

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

1996 Ph.D., Indiana University (Sociology)
1990 M.A., Indiana University (Sociology)
1987 B.A., McGill University (Psychology) First Class Honors; University Scholar
1984 Bachelor of Commerce (B. Comm.), McGill University (Accounting)
1981 DEC (Diplome d'etudes Collegiale), Vanier College

Professional Employment History

2014-present Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts, University of Alabama in Huntsville

2013-present Professor of Sociology, University of Alabama in Huntsville

2006-2009
and 2011-2014 Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

2013-14 President, UAH Faculty Senate

2012-2013 Founding Coordinator, Program on Science, Technology, and Society,
University of Alabama in Huntsville.

2009-10 Assistant Chair, Departments of Sociology and Political Science, University of Alabama in
Huntsville

2002-13 Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

1996-02 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

1995-96 Lecturer, Marquette University.

Research Areas

Social Construction of Ethnicity, Race, and Minority Status
Stigma Management and Transformation
Assimilationism and Pluralism
“The New Atheism”
Social Constructionist Theory

Courses Taught (approximate # of sections)

Introduction to Sociology (60)
Research Methods (3)
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (15)
Sociology of Deviance and Social Control (12)
Sociology of Religion (6)
Social Movements (8)

Publications (* indicates full peer-review)

ARTICLES

- 2013 *Berbrier, Mitch. 2013. “How Monuments Endure: Public Good Framing as Reiterated Problem-Solving in the Statements of Purpose of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens, 1916–2005.” *Qualitative Sociology* 36(2): 161-87.
- 2012 Berbrier, Mitch. “The Peace Path of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens: Making Place for Cultures of Peace.” *Peace and Change*, 37(3):413-443.
- 2008 Berbrier, Mitch. “The Diverse Construction of Race and Ethnicity.” Pp.567-591 in *Handbook of Constructionist Research*, edited by James A. Holstein and Jaber F. Gubrium. NY: Guilford Publications.
- Berbrier, Mitch. “White Supremacy.” Pp. 1032-33 in Vincent Parillo, ed., *Encyclopedia of Social Problems, Volume II*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- Spencer, J. William, Donileen Loseke, James Holstein, and Mitch Berbrier. “Social Problems Theory.” In Toward a Just World. 2nd edition. Knoxville, TN: Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2006 *Berbrier, Mitch and Elaine Pruett. "When Is Inequality a Problem? Victim Contests, Injustice Frames, and the Case of the Office of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Support Services at Indiana University" *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 35:257-84.
- 2007 Reprinted in Ira Silver, ed., *Social Problems: Readings*. New York: Norton.

- 2004 *Berbrier, Mitch. "Assimilationism and Pluralism as Cultural Tools." *Sociological Forum* 19:29-62.
- Berbrier, Mitch. "Why are there so many 'minorities?'" *Contexts*. Spring 2004. 3:1(limited peer review)
- 2007 Reprinted in Jeff Goodwin and James Jasper, eds., *The Contexts Reader*, New York: Norton.
- 2002 *Berbrier, Mitch. "Making Minorities: Cultural Space and the Categorical Status Claims of Gay, Deaf, and White Supremacist Activists in Late 20th Century America." *Sociological Forum* 17:553-591.
- *Berbrier, Mitch. "Disempowering Minorities: A Critique of Wilkinson's 'Task for Social Scientists and Practitioners.'" *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*. 29:3-19.
- 2000 *Berbrier, Mitch. "The Victim Ideology of White Supremacists and White Separatists in the United States." *Sociological Focus*, 33:175-91.
- Berbrier, Mitch. "Racism as Deviance." In Clifton Bryant, ed. *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Deviance, Volume I*. London: Taylor and Francis.
- Berbrier, Mitch. "Ethnicity in the Making: Ethnicity Work, the Ethnicity Industry and A Constructionist Framework for Research." *Perspectives on Social Problems*, 12:69-88.
- Berbrier, Mitch, and Aileen Schulte. "Binding and Nonbinding Integration: The Relational Costs and Rewards of Social Ties on Mental Health." *Research in Community and Mental Health*, 11:3-27.
- 1999 *Berbrier, Mitch. "Impression Management for the Thinking Racist: A Case Study of Intellectualization as Stigma Transformation in Contemporary White Supremacist Discourse." *The Sociological Quarterly* 40:411-33.
- 1998 *Berbrier, Mitch. "'Half the Battle': Cultural Resonance, Framing Processes, and Ethnic Affections in Contemporary White Separatist Rhetoric." *Social Problems*, 45:431-50.
- *Berbrier, Mitch. "White Supremacists and the (Pan-)Ethnic Imperative: On 'European-Americans' and 'White Student Unions.'" *Sociological Inquiry*, 68:498-516.
- Berbrier, Mitch. "'Being Deaf has very little to do with one's ears': Boundary-Work in the Deaf Culture Movement." *Perspectives on Social Problems*, 10:79-100.
- 1997 *Berbrier, Mitchell. "From Logos to Pathos in Social Psychology and Academic Argumentation: Reconciling Postmodernism and Positivism in a Sociology of Persuasion." *Argumentation*, 11:35-50.

