

David Bensman/Vita

ACADEMIC DEGREES:

May 1977	Ph.D. Columbia University (History) Dissertation: "Artisan Culture, Business Union: American Hatters in The Nineteenth Century". Awarded "Distinction" and nominated For the Nevins and Bancroft Prizes.
December 1973	M. Phil. Columbia University (History)
December 1972	M.A., Columbia University (History)
June 1970	B.A., University of Chicago (Comparative Civilizations).

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

July, 2002	Professor, School of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University Director, Credit Programs in Labor Studies
July 1984 – June 2002	Associate Professor, School of Management and Labor Relations - Rutgers University Director, Credit Programs in Labor Studies and Employment Relations, 2001- Co-Director, Credit Programs in Labor Studies and Employment Relations, 1998- 2001 Director - Graduate Program in Labor Studies, 1985-1989 Chair - Labor Education Department, 1989-1992
July 1979 - June 1984	Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education - Rutgers University - Labor Studies
September 1978 - June 1979	Lecturer, Rutgers College - History
January 1978 -	

June 1978	Lecturer, Rutgers Labor Education Center Graduate Program in Labor Studies
September 1977 - January 1978	Assistant Professor (Substitute) Baruch College - American History
January 1977 - June 1977	Lecturer, Yeshiva College - Social Sciences
September 1973 - January 1978	Lecturer, College of New Rochelle District Council #37, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Urban and Labor Studies
January 1974 - June 1975	Lecturer, Empire State Labor College American History and Labor Studies

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY:

Co-Chair, IRRA Section on Regional
Integration, 2003-present
Co-Chair, Columbia University Seminar on
Globalization and Social Movements
Member of and attended meetings of:
American Historical Association
University-College Labor Education
Association, Organization of American
Historians, American Educational
Research Association, University of
Pennsylvania Ethnography Forum,
North Dakota Study Group

Member - Editorial Board – Labor Research
Review, 1983-1992
Dissent Magazine, 1972-present

TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS:

Globalization and The Future of Work
Labor and Employment History
American Labor and the World Economy
Development of the Labor Movement
Culture of Work As An Educative Force
The Work/Education Connection,
Senior Seminar in Labor Studies

RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

-Books and Monographs

Central Park East and Its Graduates: "Learning by Heart." Teachers College Press, Fall, 2000.

Building Family-School Partnerships in a South Bronx Classroom, National Center for Restructuring Education, Schools, and Teaching, 1999.

Lives of the Graduates of the Central Park East School, National Center for Restructuring Education, Schools and Teaching, 1994.

Learning to Think Well: Graduates of Central Park East Secondary School Reflect on Their High School and College Experiences, NCREST, 1995.

Who Built America?, Volume 2, with Herbert Gutman, Joshua Freeman, Nelson Lichtenstein, Bryan Palmer, et al, Pantheon, 1992. (First Edition)

Rusted Dreams, with Roberta Lynch. Published by McGraw-Hill, 1987. Paperback edition, University of California Press, 1988.

The Practice of Solidarity, University of Illinois Press, 1985.

Book Chapters

"Workers' Control in the Hatting Industry," in Donald Bell (ed.) New England Labor History, University of Illinois Press, 1987.

"Artisan Culture in the Hatting Industry", in S. Bruchey (ed.), Small Business In America, Columbia University Press, 1980.

Research Reports

“School-Family Partnerships in School Reform,” with Robert Jervis, Kathe Jervis, Kemly McGregor, and Jianzhong Xu, a report to the Spencer Foundation, February, 2000

“Cultural Interchange in Four Urban Schools: A Cross-Site Report,” with Kathe Jervis, Kemly McGregor, and Jianzhong Xu, a report to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, December, 1999.

"Graduates of Central Park East." A report to the Mellon Foundation, November 15, 1993.

"Quality Education in the Inner City: The History of Central Park East School," a report to the New York Community Trust, May 30, 1986, published under a grant from the New York Community Trust, June 15, 1987. Revised and reissued, 1993..

-Other Writings

“South Chicago,” “East Side,” “Irondale,” and “South Dearborn,” in Encyclopedia of the History of the City of Chicago,” 2004.

