume 6, the Twentieth Century. 1999.Athlone Press; London for Mental Health, Religion and Culture 6;1:102-3 (2003).
- Sarah M. Pike. 2001 Earthly Bodies, Magical Selves: Contemporary Pagans and the Search for Community. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press reviewed for . The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 41:2:317 (June 2001)
- Mary Jo Deegan (ed.). 1998. The American Ritual Tapestry: Social Rules and

Cultural Meaning. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press. Reviewed for Social Science Quarterly Review.

- Tessier, L.J. 1997. Dancing After the Whirlwind: Feminist Reflections on Sex, Denial, and Spiritual Transformation. Boston: Beacon Press. Reviewed for Review of Religious Research March 1999. 40; 3:282-3.
- Robert A. Orsi. 1996. Thank You St. Jude: Women's Devotion to the Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes. New Haven: Yale University Press Reviewed for Gender and Society. October 1998 12,5:610-11.
- Graham Harvey. 1997. Contemporary Neo-Paganism: Listening People Talking Earth. New York: New York University Press. Reviewed for Ritual Studies 11.1:82-84 (spring 1997).
- James R. Lewis (ed.).1996. Magical Religion and Modern Witchcraft. Albany: State University of New York Press. Reviewed for Sociology of Religion. Fall 1997 58,3:292-3.
- James T. Richardson. 1988. (ed.) Money and Power in New Religions. Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press reviewed for Sociological Analysis Summer 1990, 51:2,231-233.
- Luhrmann. T.M. 1989. Persuasions of the Witch's Craft: Ritual Magic in Contemporary England. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. reviewed for Contemporary Sociology. May 1990, 19:3,450-451.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- Member of the Executive Board of the Contemporary Pagan Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion 2010 to present.
- Member of Editorial Board for Religion Compass Blackwell Press 2007 to present
- Member of Editorial Board for the International Journal of for the Study of New Religions June 2009 to present
- Member Patheos Advisory Board
- Participant in Charming and Crafty: Witchcraft and Paganism in Contemporary Media Harvard University May 2006
  - Paper presented "Teenage Witches Watching Teenage Witches on T.V and in the Movies: A Transnational Study (Douglas Ezzy)
- Invited participant at Heidelberg University Workshop on Wicca, Neo-Paganism and the Use of the Internet, Center for the Study of the Dynamics of Ritual June 2003.
  - Presented 4 papers with Douglas Ezzy:
    - "Teen Witches, Wicca, and Media in USAS and Australia: Theoretical and Methodological Question of Current Research
    - "Research on Teen Witches, Wicca, and Media in USA and Australia: Discussion of Results and Theoretical Consequences
    - Becoming a Teenage Witch in the United States and Australia: The Internet, Books and Parental Impact."
    - Ritual Technologies of Self-Transformation: Teenage Witchcraft in

### Australia and the United States"

- Invited participant in "Challenges of the New Media Order to Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion and Belief, and Group Rights" Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School October 2001.
- Council member of The Association for the Sociology of Religion 2000-2003
- Organizing ASA session "Minority Religions, Majority Participants, and the New Age" for 2001 meetings.
- Newsletter Editor for the Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association Fall 1997-Spring 2000.
- Member of Distinguished Articles Award for the Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association 1998-2001. Chair of Committee 1999-2000
- Member of the Grants Award Committee for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion 1999.
- Author in Author meets Critic Session at the November 1998 meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- Critic in Author meets Critic Session at the October 1995 meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- Session Discussant at the 1998 meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- Session Organizer for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in 1997 and 1998.
- Member of Candace Rogers Award Committee for the Eastern Sociological Society 1996 meetings.
- Convener at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 6, 1994
- Eastern meetings of the National Honor's Council, Theme Group Leader for the Eastern Meetings of the National Honors Council Meetings. April 10, 1994
- Convener of Session "The Innovation of Tradition in New Religious Movements " at the Association for the Sociology of Religion August 10, 1990
- Eastern Sociology Society Meetings, March 1990 chair of round table
- Columbia University Seminar, Content and Method in the Social Sciences, member, December 1983-present.
- Critical Cultural Studies Group, Northeastern University, member, April 1986 - September 1986
- The New York Institute for the Humanities, coordinator and participant in Comparative Cultural Studies Seminar, 1980-1982
- Social Science Research Council, participant in Culture of Fear seminar, January - June 1982

### **Consulting**

- Expert Witness on Witchcraft and Satanism in Iowa vs .Lawrence D. Harris, Sr. (Crim # FECR 054878) January 2009.
- Departmental Reviewer for Sociology Department Shippensburg University
- Witchcraft and Neopaganism: Practice and Beliefs to meeting of Pennsylvania