- 1989 *Baker, A.G., Mitchell W. Berbrier, and Frederic Valle-Tourangeau. "Judgments of a 2x2 Contingency Table: Sequential Processing and the Learning Curve." *The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*, 41B:65-97.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2006 Berbrier, Mitch. Review of Vincent Parillo, *Diversity in America*, 2nd ed. *Teaching Sociology*. 34:193-95.
- 2000 Berbrier, Mitch. Review of Donileen Loseke, *Thinking About Social Problems: An Introduction to Constructionist Perspectives*. *Canadian Journal of Sociology Online*. March-April.
<<http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/cjscopy/reviews/socprob.html>>
- 1992 Berbrier, Mitch. Review of Malcolm Ashmore, *The Reflexive Thesis: Wrioting Sociology of Scientific Knowledge*." *Isis*, 83:178-179.

FILM REVIEW

- 2000 Berbrier, Mitch. "Advertising and the End of the World." *Teaching Sociology* 28:94-96.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Berbrier, Mitch. "Problems with Racial Projects." In revision to submit to *The Sociological Quarterly*.
- Berbrier, Mitch, and Veronica Ferreira. "How the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Survived the Doldrums: Gendered Voluntarism and the Expressive-Instrumental Dimension." In revision, considering submission to *Frontiers*.
- Berbrier, Mitch "Founder, Keepers: Jennie Kaufmann Zwick and the Women of the Cleveland Cultural Garden Federation, 1916-1993." In early preparation stages, for eventual submission to the *American Jewish Archives Journal*.

Presentations at Scholarly Meetings

- 2012 Berbrier, Mitch, and Veronica Ferreira. "How the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Survived the Doldrums: Gendered Voluntarism and the Expressive-Instrumental Dimension." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, Colorado, August 18, 2012.
- 2009 Berbrier, Mitch. "Substantialist and Relational Approaches to Racial Projects." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 2009, San Francisco, CA.
- Berbrier, Mitch. "Racism vs. Racism." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. August 2009, San Francisco, CA.
- Invited Panelist: "Constructionist Conversations: Theory, Methods, and Analysis. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. August 2009, San Francisco.

- 2008 Donileen Loseke and Mitch Berbrier. "Reflections on Building Constructionist Theory: A Conversation." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. July/August 2008, Boston, MA.
- 2005 Berbrier, Mitch. "The Other End of Ideology: Assimilationism, Pluralism, and the Frame-Ideology Debate." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 2, 2005.
- Berbrier, Mitch and Elaine Pruett. "Injustice Frames and the Legitimation of Inequality: The Case of the Constructing Gays as an Oppressed Minority." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 1, 2005.
- 2003 Berbrier, Mitch. "Constructing Identities through an Urban Public Space: The Cleveland Cultural Gardens." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August 16, 2003.
- Berbrier, Mitch. "Can the Pope Be Jewish and Can Constructionists Be Experts? Symmetry vs. Critical Constructionism." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, August 16, 2003.
- 1999 Berbrier, Mitch. "Ending Sociology 101 with the End of the World: Exploring some pedagogical applications and implications of Sut Jhally's film *Advertising and the End of the World*." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 10, 1999.
- 1995 Berbrier, Mitch. "Kultural Pluralism: Ethnic Claims and the Quest for Legitimacy in Contemporary White Supremacist Discourse." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 1995.
- 1994 Berbrier, Mitch. "On Deviant or Ethnic Cultural Space: The Claims of Lesbians and Gays, the Deaf, and White Supremacists." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 7, 1994.
- 1993 Berbrier, Mitch. "Ethnicity in the Making: The Ethnicity Industry and A Constructionist Framework for Research." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Miami, FL, August 15, 1993.
- 1992 Berbrier, Mitch, and Aileen Schulte. "Binding and Non-Binding Integration: The Relational Costs and Rewards of Social Ties on Mental Health." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, PA, August 20, 1992.
- 1990 Gieryn, Thomas and Mitch Berbrier. "Designing Laboratories for Biotechnology." Paper presented at 21st meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 19, 1990.
- 1987 Baker, A.G. and Berbrier, M. "The learning curve in human contingency judgments: Methodology and theoretical considerations." Paper presented at the joint meeting of the Experimental Psychology Society and the Canadian Psychological Association, Oxford, England, July 1-3, 1987.

