

Claude S. Fischer**In Brief**

Claude S. Fischer is Distinguished Professor of the Graduate School in Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, where he has been since 1972. Most of his early research focused on urban studies, social networks, and economic inequality (*The Urban Experience*, 1976; Fischer et al., *Networks and Places*, 1977; *To Dwell Among Friends*, 1982; Fischer et al., *Inequality by Design*, 1996). More recently, he has worked on American social history: adoption of the telephone (*America Calling*, 1992); social change during the 20th century (Fischer and Hout, *Century of Difference*, 2006); and a social history of American culture and character (*Made in America*, 2010). In 2011, he published *Still Connected: Family and Friends in America Since 1970*. Several of these books have won awards. A collection of Fischer's columns for the *Boston Review* appeared in 2014 as *Lurching Toward Happiness in America*. His most recent completed project, funded by the National Institute of Aging, was a multi-year panel study of how personal ties change. In 1996, Fischer won the Robert and Helen Lynd Award of the American Sociological Association for lifetime contributions to urban studies. In 2011, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and in 2017 to the American Philosophical Society. Fischer blogs at <http://madeinamericathebook.wordpress.com/>.

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EDUCATION: 1972 Ph.D., Sociology, Harvard University
1970 M.A., Sociology, Harvard University
1968 B.A., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

POSITIONS: Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 1972-date
2015- Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of the Graduate School
1982-2015 Professor (Chair, 1983-86)
1978-82 Associate Professor
1973-78 Assistant Professor
1972-73 Lecturer

MAJOR AWARDS AND HONORS

2017 Elected to the American Philosophical Society.

2015 Elected 2015 David Riesman Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

2014-16 Natalie Cohen Chair in Sociology, U.C., Berkeley.

2011 Elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
2010 PROSE Award (American Publishers Awards for Professional and Scholarly Excellence) in United States History, for *Made in America*.

2007 Co-winner, 2007 Otis Dudley Duncan Award, Section on Population, American Sociological Association, for *Century of Difference* (2006).

2003 *Contexts* named "Best social science journal of 2002," American Association of Publishers, Scholarly Division. [Founding editor.]

- Contexts* named one of ten “best new magazines of 2002,” *Library Journal*.
- 1998 “Outstanding Book” on Human Rights, Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in North America, for *Inequality by Design* (1996).
- 1996 Robert and Helen Lynd Award, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, for distinguished lifetime contribution to urban and community studies.
- 1995 Dexter Prize, Outstanding Book, Society for the History of Technology, for *America Calling* (1992).
- 1986 Distinguished Scholarship Award, Pacific Sociological Association, for *To Dwell Among Friends* (1982).

MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS, APPOINTMENTS, AND GRANTS

- 2019-20 France-Berkeley Fund, “Evolution of personal networks across time: A comparison between France and the USA.”
- 2013-19 “Understanding How Personal Networks Change: A Panel Study.” National Institute of Aging, NIH, Grant R01 AG041955-01. (*Data are available at <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/ICPSR/studies/36975>.*)
- 2009-10 Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation, New York.
- 2007 Fulbright Specialist Scholar, Tel Aviv University, Israel (May).
- 2000 Visiting scholar, Centre d’Études Nord-Américaines, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris.
- 1999-2004 (with M. Hout), Grant for *Centuries of Difference*, Russell Sage Foundation.
- 1998 Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University, Israel (12/98 to 1/99).
- 1986-7 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, CA; with support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
- 1986 Fulbright Award for Visiting Professorship, Departments of Geography and Sociology, Hebrew University, Israel, Spring.
- 1985-6 Matching grant from Russell Sage Foundation to supplement National Endowment for the Humanities grant, “How the Telephone Changed....”
- 1984-6 “Technological Innovation: The Diffusion and Effects of the Telephone,” National Science Foundation. “How the Telephone Changed American Community Life: The Diffusion and Consequences of the Telephone, 1890-1940,” National Endowment for the Humanities.
- 1983-6 (Co-director) Training Grant in Social Structure, Personality, and Mental Health, National Institute of Mental Health.
- 1978-9 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship.
- 1976-9 “The Effect of Urbanism on Social Networks and Mental Health,” National Institute of Mental Health, NIH #MH-26802. (*Data are available at <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/ICPSR/studies/7744>, corrections from author.*)
- 1974-5 “Urban Social Psychology: Exploring Network Approaches,” National Institute Mental Health, NIH.
- 1971-2 Samuel A. Stouffer Dissertation Fellowship of the Joint Center for Urban Studies of M.I.T. and Harvard University.

