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Education

PhD in Sociology 1997; MA in Sociology, 1992
Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, New York, NY
Doctoral Dissertation: *Africans on This Soil: The Counter-Amnesia of the New York African Burial Ground*. (Committee: Jose Casanova, Chair; Jeffrey Goldfarb; Iwona Irwin-Zarecka; Terry Williams)

BA in Sociology with Music minor, 1977
Mississippi College, Clinton, MS

Sociology major, 1973-1975
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Higher Education Experience

Visiting Assistant Professor, West Virginia University, Division of Sociology and Anthropology. Teach the courses Social Movements and Civil Society, Contemporary Social Theory, Women and Men in Society, Ethnic Groups, Social Problems, and Global Inequality with undergraduate students. Supervise M.A. theses. Serve on undergraduate curriculum committee and the outreach committee for the Center for Excellence in Women's Health. Chair of Eastern European Subcommittee for Multicultural Programs. Organize campus-community dialogues and guest speakers on issues of war and peace, and global democracy. 2005-present

Orientation Instructor, The Open Society Institute Network Scholarship Program (Prague, Czech Republic; Budapest, Hungary; Istanbul, Turkey). Have taught the courses Social Movements, Sociology of Mass Media, and Gender and Society, with undergraduate and graduate students from Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East, and Indonesia. Students are recipients of competitive scholarships to study in the United States and the United Kingdom. Also organize panel discussions on globalization and human rights. Summers of 1998, 1999, 2005, 2006, and 2007

Adjunct Faculty, Towson University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice (Towson, Maryland). Taught Introduction to Sociology and Sociology of Religion with undergraduate students, served on thesis committee for Women's Studies MA student. 2004-2005

Visiting Fellow and Visiting Professor, University of Gdańsk, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology (Gdańsk, Poland). Taught Gender and Culture, American Society, Introduction to Sociology, Mass Media, Sociology of Religion, and Qualitative Methods. Developed groundwork for institutionalization of Gender Studies at the university. Organized student and faculty conferences, gave visiting lectures and workshops, and raised funds through the auspices of the Open Society Institute's Civic Education Project. This Civic Education Project fellowship was for the purpose of contributing to higher education curricular reform in Central and Eastern Europe. 1996-1999 and 2000-2001

Visiting Assistant Professor, Central European University, Institute of Sociology (Warsaw, Poland). Affiliated with and accredited by the University of Lancaster, U.K. Taught Qualitative Methods of Sociological Research, Sociology of Religion, Sociology of Mass Media, and Social Problems and Social Policy with graduate students from throughout the region of Central and Eastern Europe and New Independent States. Advised twelve MA and PhD students. Served on faculty committees, organized on-site and off-site student conferences. 1999-2000

Instructor, Gettysburg College, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (Gettysburg, PA). Taught Introduction to Sociology, Mass Media and Popular Culture, Development of Sociological Theory, and Contemporary Sociological Theory with undergraduate liberal arts students. Advised senior thesis students, organized visiting lectures and campus events, participated in campus diversity workshops, supervised students in international service-learning opportunity. 1994-1996

Adjunct Instructor, New York University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New School for Social Research (New York, NY). Taught Introduction to Sociology, American Society, Quantitative Methods, and Popular Culture with undergraduate and graduate students. 1989-1990; 1993-1994

Associate Campus Minister, Meredith College (Raleigh, NC). Supervised volunteers in community social agencies. Taught seminars, organized events and political engagement, assisted in worship leadership, and planned and executed conference on women and religion. 1980-1981

Nonprofit and Government Experience

Executive Director, Global Women of Baltimore (Baltimore, MD). Founded and direct the development of an emerging community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to immigrant women's rights. Built an advisory board, created and serve as editor of community newsletter, *Tapestries*, coordinate public education events, organize fundraising efforts. Served on Mayor's Advisory Committee for Immigration. 2002-present

Foundations Relations Manager, The Democracy Collaborative, University of Maryland (College Park, MD). Managed the development functions of an emerging nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening democracy through university-community partnerships. Organized and helped coordinate the in-house fundraising system. Wrote fundraising proposals, coordinated foundations relationships, cultivated relationships with foundation program officers, contributed to strategic planning. Contributed to other capacity-building and program development goals needed by the organization. 2002-2004

Research and Organizational Consultant, 1990-1994; 2000-2001; 2004-2006. Clients included:

- Immigration Policy Center of the American Immigration Law Foundation, Washington, DC. Conducted research and wrote reports on immigrant women entrepreneurs, gender demographics of immigrants, children in the detention system, and immigration and higher education.
- Network of East West Women Poland / Baltic Gender Center Gdańsk, Poland. Wrote funder's report on Baltic Gender Center's legal services for women, researched new funding sources, and co-wrote grant proposals.
- New York City Board of Education, Brooklyn, NY. Conducted field interviews, analyzed data, and wrote reports on progress of federally funded remedial programs for elementary school students. Conducted a site study of

a program to promote English literacy among adults and children in a Chinatown community.