Selected Committees and Service Activities

- UAH Faculty Senate President, 2013-14
- Provost and Executive VP Student Affairs Search Committee 2013
- Huron Consulting Committee 2013-present
- Charger Foundations (formerly GER Revision) Committee 2013-present
- UAH Budget Committee 2013-14

- Assistant Dean of Students Search Committee 2012
- Founding Coordinator, Program on Science, Technology, and Society, 2012-2013
- Faculty Senate President-Elect 2012-13
 - Campus Priorities and Planning Committee, 2012-13 (*ex-officio*)
- UAH Financial Aid Committee 2012-2013
- Sociology Department Representative to UAH Library 2006-present
- *Alpha Kappa Delta* (The Sociology Honor Society) faculty advisor and chapter representative, 2006-2013.
- UAH Employee Benefits Committee, August 2010–2012.

- Outside observer of School of Graduate Studies, Doctoral thesis defense in Department of Biology, April 2012
- Reappointment Committee, Department of Psychology, Spring 2012
- Reappointment Committee, Department of History, Spring 2012
- Reappointment Committee, Department of English, Spring 2011
- Reappointment Committee, Department of Education, Spring 2011
- Reappointment Committee, Department of History, Spring 2011

- Spring 2009, Proxy Faculty Senator
- Outside observer of School of Graduate Studies, Master's thesis defense in Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, February 2008
- College of Liberal Arts, Dossier Workshop leader, with Brian Martine, Nov 2008
- STS@UAHuntsville. Focused Faculty Hire proposal, October 2008.
- STS@UAHuntsville. New Program Proposal. June 2008.
- Outside observer of School of Graduate Studies, Master's thesis defense in Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, March 2007
- Reappointment Committee, Department of Communication Arts, Spring 2007
- Reappointment Committee, Department of Education, Spring 2007
- Reappointment Committee, Department of Education, Spring 2007
- Promotion Committee, Department of Communication Arts, Fall 2006
- Research and Creative Achievements Awards Committee, 2006
- Faculty Advisor, *UAH Exponent*, January 2004-August 2006
 - UAH Publications Board (*ex officio*)
- Chair, Search Committee, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, 2005-06
- Search Committee, External Member, English 2005-06
- Reappointment Committee, Department of Communication Arts, Spring 2006
- Reappointment Committee, Department of Education, Spring 2006
- Teaching Matters discussion series, committee member, 2003-06
- Chair, 2005

- Reappointment Committee, Department of Sociology, Spring 2005
- Reappointment Committee, Department of Psychology, Spring 2005
- Search Committee, External Member, Education Department Spring 2005
- Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee, College of Liberal Arts, Fall 2004
- UAH Student Affairs Committee, August 2004-May 2006
- Chair, Personnel Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Spring 2004.
- Reappointment Committee, Department of Communications, Spring 2003 and 2004
- Reappointment Committee, Department of English, Spring 2004
- Student Sociology Association and Alpha Kappa Delta, Faculty Advisor, 1998-2000, 2002-03.
- Honors Council 2002-03.
- Campus Priorities and Resources Committee 2002-04.
- Inter-University Civil Rights Symposium Committee, 1999-present.
- Social Issues Symposium, organizer or co-organizer, 1996-97, 1997-98, and 2001-02.
- Faculty Senator for Sociology, 2000-2002.
- Undergraduate Scholastic Affairs Committee, 2000-01
- Faculty and Student Development Committee, 2001-02
- Faculty/Staff Traffic Appeals Committee, 2001-02.
- University Judicial Board, 1997-99.

Campus Presentations:

- Global Studies 200. Guest Lecture, “The Social Construction of Race.” (October 2012; January 2012; September 2011; March 2011; October 2010; April 2010, March 2009, and November 2008, October 2007)
- August 2008 for UAHuntsville’s Office of International Studies, “Overview Religion in the United States in Social and Historical Perspective.” Study of the U.S. Institute, Guest Lecture, “Religion in the United States.” July 30, 2008
- July 2008. Unitarian Universalist Association of Huntsville, Guest Talk, “All I Want From Religion is Eternal Life.”
- October 2007. Global Studies 200. Guest Lecture, “The Social Construction of Race.”
- October 2005. For ED 101, Study Skills. “Diversity”
- July 2002 Compass “Major Changes, Majors Change.”
- March 1997 RELACS “Kultural Pluralism” Presented at RELACS, University of Alabama in Huntsville.
- December 1996 Guest Lecture, John Pottenger’s class. “White Supremacy.”