Prison Chaplains October 2007

- The Beliefs and Practices of Witches and Neopagans to the National meeting of Prison Chaplains March 2008
- Resource Person for Prison Chaplains since October 2007-present

### **PAPERS PRESENTED:**

- "Goddess Worship and Political Activity: Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Meetings, February 2011
- "Pagan Men and Gender Equity by the Numbers" presented at the American Academy of Religion meeting October 2010.
- "Preliminary Finds from the Pagan Census Revisited Eastern Sociological Society meetings March 2010
- Discussant in "Women in Sociology then and now" Eastern Sociological Society Meetings March 2010.
- "Parental Responses to Teens becoming Witches" Eastern Sociological Society Meetings February 2008
- "Teenage Witches and Environmentalism" ( with Douglas Ezzy)The American Academy of Religion October 2006
- "Witchcraft among Teenagers in Three Nations" The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion" November 2006
- "The role of movies in the rise of teenage Witchcraft" (with Douglas Ezzy) The Australian Sociological Association, Perth, Australia, December, 2006.
- The Goddess, Gender Equity, and Teenage Witches: A Cross-National Study (with Douglas Ezzy) The society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 2005
- Becoming a Teenage Witch: A Cross-National Study (with Douglas Ezzy), The American Academy of Religion, November 2005.
- The Goddess, Gender Equity, and Teenage Witches: A Cross-National Study (with Douglas Ezzy) The society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 2005
- Ethics, Morals, and Teenage Witches (with Douglas Ezzy) the Association for the Sociology of Religion August 2004.
- The Internet as Vitual Spiritual Community: Teen Witches in the United States and Australia" (with Douglas Ezzy) presented at The Association for the Sociology of Religion August 2002
- Author in Author meets Critic Session for *A Community of Witches: Contemporary Neo-Pagans and Witches in the United States*. At Eastern Sociological Society Meetings. March 2002
- "Minority Voices From the Pagan Census" with Evan Leach and Leigh Shaffer at the Association for the Sociology of Religion August 2000
- "Satan's Neighbors" Oral History Conference, Istanbul, Turkey June 2000
- "Trespassing Boundaries: Conflict and Synchrony Among Three Religions" Columbia University seminar on Content and Methods December 1999
- "The New Age vs. Neo-Paganism" presented with Evan Leach and Leigh Shaffer at

- the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, in Boston, November 1999
- "Homosexuality and Duality in Wiccan Rituals" at the Association for the Sociology of Religion in Chicago, August 1999.
  - "The Terms of Disengagement" presented with Leigh Shaffer and Hugo Freund at the Eastern Sociological Society Meeting in Boston, March 1999.
  - "High Priestess: Mother, Teacher, Leader" presented at a regular session of the American Sociological Association in San Francisco, August 1998.
  - "Witch Trials 1998" presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion in San Francisco, August 1998.
  - "Earth Goddess--Environmentalism and American Witchcraft" presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Meetings in Philadelphia, PA. March 1998
  - "Fundamentalists, Unitarian Universalists, and Witches" presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion meetings in San Diego, CA., November 1997.
  - "The Earth Is Sacred: Ecological and Feminist Concerns in American Wicca" presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion meetings in San Diego, CA., November 1997.
  - "High Priestess--Leader, Teacher, Mother: Women's Leadership Roles in Wicca" presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Meetings in Baltimore, April 1997.
  - "Perfect Love, Perfect Trust: The Coven as a Friendship Network" presented at The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Nashville, TN. October 1996.
  - "Magical Children: The Socialization of Children in Wicca" presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion in New York, NY. August 1996.
  - "The Neo-Pagan Census" with Evan Leach and Leigh Shaffer a round table discussion at the Eastern Sociological Society Meetings in Boston March 1996.
  - "Men who Worship the Goddess and Feminist Thought" presented in at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 1996.
  - "Concepts of Self in Wicca" presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 1995.
  - "Witches: the Next Generation" presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Meetings, Philadelphia PA, April 1995
  - "My Friends' Sweetheart" presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Meetings, Philadelphia PA, April 1995.
  - "Crossing Boundaries," presented with Yvette-Camille Welsch at the National Collegiate Council meetings, October 29, 1994
  - "Friends and Lovers," presented at the Pennsylvania Sociological Society Meetings, with Drs. Shaffer, Witthoft and Freund, October 22, 1994.
  - "Community or Network: The case of Neo-Pagans," presented at Society for Scientific Study of Religion, October 31. 1993 in Raleigh, North Carolina, October 1993.
  - "Experiential Learning: Principles and Applications," presented at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, in St. Louis, October 28, 1993
  - "Routinization of Spontaneity," presented at the Eastern Sociological Society meetings, March 27, 1993 In Boston and at the Society for the Scientific Study of

