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EDUCATION

- 1948 A.B., Columbia College, Columbia University in the City of New York
1962 Ph.D. Faculty of Political Sciences (Anthropology), Columbia University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Teachers College, Columbia University

- 1988- Gardner Cowles Professor of Anthropology and Education
1984- Director, Institute of International Studies
1979-1996 Director, Division of Philosophy, the Social Sciences, and Education
1979-1996 Chairman, Department of Philosophy and the Social Sciences
1967-1987 Professor of Anthropology and Education
1965-1967 Associate Professor of Anthropology and Education
1972-1974 Associate Director, Division of Philosophy, the Social Sciences, and Education
1967-1975 Director, Center for Education in Latin America
1968-1974 Director, Center for Urban Studies and Programs

Columbia University

- 1977-1984 Director, Institute for Latin American and Iberian Studies, S.I.P.A.
1977-1983 Senior Staff Associate, Center for Socio-Cultural Research on Drug Use,
1977-1984 Member, Sub-Committee on Sociomedical Sciences, School of Public Health
1965-1967 Executive Secretary, Columbia-Cornell-Harvard-Illinois Summer Field Study Program
1962-1964 Assistant Professor of Anthropology
1958-1961 Instructor in Anthropology
1956-1957 Assistant in Anthropology

Research Institute for the Study of Man

- 1985- 2001 Director and President of the Board
1981- 1985 American Coordinator (socio-ethnographic aspects), Joint U.S./U.S.S.R.project.
Institute of Ethnography, Moscow and Research Institute for the Study of Man.
Complex biological-anthropological and socio-ethnographic study of peoples and ethnic group possessing a high percentage of long-living persons.
1965-1985 Associate Director
1959-1964 Research Associate

U.S. Peace Corps

- 1961 Area Studies Coordinator, Peace Corps Unit 1, St. Lucia, B.W.I, at Iowa State University with the rank of Assistant Professor of Agronomy
1961-1963 Programmer (Latin America) Division of Program Development and Operations
1962 Director of Training, Peace Corps Unit 1, Jamaica, B.W.I.

Comitas Institute for Anthropological Study (CIFAS)

- 2003- Director

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Research and Training Program for the Study of Man in the Tropics, 1956
Fulbright Graduate Study Grant (Colonial, United Kingdom), 1957-1958
Research Institute for the Study of Man Fellowship, 1962-1965
Office of Education Research Fellowship, 1968-1969
National Institute of Mental Health Grant, 1970-1972
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship, 1971-1972
National Institute on Drug Abuse Grant, 1975-1979
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Research Grant, 1975-1976
American Council of Learned Societies--Soviet Academy of Sciences Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences Travel Grants, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1985
Government of Andorra Project Grant, 1983-1986
Government of the Canary Islands Project Grant, 1984-1987
Spencer Foundation, 1988-1991
Phi Delta Kappa "Educator of the Year", 1990
National Academy of Education, Elected to Membership, 1979, Chairman, Committee on Anthropology and Education
Society for Applied Anthropology, President (1970-1971), Executive Committee, Fellow.

MAJOR FIELD RESEARCH

Barbados, British West Indies: June 1956-September 1956; July 1957-February 1958, Study of the sociocultural effects of the mechanization of the fishing fleet on a Barbadian coastal community: June 1960-September 1960, study of Barbadian elites.

Jamaica, West Indies: February 1958-September 1958. Anthropological research on the impact of government-sponsored fishing cooperatives in five Jamaican coastal settlements: 1970-1972. Interdisciplinary study of the long-term effect of marihuana use among lower-class residents of the island.

Bolivia: 1964-1967: Anthropological-epidemiological study of six ecologically diversified communities in Bolivia, testing the impact of Peace Corps and other public health programs. Major contributor to its two principal publications (*Changing Rural Society: A Study of Communities in Bolivia* and *Epidemiological Studies in Bolivia*)

Dominican Republic: June--September 1967. Survey of rural education in the Dominican Republic.

Bolivia, Jamaica, Argentina: 1968-1969. Comparative field study of social systems and formal education as basis for monograph on education and modernization in Latin America. Extensive videotaping and analysis of rural schools.