- Homes for the Homeless, New York, NY. Directed and conducted an ethnographic and quantitative study, which assessed the organization's experiences placing homeless families in permanent housing.

Associate and Senior Associate, Catalyst for Women (New York, NY), a national organization promoting women's workplace rights. Managed programs related to education and the intersection of work and family. Co-authored new multidisciplinary curriculum on contemporary sex roles designed for post-secondary students; pilot-tested and provided consultation on the curriculum for campus professionals. Conducted research and advised corporations on child care, eldercare, and forming task forces on women's advancement. Managed support staff and interns. 1982-1988

Languages

Polish: intermediate level (reading and speaking), French: introductory level (reading), Spanish: introductory level (reading and speaking). Basic coursework in Hebrew and Greek.

Books

Pearce, Susan C., Elizabeth Clifford, and Reena Tandon. 2008. *Immigrating Women*. New York: New York University Press (forthcoming).

Kapralski, Slawomir and Susan Pearce C., ed. 2000. *Reformulations: Markets, Policy, and Identities in Central and Eastern Europe*. Warsaw, Poland: IFIS Publishers. Publication of edited Masters' theses selected among graduates of Central European University, an English-language international university founded by George Soros and accredited by University of Lancaster, U.K.

Pearce, Susan C. and Eugenia Sojka, ed. 2000. *Mosaics of Change: The First Decade of Life in the New Eastern Europe*. Conference Proceedings from "Cultural Transformations and Civil Society: Reflecting on a Decade of Change." Gdańsk, Poland: University of Gdańsk. Papers were peer-reviewed and selected by international faculty with the Civic Education Project, a program affiliated with the Open Society Institute and Yale University.

Naimark, Hedwin, and Susan Pearce. 1988. *Catalyst's Campus Resource*, an experimental curricular guide. New York, NY: Catalyst. A multidisciplinary volume of resources to support curricular innovations on changing gender roles. Included theory, classroom exercises, literature reviews, bibliography, and discussion. Pilot-tested and peer-reviewed in eight universities across the United States for a full academic year. Funded by the Kellogg Foundation.

Articles Under Review or in the Process of Submission

Pearce, Susan C. "Solidarity Remembered: Gdansk, Poland as Iconic Place."

Pearce, Susan C. "'They are us and we are them': The American Immigration Rights Movement Confronts the Nation with Memory."

Pearce, Susan C. and Homa Firouzbakhch. "Poland, Social Memory, and Solidarity at 25."

Clifford, Elizabeth, Susan C. Pearce, and Reena Tandon. "Immigrant Women and State Policy as Social Actors: The Dynamics of Agency and Structure(s)."

Pearce, Susan C. "The Field of Sociology in Today's Turkey." To be published in *The American Sociologist*.

Published Articles and Book Chapters

Sokoloff, Natalie J. and Susan C. Pearce. 2008. "Immigrant Women and the U.S. Prison System." *S&F Online*, journal of the Barnard Center for Research on Women. (forthcoming)

Pearce, Susan C. 2008. Five entries for the *Encyclopedia of the Culture Wars*. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe. (peer reviewed) (forthcoming)

Pearce, Susan C. 2007. "Saxophones, Trumpets, and Hurricanes: The Cultural Restructuring of New Orleans" in Hillary Potter, ed., *Racing the Storm: Racial Implications and Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Pearce, Susan C. 2005. "Contesting "Nation" through the Local: The New York African Burial Ground in 2005." *General Anthropology* 12:1.

Clifford, Elizabeth J., Susan C. Pearce, and Reena Tandon. 2006. "Two Steps Forward? Reinventing U.S. Immigration Policy for Women," in *Proceedings for the Annual Conference of the Institute for Women's Policy Research*, Washington, DC, June 19-21, 2005.

Pearce, Susan C. 1998. "Gender Studies in Central and Eastern Europe: The Future of an Interdisciplinary Field" in *Proceedings of the CEP Regional Workshop on Active Learning Strategies in Higher Education*, Szeged, Hungary, May 1997. Budapest, Hungary: Civic Education Project.

