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**CURRENT POSITION**

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., University of Chicago  
M.A., University of Chicago  
B.A., Yale University, Department of Political Science,  
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**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

Professor, Department of Sociology, Boston College, 1991-  
Director, Program in Social Economy and Social Justice, Boston College, 1993-94;  
1988-1990, 1993-4; 1994-5  
Associate Director, Program in Social Economy and Social Policy, Boston College,  
1986-87  
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Boston College, 1986-1991  
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Boston College, 1980-86  
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Brandeis University, 1970-79

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **BOOKS**

#### **Bonfire:**

**From American Sociocide to Sustainable Community**

**NY: Routledge (under contract and in progress) Spring, 2025**

#### **Who Owns Democracy?**

**The Battle Over Class and Caste in America**

**NY: Routledge, May, 2024**

#### **Dying for Capitalism:**

**How Big Money Fuels Our Extinction – and What To Do About It  
(With Suren Moodliar)**

**NY: Routledge July, 2023**

#### **Chomsky For Activists:**

**NY: Routledge, January 1, 2021**

**Co-Authored With Noam Chomsky, Suren Moodliar and Paul Shannon**

**Translated into Spanish (Altarean Publishers in Spain) and Bulgarian**

#### **TurnOut! Mobilizing Voters in an Emergency**

**(Edited with Suren Moodliar and Matt Nelson)**

**NY: Routledge and London: Francis and Taylor,**

**June, 2020**

#### **Chomsky: Internationalism Or Extinction**

**NY: Routledge Jan. 2020**

**Edited with Suren Moodliar and Paul Shannon (book and film)**

*Translated into Italian, French, Portugese, Spanish (Penguin/Random House,  
2020) Hungarian*

#### **Glorious Causes (with Yale Magrass)**

**The Irrationality of Capitalism, War and Politics**

**NY: Routledge, January, 2020**

#### **Moving Beyond Fear (with Yale Magrass)**

**Upending the Security Tales of Capitalism, Fascism and Democracy**  
**NY: Routledge, January, 2019**

**Welcome to the Revolution:**

**Universalizing Resistance for Social Justice and Democracy in Perilous Times (NY: Routledge, 2017; London: Taylor and Francis, 2017)** *Note: This book has inspired a new Universalizing Resistance Book Series published by Taylor and Francis, with myself as the co-editor with Suren Moodliar. On a 2017 tour, I talked about the book on television, radio and bookstores around the country.*

**Bully Nation:**

**How the American Establishment is Creating a Bullying Society (with Yale Magrass)**

**Lawrence KS: University of Kansas Press, 2016**

*(revised Paperback edition of Bully Nation, 2017)*

**BULLY NATION (TRANSLATED INTO CHINESE BY XINHUA PUBLISHERS, JAN. 1, 2018)**

*Bully Nation, published as an Audio book January, 2023*

**The Disinherited Majority:**

**Capital Questions – Piketty and Beyond**  
**(Boulder: CO, Routledge, 2015)**

**The Disinherited Majority**

**Capital Questions – Piketty and Beyond**

*TRANSLATED INTO PORTUGUESE,*

*Temas and Debates, Lisbon: Portugal, 2016*

*The Disinherited Majority, Published as an Audio Book January 2023*

**The Wilding of America, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition**

**NY: Macmillan, June, 2014**

**The Wilding of America, Published as an Audio Book**

**Capitalism: Should You Buy It?:**

**An Invitation to Political Economy (with Yale Magrass)**

**(Boulder: CO: Paradigm Publishers, January 1, 2014)**

SELECTED AS CHOICE OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC TITLE AWARD, 2014

**Sociopathic Society:**

**A People's Sociology of the United States  
(Boulder: CO: Paradigm Publishers, September, 2013)**

Marx's Ghost:

Midnight Conversations on Changing the World (translated into Tamil in India by Addadama-Identity Press, 2014)

Marx's Ghost:

Midnight Conversations on Changing the World (translation into Chinese, People's Daily Press, 2013, Beijing China)

Marx's Ghost:

Midnight Conversations on Changing the World (Translation into Korean (Korea Price Information, Inc; Seoul, South Korea, 2013)

**The Surplus American:**

**How the 1% Is Making Us Redundant (Boulder: CO: Paradigm Publishers, August, 2012 (with Yale Magrass)**

**Marx's Ghost:**

**Midnight Conversations on Changing the World (Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, September, 2011)**

