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## **Education**

PhD in Sociology, Emory University, 1994  
MA in Sociology, Emory University, 1990  
BA in Sociology/Anthropology Earlham College, 1987

## **Employment**

Professor of Sociology, Skidmore College, 2008-Present  
Associate Dean of the Faculty, Skidmore College, 2003-5  
Chair of Department of Sociology, 2014-Present  
Chair of Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, Skidmore College, 2002, 2009  
Associate Professor of Sociology, Skidmore College, 2000-2008  
Assistant Professor of Sociology; Skidmore College, 1994-2000

## **Areas of Teaching and Research Interest**

Social Stratification, Class, Race, Morality, Religion, Food, Social Theory, Comparative Historical Sociology, Social Movements, Labor History

## **Books**

John Brueggemann and Walter Brueggemann. 2017. *Rebuilding the Foundations: Social Relationships in Ancient Scripture and Contemporary Culture*. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press.

John Brueggemann (editor). 2011. *Social Inequality in the United States: A Reader*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

John Brueggemann. 2010. *Rich, Free and Miserable: The Failure of Success in America*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

John Brueggemann. 2012. (Paperback edition with new preface.) *Rich, Free and Miserable: The Failure of Success in America*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

Terry Boswell, Cliff Brown, John Brueggemann and Ralph Peters. 2006. *Racial Competition and*

*Class Solidarity*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

### Refereed Articles

John Brueggemann. 2014. "The Role of Organized Labor in Civil Society." *Sociology Compass*. Vol. 8 No. 8. Pp. 1033-1044.

John Brueggemann. 2014. "Morality, Sociological Discourse and Public Engagement." *Social Currents*. Vol. 1, No. 3. Pp. 211-219.

John Brueggemann. 2007. "Negotiating the Meaning of Power and the Power of Meaning." *Theology Today*. Vol. 63, No 4. pp. 485-592.

John Brueggemann and Cliff Brown. 2003. "The Decline of Industrial Unionism in the Meatpacking Industry: Event-Structure Analyses of Labor Unrest, 1946-1987." *Work and Occupations*. Vol. 30, No. 3. pp. 327-360.

John Brueggemann. 2002. "Racial Considerations and Public Policy in the 1930's: Economic Change and Political Opportunities." *Social Science History*. Vol. 26 pp. 139-178.

John Brueggemann. 2000. "The Power and Collapse of Paternalism: The Ford Motor Company and Black Workers, 1937-1941." *Social Problems*. Vol 47, No. 2 pp. 220-240.

Reprinted in *Henry Ford: Critical Evaluations in Business and Management*, 2003. John C. Wood and Michael C. Wood, editors. 2003. New York: Routledge. (pp. 328-357).

John Brueggemann and Cliff Brown. 2000. "Strategic Labor Organizing in the Era of Industrial Transformation: A Comparative Historical Analysis of Unionization in Steel and Coal, 1870-1916." *Review of Radical Political Economics*. Vol. 32, No. 4. pp. 541-576.

Terry Boswell and John Brueggemann. 2000. "The Deskilling of the Copper Mining Industry and Formation of a Nationalist Labor Market Segmentation, 1880-1920." *Research in Social Movements, Change, and Conflict*. Vol. 22. pp. 193-218.

John Brueggemann and Terry Boswell. 1998. "Realizing Solidarity: Sources of Interracial Unionism During the Great Depression." *Work and Occupations*. Vol. 25, No. 4 pp. 436-482.

Cliff Brown and John Brueggemann. 1997. "Mobilizing Interracial Solidarity: A Comparison of the 1919 and 1937 Steel Industry Labor Organizing Drives." *Mobilization*. Vol. 2, No.1 pp. 47-70.

John Brueggemann. 1995. "Class, Race, and Symbolic Community: A Multi-variate Analysis." *Critical Sociology*. Vol. 21, No.3 pp. 71-88.

Terry Boswell, Joya Misra and John Brueggemann, 1991. "The Rise and Fall of Amsterdam and Dutch Hegemony: Evidence from the Baltic Sound Tolls, 1500-1750," Pp. 55-80 in *Cities*

*in the World System*, edited by Resat Kesaba. New York: Praeger.

Terry Boswell, Mike Sweat and John Brueggemann. 1989. "War in the Core of the World System: Testing the Goldstein Thesis," Pp. 9-26 in *War in the World System*, edited by Robert K. Schaeffer. New York: Greenwood Press.

## Essays and Chapters

John Brueggemann. 2016. "Two Stories about American Food." *Tikkun*. Spring. Vol. 31, pp. 10.