Pearce, Susan C. 1997. "Structured Improv: The Demystifying Art of Student Journals" in *Proceedings of the CEP Regional Workshop on Active Learning Strategies in Higher Education*, Szeged, Hungary, May 1997. Budapest, Hungary: Civic Education Project.

Pearce, Susan C. 1995. "The New York African Burial Ground: The Ethics of Place" in Barton, Larry, ed., *Ethics: The Enemy in the Workplace*. Cincinnati, OH: South-western College Publishing.

Naimark, Hedwin, and Susan C. Pearce. 1986. "Transferable Skills: One Link Between Work and Family." *Journal of Career Guidance*, 12:1, 48-54.

Published Research Reports

Pearce, Susan C. 2006. "Women and U.S. Immigration." *Immigration Policy In Focus*. Washington, DC: Immigration Policy Center.

Pearce, Susan C. 2005. "Today's Immigrant Woman Entrepreneur." *Immigration Policy In Focus* 4:1. Washington, DC: Immigration Policy Center.

Research Reports for Nonprofit Organizations, Government, and Business

“The Engaged University.” A report on the relationship between universities as anchor institutions and their local communities, for The Democracy Collaborative, University of Maryland, 2004

“Community-Based Economic Development.” A report on asset-based workplaces and their role in local democracy-building, for The Democracy Collaborative, University of Maryland, 2004

“Employee Morale and Work Structure.” A qualitative research study for a department within a large national financial institution in Maryland, 2002

“Women’s Legal Service Needs.” A programmatic evaluation and report of services of the Baltic Gender Center, Gdańsk, Poland. Submitted to the American Embassy of Poland, Warsaw, Poland, 2000

“Summer School Training for Social Workers: Innovative Learning Methods.” An evaluation study of a program at a social work school in Latvia, produced for the Higher Education Support Program, Open Society Institute, Budapest, Hungary, 2000

“Even Start Programs in a New York City Chinatown School.” An ethnographic study for the New York City Board of Education, 1994

“Outcomes for Middle-School Students in New York City Magnet Schools.” A mixed-method (qualitative and quantitative) study for the New York City Board of Education, 1994

“A Home of One’s Own.” Mixed-method (qualitative and quantitative) study of outcomes of the transition from homelessness to permanent housing, Homes for the Homeless, New York, NY, 1992

“Results of the Catalyst Campus Resource Experiment.” An evaluation study of a curriculum on changing gender roles for university students. Co-authored with Hedwin Naimark, 1988

Journalism

Sokoloff, Natalie J. and Susan C. Pearce. “Domestic Violence in Immigrant Communities.” *Baltimore Independent Media Center* April 15, 2005.

Pearce, Susan C. “Today’s Immigrant Woman Entrepreneur.” *Diversity Factor*, (Rutgers University) Summer 2005, Vol. 13 Issue 3, pp. 23-29.

Pearce, Susan C. Letters to the Editor: “The Proper Role of Sociology in the World at Large.” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 10/1/2004, Vol. 51 Issue 6, pp. B17-B18.

Pearce, Susan C. *Tapestries* Editor and primary contributor to newsletter for immigrant women in Baltimore. 2002-present.

Pearce, Susan C. “The Greening of Poland.” *Transitions On Line* June 2001.

Pearce, Susan C. “Conspiracy of Silence.” *Transitions On Line* February 15, 2001.

Pearce, Susan C. “Film Review: A Love Divided.” *CEU Newsletter* November 1999.

Pearce, Susan C. "When Home is Hell: Domestic Violence in the Pomorska Province" (translated into Polish) *Gazeta Wyborcza* July 26, 1999.

Other Publications

Clifford, Elizabeth and Susan Pearce. 2004. "Women and Current U.S. Immigration Policies." Social Activism Fact Sheet, published by Sociologists for Women in Society. (peer reviewed)

Selected Presentations

"The Polish Solidarity Movement in Retrospect: In Search of a Mnemonic Mirror," at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, New York, August 11, 2007.

"Amplifying Voices through Qualitative Research: Agency, Culture, and Structure in Late Modernity," at the Second International Qualitative Research Conference, "Cultural Complexities in Qualitative Research," Universidad de Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico, May 30-June 2, 2007.

"Innovating New Orleans after Katrina: Why Jazz Matters," at the annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, March 16, 2007.

"Poland, Social Memory, and Solidarity at 25," with co-author Homa Firouzbakhch, at the conference, "Changing Cultures: Europe Perspectives," European Sociological Association, Ghent, Belgium, November 15-17, 2006.

