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Education

Ph.D. Sociology 1978
Stanford University *Stanford, California*
Dissertation: *Theoretical Research Programs: The Growth of Theoretical Knowledge in Sociology.*

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor to Full Professor, Department of Sociology 1985-
University at Albany–SUNY *Albany, New York*

Postdoctoral Fellow
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology 1984-1985
Stanford University *Stanford, California*

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology 1978-1984
University of Iowa *Iowa City, Iowa.*

Director, Center for Research on Interpersonal Behavior
Department of Sociology 1980-1981
University of Iowa *Iowa City, Iowa.*

Lecturer, Department of Sociology 1976-1978
University of Toronto *Toronto, Ontario, Canada.*

Awards and Honors

- University at Albany Award for Excellence in Service, April 2007
- SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, October 2004
- University at Albany Award for Excellence in Teaching, April 2004
- Invited participant, Theory Mini-conference, Section on Theoretical Sociology, American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 2002
- Invited participant, Theory Mini-conference, Section on Theoretical Sociology, American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 2000
- Invited participant, Metatheory Mini-conference, Section on Theoretical Sociology, American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 1990.
- Invited participant, Cumulative Theorizing Mini-conference, Section on Theoretical Sociology, American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 1987
- Invited participant Theoretical Methods Symposium, American Psychological Association, Los Angeles, August 1985.
- Article "Do Sociological Theories Grow?" (*American Journal of Sociology*, 1985) awarded Honorable Mention, Theory Prize Competition, Section on Theoretical Sociology, American Sociological Association, San Antonio, August 1984.
- Lectures on "Recent Sociological Theory." Short Course, American Sociological Association, San Antonio, August 1984.

Research Interests

- Stratification processes, particularly as they apply to gender inequalities
- Distributive justice, particularly the processes by which expectations for reward emerge in status situations, the role that referential comparisons play in these processes, and the effects of such expectations on task performance and assessments of justice and injustice in organizations.
- Theoretical growth in sociology, particularly the identification of different patterns of theoretical growth and of different criteria of assessment associated with each pattern.
- Social control of deviance in small groups, particularly with respect to violations of the status-based expectations of others.

Teaching Interests

- Sociological Theory and Theory Construction
- Social Psychology
- Sex and Gender Stratification
- Sociology of Science and Knowledge
- Quantitative Methodology and Statistics
- Organizational Processes
- Deviance

Publications

Books

- Wallace, R., A. Wolf, and D.G. Wagner. Forthcoming, 2016. *Contemporary sociological theory: Expanding the classical tradition, 7th edition*. Boston: Pearson.
- Seidman, S., and D.G. Wagner (eds.). 1992. *Postmodernism and Social Theory: the Debate over General Theory*. Cambridge, MA: Basil Blackwell.
- Wagner, D.G. 1984. *The Growth of Sociological Theories*. Beverly Hills, CA: Sage.

Articles

- Berger, J., D.G. Wagner, and M. Webster, Jr. 2014. "Expectation States Theory: Growth, Opportunities and Challenges." Pp. 19-55 in S. Thye and E. Lawler, eds. *Advances in Group Processes*, Volume 31. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing.
- Turner, J., and D.G. Wagner. 2013. "Status Theories." Pp. 373-402 in J. Turner. *Contemporary Sociological Theory*. Los Angeles: Sage.
- Wagner, D.G. 2009. "Rules for Effective Experimental Design and Operations." In J. Heidtman and K. Wysienska, eds. *Group Processes. Sociological Perspectives*. (In Polish: *Procesy Grupowe. Perspektywa Socjologiczna*.) Scholar Publishing House: Warsaw, Poland.
- Wagner, D.G. 2007. "The Limits of Theoretical Integration." *Social Justice Research* 20:270-87.