"Michael Harrington". In Dictionary of American National Biography, 1993.

"Roger and Me: Narrow, Simplistic and Wrong", The New York Times, March 2, 1990.

"The Hormel Strike of 1985-6", in Labor Conflict in the United States, ed. Ronald Filipelli, Garland Publishing, New York, 1990, pp. 248-251.

"J.P. Stevens Boycott of 1977-81", in Labor Conflict... pp. 267-9.

"USX Lockout of 1986", in Labor Conflict... pp. 551-3.

"The Global Economy", Dissent, Summer 1990, pp. 375-6.

"American Labor in a Global Economy", Labor Research Review, Winter, 1989.

"A Triumph for Steelworkers", The Nation, April 15, 1988.

"The Renewal of the Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen's International Union", Labor Research Review, Fall 1988.

"The Party's Over", The Home News, October 25, 1987.

"A Painful Lesson in the Marketplace", The Home News, December 1, 1987.

"Saving Chicago Industry" with Roberta Lynch and Ann Markusen, Chicago Enterprise, October 1987.

"Labor's Next Big Task", The New York Times, August 31, 1987, The Home News, August 30, 1987.

"If Competitiveness Is To Succeed", The New York Times, April 14, 1987.

"A Victory for Labor", The Nation, May 15, 1987.

"Saving Steel", Dissent, Winter 1987.

"Locked Out On Labor Day", Democratic Left, September 1986.

"The Steel Labor Wars", The Nation, August 30, 1986.

"How To Escape Steel's Quagmire", In These Times, July 23-August 5, 1986.

"The AHA Convention", International Labor and Working Class History, Spring 1986.

"Competition and Solidarity", Dissent, Fall 1985.

"House of Cards", The Nation, March 30, 1985.

"The G.M. Settlement", The Nation, November 3, 1984.

"Steelworkers in Chicago", The Nation, September 22, 1984.

"Continental Follies: The Government Buys a Bank", Commonweal, September 1, 1984.

"A World That Lives Only in Memory", In These Times, May 2-8, 1984.

"A Lesson in Loyalty", Commonweal, February 24, 1984.

"The Welfare State and the Global Factory", Dissent, Summer 1983.

"Revivalism in the Ranks: Runaway Locals Have Big Unions Running Scared", The Nation, February 5, 1983.

"Job Combinations and Speed-Up in Steel", Labor Research Review, No. 2, Winter 1983.

"Concession Bargaining in Steel: A Weakened Union Faces Corporate Blackmail", Dissent, Winter 1983; reprinted in Labor Research Review, No. 2, Winter 1982.

"The Press Joins the Steel War on Labor", In These Times, January 12-18, 1983; reprinted as "The Press Verses Greedy Steelworkers, Concessions in Steel," Midwest Center for Labor Research, January 1983.

"Grappling With The Cutbacks", In These Times, December 15-21, 1982.

"Greedy Steelworkers: An Amazing Proposal", Commonweal, December 17, 1982.

"Internal Conflict Plagues the USW", In These Times, December 8-14, 1982.

"Hard Times for American Labor", The Nation, November 13, 1982.

"The Inside Story", In These Times, October 6-12, 1982.

"Steel-ing for Battle", Commonweal, October 8, 1982.

"Steel Talks Break Down", In These Times, September 15-21, 1982.

"Minding Its Own Business: A Local Trade Union in Action", Dissent, Summer 1982.

"Labor's Painful Dilemma", Commonweal, March 26, 1982.

"Artisan Culture in the Hatting Industry", in S. Bruchey (ed.), Small Business In America, Columbia University Press, 1980.

"Eurosocialism Comes to America", Democratic Left, January 1981.

"Trouble in the Coal Fields", Dissent, summer 1978.

"Defeat for the Miners", Commonweal, April 28, 1978.

"J. P. Stevens: What's Behind the Boycott?", Working Papers, Summer 1977.

"The Trouble With New York City", Dissent, Winter 1976.

"Bad Times for a Birthday: the Bicentennial Blues", Intellect, July-August 1976.

"Depression and the Welfare State", The Nation, November 1975.