"What Happened to this Movement?' Polish Transformations and Solidarity 25 Years Later," with co-author Homa Firouzbakhch, at the conference "Reinventing Poland—International Conference in Memory of George Blazycyca," University of Paisley, Paisley, Scotland, November 10-11, 2006.

"They are Us and We are Them: The American Immigration Rights Movement Confronts the Nation with Memory," at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 11, 2006.

"Solidarity Remembered: Gdansk, Poland as Iconic Place," Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Boston, Massachusetts, February 24, 2006.

"International Migration: Gender Matters," Anniversary Conference of the Institute of Psychology, University of Gdańsk, Gdańsk, Poland December 4, 2005.

"Building 'Situated' Immigration Policy: Listening to Women," with co-authors Elizabeth Clifford and Reena Tandon, for the panel "Diaspora and Dislocation" at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 15, 2005.

"Breaking Domestic Silence in a Changing Public Sphere: Private-Life Violence in Contemporary Poland," for the roundtable, "Violence, Authority, and Police Power" at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 16, 2005.

“Two Steps Forward? Reinventing U.S. Immigration Policy for Women,” with co-authors Elizabeth Clifford and Reena Tandon, Annual Conference of the Institute for Women’s Policy Research, Washington, DC, June 19-21, 2005.

“¿Bienvenida, Señora?: Women Newcomers and U.S. Immigration Policy,” with co-authors Elizabeth Clifford and Reena Tandon, for the panel Economic and Social Experience of Immigrants to the US, at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Washington, DC, March 17, 2005.

“Democracy: What Does Gender Have to Do With it? Women and the Democratic Public Sphere” Talk for Civicus Living-Learning Program, University of Maryland, December 4, 2003.

“Decentering the WASP Tribe, Reconceiving the ‘Multis’” at the annual conference of the Multicultural Institute of Towson University, What is Multiculturalism?, March 5, 2003.

“Democracy as a Social Movement: Intimate-Relationship Violence in the United States” at the Solidarity Trade Union National Seminar on Aggression, Gdańsk, Poland, November 18, 2001.

“Plac Bohaterów Getta, Warsaw” at the CEU Student Conference, “Living Warsaw: Drawing a Line between Past and Present?” Warsaw, Poland, June 30, 2000.

“From Private to Public Table: Family Violence in Central and Eastern Europe” at the International Interdisciplinary Conference “Gendering Ethics / The Ethics of Gender,” University of Leeds, Leeds, UK, June 23-25, 2000.

Keynote respondent for the conference Ten Years After: Civil Society and the Third Sector in Central and Eastern Europe (The 1999 Voluntas Symposium). Prague, Czech Republic, October 15-16, 1999.

“‘Our Ellis Island’: The New York African Burial Ground and National Commemoration” at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, California, August 1998.

“Active Learning and Student Journal-Writing” at the National Conference on Teaching Sociology, Gdansk, Poland, October 1998.

“Gender Studies in Central and Eastern Europe: The Future of an Interdisciplinary Field” at CEP Regional Workshop on Active Learning Strategies in Higher Education, Szeged, Hungary, May 2, 1998.

“Structured Improv: The Demystifying Art of Student Journals” at CEP Regional Workshop on Active Learning Strategies in Higher Education, Szeged, Hungary, May 3, 1997.

“Collecting Memories of the New York African Burial Ground” at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, New York, NY August 18, 1996.

“Incivility in the American Demos? ‘Civility’ as Publicly Defined” at the Eastern Sociological Society annual meetings, Boston, MA April 1, 1996.

“Collective Amnesia, Knowledge Recovery: The Significance of the African Burial Ground for the Descendent Community” at American Anthropological Association annual meetings, Washington, DC, November 15, 1995.

“American Collective Memory: How Collective, and How Historical?” at Institute of International Sociology World Congress, Trieste, Italy, July 4, 1995.

“Unearthing Controversy: 18th-Century Burials, 20th-Century Politics” at South Pennsylvania chapter of the Archeological Institute of America, Gettysburg, PA, April 19, 1995.

“Whose History? The New York African Burial Ground as Contested Space” for National Memory/Identity/Civic Space panel at the Annual Conference on Social Theory, Politics, and the Arts, Baton Rouge, LA, October 22, 1994.

“National Forgetting as Social Meaning and the ‘Stranger’ in the American Dilemma” for Race, Class, and Culture panel at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 9, 1994.

“A Case of Public Memory and Burial Remains” for Political Sociology panel at annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, Maryland, March 19, 1994.

