

Eastern Sociological Society 2002 ESS Candidate Bios and Statements

Candidates for office were asked to supply biographical information about themselves and a brief statement about their goals and priorities if elected to office.

* Indicates 2002 Winner

For President

Phyllis Moen* is the Ferris Family Professor of Life Course Studies, as well as Professor of Human Development and Sociology, at Cornell University. Her research interests focus on the intersection of careers, lives, and gender, as well as changes in life chances, life choices, and life quality throughout the life course. An underlying theme in her scholarship concerns the policy implications of four historically dramatic and interrelated social transformations: in career paths and employment, in gender roles, in the family, and in longevity. Moen is founding director of the Bronfenbrenner Life Course Center, a university-wide center (started in 1992) addressing the impacts of these dramatic transformations on individual lives. She also directs the Cornell Careers Institute, supported by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, to promote the understanding of career and life issues over the course of life. She conducts research on retirement planning and transitions, funded by the National Institute on Aging under the auspices of the Cornell Gerontology Research Institute (headed by Karl Pillemer and Moen). Professor Moen is the author or co-editor of six books: *Working Parents: Transformations in Gender Roles and Public Policies in Sweden* (U. Wisconsin Press, 1989), *Women's Two Roles: A Contemporary Dilemma* (Greenwood Publishing, 1992), *Examining Lives in Context* (APA Press, 1995 with Elder and Luscher), *The State of Americans: This Generation and the Next* (Free Press, 1996, with Bronfenbrenner, McClelland, Wethington, and Cecil), *A Nation Divided: Diversity, Inequality and Community in American Society* (Cornell University Press, 1999, with Dempster-McClain and Walker), and *Social Integration in the Second Half of Life* (Johns Hopkins Press, 2000, with Pillemer, Wethington and Glasgow). She was an invited fellow at Harvard University's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study during 2000-2001, where she completed a book manuscript, *Life Works: Navigating a Life Course of Labor, Love, Learning and Leisure*. Her articles on career, gender, retirement, the life course, families and

social policy have appeared in leading journals. Moen served as a member of the American Sociological Association Council (1996-1999), and chair of its Family Section (1996). She was elected chair of the Social, Economic, and Political Sciences section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (1998-1999). Moen is on the Board of Civic Ventures, and an invited member of the Conference Board's Work-Life Leadership Council, The Family Support at Work Leadership Roundtable, and the Sloan Work/Family Policy Network. She is on the editorial board of *Social Psychology Quarterly*, and has served on the editorial boards of *Sociological Forum*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, and the *American Sociological Review*. She received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Minnesota in 1978 and served as director of the Sociology Program at the National Science Foundation.

"My goal as president would be to build on the Eastern Sociological Society's past and present strengths in what it does best. Specifically, I believe the Eastern Sociological Society can play an even more critical role in three areas: (1) socializing graduate students and junior faculty in to the field; (2) building networks and community among scholars, teachers and practitioners with similar interests; and (3) providing a forum (as does its journal *Sociological Forum*) for intellectual inquiry. At the annual meeting, I would strive to foster discourse on the intersections between individuals, institutions, society, and time, discourse that spans *intra-* as well as *inter-*disciplinary divisions - theoretical, substantive, methodological, political, and pedagogical.

Charles W. Smith is a Professor of Sociology at Queens College and the Graduate Center of City University of New York. He received his B.A. degree from Wesleyan University and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Brandeis University. He was a

Visiting Scholar at Nuffield College, Oxford in 1979-1980 and Wesleyan University in 1987-1988. Most of his publications, which include *Market Values in American Higher Education* (2000); *Success and Survival on Wall Street* (1999); *Auctions: The Social Construction of Value* (1989); *The Mind of the Market* (1981); and *The Critique of Sociological Reasoning* (1979) focus on market behavior and are grounded in ethnographic fieldwork. As an expert witness on auction markets, he has added a sociological voice to discussions generally limited to economic experts. His current research focuses on the social rather than purely economic character of market transformations associated with technological innovations and globalization. Since 1984 he has been the editor of *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*, a social science/philosophy journal published by Blackwell Publishers, Oxford, England. At Queens, he has served in a variety of administrative positions, including two terms as departmental chair, five years as Dean of Faculty for the Social Sciences, and a year as Special Assistant to the President. In his varied administrative positions, he has sponsored numerous innovative programs including a student-faculty research-mentoring program; he has also been a creative fundraiser obtaining two Ford Foundation Grants, a FIPSE award and other private funds to support these projects. He has been active in the ESS and the ASA for many years, presenting papers, serving as a discussant, and serving on numerous committees, both elected and appointed. He presently serves as chair of the ESS Fundraising Committee and has launched what is hoped to be a successful campaign to solicit ESS Departmental Memberships.