John Brueggemann. 2013. "The Challenge of Collective Action in Racialized Market Culture." *Mobilizing Ideas*. The Center for the Study of Social Movements at the University of Notre Dame. mobilizingideas.wordpress.com.

John Brueggeman. 2012. "Whose War on Christmas? The Corrosive Power of Cheer and Commerce." *Tikkun.org*. December 20.

John Brueggemann. 2012. "Reflections on the Morality of Food." *Tikkun.org*. June 4.

John Brueggemann. 2012. "Random Violence and Our Single Garment of Destiny." *Tikkun.org*. March 2.

John Brueggemann. 2012. "Christmas Post-Mortem: Santa's Attack on the American Family." *Tikkun.org*. January 1.

John Brueggemann. 2012. "Socialism in Civil Society." *Tikkun*. Winter. Vol. 27, p 51.

John Brueggemann. 2011. "Struggle for the Soul of New Media." *Reflections* (Yale Divinity School). Fall. pp. 50-53.

John Brueggemann. 2002. "Commencement Address." *Critical Sociology*. Vol. 28, No. 1-2. pp. 281-3.

John Brueggemann and David Karp. 2002 "'Just Sometimes Our Presence...': An Interview with H. Ward Greer on the Role of Black Churches in Building Community." *Contemporary Justice Review*. Vol. 5, pp. 285-292.

Anita Beaty, John Brueggemann, Adam Feuerstein and Ward Smith. 1994. "Homelessness in Metropolitan Atlanta." *Report for the Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless*.

John Brueggemann, Adam Feuerstein and Ward Smith. 1993. "The Criminalization of Poverty: City Ordinances Unfairly Target Homeless People for Arrest." *Report for the Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless*.

Terry Boswell, Joya Misra and John Brueggemann, 1991. "The Rise and Fall of Amsterdam and Dutch Hegemony: Evidence from the Baltic Sound Tolls, 1500-1750," Pp. 55-80 in *Cities in the World System*, edited by Resat Kesaba. New York: Praeger.

Terry Boswell, Mike Sweat and John Brueggemann. 1989. "War in the Core of the World System: Testing the Goldstein Thesis," Pp. 9-26 in *War in the World System*, edited by Robert K. Schaeffer. New York: Greenwood Press.

## **Book Reviews**

John Brueggemann. 2014. Review of *Social Change: Globalization from the Stone Age to the Present*, by Christopher Chase-Dunn and Bruce Lerro in the *International Review of Modern Sociology*.

John Brueggemann. 2012. Review of *A Quest for Humanity*. 2011, by Menno Boldt. *Contemporary Sociology*. Vol. 41, No. 6, pp. 797-798.

John Brueggemann. 2012. Review of *Everyone's a Winner: Life in Our Congratulatory Culture*. 2011, by Joel Best. *Contemporary Sociology*. Vol. 41, No. 2, pp. 181-182.

John Brueggemann. 2008. Review of *U.S. Labor in Trouble and Transition*. 2000, by Kim Moody. *Journal of Economic History*, 68(1)324-325.

John Brueggemann. 2004. Review of *Society Under Siege*. 2002, by Zygmunt Bauman *Contemporary Sociology*. Vol. 33, No. 2. Pp. 222-223.

John Brueggemann. 2003. Review of *Workplace Justice*. 2002, by Sharon Kurtz. *Mobilization*. Vol. 8, No. 3. pp. 359-60.

John Brueggemann. 1999. Review of *W. E. B. DuBois, Race and the City: The Philadelphia Negro and Its Legacy*. 1998, edited by Michael B. Katz and Thomas J. Sugrue. *Contemporary Sociology*. Vol. 28, No. 6. Pp. 673-674.

John Brueggemann. 1998. Review of *The Middle Class and Democracy in Socio-Historical Perspective*. 1995, by Ronald M. Glassman. *Contemporary Sociology*. Vol. 27, No. 6. pp. 576-7

John Brueggemann. 1997. Review Essay, "A Century After *The Philadelphia Negro*: Reflections on Urban Ethnography and Race in America." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. Vol. 26, No. 3. pp. 364-374.

John Brueggemann. 1997. Review of *Direct Action: Radical Pacifism from the Union Eight to the Chicago Seven*. 1996, by James Tracy. *Theology Today*. Vol. 54, No. 2 p. 286.

John Brueggemann. 1995. Review of *Conflict of Interests: Organized Labor and the Civil Rights Movement in the South, 1954-1968*. 1994, by Alan Draper. *Contemporary Sociology*. Vol. 24, No.1 pp. 46-47.

## **In Progress**

John Brueggemann. "Pushing Back: Intelligent Responses to Market Culture." Unpublished working paper.

