Curriculum Vitae

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Present Position

Professor of Anthropology
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Education

Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara, Anthropology, 1975
M.A. University of California, Santa Barbara, Anthropology, 1970
B.A. Stanford University, Anthropology, 1968

Teaching Experience

2007-present	Professor and Dir. of Anthropology Program, USF
1991-present	Professor, Union College
1991-1998	Professor and Chair, Union College
1981-1992	Associate Professor, Union College
1989	Visiting Professor, University of Alaska
1988	Visiting Professor New Mexico State University
1980-81	Visiting Senior Research Fellow. Leicester Polytechnic, Leicester, England
1975-81	Assistant Professor, State University of New York at Albany.
1978-79	Visiting Senior Research Fellow, National University of Ireland: University College Dublin.
1973-75	Assistant Professor, McGill University.

Specializations

SUBFIELD: tourism, sport cultures, return migration, anthropology of work, oral history, applied anthropology, urban anthropology.

AREA: Caribbean, Ireland, Alaska

Publications

A. Books

Tasting the Good Life: Wine Tourism in the Napa Valley. (With Sharon Gmelch). Indiana University Press. 2011

Urban Life: Readings in the Anthropology of the City. (with R. Kemper and W Zenner) 5/e Waveland Press. 2010.

Baseball without Borders: The International Pastime University of Nebraska Press. 2006

Inside Pitch: Life in Professional Baseball. 2/e University of Nebraska Press. 2006

In the Ballpark: The Working Lives of Baseball People (with J. Weiner). 2/e University of Nebraska Press. 2006

Behind the Smile, the Working Lives of Caribbean Tourism. Bloomington, Indiana University Press. 2003

Inside Pitch: Life in Professional Baseball. Smithsonian Institution Press 2001

In the Ballpark: The Working Lives of Baseball People. Smithsonian Institution Press. 1998

The Parish Behind God's Back: History and Culture in Rural Barbados (with S. Gmelch) The University of Michigan Press. 1997

Double Passage: The Lives of Caribbean Migrants, Abroad and Back Home. The University of Michigan Press. 1992

Urban Life: Readings in Urban Anthropology (with W. P. Zenner). St. Martin's Press. 1980.

J.M. Synge: In Wicklow, West Kerry, and Connemara (edited with A. Saddlemyer). Dublin: O'Brien Press; New Jersey: Rowman and Littlefield. 1980.

Reprinted in 1985 by the O'Brien Press.

To Shorten the Road: Folktales from Irish Travelling People (with B. Kroup). Toronto: Macmillan; Dublin: The O'Brien Press; New Jersey: Humanities Press. Reprinted in 1984 by the O'Brien Press.

1977 The Irish Tinkers: Urbanization of an Itinerant People. New York: Cummings Press /Addison-Wesley. Revised and expanded second edition published by Chicago: Waveland Press. Japanese translation published in 1994 by Gendai Shokan, Tokyo.

B. Research Reports

Subsistence in a Small Alaskan City. (with S. Gmelch and Richard Nelson). Juneau: Alaska Department of Fish and Game. 215 pp. 1985

Resource Use in Glacier Bay National Preserve. Anchorage: National Park Service 106 pp. 1983

Migration and Accommodation Needs of Irish and Other Long Distance Travellers. (with D. Smith and S.Gmelch). London: Department of the Environment (UK). 176 pp. 1981

C. Articles

"Baseball in Tasmania." **NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture**, Volume 19, Number 2, Spring 2011, pp. 93-100

"Rural Urban Difference and Student Fieldwork" in City and Society vol 21 (2): 293-306. 2009

"An Anthropologist on the Team." Anthropology Today vol 24 (5): 10-15. Spring 2009.

"Mike Murphy: Equipment Manager, San Francisco Giants." Nine: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture. Vol 17, no 2, pps. 166-173. Winter 2009

"Managing the Gear: Frank Coppenbarger" Elysian Fields Quarterly. vol 25 (2): 186-198. 2008.

"The Changing Culture of Professional Baseball in America" " Elysian Fields

Quarterly. vol 25 (1):75-90. 2008.