Greece: 1972-1979. Anthropological studies of hashish users and their institutional context in Athens, Volos, and the Pindus mountain range. 1975-1976. Pilot study of the adaptation in Greece of returned Greek migrant-workers from Western Europe and the effect of this return on Greek institutions.

Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies: 1977-1979. Diachronic and synchronic variations of cannabis use among East Indians.

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985. Multi-disciplinary research, over short periods, on the sociocultural contexts of longevous peoples in Abkhasia and Georgia.

Co-Principality of Andorra: Summer 1983. Initial anthropological research for a long-cvterm multidisciplinary study of Andorran society and culture.

STUDENT FIELD SUPERVISION

- S1960 **Barbados**, Field Director, Brandeis University Summer Field Program
S1965 **Bolivia**, Field Director, Columbia-Cornell-Harvard-Illinois Summer Field Study Program
S1966 **Bolivia**, Field Director, Columbia-Cornell-Harvard-Illinois Summer Field Study Program
S1967 **Dominican Republic**, Field Director, North American Consortium for Caribbean Research and Training
S1968 **Jamaica**, Field Director, North American Consortium for Caribbean Research and Training
S1970 **Jamaica**, Field Director, National Institute of Mental Health, cannabis study.
S1983 **Andorra**, Field Director, Center for Andorran Studies, Institute of Latin American and Iberian Studies, Columbia University

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Advisory Board, *Handbook of Latin American Studies*. Library of Congress, 1979-
Contributing Editor (Ethnology: West Indies), *Handbook of Latin American Studies*. Library of Congress, 1966-
Contributing Editor (Anthropology), *The Annual of the Encyclopedia Americana*, 1964-1966.
Associate Editor, *Human Organization* (Journal of the Society for Applied Anthropology), 1971-1982.
Editorial Board, *Estudios Andinos*, La Paz, Bolivia, 1970-
Editorial Board, *The World Year Book of Education*, London and New York, 1969-1972.
Consultant, *The Columbia Encyclopedia*, 1971-1973.
General Editor, *Monograph Series on Latin America*, Teachers College Press, 1967-1978.
Special Consultant for Bibliography, *Caribbean Studies*, 1981-

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Principal, Center for Socio-Cultural Research on Drug Use, School of Public Health
Chairman, University Seminar on the Caribbean
Chairman, University Seminar on Contents and Methods in the Social Sciences
Associate, University Seminar on Population and Social Change
Associate, University Seminar on Drugs and Society
Member, GSAS Department of Anthropology Executive Committee
Lecturer, National Science Foundation Program for High School Honor Students
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, Teachers College
Member, College Policy Council, Teachers College
Member, Deans and Directors, Teachers College
Member, Presidential Search Committee, Teachers College, 1984
Member, Dean of Faculty Search Committee, Teachers College, 1976, 1981.
Chair, Presidential Search Committee, Teachers College 1993-1994.
Fulbright Adviser, Teachers College, 1992-2012.