**Greed to Green:**

**Solving Global Warming and Remaking the Economy (Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2010)**

**The Wilding of America, 5<sup>th</sup> edition: (NY: W. H. Freeman and Worth Publishers, 2010).**

**Morality Wars: (new and revised paperback edition)**

**How Empires, The Born Again and the Politically Correct Do Evil in the Name of Good, with Yale Magrass (Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2010).**

**The New Feminized Majority:  
How Democrats Can Change America With Women's Values  
With Katherine Adam, (Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2008)**

**Morality Wars:  
How Empires, The Born Again and the Politically Correct Do Evil in the Name of Good, with Yale Magrass (Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2008.**

**The Wilding of America:  
Money, Mayhem and the American Dream, 4<sup>th</sup> edition. NY: W.H.  
Freeman and Worth Publishers, 2007.**

**Hidden Power:  
What You Need to Know to Save Our Democracy. SF: Berrett-Koehler  
Publishers, 2005. Sselected in 2006 as one of three finalists by the US  
Independent Publishers Association as best book of the year in current events)**

*Hidden Power was translated and published in South Korea by Duri Media, 2007.  
(t became a best seller in South Korea.)*

*Hidden Power is published/distributed in Canada, Australia and New Zealand by  
Penguin/Random House*

**The Wilding of America: (Chinese edition)  
Greed, Violence and the New American Dream (translated and published  
by CASS (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), 2005**

**The Wilding of America:  
Money, Mayhem and the New American Dream, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition NY: WH  
Freeman, 2004**

**Regime Change Begins At Home: Freeing America From Corporate Rule  
SF: Berrett-Koehler Press, 2004**

Regime Change Begins at Home is published/distributed in Canada by Penguin/Random House

**People Before Profit: The New Globalization in An Age of Terror, Big Money, and Economic Crisis.** NY: Picador USA, Fall, 2003 (paperback)

**People Before Profit: The New Globalization in An Age of Terror, Big Money, and Economic Crisis.** NY: St. Martin's Press, Fall, 2002

*People Before Profit is translated and published in Germany by Europa Verlag Publishers. It is translated and published in China by Citic and Infomedia Publishers. It is published in Great Britain by Souvenir Press. It is being published in Arabic by World Press. All translations and editions in other countries have been published in 2003-4.*

**Corporation Nation: How Corporations Are Taking Over Our Lives and What We Can Do About It** New York: St. Martin's Press, Spring 2000, Trade Paperback  
**(with a new Introduction by Ralph Nader)**

*Corporation Nation is translated and published in China in 2003 by Citic and Infomedia Publishers*

**Corporation Nation: How Corporations Are Taking Over Our Lives and What We Can Do About It**

New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998 Trade hardcover

**The Pursuit of Attention:  
Power and Ego In Everyday Life**

N.Y.: Oxford University Press, Spring, 2000, Trade Paperback  
2nd Edition *Selection: Quality Paperback Book Club*

*The Pursuit of Attention is also translated and published in 2002 in Poland by Gdansk Publishers*

The Pursuit of Attention, Published as an Audio Book

**The Wilding of America:  
How Greed and Violence Are Eroding Our Nation's Character**

New York: Worth Publishers, Summer, 2001, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition  
New York: St. Martin's Press, 1996  
Trade (hardcover) and College (softcover)

**Money, Murder and the American Dream:  
Wilding From Wall Street to Main Street**

Boston: Faber and Faber, 1992

Paperback edition, Spring, 1993

**What's Left?**

**Radical Politics in the Post-Communist Era**

Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Press, 1995

**Power in the Highest Degree:**

**Professionals And the Rise of a New Mandarin Order**

N.Y.: Oxford University Press, 1990

(with William Schwartz and Yale Magrass)

selected as Finalist for American Sociological Association's Distinguished Publication Award, 1992.

**The Nuclear Seduction:**

**Why the Arms Race Doesn't Matter and What Does**

Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990

(with William Schwartz and in association with the Boston Nuclear Study Group)

Paperback edition, Spring, 1993.