- Wagner, D.G. 2007. "Symbolic Interactionism and Expectation States Theory: Similarities and Differences." *Sociological Focus* 40:121-37.
- Wagner, D.G. 2006. "Theoretical Research Programs." Pp. 4976-9 in G. Ritzer, ed. *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, Volume X*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell.
- Wagner, D.G., and J. Berger. 2006. "Expectation States Theory." Pp. 1524-8 in G. Ritzer, ed. *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, Volume III*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell.
- Fisek, M.H. and D.G. Wagner. 2003. "Reward Expectations and Allocative Behaviors: A Mathematical Model." Pp. 133-48 in S. Thye and J. Skvoretz, eds., *Advances in Group Processes*, Volume 19. Boston: Elsevier
- Wagner, D.G. and J. Berger. 2002. "Expectation States Theory: An Evolving Research Program." Pp. 41-78 in M. Zelditch, Jr., and J. Berger, eds. *New Directions in Contemporary Sociological Theory*. New York: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Wagner, D.G. 2000. "On the Irrationality of Rejecting Falsified Theories." *Sociological Focus* 32:27-39.
- Shelly, R.K., and D.G. Wagner. 1998. "Chaos in Social Theory: Simple Models of Complex Processes." *Sociological Focus* 31:357-372.
- Wagner, D.G., and J. Turner. 1998. "The Continuing Tradition: Expectation States Theory." Ch. 33 in J. Turner, *The Structure of Sociological Theory*, sixth edition. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.
- Wagner, D.G., and J. Szmataka. 1998. "Expectation States Theory." Pp. - in Wladyslaw Kwasniewicz. (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Sociology*, Volume 4. Warszawa: Oficyna Nukowa (in Polish).
- Wagner, D.G., and J. Berger. 1997. "Gender and Interpersonal Task Behaviors: Status Expectation Accounts." *Sociological Perspectives* 40:1-32.
- Wagner, D.G. 1995. "Gender Differences in Reward Preference: A Status-Based Account." *Small Groups Research* 26:353-371.
- Wagner, D.G., and J. Berger. 1993. "Status Characteristics Theory: The Growth of a Program." Pp. 23-63 in J. Berger and M. Zelditch (eds.), *Theoretical Research Programs: Studies in the Growth of Theory*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.
- Wagner, D.G. 1994. "The Growth of Theories." Pp. 25-42 in M. Foschi and E.J. Lawler (eds.), *Group Processes: Sociological Analyses*. Chicago: Nelson-Hall.
- Berger, J., D.G. Wagner, and M. Zelditch, Jr. 1992. "A Working Strategy for Constructing Theories: State Organizing Processes." Pp. 107-123 in G. Ritzer (ed.), *Metatheorizing*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.
- Wagner, D.G. 1992. "Daring Modesty: On Metatheory, Observation and Theory Growth." Pp. 199-220 in S. Seidman and D.G. Wagner (eds.), *Postmodernism and Social Theory*. Cambridge, MA: Basil Blackwell.