John Brueggemann. "What I Want from My Church." Unpublished working paper.

John Brueggemann and Willa Jones. "What Works: Social Movements that Make a Difference in the Production, Distribution and Consumption of Food. Unpublished working paper.

John Brueggemann. "The Rise and Fall of the United Electrical Workers: Defending or Assaulting Democracy in Cold War Labor Politics?" Unpublished working paper.

John Brueggemann and Cliff Brown. "Comparative Historical Analysis of Paternalism in Four Firms." Unpublished working paper.

### **Presentations**

"The Emerging Sustainable Food Movement: Challenges and Opportunities," invited presentation at the Radisson, Capital Region Theological Center. 2016. Albany, NY.

"Two Stories about American Food," invited presentation at the Wianno Club. 2015. Osterville, MA.

"Market Culture, Community, and Food," invited presentation at the Fresh Food Symposium: Prescription for a Healthier America sponsored by St. Christopher's Foundation for Children. 2015. Philadelphia, PA.

"The Consequences of Market Culture for Communities and Families," paper presented at the Global Summit on Childhood. 2014. Vancouver, British Columbia.

"Resisting the Rat Race: Reflections on the Pressures of Market Culture," invited presentation at Naples Yacht Club. 2014. Naples, FL.

"Resisting the Rat Race: Reflections on the Pressures of Market Culture," invited presentation at Grand Harbor Yacht Club. 2014. Vero Beach, FL.

"The Role of Organized Labor in Civil Society," paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 2013. New York, NY.

"Civil Society for Sale," presentation as part of the Tang Teaching Museum exhibit, *We the People*, Skidmore College. 2013. Saratoga Springs, NY.

"The Role of Organized Labor in Civil Society," paper presented as part of the Tang Teaching Museum exhibit, *We the People*, Skidmore College. 2013. Saratoga Springs, NY.

"Rich, Free and Miserable," invited presentation at Bryn Mawr College. 2013. Philadelphia, PA.

- "Towards a Public Sociology of Morality: Notes on the Crisis of Market Culture" paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 2012. Denver, CO.
- "Ethics of Non-profit Board Leadership," invited presentation at Leadership Saratoga, Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce. 2012. Saratoga Springs, NY.
- "The Risks of Scarcity and Abundance in Market Culture," invited presentation for Saratoga Springs Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs. 2012. Saratoga Springs, NY.
- "Rich, Free and Miserable," invited presentation for World Presidents Organization. 2012. Denver, CO.
- "A Conversation about Faith and Money," invited presentation at the Institute of Clergy Excellence. 2012. Cincinnati, OH.
- "The State of Religion as a Countervailing Institution in Market Culture," invited presentation at Concordia College. 2012. Moorhead, MN.
- "Towards a Public Sociology of Morality: Assessing the Failures of Market Culture," invited presentation for Skidmore Faculty Colloquium, Skidmore College. 2012. Saratoga Springs, NY.
- "Market Culture and the Sociology of Morality," invited presentation at University of Umeå. 2011. Umeå, Sweden.
- "When is Enough Enough? Your Possessions, Your Time, Your Family," invited presentation at Trinity Presbyterian Church. 2011. Atlanta, GA.
- "Rich, Free and Miserable," invited presentation at Trinity Presbyterian Church. 2011. Atlanta, GA.
- "Rich, Free and Miserable," invited Presentation at Havurah Vatik. 2011. Saratoga Springs, NY.
- Author for "Author Meets Critics" session for John Brueggemann's *Rich, Free and Miserable*, at the annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Society. 2011. Jacksonville, FL.
- Critic for "Author Meets Critics" session for Erik Olin Wright's *Envisioning Real Utopias*, at the annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Society. 2011. Jacksonville, FL.
- "Confronting the Excesses of Market Culture: the Case of Food," invited presentation at Havurah Vatik. 2011. Saratoga Springs, NY.
- "Rich, Free and Miserable," invited presentation at Colonial Inn. 2011. Concord, MA.
- "Rich, Free and Miserable," invited presentation at Country Club of Rochester. 2011. Rochester, NY.

