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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Contributing Dining Critic, Chicago Magazine, 2010-present

Responsible for updating entries in the magazine's monthly star-rated dining guide.

Chief Dining Critic, Chicago Magazine, 1989-2010

Responsible for monthly restaurant review column, Dining Out, twice yearly feature articles, and updating entries in the magazine's monthly star-rated dining guide.

James Beard Foundation Award Judge, 2008-present

Nominated for James Beard Foundation Journalism Awards, 2001, 1998

Monthly Contributor to the Column: "At the Nation's Table," New York Times
Living Section, 1987-1989

Contributor or Consultant, 1987-present, to:

America West Airlines Magazine

American Wine and Food, The American Institute of Wine and Food Monthly

Bon Appetit Magazine

Epicurious.com

Food & Wine Magazine

Money Magazine

New York Times Travel Section

Co-Book Review Editor, American Journal of Sociology, 1983-1985

Associate Book Review Editor, American Journal of Sociology, 1981-1982

EDUCATION

University of Chicago. Ph.D. in Sociology, 1987; M.A. in Sociology, 1982. Dissertation:
"Organizational and Community Adaptation to a Period of Contraction: Suburban
School Districts under Stress."

Honors, Organizations Special Field Examination, 1981

Honors, Preliminary Examination, 1978

National Institute of Mental Health Training Fellowship, 1979-1981

University of Texas at Austin. B.A. (with Honors), Plan II Liberal Arts Program, 1968;
Graduate Student in Botany (Cell Ultrastructure and Evolutionary Theory), 1968-1970.
National Science Foundation Training Fellowship, 1969-1970
University of Texas Graduate Fellowship, 1968-1969
Phillips Petroleum Company Scholarship, 1964-1968
International Honors Program, 1966-1967
Junior academic year studies in Japan, India, Poland, and France; funded by University of
Texas and IHP, Princeton, New Jersey.
Phi Eta Sigma Honorary Society

TEACHING

Stanford University, Speaker, Stanford Graduate School of Business, Feb. 20, 2008.
Jackson Library's Seminar: Mediated Markets and Critics.

Northwestern University, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, 1992-1994. Senior seminar:
The Role of the Professional Critic in American Life.

University of Illinois at Chicago, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, September 1984-
June 1989. Urban sociology, contemporary sociological theory, and complex
organizations.

University of Chicago, Lecturer, The College, September 1985-June 1988. Social science
Common Core sequence: Self, Culture, and Society. Interdisciplinary seminars
designed to provide critical understanding of major theoretical approaches utilized in
economics, sociology, political science, anthropology and psychology.

University of Chicago, Senior Preceptor/Lecturer, Master of Arts Program in the Social
Sciences, September 1982-June 1985. In addition to teaching responsibilities in this
program's core course, I evaluated applications for admission, advised students on
programs of study, and supervised the writing of M.A. theses (over 75).

Between 1970 and 1977, I was employed in various jobs in California, including book
store manager, photographer, and quality control biologist in industry.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

The Organizational Construction of Authenticity: An Examination of Contemporary Food and Dining in the U.S. (co-authored with Glenn R. Carroll). Research in Organizational Behavior. forthcoming 2009.

Review of Making Fast Food: From the Frying Pan into the Fryer, by Ester Reiter. Contemporary Sociology, 1992, 21(4):532-33.

"The Busy Bee," The Journal of Gastronomy, 1990, 6(1):16-23.

Review of Tales of the Field: On Writing Ethnography, by John Van Maanen. American Journal of Sociology, 1989, 95(1):277-278.

"Mexico: Cuisine of Contrasts," The Journal of Gastronomy, 1987, 3(3):95-104.

"The Culinary Animal," The Journal of Gastronomy, 1987, 3(1):27-41.

"The Strength of Primordial Ties: Suburban Community Adaptation to School System Retrenchment," Population Research and Policy Review, 1985, 4:133-148.