Religion in Washington D.C., November 7, 1992

- "Modern Day Witchcraft and Ecofeminism," presented at an invited talk at the Claremont Colleges, March 8, 1991
- "Women and Witchcraft in the Early Modern Period," presented at an invited talk at the Claremont Colleges, March 7, 1991
- "Witches and Scientists," presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Meetings, August 9, 1990
- "Magic Witchcraft and the Scientific Community," presented at Columbia University seminar, Content and Method in the Social Sciences, September 13, 1989.
- "The Reenchantment of Nature: Modern Day Witchcraft," presented at the Popular Culture Association, March 1988
- "Witchcraft and the Occult in Modernity," presented at the Eastern Sociological Society meetings, May 3, 1987
- "Women, Witch and Domination," presented at the Popular Culture Meetings in Montreal, April 28, 1987.
- "Rationality and Feminism: The Romantic Embrace of Irrationality," presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Meetings, March 15, 1985.
- "Repression and Rationality in Early Modern Europe: The case of the English Witch Trials," presented at Columbia University seminar, Content and Method in the Social Sciences, December 4, 1984.
- "The English Witchcraft Trials and The Domination of Women," presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Meetings, March 10, 1984.
- "The Image of the Witch: The Image of Womanhood," presented at the Comparative Cultural Studies Seminar, New York Institute for the Humanities. December 15, 1982.

#### **GRANTS and AWARDS:**

- Student Scholar Partnership Award, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University 2010 for analysis of the Pagan Census Revisited
- Jack Shand Research Award 2006 from Society for the Scientific Study of Religion for research in Asheville North Carolina
- CASSDA Award July to December 2006 for Research in Asheville NC
- Merit Award for scholarship from West Chester University June 2004
- CASSDA Award September-December 2004 from West Chester University for index of Witchcraft and Magic: Contemporary North America
- CASSDA Award January-June 2003 from West Chester University for research on Teen Witches in England.
- CASSDA Award July-December 2000 from West Chester University for research on CUUPS
- Fitcher Award 1999 from the Association for the Sociology of Religion to conduct research on CUUP
- Faculty Development Grant 1992-93 West Chester University to conduct national survey of Witches and Neo-Pagans.

## **CURRENT RESEARCH:** International survey of Contemporary Pagans

### **MEDIA INTERVIEWS:**

- "Paganism, Slowly, Triumphs over Stereotypes" Samuel G. Freedman New York Times October 31, 2009.
- Radio Interview about Wicca with Jim Bohannon and Hillary Howard on Washington Post Radio May 18, 2007
- Radio Interview about Wicca and discrimination with Irene Bakhchanyan on Radio Free Europe May 17, 2007
- "Wiccan Keep the Faith with a Religion Under Wraps" Neela Banerjee New York Times May 16, 2007.
- "Along Maryland Route 5, Wiccan Work Their Magic" Dan Morse Washington Post October 2006
- "Witches, Druids and Other Pagans Make Merry Again in the Magical Month of May" Eric Goldscheider New York Times May 28, 2005
- "Flourishing pagan groups get organized" Matthew Hay Brown Baltimore Sun October 31, 2005
- "Teens and Wicca" by Barbara Bradley Hagerty on All Things Considered (NPR) first aired May 16, 2004
- "Typical Witch at Home in Suburbs" by Darrah Johnson Washington Post October 31, 2003 B 1
- Radio Times, with Marty Moscow-Wayne, April 14, 1999 to discuss A Community of Witches
- "Mother Knows Best" by Mary Lefkowitz review of A Community of Witches In Los Angeles Times Sunday Book Review. November 8, 1998.
- "Better Living Through Sorcery" by Doreen Carvajal, The New York Times October 26, 1998 E 1;4.
- "West Chester University Professor: Witches No Longer on the Fringe" by Walter S. Naedele Philadelphia Inquirer October 30, 1998 B4.
- Interview on Fox TV October 31, 1998.
- "Chester County Talk" WCHE October 27, 1998.
- "Faiths Defended" by Jenna Jackson, The Beaumont Enterprise January 12, 1998.
- "People Are Talking," TV interview about Modern Day Witches October 27, 1989
- Boston Herald August 1, 1989, interview about Women's support groups
- Associated Press, October 1988, interview about modern day Witches
- Yankee Magazine October 1988, interview about modern day Witches
- Boston Globe , October 30, 1986, interview about my series at the Boston Public Library
- Boston Herald, October 26, 1986, interviewed by Marjorie Howard concerning my present research on modern day witch
- Middlesex News, October 31, 1986, interviewed by Jan Gardner about modern