**Professionals as Workers:**

**Mental Labor in Advanced Capitalism**

Boston: G.K. Hall and Co., 1982

**SELECTED ARTICLES (including selected print and online publications in newspapers, magazines and other public forums)**

**"The Illusion of Green Capitalism" LA Progressive, October 10, 2023**  
**also reprinted in** Scheerpost, <https://scheerpost.com/2023/10/16/the-illusion-of-green-capitalism/>

**"NATO, The EU, AND Global Security: A New Role For Europe"**  
**TRANS-ATLANTIC QUARTERLY", Spring, 2023**

**"Full of Bull: Militarized Capitalism, Education and Psychologists,"**  
**(with Yale Magrass) in Christopher Donaghue (ed), Toward A Sociology of Bullying. NY: New York University Press, 2022**

**Freedom to Blindly Obey;” (with Charles Derber) Library of Social Science; N.Y.,N.Y.; April 12, 2021**

**Science, Irrationality –the Appeal of Submission:” Library of Social Science; N.Y.,N.Y.; March 11, 2021**

**“The Military and the Psychological Paradigm,” (with Yale Magrass) Library of Social Science; N.Y.,N.Y.; July 13, 2020**

**“Judaism versus Christianity on the Nature of the Afterlife:”(with Yale Magrass) Library of Social Science; N.Y.,N.Y.; June 17, 2020**

**“The Military and the Psychological Paradigm,” (with Yale Magrass) July 13, 2020. Library of Social Science**

**“Jewish Germs Inflict the German Body;” (with Yale Magrass) Library of Social Science; N.Y.,N.Y.; May 27, 2020**

**“Jewish Germs Infect German Body,” ( with Yale Magrass) May 20, 2020, Library of Social Science**

**Wandering Jews,” (with Yale Magrass), June 8, 2020 Library of Social Science**

**“In extreme crises, conservatism can turn to fascism. Here’s how that might work out,” (with Yale Magrass) Salon, October 20, 2019 at salon.com.**

**“ How conservatism turns to fascism. When liberal capitalist societies fail, nations turn to glory, nobility and war to legitimate the system.” (with Yale Magrass) Alternet.com, Oct. 29, 2019.**

**“Who deserves safety and who doesn’t?” How capitalism teaches us a ‘security story,” salon.com. March 10, 2019**

**“How the Right Manipulates America With Security Stories,” Salon, February, 2019**



**"The Systemic origins of America's bully culture," (with Yale Magrass) alternet.org, January 14, 2019**

**"Here's how America's cynical right wing uses capitalism to manipulate the working class," (with Yale Magrass) rawstory.com January 9, 2019**

**"Why Trumpists and Many Anti-Trumpists Embrace Bullying," Truthout and Buzzflash, Jan. 31, 2018**

**"Women Are Universalizing," Common Dreams. January 24, 2018.**

**"The GOP Readies to Cut Working People's 'Social Wage," The Albany Times Union, January 16, 2018**

**"Hedges and Derber on the Failures of the Left," Truthdig (including video), January 7, 2018**

**"Reminder for the Left: Trump is Just a Fig-Leaf for the Horrific Policies of the GOP," Truthout, Jan. 4, 2018.**

**"Trump and Bully Nation," (with Yale Magrass), Salon.com, December 16, 2017**

**"When Tax Law Becomes Bullying," (with Yale Magrass) Alternet, December 14, 2017**

**"Universalizing Resistance Against Attacks on Labor," Fred Redmond and Charles Derber, Truthout, November 18, 2017**

**"How to Do Better Than the Better Deal," Common Dreams, Sept 6, 2017**

**"Universalizing Resistance: How to Trump Trump," Counterpunch, July, 2017**

**"Higher Education: Chain of Bullying," Los Angeles Progressive, May 23, 2017**

**"Weimar America:" Lessons From the Elections, CTheory, January, 2017**

**"Vote for Hillary: You May Live to Regret It" Los Angeles Progressive, Aug 1, 2016**

**" Facing Down Trump's Demagoguery," Truthout, July 24, 2016**

**"Trump and the Truth About Bullying" Tikkun, July 11, 2016**

**"We Can Control Him: How Conservatives Underestimate Trump and How Progressives Could stop Him," Truthout, June 9, 2016**

**"Trump Card: The Bully Who Exposes Bully Nation," Truthout, May 17, 2016, reprinted in Alternet, Newsbout (NY Times online), and numerous other online publications**