MAJOR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2021- Member, Editorial Board, Social Network Mechanisms Books Series, Oxford University Press
- 2017-20 Associate Editor, *American Sociological Review*.
- 2008-13 Member, Advisory Committee for 2010 Census Projects, Russell Sage Foundation
- 2008-14 Member, General Social Survey Board of Overseers
- 1999-2004 Founding Editor, *Contexts*, a magazine of the American Sociological Association
- 1998-99 Member, National Science Foundation, Sociology Program, Dissertation Improvement Award Committee
- 1990-92 Chair, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.
- 1985-86 Member, American Sociological Association Committee on Public Information
- 1982-85 Associate Editor, *American Sociological Review*
- 1975-77 Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*
- 1972-73 Consultant to National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Arts and Sciences (by election)
- American Philosophical Society (by election)
- Sociological Research Association (by election)
- American Sociological Association

International Network of Social Network Analysts
Organization of American Historians
Social Science History Association

SCHOLARSHIP

- A. Books
 - B. Academic Papers
 - C. Academic Book Reviews and Review Essays
 - D. Academic Comments
 - E. Selected Unpublished Academic Works: Lectures, Papers, Reports, and Presentations
 - F. Selected Contributions to Public Media
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A. Books

- 2014 *Lurching Toward Happiness in America*. Cambridge, MA: Boston Review Book, MIT Press. [Collection of updated essays from the *Boston Review*.]
* Audio version: Gildan Audio, 2015 (Sean Pratt, narrator).
- 2011 *Still Connected: Family and Friends in America since 1970*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- 2010 *Made in America: A Social History of American Culture and Character*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
* Awards:
– PROSE Award in United States History (American Publishers Awards for Professional and Scholarly Excellence), 2010
– American Library Association, *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title, 2010.
– *Wilson Quarterly* Top-Ten Nonfiction Book of the Year, 2010.
* Translations: Chinese (Beijing: Han Tang Yang Guang Media); Ukrainian authorized, 2021.
- 2006 Fischer and Hout, *Century of Difference: How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
* Award: Co-winner of the 2007 Otis Dudley Duncan Award, Population Section, American Sociological Association.
- 1996 Fischer, Hout, Sanchez Jankowski, Lucas, Swidler, and Voss, *Inequality by Design: Cracking the Bell Curve Myth*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
* Award: 1998 “Outstanding Book” on Human Rights, Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in North America.
* Excerpted in:
– T. Shapiro (ed.), *Great Divides: Readings in Social Inequality in the United States*, 2nd Ed. (Mayfield, 2000)
– D. Grusky (ed.), *Social Stratification*, 2nd Ed. (Westview 2001).
– D. Grusky (ed.), *The Inequality Reader* (Westview, 2006).
- 1992 *America Calling: A Social History of the Telephone to 1940*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press.
* Awards:
– 1995 Dexter Prize, Outstanding Book, Society for the History of Technology
– “Breakthrough Book,” *Lingua Franca* (July/August, 1998).
* Translations:
– Italian: trans. by A. Lorini, *Storia sociale del telefono: America in linea, 1876-1940* (Milan: UTET Libreria, 1994)
– Japanese: trans. by S. Yashimi, (Tokyo: NIT Publishing Co., 2000)
* Excerpted in:

- “Appels privés, significations individuelles: Histoire sociale du téléphone avant-guerre aux États-Unis,” *Reseaux: Communication Technologie Société* (Paris) No. 55 (Sept-Oct., 1992): 25-64.
 – D. Crowley and P. Heyer (eds.), *Communication in History*, 2nd Ed. (Addison-Wesley, 1995).
- 1984 (Second edition of) *The Urban Experience*. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich [Cengage].
 * Translation: Japanese: trans. by Y. Matsumoto (Tokyo: Mirai-sya Publishers, 1997).
- 1982 *To Dwell Among Friends: Personal Networks in Town and City*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
 * Award: 1986 Distinguished Scholarship Award, Pacific Sociological Association.
 * Translation:
 – Japanese: trans. by Y. Matsumoto (Tokyo: Mirai-sya Publishers, 2003)
 * Excerpted in:
 – Ch. 12, in F. Piselli (ed.), *RETI: L’Analisi di Network Nelle Scienze Sociali* (Rome: Donzelli Editore, 1995): 89-188.
 – *Personal Networks: Classic Readings and New Directions*, ed. M. Small et al., pp. 213-226 (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2021)
- 1977 Fischer, Jackson, Stueve, Gerson, Jones, with Baldassare, *Networks and Places: Social Relations in the Urban Setting*. New York: Free Press.
- 1976 (First Edition of) *The Urban Experience*. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich.
- 1975 Scherer, Abeles, and Fischer, *Human Aggression and Conflict*, Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice Hall.
 * Translation: Italian; German adaptation.