Service to the Discipline

GENERAL SERVICE

- Society for the Study of Social Problems, Theory Division Best Article Award, Committee Chair, 2012-13
- Textbook review, McGraw-Hill, *The Practical Skeptic: Core Concepts in Sociology, 5e*, by Lisa McIntyre. June 2012.
- Program Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2009 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 7-9, 2009.
- Textbook proposal review, Cambridge University Press. *Social Movements and Protest*, 2008.
- Chair, Social Problems Theory Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2006-08.
- *Ex officio*: Council of Division Chairpersons, SSSP, 2007-08

- Textbook proposal review, Pine Forge Press, *Sociology of Religion*. 2005
- Board of Advisory Editors, *Social Problems* 2002-05
- Grant Reviewer, National Science Foundation (Sociology Program), 2004
- Session Chair, “Constructing Identity: Power and History.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, August 2004.
- Session Chair, “People, Power, and History: Constructing the United States.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, August 2004.
- Textbook revision review for Pine Forge Press, *Ethnicity and Race* by Stephen Cornell and Douglas Hartmann.
- Grant Reviewer, National Science Foundation (Sociology Program), 2003

PEER REVIEW SERVICE

(Beginning in 2013, because of time constraints I began temporarily refusing all requests)

2012: 3: for *Social Problems* (2); *Critical Studies on Terrorism*

2011: 1: for *Sociological Forum*

2010: 2: for *Symbolic Interaction; Teaching Sociology*

2008: 3: for *American Sociological Review; Social Forces; Mobilization*

2007: 5: for *Symbolic Interaction* (2); *Sociological Forum; Social Problems* (2)

2006: 3: for *American Sociological Review* (2), *Sociological Forum*

(Beginning in 2006, because of time constraints I became highly selective, refusing most requests)

2005: 7: for *Sociological Inquiry* (2), *Sociological Perspectives* (2), *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*

2004: 7: for *Mobilization* (2); *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Inquiry*(2), *Social Problems*, *Sociological Perspectives*

2003 6: *Sociological Forum*, *Social Problems* (5)

2002 5: for *Social Problems* (3), *Sociological Inquiry*, *Sociological Forum*

2001 3: for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

2000 3: for *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Social Problems*

1999 7: for *Social Problems* (3), *The Sociological Quarterly* (2), *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Perspectives*

1998 2: for *Sociological Inquiry*, *Social Problems*

1997 2: for *Sociology of Education*, *Social Problems*

1996 1: for *Sociological Inquiry*

1995 1: for *Sociological Inquiry*

Memberships in professional associations

American Sociological Association

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Honors, Fellowships, and Grants

- 2005 UAH Foundation Research Award, Life and Social Sciences. \$2500.00.
- 2004 University of Alabama in Huntsville Humanities Center Library Enhancement Grant. \$135.00 supplemental grant for "Social Movements."
- 2004 University of Alabama in Huntsville Humanities Center Library Enhancement Grant. \$1,586.00 for "Social Movements."
- 2001-02 University of Alabama in Huntsville Humanities Center Faculty Grant for "The Cleveland Cultural Gardens: Ethnic History in Public Space, 1926-2001" (\$2550.00)
- 1999-2000 University of Alabama in Huntsville Humanities Center Faculty Grant for "Cultural Gardens and Ethnic Directories: Constructing Ethnicity and Race in Cleveland Since 1926" (\$2486.62)
- 1994-95 Fellowship in the Political Economy Workshop, Indiana University (\$11,000)
- 1994 Program on the Scientific Dimensions of Society, Indiana University. Grant-in-Aid of Research (\$836)
- 1994 Doctoral Student Grant-in-Aid of Research, University Graduate School, Indiana University (\$750)
- 1994 Indiana University Political Economy Workshop Research Funding (\$250)
- 1993-94 Fellowship in Philanthropy -- Indiana University Center on Philanthropy (\$12000)
- 1993 Indiana University Political Economy Workshop Research Funding (\$500)
- 1993 ASA Social Psychology Section's Graduate Student Paper Competition -- Honorable Mention, for "Binding and Non-Binding Integration: The Relational Cost and Rewards of Social Ties on Mental Health," with Aileen Schulte
- 1992 Indiana University Graduate Student Travel Award (\$100)
- 1987-88 Indiana University Graduate Student Fellowship (\$2500)
- 1987 Bachelor of Arts - First Class Honors in Psychology; University Scholar
- 1986 James McGill Award, McGill University (\$1000 Cdn)

Employment History Prior to Ph.D.:

- 1992-93 Associate Instructor in Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
- 1990-92 Research Assistant to Dr. Thomas F. Gieryn, Project on Laboratory Design in Biotechnology. Institute for Social Research, Bloomington, Indiana
- 1989-90 Associate Instructor in Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.
- 1987-89 Graduate Assistant in Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.
- 1986 Research Assistant to Dr. Andrew G. Baker. Department of Psychology, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.
- 1984 Junior Auditor, Friedman & Friedman, Chartered Accountants, Montreal, Quebec.
- 1983 Junior Auditor, Fuller, Jenks, Landau, Chartered Accountants, Montreal, Quebec.