**"Critique and Hope: The Moral Basis of Chomsky's Political Economy" in James McGilvay (ed), The Chomsky Companion. Cambridge University Press, 2016**

**3 articles reprinted in Tikkun ( 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue) June, 2016**

**"Coming Glued"**

**"Clintradictions"**

**"Memo to Clinton"**

**"Democracy or Corpocracy," Truthout, June 26, 2015**

**"From Hegemony to Democracy: CSR revisited," in Malcolm McIntosh (ed) Globalization and Corporate Responsibility: Seminal Essays. Greenleaf Publishing, 2015**

**"Fighting Hope Requires Fighting the Hope Industry," Tikkun, Spring, 2015**

**"Piketty's New Class," Truthout, July 14, 2014**

**"Economics With Class," Boston Globe, June 1, 2014**

**"Bully Nation," (with Yale Magrass) Truthout February 1, 2014**

**"The Invisible Crisis," (with June Sekera) The Boston Globe. Jan. 22, 2014**

**"The Public Goods Deficit," (with June Sekera) Tikkun, January 8, 2014.**

**"Consumerism and Its Discontents," People's Daily News, April 25, 2013 (published originally in Chinese). Also adapted and published in English in Truthout, May 27, 2013.**

**"Interview With Charles Derber," Prospects for the Global Economy and US Hegemony," People's Daily News (published in China, People's Daily News, 2013)**

**"When Wars Come Home," Truthout, Feb 12, 2013 (with Yale Magrass)**

**"The New America Is Not About Identity Politics," Truthout, Dec. 31, 2012**

**"The Voters Speak: Go Over The Fiscal Cliff" Tikkun Daily, Dec. 12, 2012**

**"An Appeal to Students: Please Vote!" Tikkun, Nov. 6, 2012**

**"Foreign Policy: Do Republicans and Democrats Really Disagree?" (with Yale Magrass) Znet, Nov 3, 2012**

**"History's Magic Mirror: American's Economic Crisis and the Weimar Syndrome," (with Yale Magrass), Truthout, October 30, 2012,**

**"The Stoker and the Plugger," Tikkun Magazine, October 23, 2012**

**"Kochamamie Democracy," TikkunDaily.com, October 21, 2012**

**"Romney's 47% Blunder Reveals the Hidden Heart of His Agenda" (with Yale Magrass) Truthout, October 6, 2012**

**"Occupy the Elections," WBUR/NPR Opinion piece, September 14, 2012**

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**"The Activist Sociologist" in Kathleen Korgen, Jonathan White, and Shelley White, Sociologists in Action. Chicago, Sage Press, 2012**

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**"What Does It Mean to Call McCain a 'War Hero' Candidate?(with Yale Magrass) Christian Science Monitor, April 14, 2008, reprinted in the Baltimore Sun, Chicago Tribune, Orlando Sentinel, Sacramento Bee and many other newspapers**

**"From Hegemony to Democracy," Journal of Corporate Citizenship, London, U.K. 26, 2007.**

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March/April 2006; Pp 1-8**

**"From Enron to Parmalat," (with Giovanni Moro and Sandra Waddock) Europe and Asia Strategies. No. 6, October, 2005, 36-45**

**"Mad for Global Justice," in Bill Treasurer (ed.) Positive Mad: San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler Press, 2004.**

**"Globalization and the Emerging International Legal Order" (with Yale Magrass); Bimonthly Review of Law Books ; Boston, Mass. V.14, N. 6 Nov/Dec, 2003.**

**"Bush's Other War," Tikkun, Spring 2003**

**"Public Sociology as a Vocation" (with Michael Burawoy and others, Social Problems, 2003**

**"New Democrats In Historical Perspective," in Tam, Henry (ed.) The New Progressivism. London: Polity Press, 2000.**

**"Will the World Be Governed by Money or Human Rights,"  
Boston Globe, May, 2000 (op. Ed piece)**

**"Change the World," Boston Research Center (Cambridge, MA, November, 2000) (Two page essay on global justice)**

**"Attention for Sale: The Hidden Privileges of Class"** in Branaman, Ann(ed.) *Self and Society* (Blackwell, 2000) (reprint of a chapter from the Pursuit of Attention in a leading social psychology text)