"In these changing times, I believe the ESS must continue to reach out to its highly diverse constituencies. This will require not only strong programming capable of drawing present, past and new members to our annual meetings, but also long-term fiscal strength. As past candidates for this office have said, we need to provide opportunities for graduate students and junior faculty to present their work; we need to foster more cross generation interactions; we need to celebrate ourselves better; and we need to make the non-sociological world take us more seriously. Unfortunately such programming is often expensive and given the financial constraints of many of our members, this will require that we as an organization become

fiscally creative. Given my administrative and editorial experiences, coupled with my eclectic intellectual predilections and quite extensive professional network, I believe that I can contribute to this effort. My goal is not only to bring together, but also to facilitate real communication among our various constituencies so that we can benefit from our intellectual and social diversity. I am excited by many of the programmatic and fiscal initiatives recently undertaken directed to these ends. If elected president, with the help of the other elected officers and the membership at large, I would be privileged to pursue these objectives further.

For Vice President

Shulamit Reinharz is the Jacob Potovsky Professor of Sociology at Brandeis University. She received her B.A. in Sociology from Barnard College where she studied with Mirra Komarovsky, Renee Fox, Alan Blum and Philip Zimbardo. She earned her Ph.D. from Brandeis University where she studied with Morris Schwartz (of *Tuesdays with Morrie*), Rosabeth Kanter, Philip Slater and others. Her first book, *On Becoming a Social Scientist* (1979), initiated her extensive work on research methods. In the 1970's Shula taught in the Department of Psychology at the University of Michigan, and worked with her colleagues to co-author *Psychology and Community Change*. She headed a large undergraduate "experiential education" program, Project Outreach, and began teaching Women's Studies courses. Her publications at the time concerned feminist methodology, gerontology, group dynamics and women's history. In 1982, Shula began teaching at Brandeis University in the Department of Sociology, rising to the rank of full professor in 1991. She published her third book *Qualitative Gerontology* (co-edited with Graham Rowles) and for five years co-edited the journal *Qualitative Sociology* with Peter Conrad. During her sabbaticals in Israel, she conducted studies on aging in the kibbutz, women in the history of Israel, and community psychology in Israel. In 1992, she published the award winning *Feminist Methods in Social Research* (Oxford University Press), and became director of Women's Studies at Brandeis. As director, she created a graduate program, a national board that has raised over \$13 million, an internship for the prevention of violence, a women and health initiative, an endowed visiting professorship, and

many other innovations. During that period, she published extensively on the history of women in sociology, biography, elder abuse and many other topics. In 1997 she created the Hadassah International Research Institute on Jewish Women, the first research institute in the world devoted exclusively to the study of Jewish women, with a multimillion dollar endowment from Hadassah. The HIRIJW publishes books, an academic journal and working papers, holds conferences in the U.S. and abroad, and has its own board. In 2000, Shula opened the Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis in a rehabbed campus building whose funding she acquired and whose redesign she led. Her latest efforts have been in the intersection of art and sociology, as a larger manifestation of the significance of architecture in shaping interaction. Shula has received numerous awards, including the People for the American Way's Spirit of Freedom Award and the Robin M. Williams, Jr. Lectureship of the ESS. She has served on numerous ESS and ASA committees, both elected and appointed.

"As a participant, committee member and elected officer of the Eastern Sociological Society over the past 20 years, I believe that the ESS provides an invaluable service to aspiring and senior sociologists by offering a venue for the presentation of papers and exchange of ideas. Moreover, through book exhibits, meet-the-author sessions and exploration of themes, new sociological ideas have percolated and then informed society. All of this is possible, however, only if sociologists across the spectrum of rank and locale attend in large numbers. My objective as president would be to maximize the potential of the ESS and its annual meeting so as to benefit the profession and society at large. I would like to offer travel grants, arrange home hospitality and organize mentoring sessions for graduate students and sociologists beginning their careers. I would like to offer special recognition to senior scholars. I would like to make sure that we take full advantage of multi-media presentation options and communication techniques. In this period of economic and political turbulence, sociologists more than ever need to interpret our social condition. I believe, therefore, that our forum has particular significance today.