PUBLICATIONS

- 1960 Metropolitan Influences in the Caribbean: The West Indies." *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, Vol. 83, Art. 5, pp. 809-815.
- 1962a (with David Lowenthal) "Emigration and Depopulation: Some Neglected Aspects of Population Geography." *The Geographical Review*, Vol. LII, No. 2, pp. 195-220. Reprinted in *Population Review*, Vol. 6, No. 2, July 1962, pp. 83-84; and in Warner Modular Publication, Reprint 493, 1973, pp. 1-16.
- 1962b *Fishermen and Cooperation in Rural Jamaica*. Ph.D. dissertation: Faculty of Political Science, Columbia University, New York, University of Michigan Microfilm Series, 364 p.
- 1963 "Anthropology and the Peace Corps: An Assessment." *Peace Corps and Behavioral Sciences*, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Public Health Services, pp. 566- 589.
- 1964a "Occupational Multiplicity in Rural Jamaica." *Proceedings of the American Ethnological Society*, 1963, pp. 41-50. Reprinted in Comitas, Lambros and David Lowenthal (eds.), *Work and Family Life: West Indian Perspectives*, Anchor Press/Doubleday, 1973, pp. 157-173.
- 1964b "Anthropology." *The Americana Annual, 1964. The Encyclopedia Americana*, pp. 56-57.
- 1965a "Anthropology and Archaeology." *The Americana Annual, 1965. The Encyclopedia Americana* (with Ralph Solecki and George S. Metcalf), pp. 71-74.
- 1965b (with Vera Rubin) "The Caribbean as an Ethnographic Region: Theories and Methodologies for the Study of Complex Societies." *Proceedings of the VII International Congress of Anthropology and Ethnology*, Moscow, U.S.S.R.
- 1966a "Lessons from Jamaica." *Cultural Frontiers of the Peace Corps*. Robert Textor (ed.), The M.I.T. Press, pp. 201-219.
- 1966b "Anthropology." *The Americana Annual, 1965. The Encyclopedia Americana*, pp. 56-58.
- 1966c Review: *The Plural Society in the British West Indies*, by M. G. Smith (University of California Press) in *The Southwestern Social Science Quarterly*, pp. 199-201.
- 1967a "Education and Social Stratification in Contemporary Bolivia." *Transactions of the New York Academy of Sciences*. Series II, Vol. 29, No. 7, pp. 935-948. Reprinted in LaBelle, Thomas (ed.), *Education and Development: Latin America and the Caribbean*, Latin American Center, University of California, 1972, pp. 363-378; and in Ianni, Francis A. J. and Edward Storey (eds.), *Cultural Relevance and Educational Issues: Readings in Anthropology and Education*, Little, Brown and Co., 1973, pp. 402-418.
- 1967b "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, No. 29, pp. 118-128.
- 1968a *Caribbeana 1900-1965: A Topical Bibliography*. University of Washington, Seattle and London,

- 909 p (Selected by *Choice* as one of the "out-standing academic books for 1968).
- 1968b "Educación y estratificación social en Bolivia." *América Indígena*, Vol. XXVIII, No. 3, July 1968, pp. 631-651.
- 1969 "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 31, pp. 113-132.
- 1971 "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 33, pp. 114-129.
- 1972 *Effects of Chronic Smoking of Cannabis in Jamaica* (with Vera Rubin). Report of the Research Institute for the Study of Man to the Center for the Studies of Narcotic and Drug Abuse, National Institute of Mental Health, 519 p. Reprinted serially in *The Daily Gleaner*, Kingston, Jamaica, June 3--August 11.
- 1973a (with David Lowenthal) *Slaves, Free Men, Citizens: West Indian Perspectives*. Anchor Press/Doubleday, 340 p.
- 1973b (with David Lowenthal) *Consequences of Class and Color: West Indian Perspectives*. Anchor Press/Doubleday, 334 p.
- 1973c (with David Lowenthal) *Work and Family Life: West Indian Perspectives*. Anchor Press/Doubleday, 422 p.
- 1973d (with David Lowenthal) *The Aftermath of Sovereignty: West Indian Perspectives*. Anchor Press/Doubleday, 422 p.
- 1973e "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 35, pp. 78-93.
- 1974 *United States Caribbean Policy, Part I*, "Statement of Lambros Comitas, Professor of Anthropology and Education, Teachers College, Columbia University." Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, 93rd Congress, U.S. G.P.O., Washington, D.C., pp. 58-68.
- 1975a (with Vera Rubin) *Ganja in Jamaica: A Medical Anthropological Study of Chronic Marijuana Use*. Mouton, The Hague, Paris, 205 p. Published in paperback as *Ganja in Jamaica: The Effects of Marijuana Use*. Anchor Press/Doubleday, Garden City, NY 1976, 217 p. Reprinted in part as "Cannabis, Society, and Culture" in Kelleher, M. E., B. MacMurray, and T. M. Shapiro (eds) *Drugs and Society: A Critical Reader*, Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co., 1983, pp. 212-218.
- 1975b "The Social Nexus of Ganja in Jamaica," in *Cannabis and Culture*. Vera Rubin (ed.), Mouton, The Hague, Paris pp. 119-132. Reprinted in Hamid, Ansley (ed.), *Drugs and Drug Abuse: A Reader*, Copley Publishing Group, 1988, pp. 40-50.
- 1975c "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 37, pp. 98-114.
1976. "Cannabis and Work in Jamaica: A Refutation of the Amotivational Syndrome." In *Chronic Cannabis Use*. Rhea L. Dornbush, Max Fink and Alfred M. Freedman (eds.), *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, Vol. 283, pp. 24-32.
- 1977a *The Complete Caribbeana 1900-1975: A Bibliographic Guide to the Scholarly Literature*. Vol I Peoples, Vol. 2 Institutions, Vol. 3 Resources, Vol. 4 Indexes. Kraus Thomas Organization, Millwood, N.Y. 2193 pp. (Selected by *Choice* as one of the "outstanding books for 1978").