- Berger, J., D.G. Wagner, and M. Zelditch, Jr. 1989. "Theory Growth, Social Processes, and Metatheory." Pp. 19-42 in J. Turner (ed.), *Theory-Building in Sociology*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.
- Wagner, D.G. 1988. "Gender Inequalities in Groups: A Situational Approach." Pp. 55-68 in M. Webster, Jr., and M. Foschi (eds.), *Status Generalization: New Theory and Research*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.
- Wagner, D.G. 1988. "Status Violations: Toward an Expectation States Theory of the Social Control of Status Deviance." Pp. 110-122 in M. Webster, Jr., and M. Foschi (eds.), *Status Generalization: New Theory and Research*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.
- Wagner, D.G., and J. Berger. 1986. "Programs, Theory, and Metatheory." *American Journal of Sociology* 92:168-182.
- Wagner, D.G., R.S. Ford, and T.W. Ford. 1986. "Can Gender Inequalities Be Reduced?" *American Sociological Review* 51:47-61.
- Berger, J., D.G. Wagner, and M. Zelditch, Jr. 1985. "Theoretical and Metatheoretical Themes in Expectation States Theory." Pp. 148-168 in H.J. Helle and S.N. Eisenstadt (eds.), *Perspectives on Sociological Theory, Volume 2: Micro-sociological Theory*. London: Sage.
- Wagner, D.G., and J. Berger. 1985. "Do Sociological Theories Grow?" *American Journal of Sociology* 90:697-728.
- Berger, J., D.G. Wagner, and M. Zelditch, Jr. "Expectation States Theory: Review and Assessment." Pp. 1-72 in J. Berger and M. Zelditch, Jr. (eds.), *Status, Rewards And Influence*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
- Wagner, D.G. 1984. "The Labeling of Mental Illness as a Status Organizing Process." Pp. 127-144 in E.J. Lawler (ed.), *Advances in Group Processes*, Volume 1. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press.
- Berger, J., M.H. Fisek, R.Z. Norman, and D.G. Wagner. 1983. "The Formation of Reward Expectations in Status Situations." (with J. Berger, M.H. Fisek, and R.Z. Norman) Pp. 127-168 in D. Messick and K. Cook (eds.), *Equity Theory: Psychological and Sociological Perspectives*. New York: Praeger.
- Wagner, D.G., and J. Berger. 1982. "Paths of Relevance and the Induction of Status-Task Expectancies." *Social Forces* 61:575-586.

Reviews

- Wagner, D.G. 1996. "Review of T. Kuran, *Private Truths, Public Lies: The Social Consequences of Preference Falsification*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press." *American Journal of Sociology* 102:874-6.
- Wagner, D.G. 1994. "Review of I.L. Horowitz, *The Decomposition of Sociology*. New York: Oxford." *American Journal of Sociology* 100:824-5.

- Wagner, D.G. 1991. "Review of E.T. Higgins and R.M. Sorrentino, *Handbook of Motivation and Cognition: Foundations of Social Behavior*. Volume 2. New York: Guilford." *Contemporary Sociology* 20:793-794.
- Wagner, D.G. 1991. "Review of R. Pawson, *A Measure for Measures*. New York: Routledge. 1989." *American Journal of Sociology* 96:1314-1316.
- Wagner, D.G. 1986. "Review of R. Frank, *Choosing the Right Pond: Human Behavior and the Quest for Status*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1985." *Contemporary Sociology* 15:427-429.
- Wagner, D.G. 1981. "Review of J. Elster, *Ulysses and the Sirens: Studies in Rationality and Irrationality*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1979." *Contemporary Sociology* 10:470.

Paper Presentations

- Wagner, D.G. 2008, J. Larshus, and M. Vogel. "Instrumental and Expressive Attributions in Task Groups." Presented at the Group Processes Conference, American Sociological Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA.
- Wagner, D.G. 2008. "Instrumental and Expressive Attributions: An Interim Report." Presented at the Group Processes Conference, American Sociological Association Meetings, New York, NY.
- Wagner, D.G. 2005. "Potholes on the Road to Integrating Theories of Group Processes." Presented at the Group Processes Conference, American Sociological Association meetings, Philadelphia, PA.
- Wagner, D.G. 2005. "The Limits of Theoretical Integration." Presented at the Conference on Social Justice. Bremen, Germany.
- Wagner, D.G. 2005. "Expectation States Theory and Symbolic Interactionism: Similarities and Differences." Presented at the North Central Sociological Association meetings, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Wagner, D.G. 2004. "Group Processes Labs: Growing Your Own." Presented at the Group Processes Conference, American Sociological Association meetings, San Francisco, CA.
- Wagner, D.G. 2002. "'Why Can't a Woman Be More Like a Man?': Status and Gender in Interpersonal Task Situations." Presented at the Group Processes Conference, American Sociological Association meetings, Chicago, IL.
- Wagner, D. G. 2002. "Sociological Theory in the Twenty-First Century." Presented at the Theoretical Sociology Miniconference, American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Fisek, M.H. and D.G. Wagner. 2002. "Reward Expectations and Allocative Behaviors: A Mathematical Model." Presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Chicago, IL.
- Wagner, D.G. 2000. "The Growth of Expectations." Presented at the Section on Theoretical Sociology Miniconference, American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C.