“‘Americanism’ and the Americanization Campaign of 1915-1922: Between Myth and Ritual” for Sociology of Culture panel, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Miami, FL, August 16, 1993.

“Habits of the Heart as Socially Situated Knowledge: The Case of African-Americans” for Graduate Faculty Historical Studies Symposium, New York, NY, May 1, 1992.

“Homelessness, Social Stigma, and Political Culture” for Graduate Faculty Sociology Symposium, Politics, Culture, and the City, New York, NY, April 1991.

Press Mentions and Reprints

During 2005, the research study, “Today’s Immigrant Entrepreneur” generated articles in *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The San Jose Mercury-Times*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *Newsweek International Edition* (cover story November 14, 2005), the magazine of the American Immigration Law Foundation, and others. It also generated a special report by the CBS Evening News (June 14, 2005) that included an interview.

Courses Taught

American Society	Sociology of Mass Media and Popular Culture
Classical Sociological Theory	Social Problems and Social Change
Contemporary Sociological Theory	Sociology of Gender
Ethnic Groups	Sociology of Religion
Global Inequality and Change	Women and Religion
Introduction to Sociology	International Human Rights and Women
Qualitative Methods	
Social Movements	

Additional Grants and Honors

Women’s Studies Research Grant, West Virginia University 2006

International Faculty Travel Grant, West Virginia University 2006

Teaching Recognition Award, University of Gdańsk 2005

Library Grant, Network for East-West Women 2000

Gender Studies Development Grant, Central European University 1998

Faculty Research Grant, Gettysburg College 1995

Dissertation Research Fellowship, New School for Social Research 1994

Teaching Apprenticeship with Sarah Ruddick, Lang College of the New School for Social Research 1994

Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities 1977

Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, 1975-1977

Mortarboard Society 1976-1977

Dean's List 1975-1977

Lead organizer or on lead organizing committee for the following conferences:

"The Baltimore Immigration Summit," 2004, 2005 and 2006

"Living Warsaw: Drawing a Line between Past and Present?" Central European University Student Conference, 2000

"Mosaics of Change: The First Decade of Life in the New Eastern Europe," 1999

"The Road to Brussels: The European Union and Eastern European Accession" 1998

Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, Sociology Symposium, 1990

Conference on Women and Religion, Meredith College, 1981

Annual graduate student conferences 1978 and 1979

Additional Education

Completed certified course in U.S. immigration law for advocates, Northern Virginia Community College, 2003

Coursework on mass media and democracy, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 1997

Master of Divinity with languages, 1980; Coursework toward Master of Theology Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC (specialties: Feminist Philosophy and Theology, Theology of Culture, Liberation Theology)¹

¹ (Please note that the current divinity school that carries this name is a very different institution with a radically changed curriculum from that of the 1970s)

Professional Associations

American Sociological Association: Sociology of Culture, International Migration, and Political Sociology sections
Eastern Sociological Society

Additional Service to the Profession

Manuscript reviewer for *International Sociology*

M.A. Theses Supervised (Chair of Committee or on Thesis Committee)

Joni Dugan, "Assessing Public Opinion Toward Homelessness in the United States," West Virginia University 2007

Jill M. Krebs, "Establishing Subjecthood: Redefining Femininity through Christian and Islamic Feminist Religious Activism," Towson University 2005

Elaine Crawford, "The Dialectical Nature of the Lived Experience of Expatriate Wives," Central European University 2000

Marijana Filipovic, "A Symbolic Interactionist Approach to Mass Media Studies," Central European University 2000

Olga Fraishteter, "The Phenomenon of Putin: Contingency or Determination," Central European University 2000

Magda Haddock, "Poland's New Migration Space and Policies on the Eve of EU Accession," Central European University 2000

Klaudia Jeziorska, "A Sociological Perspective on the Situation of Gay and Lesbian's Organizational Activity in Poland after the Political Transformation" Central European University 2000

Karolina Mzyk, "Interest Representation - Mission Impossible? The Case of the Polish Small and Medium Enterprises a Decade After Transition," Central European University 2000

Igor Potapov, "The New Independent Press under the Democratic Tradition: A Comparative Analysis of the Presidential Campaign Coverage in *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* (1996, Russian Federation) and *Gazeta Wyborcza* (1995, Republic of Poland)" Central European University 2000

Ewa Rozanska, "The Public Discourse and Social Perception of the Domestic Violence Problem: The Impact of the Press on the Polish Communication Culture," Central European University 2000

Sorina Rusu, "Trade Unions Between Capital and Politics: An Analysis of their Mobilization Power in Romania and Poland," Central European University 2000

References

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