"The Capital Shortage Illusion", The Nation, June 1975.

"Notes for Next Time: A Memoir of the 1960s", by Elinor Langer, Working Papers, Fall 1973; in Dissent, Winter 1974.

"Black Progress and Liberal Rhetoric" by Ben J. Wattenberg and Richard M. Scammon, Commentary, April 1973; in Dissent, Fall 1973.

"The Strange Case of the Comintern", by Theodore Draper, Survey, Summer 1972; in Dissent, Fall 1973.

"On the Making of U.S. China Policy: 1961-69", by James C. Thompson, Jr., China Quarterly, April-June 1972; in Dissent, Winter 1973.

"On Radicalizing Our Students: the Radicalizing of a Teacher of Literature", by Ellen Cantarow, Change, May 1972; in Dissent, Fall 1972.

"On The Fate of Blacks in the Americas", by Orlando Patterson, Public Interest, Spring 1972; in Dissent, Summer 1972.

-Book Reviews

"The After-School Lives of Children," by Deborah Belle, Teachers College Record, Sept. 2000.

"A Nation of Steel," by Thomas Misa, American Historical Review, Feb. 1997.

"Can Workers' Voices Be Heard?" by Dale Hathaway, Labor History, Spring, 1995.

"The Stelco Story", by June Corman, Meg Luxton, D.W. Livingstone, and Wally Seccombe, Labour, Le Travail, Winter, 1995.

"American Steel", by Richard Preston, Commonweal, Spring 1991.

"Small Victories", by Samuel Freedman, Dissent, Spring, 1991.

"Working Class Americanism", by Gary Gerstle, Industrial Relations Review, Spring, 1991.

"A Social History of Economic Decline", by John Cumbler, Pennsylvania History, January 1991, pp. 89-91.

"Scale and Scope," by Alfred Chandler, Los Angeles Times, July 22, 1990.

"The American Telegraphers", by Edwin Gabler, American Historical Review, February 1990.

"The Fall of the House of Labor", by David Montgomery, Social History, 1989.

"The Rubber Workers", by Daniel Nelson, Labour/Le Travail, Spring 1989.

"Inhuman Relations", by Guillermo Grenier, The Nation, October 18, 1988.

The Truly Disadvantaged", by William J. Wilson, Dissent, Spring 1988.

"The Zero-Sum Solution", by Lester Thurow, Dissent, Winter 1987.

"Solidarity Under Siege", by Mike Parker and Jane Slaughter, The Nation, September 14, 1985.

"The Deindustrialization of America", by Barry Bluestone and Bennett Harrison, and "Minding America's Business", by Ira Magaziner and Robert Reich, Commonweal, March 11, 1983.

"Labor Education for Women Workers", Barbara M. Wertheimer, (ed.), Educational Studies, Fall/Winter 1982.

"The Transition from Capitalism to Socialism", by John Stephens, Dissent, Spring 1982.

"Worlds of Pain", by Lillian Rubin, Dissent, Fall 1978.

"Blue Collar Community", by William Kornblum, Labor History, spring 1977.

"Scarcity" by Gus Tyler, Dissent, Spring 1977.

"The Other Bostonians", by Stephen Thernstrom, Dissent, Winter 1975.

"Failure of a Dream", by John Laslett and Seymour Martin Lipset, Dissent, Summer 1975.

"The Ethnic Experience in Pennsylvania", by John Bodnar, Labor History, Spring 1974.

