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## EDUCATION

PhD, Sociology, University at Albany, State University of New York, 1995  
MSW, Smith College School for Social Work, 1983  
AB, English, Brown University, 1980

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Trained Teacher, Center for Mindful Self-Compassion

Teacher Training Practicum, Center for Mindful Self-Compassion, Nov 2020-Jan 2021  
Live Online Mindful Self-Compassion Teacher Training, San Diego CA, July-Oct 2020  
Mindful Self-Compassion Intensive, Toronto CA, May-June 2016

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor Emeritus, 2021-present  
Professor of Sociology, Skidmore College, 2011-2021  
Chair of Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Work, Skidmore College, 2003-2005  
Associate Professor of Sociology, Skidmore College, 2002-2011  
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Skidmore College, 1997-2002  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Skidmore College, 1996-1997  
Lecturer, Skidmore College, 1995-1996  
Instructor, University at Albany, State University of New York, 1992-1995  
Research Assistant, University at Albany, State University of New York, 1990-1992  
Academic Advisor, University at Albany, State University of New York, 1989

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## COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT & ACTIVITIES

Workshop presenter, "Bringing Self-Compassion to Faculty Experiences," HVCC, 2022  
Webinar teacher, "Navigating Faculty Life with Self-Compassion," NY6 Liberal Arts Consortium, 2021  
Co-teacher of 8-week Mindful Self-Compassion course (with Ann Biasetti), Saratoga Springs NY, 2021  
Patient Information greeter, Saratoga Hospital, 2020-present (Volunteer, 2017-2020)  
Instructor, "Drawing Out Your Inner Artist," Saratoga Springs Continuing Education, 2019  
Instructor (with Susannah Mintz), "Mindfulness and Memoir," Chautauqua Institution, 2018, 2019  
Workshop facilitator on relationships and conflict, Counseling Associates of Saratoga Springs, 2013  
Drawing Instructor & Exhibitor, Saratoga County Arts Council, 2009  
Panelist, "After the Birth: Transitions into Parenthood," Saratoga Springs Public Library, 2007  
Volunteer, WMHT-RISE, Troy NY, 2007-2015  
Mental Health & Early Childhood Consultant, Holyoke MA, 1985-1988  
Psychotherapist, North Central Connecticut Mental Health System, Enfield CT, 1984-1985

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ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

*Book*

Susan Walzer. 1998. *Thinking about the Baby: Gender and Transitions into Parenthood*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Electronic edition produced by Temple University Press, 2010

Excerpted in *Families and Society: Classic and Contemporary Readings*, 2004, edited by Scott Coltrane, Belmont CA: Wadsworth Publishing.

*Journal Articles & Book Chapters*

Catherine White Berheide & Susan Walzer. 2014. "Process and Pathways: Exploring Promotion to Full Professor at Two Liberal Arts Colleges in the United States," in *Gender Transformation in the Academy*, edited by Catherine White Berheide, Vasilikie Demos, and Marcia T. Segal. United Kingdom: Emerald.

Karyn Loscocco & Susan Walzer. 2013. "Gender and the Culture of Heterosexual Marriage in the United States." *Journal of Family Theory & Review* 5:1-14.

Susan Walzer & Cathy Trower. 2010. "Crossing Generational Divides: Experiences of New Faculty in Higher Education." *Metropolitan Universities* 21:35-44.

Susan Walzer. 2008. "Redoing Gender through Divorce." *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships* 25:5-21.

Susan Walzer. 2006. "Children's Stories of Divorce," in *Couples, Kids, and Family Life*, edited by Jaber Gubrium & James Holstein. NY: Oxford University Press.

Susan Walzer. 2004. "Encountering Oppositions: A Review of Scholarship about Motherhood," in *Handbook of Contemporary Families: Considering the Past, Contemplating the Future*, edited by Marilyn Coleman & Lawrence H. Ganong. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Susan Walzer & Thomas P. Oles. 2003. "Accounting for Divorce: Gender and Uncoupling Narratives." *Qualitative Sociology* 26: 331-349.

Reprinted in *Shifting the Center: Understanding Contemporary Families* (2011), edited by Susan J. Ferguson, New York: McGraw-Hill.

Susan Walzer & Thomas P. Oles. 2003. "Managing Conflict after Marriages End: A Qualitative Study of Narratives of Ex-Spouses." *Families in Society* 84:1-9.

Susan Walzer. 2001. "Developing Sociologists through Qualitative Study of College Life." *Teaching Sociology* 29:88-94.

Susan Walzer. 1997. "Contextualizing the Employment Decisions of New Mothers." *Qualitative Sociology* 20 (special issue on family policy): 211-227.

Susan Walzer. 1996. "Thinking about the Baby: Gender and Divisions of Infant Care." *Social Problems* 43:219-234.