Ronald L. Taylor* is Professor and former head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Connecticut, where he has taught since

earning his Ph.D. in sociology from Boston University in 1973. He has also served as Director of the Institute for African American Studies at UCONN, and as Vice Provost for Multicultural Affairs. His research and teaching interests include race and ethnic relations, social psychology, and African-American Families. He is the editor and/or author of five books including *African American Youth: Perspectives on Their Status in the United States*; *Minority Families in the United States*; *Black Youth in America: The Endangered Generation*; *Black Adolescence* (with P. Bell-Scott, et al); and *The Black Male in America* (with Doris Wilkinson). He has published more than forty articles and essays, which have appeared in the *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Youth and Society*, *Journal of Adolescent Research*, *Race and Society*, *Urban Research Review*, *Contemporary Sociology*, and the *Journal of Black Studies*. He is the founding editor of *Race & Society*, and has served on the editorial boards of *Contemporary Sociology*, the *Journal of Research on Adolescents*, and the *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*. As a member of ASA, he has chaired the DuBois-Johnson-Frazier Award Committee, served as a member of the Selection Committee for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching, and been elected to the Nominations Committee and the Committee on Committees. He has served the Eastern Sociological Society as Chair of the Elections Committee and as a member of the Nominations, Publications, and Program Committees, and the Committee on the Status of Minorities.

"I am honored to have been nominated for Vice President of the Eastern Sociological Society. It is a regional association that has provided a wealth of opportunities for junior and senior scholars over the years to cultivate their ideas and refashion their thinking on a variety of topics. For me, one of the important attractions to ESS has always been its support and encouragement of diverse voices and perspectives, which have enriched and energized our annual meetings and kept the association vibrant and strong. As Vice-President, I would work to ensure that this tradition and inclusion continues and that the association's responsibility to provide a forum for intellectual exchange and for the professional development of sociologists is enlarged and sustained."

For Executive Committee

Note: The two candidates who receive the most votes will be elected for three-year terms on the Executive Committee.

Jeff Goodwin* is Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Sociology at New York University. He received both his B.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard. His research focuses on social movements. He is the author of *No Other Way Out: States and Revolutionary Movements (1945-1991)* (Cambridge University Press, 2001). With James Jasper and Francesca Polletta, he co-edited *Passionate Politics: Emotions and Social Movements* (University of Chicago Press, 2001). He has also published articles in a range of journals, including *Sociological Forum*, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Mobilization, Theory and Society*, and *Politics and Society*. He has served on the council of the Comparative and Historical Sociology section of the ASA and was recently elected to the executive board of the International Visual Sociology Association and to the workshop committee of the Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section of the ASA. He organized panels for the 1998 and 2000 meetings of the ESS and roundtables for the 1996 meeting. He currently serves, with James Jasper, as book review editor of *Sociological Forum*.

"ESS is an important and healthy enterprise, and one to which I and most sociologists in the region owe a debt of gratitude. But it's no secret that ESS could also use a good dose of energy and bold thinking. The good news is that ESS's *Sociological Forum* is undoubtedly the best of the regional sociology journals. More problematic are ESS's annual meetings, which have not been well attended in recent years. If elected to the Executive Committee of ESS, I would mainly like to explore ways to transform the annual meetings into more stimulating and well attended events. For example, the meetings have traditionally been a place where graduate students have presented their first professional papers, but much more needs to be done to encourage graduate-student participation in both the meetings and ESS generally. Above all, perhaps, we need to think about more flexible ways in which members can put together special panels and events on controversial issues, recent books of note, and current events. I would like to see more of our discipline's very best minds

discussing and debating "hot-button" issues in open, participatory settings. There will always be a place at ESS meetings for presenting research findings, but I would also like to hear more spontaneous and open-ended dialogues on the key issues of our times. Such dialogues, which can be hard to find at ASA meetings, might help to restore some of the elan of ESS."

Rosanna Hertz* is Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies at Wellesley College. She is presently the Chair of Women's Studies. Her research focuses on the relationship between work, family and gender. She is the author of *More Equal than Others* (University of California, 1986). She is the co-editor of *Studying Elites Using Qualitative Methods* (Sage, 1995, with Jonathan B. Imber); *Voice and Reflexivity* (Sage, 1997); *Qualitative Sociology as Everyday Life* (Sage, 1999, with Barry Glassner) and *Working Families: The Transformation of the American Home* (University of California Press, 2001; with Nancy L. Marshall). Her articles have also appeared in *Social Problems*, *Gender & Society*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Qualitative Inquiry*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* and *The Annals*. She was the editor of *Qualitative Sociology* (1991-2000). She has served the ESS on the Komarovskiy Book Award Committee (1998-2000, chair 2000-2001) and on the ESS Committee on the Status of the Profession (1994-1996). She has also been active in the ASA where she chaired the Committee for the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching (1994-1997) and organized sessions for various sections. Presently, she is a member of the Lee Founders Committee for the SSSP.