- Wagner, D.G. 2000. "On the Discreteness of Social Processes." Presented at the Nags Head Conference on Groups, Networks and Organizations, Highland Beach, Florida.
- Wagner, D.G. 1999. "Status and Instrumental/Expressive Roles in Groups." Presented at the Nags Head Conference on Groups, Networks and Organizations, Highland Beach, Florida.
- Wagner, D.G. 1998. "On the Irrationality of Rejecting Falsified Theories." Presented at the Conference on Theory Construction. Vancouver, BC.
- Wagner, D.G., and J. Berger. 1998. "Expectation States Theories: Progress and Prospects." Presented at the Group Processes Conference, American Sociological Association meetings, San Francisco.
- Wagner, D.G., and R.O. Harris. 1997. "Instrumental Information in Task Groups." Presented at the North Central Sociological Association meetings, Indianapolis, IN.
- Wagner, D.G., and R.O. Harris. 1996. "Characteristics, Objects, and Information: An Integrated View of Instrumental Task Behavior." Presented at the Nags Head Conference on Groups, Networks and Organizations. Highland Beach, Florida.
- Wagner, D.G., and R.O. Harris. 1995. "Status and Instrumental Behavior." Presented at the Nags Head Conference on Groups, Networks and Organizations. Highland Beach, Florida.
- Wagner, D.G., and R. O. Harris. 1995. "On Being Clueless in Task Groups." Presented at the Groups Conference, American Sociological Association meetings, Washington, D.C.
- Wagner, D.G. 1994. "Theoretical Programs and Effect Programs in Social Psychology." Presented at the Nags Head Conference on Groups, Networks and Organizations. Highland Beach, Florida
- Wagner, D.G. 1993. "Toward an Evolutionary Model of Theory Growth." Presented at the International Congress of Sociology. Paris, France.
- Shelly, R.K., and D.G. Wagner. 1993. "Chaos in Social Theory: Explaining Complex Events with Simple Ideas." Presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Miami, Florida.
- Wagner, D.G. 1993. "Gender, Technology and Group Influence." Presented at the Nags Head Conference on Groups, Networks and Organizations. Highland Beach, Florida.
- Wagner, D.G., and J. Berger. 1993. "Gender and Interpersonal Behavior: Status-Expectation Accounts." Presented at the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Boston.
- Wagner, D.G. 1992. "The Technology of Task Performance." Presented at the Nags Head Conference on Groups, Networks and Organizations. Highland Beach, Florida.
- Wagner, D.G. 1991. "How the Allocation of Rewards Affects Task Expectations." Presented at the Nags Head Conference on Groups, Networks and Organizations. Highland Beach Florida.
- Wagner, D.G. 1990. "Status Characteristics, Gender, and Reward Preference." Presented at the Third Annual Conference on Group Processes. Washington, D.C.