- 1977b "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 39, pp. 134-153.
- 1978a *Report and Working Papers*. The Committee on Anthropology and Education, National Academy of Education, 551 p.
- 1978b (with Janet Dolgin) "Anthropology and Education: Retrospect and Prospect." *Anthropology and Education Quarterly*, Vol. IX, No. 3, 165-180.
- 1978c "El vínculo social de la marihuana en Jamaica." Instituto de asuntos internacionales, Ministerio de relaciones exteriores, Caracas, Venezuela.
- 1978d "Reflexiones sobre la educación en las Antillas angloparlantes." Instituto de asuntos internacionales, Ministerio de relaciones exteriores, Caracas, Venezuela.
- 1978e "Una perspectiva antropológica de las Antillas: con referencias especiales a los territorios no hispánicos." Instituto de asuntos internacionales, Ministerio de relaciones exteriores, Caracas, Venezuela.
- 1978f (with H. Russell Bernard) "Greek return migration." *Current Anthropology*, Vol. 19, No. 3, pp. 658-659.
- 1980 "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 41, pp. 122-148.
- 1982a "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 43, pp. 119-142.
- 1982b *Opprobrium and Persecution: Hashish Users in Urban Greece*. Research Institute for the Study of Man. Final Research Report for the National Institute on Drug Abuse, 445 p.
- 1983 "Andorra: pequeña y universal." *La Vanguardia*, Barcelona, pp. 18-20 (December 28, 1983).
- 1983 (with Vera Rubin) "Cannabis, Society and Culture" in *Drugs and Society: A Critical Reader*. Maureen E, Kelleher, Bruce K. MacMurray, Thomas M Shapiro, eds. Kendall/Hunt, Dubuque, Iowa. pp. 249-256.
- 1985a "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 45, pp. 110-127.
- 1985b "Las mayorías son la minorías: el desarrollo histórico y socio-estructural de las Antillas Occidentales contemporáneas." *Annals de la 3 Universitat d'EstuiAndorra* 83.
- 1986 (with Timothy C. Brock, Bengt Sigurd, and Åke O.F. Sundborg). *Inter-disciplinary Research and Doctoral Training: A Study of the Linköping University (Sweden) Tema Departments*. Swedish National Board of Universities and Colleges, Liber Tryck AB, Stockholm, 108 p.
- 1987 "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 47, pp. 109-129.
- 1989a "Reflections on Educational Anthropology in the United States" (in Chinese). Educational Edition, *Journal of East China Normal University*, Shanghai, China, pp. 1-11.