"What is in a Baseball Nickname: Their Origins and Significance" Nine: the Journal of Baseball History and Culture Vol 14(2):129-132. 2006

"After the Game" Nine: the Journal of Baseball History and Culture 14(1): 151-154. 2005

"Stadium Life" (with P. San Antonio), Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sport and Recreation 2005

"Baseball Wives" (with P. San Antonio), Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sport and Recreation 2005

"Baseball Crowds" Encyclopedia of Recreation and Leisure in America Charles Scribners & Sons. 2005

"Tape Recording Comments on Students Field Notes and Research Papers" Anthropology News vol 44, no.4:36. 2003

"Baseball by the Books" Natural History (vol 111, no. 3:94-95) 2002

"Alex Rodriquez" The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives Charles Scribners and Sons. Pp 300-302. 2002

"In Thrall of the Culture of Baseball" The Chronicle for Higher Education, August 10, 2001, pp B12-13. 2001

"Taking a Longer View of Living in the Minors" New York Times, August 19, 2001

"Baseball Wives: Work and Gender in Professional Baseball." Journal of Contemporary Ethnography vol 30(3):335-356. 2001

"Baseball's Mental Game" Nine: The Journal of Baseball History and Culture 9(2): 208-224. 2001

"When Baseball Careers End" Nine: The Journal of Baseball History and Culture 9(1):1-23. 2000

"Rules and Respect: The Culture of Professional Baseball." Anthropology of Work Review XX(2):25-34. 2000

“Was I a Prospect” Stanford Magazine. May/June: 132. 2000

“Ethnographic Field Schools: What Students Do and Learn.” Anthropology and Education Quarterly 30(2):220-227.1999

“Pickup Basketball Meets Janken.” Japan Quarterly 26(2):24-29. 1999

“Rookies: Breaking into Pro Ball.” Elysian Fields Quarterly 10(1):64-79. 1999

“Groupies and American Baseball.” Journal of Sport and Social Issues” 22(1): 32-45. 1998

“Crossing Cultures: Student Travel and Personal Development.” The International Journal of Intercultural Relations 21(4): 475-489.1997

“Student Travel Abroad: Boon or Boondoggle? The Washington Post Oct. 26, 1997. Pps5-6.

"Urbanism and Urbanization." (with W. Zenner)
Cross-Cultural Readings in Social Science. New York: Prentice-Hall.1997

"Barbados's Amerindian Past." Anthropology Today.
vol. 12(1):11-15.1996

"Gender and Migration: The Readjustment of Women Migrants in Barbados, Ireland, and Newfoundland." Human Organization.1995

"Learning Culture: The Education of American Students in Caribbean Villages." Human Organization 51(3):245-252. 1992

"Ritual and Superstition in American Professional Baseball." Elysian Fields Quarterly 11(2):26-43.1992

"A Tale of Two Rivers: Culture, Ecology, and Competition in an Alaskan Fishery." (with G. Orth) Mast (Maritime Anthropological Studies) 3 (2): 68-87.1990
"Caught in the Middle." Natural History 99 (9):32-37. 1990
"Newfoundland Gets Her Own Back." The Geographical 60:27-34.1988

"We're Better Off Here: Return Migration in Rural Newfoundland." (with B. Richling) Anthropology Today 4(4):28-31.1988

"Two Rivers, Two Cultures: Native Tlingit and Non-Indians Compete for Alaskan Salmon." Natural History 97(5):52-62.1988

"Nomads in Cities." (with S. Gmelch) Natural History 97(2):50-61.1988

"Work, Innovation, and Investment: The Impact of Return Migration in Barbados." Human Organization 46(20): 131-141.1987

"Irish Travellers Revisited." Eire-Ireland 21(4):22-28. 1986

"Barbados Odyssey: Some Migrants Fulfill Their Dreams by Returning Home." Natural History 94(10):34-38. 1985

"The Cross Channel Migration of Irish Travellers." (with S. Gmelch). Economic and Social Review, 16(4):287-296. 1985

"Emigrants Who Come Home." The Bajan and the South Caribbean. This is a series of three articles published in the February, March and May issues. 1985

"Who Returns and Why: Return Migration Behavior in Two Atlantic Societies." Human Organization 42(1):46-54. 1983

"Poverty in Ireland: Interpreting the Research." (with D. Bennett). Growth and Change: A Journal of Regional Development. 12:27-34. 1981

"Return Migration." Annual Review of Anthropology (9):135-159. 1980

"Ireland's Bountiful Bogs." (with S. Gmelch). Natural History 89(11):48-59. 1980

"Can a Lucky Charm Get You Through Organic Chemistry." Psychology Today. December 1980.