- Berger, J., D.G. Wagner, and M. Zelditch, Jr. 1990. "State Organizing Processes: A Metatheoretical Conception." Presented at the Theory Mini-Conference at the American Sociological Association meetings, Washington, D.C.
- Wagner, D.G. 1989. "Status, Gender and Reward Preference." Presented at the Twelfth International Conference on Groups, Networks and Organizations, Nags Head, North Carolina.
- Wagner, D.G. 1988. "Gender, Equity and Equality." Presented at the Conference on Aggression, Conflict and Negotiation, Nags Head, North Carolina.
- Berger, J., D.G. Wagner, and M. Zelditch, Jr. 1987. "Theory Growth, Social Processes and Expectation States Research." Presented in the Theory Mini-conference at the American Sociological Association meetings, Chicago, Illinois.
- Wagner, D.G. 1987. "Comparing Theories of Distributive Justice." Presented at the Seventh International Conference on Conflict, Justice and Law, Nags Head, North Carolina.
- Wagner, D.G. 1987. "The Interdependence of Task and Reward Expectations." Presented at the North Central Sociological Association meetings, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Wagner, D.G. 1986. "Gender Differences in Groups." Presented at the Ninth International Conference on Groups, Networks and Organizations. Nags Head, North Carolina.
- Wagner, D.G. 1985. "Patterns of Theoretical Growth." Presented at the American Psychological Association meetings, Los Angeles, California.
- Wagner, D.G., R.S. Ford, and T.W. Ford. 1984. "Decreasing Male/Female Inequalities." Presented at the Conference on Integrating Social Processes, Columbia, South Carolina.
- Wagner, D.G., and R.S. Ford. "The Confirmation and Disconfirmation of Women's Status-Task Expectancies." Presented at the West Coast Conference for Small Groups Research, San Jose, California.
- Berger, J., D.G. Wagner, and M. Zelditch, Jr. 1982. "Theoretical and Metatheoretical Themes in Expectation States Theory." Presented at the Tenth World Congress of Sociology, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Berger, J., M.H. Fisek, R.Z. Norman, and D.G. Wagner. 1982. "The Formation of Reward Expectations in Status Situations." Presented at the West Coast Conference for Small Groups Research, Sacramento, California.
- Wagner, D.G. 1982. "State-Activating Processes." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Wagner, D.G. 1982. "Assessing Formalization Techniques: An Example in the Analysis of Marxian Functional Theory." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Wagner, D.G. 1980. "Status Characteristics and Social Interaction: A Case Study in the Development of Theory." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society meetings, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Research Grants and Awards

Wagner, D.G. 2003. "A Research Practicum in Experimental Methods for Undergraduates in Sociology." Innovations in Teaching Award, Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, UAlbany, SUNY. *Amount awarded: \$4949.*

Seidman, S., and D.G. Wagner. 1988. "General Social Theory and Its Critics: Contemporary Debates." ASA Problems of the Discipline grant for the 1988 Albany Conference on the viability and relevance of general theory for contemporary sociology. *Amount awarded: \$2500.*

Wagner, D.G. 1988. "Status Differences and Justice Behavior." SUNY Faculty Research Award, 15 April 1988 to 14 April 1989. *Amount awarded: \$1910.*

Wagner, D.G. 1986. "Reward Expectations in Status Situations: Development and Pretest." SUNY Faculty Research Award, 15 April 1986 to 14 April 1987. *Amount awarded: \$3000.*

Service

Departmental

Theory and Social Psychology Comprehensive Committees (1985-)
Honors Program Director (2004-)
Undergraduate Committee (1985-1986, 1992-1995, 2003-), chair 1992-1994)
Research Committee (1985-1987, 1990-1992, 1995-1996, chair 1986-1987)
Executive Committee (1987-1988)
Recruitment Committee (1987-1988, 1996-1997)
Graduate Committee (1988-1990, 1999-2000)
Symposium Committee (1997-1998, 2002-2004)
Advancement Committee (1998-2000)
Promotion Review Committee (for R. Felson) (1988-1989)
Promotion Review Committee (for S. Seidman) (1992-1993)
Development of writing intensive course (SOC 260G–Social Psychology) (1987-1988)
Development of writing intensive course (SOC 457G–Sociology of Science) (1988-1989)
Development of undergraduate research course (SOC 491 & 492–Research Practicum in Experimental Methods) (2006-2007)

College

College Council (1989-1991, chair 1989-1991)
Committee for Selection of Computer Consultant for College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (1989-1990)
Dean's Task Force on the Quality of Undergraduate Academic Life (QUAL) (1997-1998)
Subcommittee on Academic Standing (1996-1999)
Academic Support Committee (2000-2002, co-chair 2000-2001)