"I am delighted to be nominated for the ESS Executive Committee. ESS is an important regional meeting point for local, state and national debates. As more sociologists work in interdisciplinary departments, professional schools and outside academic institutions we need to find ways to bring these perspectives back to ESS participation and the benefits people receive from participation by promoting many types of dialogue with the diverse group of scholars, teachers and practitioners in this region. I would work to increase the visibility of ESS members scholarship in the media."

Debra Lemke is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Western Maryland College where she is the recipient of the 2001 Distinguished Teaching Award. She also chairs her department. Her areas of specialty are historical sociological theory, class inequality and gender. She is best known for her work on using video to teach sociological theory and for her work on care giving in China. Lemke is a long time member of the Maryland Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. Her service to ESS includes serving three years on the Rose Laub Coser Dissertation Committee, two of those years as chair, and serving as the Program Committee Chair for the 2001 annual meeting in Boston.

"ESS welcomed me as a young untenured faculty member and provided me many opportunities for professional growth. I believe that ESS is a welcoming format for young scholars and is a powerful vehicle for their scholarly advancement. I want to serve on the Executive Committee so that I might give back to an organization that fostered my professional growth."

Victor Lidz is Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Associate Director and Acting Director of the Institute for Addictive Disorders at the MCP Hahnemann University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, where he has been on the faculty since 1991. Previously he was Instructor in the Department of Sociology and Collegiate Division of the Social Sciences at the University of Chicago (1968-1973), Lecturer and then Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania (1973-1984), and more briefly Visiting Associate Professor at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia and then Haverford College. He was attracted to sociology as an undergraduate at Harvard College when the advice of an older student led him into the classes of Talcott Parsons. He then stayed at Harvard for graduate studies in the former interdisciplinary Department of Social Relations, working principally with Parsons, Robert N. Bellah, David Maybury-Lewis and Erik Erikson. Lidz has been co-editor, with Talcott Parsons, of *Readings In Pre-Modern Societies* (Prentice-Hall, 1972), with Han J. Loubser, Rainer C. Baum, and Andrew Effrat, of *Explorations in General Theory in Social Science: Essays in Honor of Talcott Parsons* (two volumes, Free Press, 1976), and with Samuel Z. Klausner of

The Nationalization of the Social Sciences (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1986). To these volumes, other collections, and many journals, Lidz has contributed some sixty essays. His principal continuing interest has been the critique and further development of the theory of social action. Recent essays include: "Talcott Parsons" in the *Blackwell Companion to Major Social Theorists*, George Ritzer, ed. (Blackwell, 2000), "Convergence As Method in Theory Construction" (with Harold J. Bershad) in *Oesterreichische Zeitschrift fuer Soziologie* (2000), and "Language and the Family of Generalized Symbolic Media" in *Talcott Parsons Today: His Theory and Legacy in Contemporary Sociology*, Javier Trevino, ed. (Rowman and Littlefield, 2001). Over the last decade, his publications have also concerned HIV risk among injection drug users, case management as a service for drug users entering substance abuse treatment, and the efficacy of substance abuse treatment for adolescents. Lidz has served on the editorial boards of *Sociological Inquiry* (1968-1980) and the *American Journal of Sociology* (1968-1973), and has been co-editor of *Qualitative Sociology* (1987-1991). He is currently Chair of the Eastern Sociological Society's Publications Committee and is filling in as Interim Editor of *Sociological Forum* for the fall of 2001. Lidz was designated by Talcott Parsons as a professional advisor to his estate and prepared many of Parsons' papers for placement in the Harvard University Archives. Lidz is currently Principal Investigator of a 5-year study titled "Substance Abuse and the Transition from Welfare to Work" funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse to evaluate drug use and other barriers to employment among women in Philadelphia who, as part of the current "welfare reform," have enrolled in training programs to help them obtain jobs and leave the welfare roles. He is Co-Principal Investigator of "Evaluating a Vocationally Integrated TC" based at Phoenix House Foundation in New York and funded by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.