B. Academic Papers

- In Press Ruppell, Child, Fischer, and Botchway, “Causal Relationships between Personal Networks and Health: A Comparison of Three Modeling Strategies.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.
- 2021 “From the Northern California Community Study, 1977-78, to UCNets, 2015-20.” Pp. 227-239 in *Personal Networks: Classic Readings and New Directions in Ego-Centric Analysis*, eds. M.L. Small et al. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Fischer and Durham, “Forms of Group Involvement: Alternatives to the Standard Question.” *Sociological Perspectives*. Online publication, September. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214211046561> .
- 2020 “Of Modernity and Public Sociology: Reflections on a Career So Far.” *Annual Review of Sociology* 46: 19-35. <https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev-soc-110419-023001>.
- Fischer and Offer, “Who is Dropped and Why? Methodological and Substantive Accounts for Network Loss.” *Social Networks* (May) 61:70-86. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2019.08.008>.
- 2019 Fischer and Bayham, “Mode and Interviewer Effects in Egocentric Network Research.” *Field Methods* 31(3): 195-213. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1525822X19861321>.
- 2018 Offer and Fischer, “Calling on Kin: The Place of Parents and Adult Children in Egocentric Networks.” Pp. 117-38 in D. Alwin, D. H. Felmlee, and D. A. Kreager (eds.), *Social Networks and the Life Course*. Springer.
- Offer and Fischer, “Difficult People: Who is Perceived to be Demanding in Personal Networks and Why Are They There?” *American Sociological Review* 83 (1): 111-142. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122417737951>.
- 2016 Giannella and Fischer, “An Inductive Typology of Egocentric Networks.” *Social Networks* 47: 15-23. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S037887331530099X> .

- 2015 Fischer and Beresford, "Changes in Support Networks in Late Middle Age: The Extension of Gender and Educational Differences." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 70 (1): 123-131. <https://psychogerontology.oxfordjournals.org/content/70/1/123> .
- 2014 Hout and Fischer, "Explaining Why More Americans Have No Religious Preference: Political Backlash and Generational Succession, 1987-2012." *Sociological Science* 1 (October). DOI: 10.15195/v1.a24. <http://www.sociologicalscience.com/articles-vol1-24-423/> .
- Fischer and Moodie, "American Society." Pp. 540-56 in *Concise Encyclopedia of Comparative Sociology*, edited by M. Sasaki, et al.. Leiden, Netherlands: Brill.
- 2009 "The 2004 GSS Finding of Shrunken Social Networks: An Artifact?" *American Sociological Review* 74 (August): 657-69.
- Fischer and Mattson, "Is America Fragmenting?" *Annual Review of Sociology* 35: 435-55.
- 2008 "Paradoxes of American Individualism." *Sociological Forum* 23 (June): 363-72. [Invited contribution to special issue in honor of Robin Williams.]
- "What Wealth-Happiness Paradox? A Short Note on the American Case." *Journal of Happiness Studies* 9 (June): 219-26.
- 2007 Fischer and Swidler, "Remembering a Giant of Sociology: Seymour Martin Lipset, 1922-2006." *Footnotes* [Newsletter of the American Sociological Association] (February).
- 2006 Fischer and Hout, "The Family in Trouble: Since When? For Whom?" in Steven M. Tipton and John Witte, Jr. (eds.), *The Family in Interdisciplinary Perspective*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
* Reprinted in: A. Skolnick and J. Skolnick (eds.), *Family in Transition* (Pearson Allyn and Bacon).
- 2004 Fischer, Stockmayer, Stiles, and Hout, "Distinguishing the Levels and Dimensions of U.S. Urban Segregation." *Demography* 41 (February): 37-59.
- 2003 "Preface" to Japanese edition of *To Dwell Among Friends: Personal Networks in Town and City* (Tokyo: Mirai-sya Publishers).
- 2002 Hout and Fischer, "Explaining the Rise of Americans with No Religious Preference: Politics and Generation." *American Sociological Review* 67 (April):165-90.
- "Ever-More Rooted Americans." *City & Community* 1(June): 175-94.
- 2001 "Telephone." Entry for *Oxford Companion to United States History*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2000 "Preface" to Japanese edition of *America Calling: A Social History of the Telephone to 1940*. (Tokyo: NIT).
- 1999 "Uncommon Values, Diversity and Conflict in City Life." Pp. 213-28 in Neil Smelser and Jeffery Alexander (eds.), *Diversity and Its Discontents: Cultural Conflict and Common Ground in Contemporary American Society*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- 1997 "Technology and Community: Historical Complexities," *Sociological Inquiry* 67 (February): 663-68.
- "Postscript" to Japanese edition of *The Urban Experience* (Tokyo: Mirai-sya Publishers).