**"Employee Ownership as a Social Movement,"** Tikkun, January/February, 1999.

**"Comment on New Manifesto for Management,"** Sloan Management Review, MIT, Summer, 1999.

**"Can Corporations Be Good Citizens,"** Sierra Club Magazine, May/June, 1999.

**"Broken Contract: The Rise of the Virtual Company,"** Boston College Magazine, Spring, 1999.

**"Global Justice Debate,"** Yankee Radical, May, 1999.

**"The New Monopolists,"** The Boston Globe. November 22, 1998

**"Populism" Social Policy,** Spring, 1998

**"The End of the Middle Class,"** Tikkun, December, 1997

**"If Not Socialism, What?"** Peace Review, March/April, 1997

**"Morality and the Market,"** Tikkun, Vol. 11, No. 3, 1996

**"Review essay on Communitarianism,"** Contemporary Sociology, Fall, 1996

**"America's Corporate Hit Men,"** The Boston Globe, April 2, 1996

**"Communitarianism and Social Justice,"** The Responsive Community, Nov., 1996

**"Election '96 and the Future of Lesser-Evil Politics"** Tikkun, Sept./Oct. 1996.

**"Poor and Poorer: Poverty in America"** in Mass. Billions: The Changing Role of Federal Support For Human Services in Massachusetts(the Massachusetts Human Services Coalition, 1996)

**"The Politics of Triage: The Contract With America's Surplus Populations,"** Tikkun, May/June, 1995.

**"Clintradictions: Clinton, Cooperation and the Contradictions of Capitalism"**, Tikkun, September/October, 1994.

**"Big Brother is Watching You,"** The Responsive Community, Summer, 1994.

**"Communitarian Economics,"** The Responsive Community. Fall, 1994.

**"Individualism Run Amuk,"** The Utne Journal,  
November/December, 1994.

**"The Politics of Meaning: A Roundtable Discussion,"** Tikkun,  
September/October, 1993, pp.19-28

**"On Communitarianism and Its Inclusive Agenda: A Dialogue With Amitai Etzioni,"** Tikkun, September/October, 1993, pp.49-51

**"Clintonism":** The Boston Globe, August 15, 1993.

**"Coming Glued: Communitarianism to the Rescue?"** Tikkun, June-July, 1993, pp.23-29, 95-99.

**"A Nation Gone Wild,"** Utne Reader, March/April 1993. pp.67-70.

**"Memo to Clinton: On Social Responsibility,"** Tikkun, January 1993, 27-8.

**"A Nation Gone Wild,"** In These Times, May 20-26, 1992, pp. 11-13;22.

**"Wilding to Reach the American Dream?"** The Boston Globe, May 3, 1992, pp. 69-70.

**New Mandarins or New Proletariat: Professionals at Work.** Research in the Sociology of Organizations. edited by Samuel Bachrach et.al.. (JAI Press, 1991) Also reprinted in Rodriguez, Josep and Mauro Guillen, Revista Espanola de Investigaciones, University of Madrid, 1992 (In Spanish).

**Hierarchies Within Hierarchies: Professional Power at Work.** in Sociologie and Societies. Special Issue on the Professions in Global Perspective. edited by Denise Couture. University of Montreal, 1989. (in French)

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**Sponsorship and The Control of Physicians,** Theory and Society.12(1983), 561-601.

**Managing Professionals: Ideological Proletarianization and Mental Labor,** Theory and Society.11(1983)

**Toward A Theory of Worker Participation,** Sociological Inquiry. 53 (1983)63-78. Reprinted In Frank Hearn(ed.)The Transformation of Industrial Organization. Belmont, Cal.: Wadsworth Publishing Co., 1988., pp. 217-229.

**The Politics of Survival in the 1980s,** Social Policy (1980) 40-43.

**Underemployment and The American Dream,** Sociological Inquiry. 49 (1979), 37-44.

**Unemployment and the Entitled Worker,** Social Problems. 26 (1978) 26-37.

**The Greening of America: A Critical Review Essay**, Massachusetts Review, 22 (1972) 21-32.

**Terrorism and the Youth Movement**, Monthly Review, 22 (1971) 36-45.

**An Exploration of the Value System of Student Activists and Their Parents**, Youth and Social Change Monograph Series, No. 2, University of Chicago, 1968.

**A Profile of Student Activists and Their Parents** (with Richard Flacks), Psychology Today, 1967.

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