- “Rich, Free and Miserable,” invited presentation at Powerhouse Sundays, Powerhouse Arena. 2011. Brooklyn, NY.
- “Rich, Free and Miserable,” invited presentation at College for A Day, Denver Botanic Gardens. 2011. Denver. CO.
- “Rich, Free and Miserable,” invited presentation at Academy of Lifelong Learning, Union College. 2010. Schenectady, NY.
- “Epistemological Foundations of *Rich, Free and Miserable*,’ invited lecture to undergraduate seminar at University of New Hampshire, Department of Sociology. 2010. Durham, NH.
- “Market Culture and Moral Disorder,” invited lecture to graduate professional seminar at University of New Hampshire, Department of Sociology. 2010. Durham, NH.
- “Responding to Market Culture in the Church,” invited presentation at Morningside Presbyterian Church. 2010. Atlanta.
- “Market Logic and Moral Disorder in the United States,” paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 2010. Atlanta.
- “The Failure of Success in America: How Expanding Market Logic is Undermining Morality,” paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 2009. San Francisco. CA.
- “Comparative Historical Analysis of Paternalism in Four Firms,” (with Cliff Brown) paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 2008. Boston, MA.
- “Committed Sociology: Negotiating the Power of Meaning and the Meaning of Power,” invited lecture at the annual meeting of the Capital District Theological Center. 2004. Albany, NY.
- “The Rise and Fall of the United Electrical Workers of America: Defending or Assaulting Democracy in Cold War Labor Politics,” paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 2004. San Francisco, CA.
- “The Rise and Fall of the Packinghouse Workers: Event-Structure Analysis of Labor Organizing in the Meatpacking Industry,” paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 2002. Chicago, IL.
- “The Power and Collapse of Paternalism: The Ford Motor Company and Black Workers, 1937-1941,” paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, 2000. Washington, D.C.
- “Critical Sociology and the Legacy of C. Wright Mills,” invited panelist at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. 2000. Washington, D.C.

- "Racial Considerations and Public Policy in the 1930's: Economic Change and Political Opportunities," paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 1999. Chicago, IL.
- "Balancing Teaching and Research Expectations in the Early Faculty Career," invited panelist at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 1999. Chicago, IL.
- "The Future of Critical Sociology," invited panelist at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. 1999. Chicago, IL.
- "Realizing Solidarity: Sources of Interracial Unionism During the Great Depression," (with Terry Boswell) paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 1998. San Francisco, CA.
- "Strategic Labor Organizing in the Era of Industrial Transformation: A Comparative Historical Analysis of Unionization in Steel and Coal, 1870-1916," (with Cliff Brown) paper presented at the annual meetings of the Humanist Sociology Association. 1997. Pittsburgh, PA.
- "Technological Innovations in the Steel and Coal Industries and Interethnic Labor Organizing, 1870-1920: A Comparative Historical Analysis," paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 1997. Toronto, Canada.
- "The Racial Divide in Labor Organizing," paper presented at the annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Society. 1997. New Orleans, LA.
- "Mobilizing Interracial Solidarity: A Comparison of the 1919 and 1937 Steel Industry Labor Organizing Drives," (with Cliff Brown) paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 1996. New York, NY.
- "Split Labor Markets and Interracial Labor Solidarity: A Comparative Historical Analysis of Nine Cases of Union Organizing Drives, 1869-1952," paper presented (with Cliff Brown) at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 1995. Washington, D.C.
- "Event-structure and Qualitative Comparative Analyses of Three Inter-racial Union Organizing Drives," paper presented (with Terry Boswell) at the annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Society. 1995. Atlanta, GA.
- "Comparative Historical Analysis of Inter-racial Labor Organizing in the Coal, Steel and Auto Industries, 1927-1941," paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 1994. Los Angeles, CA.
- "Research as a Tool for Addressing Homelessness," paper presented at the conference, Homelessness: Reclaiming Our Commitment, sponsored by the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless and the National Coalition for the Homeless. 1994. Minneapolis, MN.
- "Toward Census 2000: Research Issues for Improving Coverage of the Homeless Population," invited panelist. U.S. Census Bureau. 1993. Washington, D.C.,.



"Class, Race and Symbolic Community," paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. 1991. Cincinnati, OH.

"The Rise and Fall of Amsterdam: Evidence from the Baltic Sound Tolls, 1500-1750," (with Terry Boswell and Joya Misra) paper presented at the annual meetings of the Political Economy of the World System Section of the ASA. 1990. Seattle, WA.

"War in the Core of the World System: Testing the Goldstein Thesis," (with Terry Boswell and Mike Sweat) paper presented at the annual meetings of the Political Economy of the World System Section of the ASA. 1988. Atlanta, GA.