"Magic and Uncertainty in Modern Life." (with R. Felson). Current Anthropology 20(3):587-589. 1980

"The Barrel-top Wagon: Its History and Impact on Irish Travelling People." Ulster Folklife 25:53-60. 1979

"Irish Tinkers: When Wanderers Settle Down." (with S. Gmelch). Human Nature 1(3):66-75. 1978

"Baseball Magic." Human Nature 1(8):32-40. 1978

"Begging in Dublin: The Strategies of a Marginal Urban Occupation." (with S. Gmelch). Urban Life 6(4):439-445. 1978

"Urban Anthropology: A Survey of the Field." (with W. Zenner). Urban Anthropology 7(2):207-215. 1978

"Economic Strategies and Migrant Adaptation." Ethnos 12:22-37. 1977

"Settling the Irish Tinkers." Ekistics 43(230-257). 1977

"The Emergence of an Ethnic Group: The Irish Tinkers." (with S. Gmelch). Anthropological Quarterly 49(4):225-238. 1976

"Human Biology of the Irish Tinkers: Demography, Ethnohistory and Genetics." (with M. Crawford) Social Biology 21:321-331. 1974

"The Itinerant Settlement Movement: Its Policies and Effects on Irish Travellers." (with S. Gmelch). Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review 63(1):1-16. 1974

"Baseball Magic." Transaction 8(8):39-43. 1971

D. Book Chapters

"Let's go Europe: What Student Tourists Really Learn When They Travel," (revised) published in Tourists and Tourism, edited by Sharon Gmelch. Waveland Press. 2009.

"Nice Girls Don't Like Rastas: Sense and Sensibility in a Caribbean Village." (revision of an earlier publication.) Conformity and Conflict, James Spradley and David McCurdy (eds.). July 2009.

"Barbadian Migrants Abroad and Back Home" Returning to the Source eds. D Plaza and F Henry pp 49-103. Kingston, Jamaica: Univ. of West Indies Press.

"West Indian Migrants and their Rediscovery of Barbados" in Coming Home, eds. L. Long & E. Oxfeld. University of Pennsylvania Press, pp 206-225. 2004

"Let's Go Europe: What Students Really Learn." in Tourists and Tourism, ed. Sharon Gmelch. Waveland Press, pp 419-432. 2004

"Lessons from the Field." Conformity and Conflict, eds. J. Spradley and D.

McCurdy. New York: Harper Collins. 1994

"Of Softball Bats and Fishnets." In The Naked Anthropologist. Ed. Philip De Vita. Belmont: Wadsworth Press. 1991

"A West Indian Life in Britain." In Urban Life: Readings in Urban Anthropology, eds. G. Gmelch and W. Zenner. Chicago: Waveland Press; pp. 199-209.1988

"Return Migration to Rural Ireland." In Migrants in Europe: Family, Labor and Politics, ed. Hans Buechler. Westport: Greenwood Press; pp.265-282.1987

"Commercial Nomadism: Occupation and Mobility Among Travellers in England and Wales." (with S. Gmelch). The Other Nomads: Peripatetic Minorities in Cross Cultural Perspective. ed. Aparna Rao. Cologne: Bahlou Verlag; pp.133-158. 1987

"Barroom Brawls: A Study of Aggression and Violence in Irish and American Bars." (with R. Felson and B. Baccaglini). In Situations of Aggression, ed. A. Campbell and J. Gibbs. Rutgers University Press; pp. 153-165. 1986

"The Readjustment of Return Migrants in Western Ireland." In Return Migration and Regional Economic Problems, ed. Russell King. Beckenham, Kent: Croom Helm; pp. 209-221. 1985