Reprinted in *Social Problems across the Life Course* (2003), edited by Helena Z. Lopata and Judith A. Levy, Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc. Also reprinted in *Men and Masculinity: A Text Reader* (2001), edited by Theodore F. Cohen, Belmont CA: Wadsworth; *Social Problems of the Modern World: A Reader* (2000), edited by Frances Moulder, Belmont, CA: Wadsworth; and *The Essential Sociology Reader* (1998), edited by Robert Thompson, Boston: Allyn and Bacon. Excerpted in *Troubled Times: Readings in Social Problems* (1999), edited by Robert H. Lauer and Jeanette C. Lauer, Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishing Company.

Susan Walzer. 1995. "Transitions into Motherhood: Pregnant Daughters' Responses to Their Mothers." *Families in Society* 76:596-603.

#### *Other Scholarly Work*

Susan Walzer & Sarah Winslow. 2016. "Motherhood" in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, edited by George Ritzer, Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.

Susan Walzer. 2012. Review of *Families, Marriages, and Children* by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, edited by Michael R. Hill, 2011. *Contemporary Sociology* 41:79-80.

Susan Walzer. 2007. "Motherhood" in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by George Ritzer, Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.

Revised version in *The Concise Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, 2011.

Susan Walzer. 2004. "The Trouble with Larry: Social Meanings of Male Baldness," in *Hair: Untangling a Social History*, edited by Penny Howell Jolly. The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College.

Susan Walzer. 2002. Review of *Having It All: How Equally Shared Parenting Works* by Francine Deutsch, 1999. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 64:809-810.

Susan Walzer. 1999. Review of *The Custody Wars* by Mary Ann Mason, 1999. *Social Science Quarterly* 80:879-880.

#### *Institutional Research*

Susan Walzer. 2015. "Qualitative Accounts of Midcareer Experiences at Skidmore: Summary Report." Also presented as "In the Middle: Qualitative Accounts of Midcareer Faculty at Skidmore," Skidmore College, October 2014

Susan Walzer. 2009. "A Qualitative Study of Faculty Experiences: Reflections on Expectations and Interactions."

Patricia Colby, Susan Layden, Thomas P. Oles, & Susan Walzer. 2001. "Examining Student Cultures: A Report to President Jamiene Studley on Selected Findings of the Skidmore College Student Cultures Project."

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## HONORS & APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Scholar, Harvard Graduate School of Education, August 2013-June 2014  
The Hoffman Lecture in Sociology and Social Policy, Russell Sage College, March 2010  
Radcliffe Fellow, Henry A. Murray Research Center, Harvard University, Spring 2000  
Finalist, William J. Goode Book Award, American Sociological Association Family Section, 1999  
Paul Meadows Award for Excellence in Teaching, University at Albany, 1993

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## SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Who Is ‘Terminal’? The Paradox of Institutional Service in Midcareer Faculty Trajectories” (with Meg Starkey), Association for the Study of Higher Education 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington DC, November 2014

“*Paying for the Party: How College Maintains Inequality*” book panel, American Sociological Association, 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA, August 2014

“Do You Take This Institution? Cultural Imagery of Marriage” Eastern Sociological Society, 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Boston MA, March 2010

“Gen X Faculty and Students: A Promising Alliance” (with Cathy Trower), Association of American Colleges and Universities, Savannah GA, Nov 2007

“Navigating Academic Careers and Life: Dilemmas of New Faculty” (with Cathy Trower), Association of American Colleges and Universities, 2007 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Jan 2007

“Teaching Human Interaction/Teaching Humanity,” American Sociological Association 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, Montreal, Aug 2006

“How Do You Make Love Stay?: Bridging Students’ Personal and Academic Lives,” Eastern Sociological Society, 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Boston, Feb 2006

Invited discussant on parental love and ambivalence, Theory Construction & Research Methodology Workshop, National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Orlando FL, Nov 2004

Invited organizer & presenter on reflective practice in class, ASA Teaching Workshop, American Sociological Association, 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA, Aug 2003

Presider & presenter at session on perceptions of partnership, American Sociological Association, 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Anaheim CA, Aug 2001

“Reconstructing Family after Divorce: Retrospective Accounts of Gender in Marriage,” Eastern Sociological Society, 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA, March 2001

“Examining Student Cultures” (with Patricia Colby, Frances Hoffmann, Thomas P. Oles, & Susan Layden), Association of American Colleges and Universities, 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington DC, January 2000

“Gender in Uncoupling Accounts,” American Sociological Association 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, August 1999

“Ex-Spouse Narratives: Toward an Understanding of Post-Marital Relationships,” American Sociological Association 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA, August 1998

“Influences on Role Definitions of New Mothers and Fathers,” National Council on Family Relations, 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Minneapolis MN, Nov 1994

“Women’s Responses to Family-of-Origin Experiences during Pregnancy,” National Council on Family Relations, 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Orlando FL, Nov 1992

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#### ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editorial Board Member, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Sociology Compass*

Associate Editor, *Journal of Family Issues*

Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Gender & Society*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, NYU Press, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Sociology Compass*, *Teaching Sociology*, Temple University Press, Wiley-Blackwell Publishing