- day witchcraft in New England
- Allston/Brighton New, October 31, 1986, interviewed by Michaela Casey concerning my talk at the Boston Public library
- WSTC radio in Standford, CT. "Conversation Piece" interviewed about Witch Craft New and Old in New England

### **PUBLIC TALKS and Essays:**

- Are Solitaries the Future of Paganism in *Patheos* August 23, 2010
- Witchcraft and Neopaganism: Practice and Beliefs to meeting of Pennsylvania Prison Chaplains October 2007
- "Witchcraft, Gender, Self Identity" Bard College, October 2003
- "Gender and Self-identity in the Wicca Community" Cornell College, February 21, 2002
- "Feminist Witches and The Goddess" Bryn Mawr College, November 27, 1995.
- "Witches: Myths and Reality," Conversations in Women's Studies, October 28, 1992
- "The Witch Today," March 19, 1987 Methodist Church, Sharon Ma.
- Witchcraft from the Middle Ages to Modernity," presented February 4, 1987 , Marsh Chapel, Boston University
- Witchcraft in New England: a five part series sponsored by the Endowment for the Humanities at the Boston Public Library October 1986.

### **Professional Positions:**

- Visiting Research Associate, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA September 2010 to present.
- Professor Emeritus of Sociology, West Chester University, West Chester, PA 19383 June 2009-Present
- Professor of Sociology, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, and Women's Studies Program West Chester University, West Chester, PA. 19383, August 2000 to June 2009
- Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology and Women's Studies Program West Chester University, West Chester, PA. 19383 September 1996- August 2000.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology and Women's Studies Program, West Chester University, West Chester, PA. 19383 September 1991-August 1996
- Assistant Professor, Department of Social Science, College of Basic studies, Boston University, September 1984 - June 1991.A
- Assistant Professor, Metropolitan College, Boston University, January 1989 - May 1989; January 1990 - May 1990
- Coordinator of the Freshman Social Science program, College of Basic Studies, Boston University, September 1986-June 1987

- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, New York University, January - June 1984
- Part-Time Instructor, Department of Sociology, New York University, July 1979 - September 1979; June 1980 - June 1983
- Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Behavioral Science, Kingsborough Community College of the City University of New York, January 1974-June 1977
- Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Behavioral Science, New York Technical Institute, January - June 1976

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Technology Committee Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University, September 2010-to present
- Member Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student travel Award Committee 2009-2011
- Chair Evaluation Committee of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology 2002-present
- Member of the Election Committee in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology 2005-present
- Mentor to Minority Students 1998-2008; winner of Mentor Award 1999.
- Member of Presidential Task Force on Drugs and Alcohol, fall 1998-2001.
- Member of Selection Committee for Women's Studies Director 2002.
- Women's Studies Advisory Board, West Chester University, 1991-present
- Member of Faculty Senate, West Chester University, September 1994-2000
- Member of COLLAGE (Presidential committee on life long learning), West Chester University, 1997-present
- Member of Task force on Civility 1996-7
- Faculty Advisor for the Sociology Club, West Chester University 1991-2000
- Chair of the Space Allocation Committee for Department of Anthropology and Sociology, spring 1997--member of committee 1997-June 1998.
- Evaluation Committee for the Department of Anthropology and Sociology 1996-7.
- Chair of the Curriculum Committee, Sociology Section, West Chester University, 1993-1996.
- Member of the Departmental Review Committee, Sociology Section, West Chester University, spring 1995
- Recorder for Department of Anthropology and Sociology, West Chester University, 1992-93; 93-1996
- Amenities Committee of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, West Chester University, 1993-1996
- Computer Liaison, West Chester University, 1992-present
- CAPC Alternative, West Chester University 1991-92; 1992-93
- Affirmative Action Committee, College of Basic Studies, Boston University, September 1984 - June 1991; Chair 1987-1991
- Dean's Advisory Committee, Boston University 1987-88; 1988-89

- Student Recruitment Committee, College of Basic Studies, Boston University, September 1986-May 1987
- Chair of Hiring Committee, Division of Social Science, Boston University, 1984-85;85-86;86-87;87-88;88-89.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

American Sociological Association  
Society for Women in Sociology  
Eastern Sociological Society  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
American Academy of Religion