University

Council on Research (1987-1989)
Research Incentives Committee of Council on Research (1986-1989, chair 1988-1989)
Committee on Journals and Conferences of Council on Research (1987-1988, chair 1987-1988)

Judicial Review Committee for University Senate (ad-hoc) (1987-1988)
 Committee on Admission and Academic Standing, Undergraduate Academic Council (1994-1998)
 Institutional Review Board (1986-1988, 1997-1999, chair 1997-1999)
 Institutional Review Board Acting Compliance Officer (1999)
 Institutional Review Board Ad Hoc Subcommittee Investigating Faculty Research Misconduct (1999, chair, 1999)
 Council on Libraries, Information Sciences and Computing (2001-2007, chair 2003-2006)
 Computer Usage Committee of Libraries, Information Sciences and Computing Council (2001-2003)
 Special Committee on IRB Policy, Council on Research (2004-2008, chair 2004-2006)
 University Senate (2003-2006)
 University Senate Executive Committee (2003-2006)
 Provost's Assessment Advisory Committee (2004-2006)
 CIO's IT Policy Review Committee (2004-2015)
 Dean of Libraries Search Committee (2005)
 Provost's Panel on Undergraduate Writing (2006-2008)
 University Policy and Planning Council (2008-2015)
 Provost's Budget Advisory Group (2009)
 Graduate Student Stipend Review Panel (2009)
 Provost's Strategic Planning Committee (2009-2010)
 Subcommittee on Social and Political Trends, Provost's Strategic Planning Committee (2010, Co-chair 2010)
 CLUE Committee on Tenure and Promotion (2010)
 Graduate Education Working Group (2011-)
 University Facilities Master Plan Advisory Committee (2011-2013)
 Dialogue in Action Seminars on Diversity (2012-2013)
 Committee on Ethics in Research and Scholarship (2014-)

University System

SUNY Faculty Senate Alternate (2013-2014)

Professional

New York State Sociological Association, President (2001-2002)
 Organizer of *Status, Power, and Reward*. Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the New York State Sociological Association, UAlbany, October 11-12, 2002.
 Organizer of Ninth Annual Conference on Group Processes, American Sociological Association meetings, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (1997)
 Organizer of Twentieth Annual Conference on Group Processes, American Sociological Association meetings, Boston, MA. (2008)
 Co-organizer of Twenty-Fifth Annual Conference on Group Processes, American Sociological Association meetings, New York, NY (2013)
 Editorial Board, *Social Psychology Quarterly* (1992-1995, 2006-2012)
 Editorial Board, *Sociological Forum* (1991-1997)
 Editorial Board, *Current Research in Social Psychology* (1995-1999)
 Editorial Board, *Social Forces* (2008-2013)
 Social Psychology Prize Committee, Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association (1992-1993)
 Theory Prize Committee, Theory Section of the American Sociological Association (1990-1991, 2008-2009)
 Paper Prize Committee, Mathematical Sociology Section of the American Sociological

Association (2005-2006)
Organizer of Albany Conference on General Social Theory and Its Critics (1987-1988)
Reviewer for professional journals (all years)
American Sociological Review
American Journal of Sociology
Social Forces
Social Psychology
Sociological Theory
Sociological Forum
Sociological Focus
Sociological Perspectives
Sociological Inquiry
Journal of Mathematical Sociology
Group Processes and Intergroup Relations
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
Social Justice Research
Reviewer for National Science Foundation Sociology Program proposals (most years)
Candidate for ASA Theory Section Council (1985, 1988, 1995, 2001)
Candidate for ASA Social Psychology Section Council (2002, 2005)
Secretary-Treasurer, ASA Mathematical Sociology Section (2009-2013)
Organizer, presider, and/or discussant at numerous professional meetings.