- 1989b "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 49, pp. 92-111.
- 1989c *With Ithaca on My Mind: An Anthropologist's Journey*. Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, 27p.
- 1989d "Growth and Consolidation of Tema: An Outsider's View" in *Initiation, Growth and Consolidation: The Scientific Dynamics and Societal Relevance of a Non-Traditional Swedish Research Organization*. Ingemar Lind, Tord Maunsbach and Lena Olsson (eds.) National Board of Universities and Colleges, Linköping University, pp. 61-64.
- 1991 "RISM and Caribbean Social Science" in *Education and Society in the Commonwealth Caribbean*. Errol Miller (ed.), Institute of Social and Economic Research, UWI, Mona, Jamaica, pp.1-6.
- 1992 "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 51, pp. 96-110.
- 1994a "Out of the Seraglio: Or, Embracing Life." *AnthroWatch*, Vol. II, No. 2, pp. 11-12.
- 1994b "Roast Vincent." *AnthroWatch*, Vol. II, No. 3, pp. 20-21.
- 1994c "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 53, pp. 124-138.
- 1997a "Entrevista a Lambros Cómitas." *IICE: Revista del Instituto de Investigaciones en Ciencias de la Educación* (University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina), Año VI, No. 11, pp. 71-76.
- 1997b "El Caribe: colonialismo y desarrollo de las sociedades nuevas." in *Cátedra 'Jorge Juan' ciclo de conferencias Ferrol: curso 1995-1996*. Robustiano Fernández Ballesteros (ed.), Servicio de Publicacións, Universidade da Coruña, Ferrol, Spain, pp. 181-203.
- 1997c "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 55, pp. 98-110.
- 1999 "Conrad Maynadier Arensberg (1910-1998). *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 101, No. 4, pp. 810-813.
- 2000 "Antropología y educación: delineando un futuro desconocido." In *Análisis político y propuestas pedagógicas*. Tomo 1, I Congreso Internacional de Educación "Educación, Crisis y Utopías", University of Buenos Aires and Aique Grupo Editor, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2000 "Ethics in Anthropology: Dilemmas and Conundrums." In *Ethics and Anthropology: Facing Future Issues in Human Biology, Globalism, and Cultural Property*. Anne-Marie Cantwell, Eva Friedlander and Madeleine L. Tramm (eds. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, Vol. 925, pp. 196-210.
- 2000b Review: *Cultura popular y participación social: Una investigación en el barrio de Mataderos (Buenos Aires)* by María Teresa Sirvent {Coedición: Facultad de Filosofía y Letras (UBA) and Miño y Davila Editores, 1999 in *IICE: Revista del Instituto de Investigaciones en Ciencias de Educación*. University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina, pp. 86-87.
- 2002 "Con Itaca en mi pensamiento: la odisea de un antropólogo." *IICE: Revista del Instituto de Investigaciones en Ciencias de Educación*. (University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina), Año X, No. 19, pp. 66-74.

- 2005 *The Digitized Caribbeana 1900-1975: A Bibliographic Guide to the Non-Hispanic Territories*. CIFAS, New York.
- 2006a *Anthropology of the Caribbean: Annotations 1963-2005*. CIFAS, New York, 225p.
- 2006b "Ethnology: West Indies." *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 61, pp .81-95.
- 2011 (M.G.Smith with Lambros Comitas) *Education and Society in the Creole Caribbean*. CIFAS, New York, 577 pp.
- 2016 *The Past Remembered: Discourses on Hashish in Greece*. New York. 210 pp.

FOREWORDS, INTRODUCTIONS, OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

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- 1970 McNeil, Malvina R. *Guidelines to Problems of Education in Brazil: A Review and Selected Bibliography*. Teachers College Press, New York.
- 1970 Cartey, Wilfred G. *Black Images*. Teachers College Press, New York.
- 1971 Kennedy, Paul P. *Middle Beat: A Correspondent's View of Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador*. Teachers College Press, New York.
- 1972 Heath, Shirley B. *Telling Tongues: Language Policy in Mexico, Colony to Nation*. Teachers College Press, New York.
- 1972 Walker, Malcolm T. *Politics and the Power Structure: A Rural Community in the Dominican Republic*. Teachers College Press, New York.
- 1973 Foner, Nancy. *Status and Power in Rural Jamaica: A Study of Educational Political Change*. Teachers College Press, New York.
- 1973 Ashcraft, Norman. *Colonialism and Underdevelopment: Processes of Political Economic Change in British Honduras*. Teachers College Press, New York.
- 1974 Hendricks, Glenn. *The Dominican Diaspora: from the Dominican Republic to New York City--Villagers in Transition*. Teachers College Press, New York.
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- 1975 Mañach, Jorge. *Frontiers in the Americas: A Global Perspective*. Teachers College Press, New York.
- 1975 McEwen, William J. *Changing Rural Society: A Study of Communities in Bolivia*. Oxford University Press, New York, London, Toronto.

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- 1986 Donahue, John M. *The Nicaraguan Revolution in Health: from Somoza to the Sandinistas*. Bergin and Garvey Publishers, Inc., Massachusetts.
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- 1992 Glick Schiller, N., L. Basch & C. Blanc-Szanton (eds). *Towards a Transnational Perspective on Migration: Race, Class, Ethnicity, and Nationalism Reconsidered*. Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences, Vol. 645, New York.
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