### **Teaching Experience**

At Skidmore College, 1994 - 2017:

- "First Year Seminar: Darwin, Dickens, Marx"
- "First Year Seminar: Social Class in America"
- "Senior Seminar: Sociology of Food"
- "Social Movements and Collective Action"
- "Classical Sociological Theory"
- "First Year Seminar: Rich, Free, and Miserable"
- "Development of Sociological Thought"
- "First Year Seminar: Class, Race and Labor History"
- "Sociology of Religion"
- "Ethnicity and Inequality"
- "Social Inequality"
- "Sociology of Labor Conflict"
- "Sociological Perspectives"
- "Sociological Imaginations"
- "Perspectives on Inequality"

At Emory University, 1991 - 1994:

- "Class, Race and Ideology"
- "Class, Status and Power"
- "Introduction to Sociology"

### **Awards and Honors**

The Ralph A. Ciancio Award for Excellence in Teaching, Skidmore College, 2014-2015  
Skidmore College Sabbatical Grant, 2011-2012  
Quadracci Chair in Social Responsibility, 2009-14  
Earlham College Athletics Hall of Fame, 2010  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Grant to Support Faculty Research, Skidmore College, 2005  
Faculty Procession Marshall, 2002  
President's Award Presented to Committee on Educational Policies and Planning, Skidmore College, 2001

Faculty Development Grant, Skidmore College, 2001  
Faculty Commencement Speaker, Skidmore College, elected by Class of 2000  
Faculty Development Grant, Skidmore College, 1997  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Fellow Award, Emory University, 1992  
Graduate School Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Social Sciences, Emory University, 1992  
Department of Sociology, Emory University Graduate Student Teaching Award, 1992  
Graduate Student Fellowship, Emory University, 1987-1991  
First Place in Sociology Department Graduate Student Paper Contest, Emory University, 1989  
Scholar-Athlete Award, Earlham College, 1987  
Senior Thesis Honors, Earlham College, 1987

### **Professional Service**

Consultant, Presbyterian Church USA, 2016  
Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Quest*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *Mobilization*, *Work and Occupations*, *The Open Sociology Journal*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *Social Currents*, *Sociology Compass*, Rowman and Littlefield, ASA Teaching Resource Center  
Center of Leadership, Teaching and Learning, Advisory Board, 2015-16  
Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure, 2012-15  
Vice President for Advancement Review Committee (Chair), 2008  
Faculty Executive Committee, 2007-10 (Chair 2008)  
Greenberg Childcare Center Advisory Board (Chair), 2006-10  
Search Committee for Dean of Special Programs, Skidmore College, 2005  
Search Committee for Athletic Director, Skidmore College, 2005  
Dean of Studies Study Group (Chair), 2004  
Benefits Committee, Skidmore College, 2003-2004  
Faculty Development Committee, Skidmore College, 2003-2005  
Coordinator of New Faculty Orientation, 2003-2004  
Coordinator of Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Program, 2004  
Committee on Retention/Attrition Planning, Skidmore College, 2003-2004  
Peer Institution Comparison Group Task Force, Skidmore College, 2003  
Chair, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, 2002, 2009  
Athletic Review Committee, Skidmore College, 2001-2002  
Committee on Educational Policies and Planning, Skidmore College, 1999-2002 (Chair 2000-1)  
Institutional Planning Committee, 2000-1  
Great Expectations First-Year Student Orientation, 2000  
Students, Staff and Faculty for Equality (SAFE), Ally Training Workshop, invited panelist, 2000  
Curriculum Committee Subcommittee on Reconfiguration, Skidmore College, 1999  
Presidential Inauguration Committee, Skidmore College, 1999  
Committee on Teaching, American Sociological Association (Chair), 1996-8  
Search Committee for Anthropology, Skidmore College, 1997-8  
Search Committee for Sociology, Skidmore College, 1996-7 (Chair), 2002-3, 2012-3, 2013-4 (Chair)  
Committee on Academic Standing, Skidmore College, 1996-9 (Chair 1998-9)

College Athletic Council, Skidmore College, 1996-9 (Chair 1998-9), 2003-2004  
Coordinator, Skidmore College Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work  
Colloquium Series, 1995-7  
Advisor to student group, Progressive Sociology Reading Group, 1996-1997  
Advisor to student group, Skidmore Organized Against Racism (SOAR), 1996-1997  
HEOP Summer Orientation Lecture, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2002

### **Other Activities**

Member of Staff Parish Relations Committee, Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church, 2016-  
Present  
Member of Saratogians for Gun Safety, 2012-Present  
Member of Board of Directors, Shelters of Saratoga, 2010-2014.  
Member of Skidmore Cares, 2006-7  
Member of Board of Directors, Saratoga County Economic Opportunity  
Council, 2000-2004  
Member of People to People Ambassador Programs Sociology Delegation to Cuba, 2001  
Member of American Sociological Association, 1989-2013  
Member of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1994-2000  
Member of Society for Values in Education, 1994-1996  
Research Consultant, Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless/National Coalition for the Homeless,  
1991-1996