"ESS is the most active and vibrant of the regional sociological associations. I have found participating in its meetings often to be a regarding experience from which I learn what colleagues are up to and what they are thinking. I would be gratified to help lead ESS in strengthening its programs with a focus on the intellectual content of the annual meetings. My goal would be to increase the consistency with

which attendees feel they have learned something genuinely new and exciting, had the opportunity to present their own most intriguing work, and engaged in valuable exchanges with colleagues at other institutions".

Francesca Polletta is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Columbia University (B.A. Brown University, 1984 and Ph.D. Yale University, 1994), where she studies the strategic and cultural dimensions of social movements. She is the author of *Freedom is an Endless Meeting: Democracy in American Social Movements* (University of Chicago, 2002) and co-editor with Jeff Goodwin and James M. Jasper of *Passionate Politics: Emotions and Social Movements* (University of Chicago, 2001). She was the Evelyn Green Davis Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study in 1999-2000 and an Open Society Fellow (Soros Foundation) in 2000. Her work on democracy in social movements has also been supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Mellon Foundation. In the last few years, she has published widely on collective identity in social movements; on law and legal mobilization; on collective memory; on narrative in contention; on emotions; and on the civil rights, women's liberation, new left, and contemporary anti-corporate globalization movements. She is currently serving on the Council of Collective Behavior/Social Movements section of the ASA and is on the editorial board of *Social Movement Studies*.

"One of the strengths of ESS, its annual meetings, and *Sociological Forum* has been a willingness to tackle big, controversial issues that have real import for public policy as well as academic scholarship and that extend beyond the confines of sociological subfield and academic/practitioner divides. I would like to help continue that tradition by strengthening ongoing networks and discussion forums that involve scholars before and after the meetings, encouraging panels that bring scholars together across professional socialization".

George Psathas B.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University, is Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Boston University where he has taught since 1968. He has served as Chairman and Associate Chairman of the Department. He has also taught at Indiana University and Washington University, St. Louis as well as holding visiting appointments at the University of London, the

Panteios School in Athens, the International University of Japan, and Doshisha University, Kyoto. His research interests have focused, over the years, on medical sociology, social interaction, qualitative methods, phenomenological sociology, ethnomethodology, and conversation analysis. His awards include a Post-Doctoral Fellowship from NIMH, a Science Faculty Professional Development Award from NSF, and a Fulbright Grant to lecture in Greece and Turkey. He has held numerous research grants from NIMH and NSF; has been Director of a Community Mental Health Research Training Program at Washington University; and has served as Co-Director, Sociology and Health Services Research Training Program, Co-Director, Post Doctoral Research Training Program in Sociology and Mental Health, and Director of the Center for Applied Social Science at Boston University. He has published *Conversation Analysis: The Study of Talk in Interaction*, 1995; *Phenomenology and Sociology: Theory and Research*, 1989, and edited or co-edited several collections of studies including *Alfred Schutz: Collected Papers, Vol. IV*, 1996; *Situated Order*, 1995; *Interaction Competence*, 1990; *Everyday Language*, 1979; and *Phenomenological Sociology*, 1973. He is the founder and Editor-in-Chief (since 1978) of *Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences* and co-founder of the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences for which he served as Co-Chair for many years. He has also published over 60 academic papers and 11 book chapters and made over 90 professional society and conference presentations. He is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World*. He has served on several editorial boards, been a consultant for various publishers, and been active in the Society for the Study of Social Problems (Treasurer; Business Manager and Associate Editor of *Social Problems*; and a member of various committees), the American Sociological Association (various committees and session organizer) and the Eastern Sociological Society (Papers Committee Chair and session organizer). In recent years he has been session organizer and made several paper presentations at ESS meetings.

"The ESS is the place where scholars, teachers, researchers and applied professionals can come together to meet, discuss and share their ideas, plans and hopes for sociology and for the fields in which they are working. It is both a serious and a fun place. It provides a time out from the

regular duties of teaching and research to connect, to network and to develop life-long professional associations and collegial relationships. (Places to sit, schmooze, have coffee or cokes, browse over books, and eat together aren't just incidental amenities). At the same time, it is the place where serious attention is paid to advances and developments in the field as well as to problems of the discipline. I believe the ESS must foster inclusiveness and diversity of outlooks and perspectives, must advance the highest standards of intellectual discussion and debate, and provide a variety of formats for participation. The ESS is the best place we have in this region to showcase the importance and significance of sociological work and thought. I would like to work to see that these goals are achieved".