GRANTS

1999 Spencer Foundation, "Parent Involvement as a Middle School Reform Strategy"

1997-98 SMLR, Research assistant Grant

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- 1996-98 "Cultural Interchange in Four Urban Schools,"
U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and
Improvement
- 1992 "Graduates of Central Park East Secondary School",
McArthur Foundation
- 1992 "Graduates of Central Park East", Mellon Foundation
- 1992 "Social Benefits Analysis of Quality Education", Bruner Foundation
- 1991 "Worker Literacy", U.S. Department of Education
- 1991 "Parents of Graduates of an East Harlem School",
Spencer Foundation
- 1990 "Graduates of an East Harlem School",
Mellon Foundation
- 1990 "Assessment of an East Harlem School",
Exxon Foundation.
- 1990 Rutgers International Programs, "International Labor Rights"
- 1989 Labor History in the Public Schools, New Jersey Historical Commission.
- 1988 Labor History in the Public Schools, New Jersey
Historical Commission.
- 1986 Evaluation of Central Park East Elementary School, New York
Community Trust.
- 1983 Rutgers University Summer Research Grant.
- 1982 Rutgers University FASP Research Grant.
- 1974 New Jersey Historical Commission, Fellowship.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 2001 Rutgers University FASIP Award
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 1997 Rutgers University FASIP Award
 1996 Rutgers University FASIP Award
 1992 Rutgers University FASIP Award
 1991 Rutgers University FASIP Award
 1990 Rutgers University FASIP Award.
 1987 Nomination, National Book Award.
 1983 Rutgers University Award for Merit.
 1982 Rutgers University Award for Merit.
 1977 Dissertation Nominated for Bancroft and Nevins Prizes.
 1977 Distinguished Dissertation, Columbia University,
 Department of History.
 1970-73 Columbia University Fellow.
 1970 Danforth Fellow.
 1970 Phi Beta Kappa.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS:

“Central Park East and Its Graduates,” Coalition of Essential Schools Fall Forum, Providence, Rhode Island, Oct. 2000.

“Building School Family Partnerships in a Bronx Classroom.” American Education Research Association, Montreal, April, 1999.

“Cultural Interchange on a Research Team,” University of Pennsylvania, Department of Anthropology, Ethnography Forum, March, 1999.

"Cultural Interchange in a Bronx Classroom," South Dakota Study Group on Assessment, Chicago, February, 1999.

"Cultural Interchange in a Bronx School," American Education Research Association, San Diego, California, April 1998.

"Homework as a Meeting place Between Home and School", Ethnography Forum, Philadelphia, March 1998.

"Authentic Assessment in a Progressive High School”, American Education Research Association, New Orleans, April 18, 1995.

"Direct Assessment of a Progressive Elementary School: Graduates of Central Park East", American Education research Association, Chicago, April 4, 1994.

"Intersubjectivity in Home-School Alliances", American Education Research Association, Chicago, April 6, 1994.

"Graduates of an East Harlem School", American Education Research Association, San Francisco, April 1992.

"Danbury Hatters", University of Connecticut Labor History Seminary, March 1991.

"Labor in a Global Economy", Socialist Scholars Conference, April 1990, New York.

"The Globalization of Economic Activity", Socialist Scholars Conference, New York, April 1989.

"Community Responses to Economic Decline", History Club, College of Staten Island, December 1988.

"The Decline of American Industrial Communities 1979-1988", Sociology Department, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, October 1988.

"Comment: Workers' Control in the Pottery Industry", AHA Convention, Washington, D.C., December 1987.

"The American social History Project in Historiographical Perspective", Organization of American Historians, New York, March 1987.

"The Changing Workplace", George Meany Labor Education Center, March 1987.

"Labor-Community Efforts to Avert Plant Closings", University and College Labor Education Association National Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 5, 1984.

"Solidarity in the Gilded Age: Craft and Community in the Orange, New Jersey Hat Industry", New Jersey Historical Commission Conference on Labor History, Trenton, December 1983.

"The Internationalization of Capital and the American Labor Movement", University and College Labor Education Association, Nashville, April 1983 (paper submitted and accepted, but not delivered due to ill health).

"Hard Times for American Labor", Wayne State University, National Conference on American Labor History, Detroit, October 1982.

"Craft, Class and Community in Orange, New Jersey", Columbia University Seminar on Urban History, January 1981.

"Workers' Control and Artisan Culture", Smith College Symposium on New England History, March 1979.

"Craft, Class and Community: Connecticut Hatters in the Nineteenth Century", Association for the Study of Connecticut History, Trinity College, Connecticut, November 1978.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE:

Member of Editorial Board, Dissent, 1972 - present

Member Editorial Board, and Associate Editor,
Labor Research Review, 1983 - 1992

Oct. 1, 2001