"The Impact of Return Migration in Rural Newfoundland." In Return Migration and Regional Economic Problems, ed. R. King. Beckenham, Kent: Croom Helm; pp. 209-221. 1985

"Irish Return Migration: The Socio-demographic Characteristics of a Return Migrant Population." (with L. Delaney). Papers in Anthropology 20(1):155-166. 1979

"Return Migration: A Bibliography." (with R. Rhoades). Papers in Anthropology 20(1):189-196.1979

"Irish Travellers." (with S. Gmelch). World Minorities, vol. 2. London: Quartermine Press. 1978

"The Effects of Economic Change on Irish Traveller Sex Roles and Marriage Patterns." In Gypsies, Tinkers, and Other Travellers, ed. F. Rehfisch, pp. 257-269. London: Academic Press. 1975

E. Articles Reprinted

The following ten articles have been reprinted. "Baseball Magic" (reprinted 46 times in various anthologies in the fields of cultural anthropology, sociology, sport, and religion). "Lessons From the Field" (reprinted five times in anthropology collections). "Janken and Pick-up Basketball in Japan." (reprinted four times) "Nomads in Cities."(reprinted twice in anthropology collections). "The Irish Tinkers: when Wanderers Settle Down." (reprinted twice in anthropology collections). "Nomads in Cities." (reprinted twice in anthropology collections). Reprinted once are: "Lets Go Europe: What Students Do and Learn When They Travel." Uncertainty and the Use of Magic: A Test of Malinowski's Theory in a Modern Setting." "Can a Lucky Charm Get You Through Organic Chemistry." "Baseball Wives: Work and Gender in Professional Baseball."

F. Reviews

"Caribbean Journeys: An Ethnography of Migration and Home in Three Family Networks," by Karen Fog Olwig. In *New West Indian Guide.* Vol 83, No 1&2 (2009).

"Of Dinosaurs, Bats, and Balls" (review essay on "America as Baseball" exhibit) Newsday April, 2002.

Narratives of Exile and Return; Mary Carroll, New West Indian Guide 1998

Irish Travellers: Culture and Ethnicity M. McCann et. al. Man 1997

The Tropics of Baseball. by R. Ruck. American Ethnologist 20(3):634.1993

Sugarball: The American Game, the Dominican Dream. by Alan Klein. American Ethnologist 20(3):634.1993

John Bull's Island: Immigration and British Society, 1871-1971. by Colin Holmes. International Migration Review.1990

Panama Money in Barbados, 1900-1920, by B. Richardson; International Migration Review 22(3):437-438.1987

"Gypsies Sing Long Ballads," produced by J. Cohen; American Anthropologist 88(1):264-265.1986

"Citizen Carney," produced by W. Thomas; American Anthropologist 88(1):258-259.1986

"Land of Heart's Desire," produced by E. Cullen; American Anthropologist 87(1)223.1985

"Dae (Gypsy Birth)", produced by Stole Popov; American Anthropologist 87(1);232.1985

Gypsies and Government Policy in England, by B. Adams, et al.; Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review.1983

Migration and Adaptation: Tzintzunzuenos in Mexico City, by R. Kemper; International Migration Review 12(2):284-285.1978

Anthropologists in Cities, by G. Foster and R. Kemper; Urban Life 6(30):380-382.1977

The Meaning of Poverty, by. M. Sheehan, Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review 65:248-249.1976

G. Exhibitions of Photographs

"Irish Travellers…" UCLA, visual cultures exhibit. 2008.

"Ireland: Through the Anthropologist's Eye." Albany Public Library, Spring 1988.

"Ireland: Through the Anthropologist's Eye." The Schenectady Museum, April-June 1986.

"In the Footsteps of J.M. Synge: Traditional Life in Western Ireland." The Gallery of Photography (Dublin, Ireland), summer 1981.

"In the Footsteps of J. M. Synge: Traditional Life in Western Ireland. The Broughton Gallery, Schenectady Museum, March-May 1983.

"The Irish Tinkers." The Broughton Gallery, Schenectady Museum; September-October 1982.

"The Irish Tinkers." SUNY Albany Art Gallery, December 1979.

H. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings (selected)

"Rules and Respect: The Culture of Professional Baseball." American Anthropological Association. Philadelphia.

"Ethnographic Field Schools: What Students Do and Learn." American Anthropological Association. Washington D.C. 1997

"Learning Culture--Theirs and Ours: Society for Applied Anthropology. 1991, Charleston, S.C.

"Learning Culture--Theirs and Ours: American Students in Barbadian Villages." American

Anthropological Association. 1990, New Orleans.

"Gender and the Readjustment of Return Migrants in Three Societies." International Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. 1987, Oaxaca, Mexico.

"Subsistence and Subsistence Research Among Alaska Natives." National Park Service Conference on Native Americans and National Parks. 1987, Fort Collins, Colorado.

"On the Causes of Itinerancy among British and IrishTravellers." (with S. Gmelch). International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences. 1983, Vancouver, BC.

"Some Social and Economic Impacts of Return Migration." 1982, Southern Anthropological Association . Boone, North Carolina.

"Return Migration to Western Ireland." American Anthropological Association. 1978, Los Angeles.

"Poverty Research in Ireland: A Survey of the Literature." American Anthropological Association. 1976, Washington D.C.

"The Settlement of Irish Itinerants: Problems in Adaptation." American Anthropological Association. 1975, San Francisco.

"Begging and Patronage in Ireland." (with S. Gmelch). American Anthropological Association. 1974, Mexico City.

"The Demography and Genetic Affinities of Irish Tinkers." (with M. Crawford). American Anthropological Association. 1973, New Orleans.

"Impact of Economic Change on Irish Traveller Sex Roles and Marriage Patterns." American Anthropological Association. 1973, New Orleans.

Awards

"Faculty Meritorious Service Award" Union College Alumni Council, 2004
"Lifetime Achievement Award" Minor League Baseball Association, 2001

Inside Pitch: Life in Professional Baseball was a finalist for the David Moore Award, best baseball book of the year, Elysian Fields Quarterly.

Research Grants and Fellowships

2007	Rappoport Ethics Grant
2006	Faculty Research Grant, Union College
2005	Faculty Research Grant, Union College
2003	Faculty Research Grant, Union College
2001	Faculty Research Grant, Union College
1998	Faculty Research Grant, Union College
1997	Faculty Research Grant, Union College
1995	Faculty Research Grant, Union College
1991-92	Research Residency, New York State Library
1991	Sloan Foundation Grant for Curriculum Development
1991	Faculty Research Grant, Union College
1990	Faculty Research Grant, Union College
1989	National Park Service, Alaska Regional Office
1988	Union College Sloan Grant
1987	Fulbright Fellowship (Ireland)
1986	Faculty Research Grant, Union College
1985	Faculty Research Grant, Union College
1982-83	Subsistence Division, Alaska Department of Fish and Game. (with S. Gmelch and R. Nelson).
1982	The Center for Field Research and Earthwatch
1980-81	Department of the Environment, Great Britain (with D. Smith and S. Gmelch).
1979	Irish Foundation for Human Development
1979	The Center for Field Research and Earthwatch
1979	Educational Communications Center, State University of New York at Albany
1978	Research Foundation of the State University of New York
1978	The Center for Field Research and Earthwatch
1977-78	Irish Foundation for Human Development
1975	McGill University Faculty Grant
1971-73	Predoctoral Research Fellowship, Institute of Social and Economic Research, Memorial University of Newfoundland
1971	Patent Fund Grant, University of California at Santa Barbara
1969	National Science Foundation. University of Pittsburgh Summer Field Training Program in Anthropology

Courses Taught

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Urban Anthropology
Ethnographic Research Methods
Sport, Society, and Culture

Culture and Technology
Comparing Cultures Through Film
Freshman Preceptorial
Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean
Peoples and Cultures of Latin America
North American and European Cultures
Peasant Society and Culture
History of Anthropology
Urban Japan
Globalization (course coordinator)
Baseball and American Culture
Crossing Cultures (a predeparture course for students gong abroad)

Also directed sixteen term length ethnographic field schools in Barbados, Ireland, and Tasmania. Also taught regular terms abroad in Austria and Japan, and co-taught in Viet Nam.