- 1995 “The Subcultural Theory of Urbanism: A Twentieth-Year Assessment,” *American Journal of Sociology* 101 (November): 543-77.
- Fischer and Shavit, “National Differences in Network Density: Israel and the United States,” *Social Networks* 17: 129-45.
- “Historical Sociology and Sociological History: Theory and Practice.” European University Institute Working Paper SPS No. 95/4 (Florence: E.U.I.).
- 1994 “Changes in Leisure Activities in Three Towns, 1890-1940,” *Journal of Social History* 27 (Spring): 453-476.
- Shavit, Fischer, and Koresh, “Kin and Nonkin Under Collective Threat: Israeli Networks During the Gulf War,” *Social Forces* 72 (June): 1197-1216.
- 1993 “The Comparability of National Networks: Lessons from the History of the American Telephone Network,” *Flux* 11 [Paris: Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, GDR 903, “Réseaux”] (January/March): 48-52.
- 1992 “From Technical Networks to Social Networks: A Conversation with Claude S. Fischer,” *Flux* 9 [Paris: Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, GDR 903, “Réseaux”] (July-September): 48-52.
- 1991 “Ambivalent Communities: Americans and Their Localities in the Twentieth Century,” in Alan Wolfe (ed.), *America at Century’s End* (Berkeley: University of California Press): 79-90.
* Excerpts reprinted in: K. Finsterbusch and J. S. Schwartz (eds.), *Sources: Notable Selections in Sociology*. 2nd Ed., Guilford, CT: Dushkin, 1995.
- 1990 “Entering Sociology into Public Discourse,” in A. Hunter (ed.), *The Rhetoric of Sociology: Understood and Believed* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press): 50-61.
- 1988 “‘Touch Someone:’ The Telephone Industry Discovers Sociability,” *Technology and Culture* 29 (January): 32-61.
* Translated into French as: “‘Gardez le Contact!’ L’Industrie du Téléphone Découvre la Sociabilité,” *Flux* 2 (Autumn, 1990, Paris: Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, GDR 903, “Réseaux”): 5-24;
* Reprinted in:
– M. C. LaFollette and J. K. Stine (eds.), *Technology and Choice* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1991): 87-116;
– T.S. Reynolds and S.H. Cutcliffe (eds.), *Technology and American History: A Historical Anthology from Technology and Culture* (Chicago: University of Chicago, 1997): 271-300.
- Fischer and Carroll, “Telephone and Automobile Diffusion in the United States, 1902-1937,” *American Journal of Sociology* 93 (March): 1153-78.
- “Gender and the Residential Telephone in North America, 1890-1940: Technologies of Sociability.” *Sociological Forum* 3 (Summer): 211-33.
* Reprinted in:
– M. Hunter (ed.), *The Family Experience, 2nd Ed.* (New York: MacMillan, 1997);
– J. Heeren and M. Mason (ed.), *Sociology: Windows on Society* (Los Angeles: Roxbury, 1996): 322-29;
– R. Thomson (ed.), *The Essential Sociology Reader* (Needham, MA: Allyn and Bacon, 1998):42-59.
- 1987 “The Revolution in Rural Telephony,” *Journal of Social History* 21 (Fall): 5-26.
* Reprinted in: C. W. Chant (ed.), *Science, Technology, and Everyday Life, 1870-1950*. (London: Hodder & Stoughton for the Open University, 1989).

- “Technology’s Retreat: The Decline of Rural Telephony, 1920- 1940.” *Social Science History* 11 (Fall): 295-327.
- 1985 “Studying Technology and Social Life,” in M. Castells, (ed.), *High Technology, Space and Society* (Beverly Hills, CA: Sage): 284-301.
- 1983 Fischer and Oliner, “A Research Note on Friendship, Gender, and the Life Cycle,” *Social Forces* 62 (September): 124-33.
- 1982 Fischer and Phillips, “Who is Alone: Social Characteristics of People with Small Networks,” in L.A. Peplau and D. Perlman (eds.), *Loneliness: A Sourcebook of Current Research*. New York: Wiley: 21- 39.
- “What Do We Mean by ‘Friend’?” *Social Networks* 3: 287-306.
- “The Dispersion of Kinship Ties in Modern Society: Contemporary Data and Historical Speculation,” *Journal of Family History* 7 (Winter): 353-75.
- * Reprinted in:
- B.C. Miller and D.H. Olson (eds.), *The Family Studies Review Yearbook*, Vol. 3, 1985, Sage;
 - B.N. Adams and J. Campbell (eds.), *Framing the Family*, 1984, Waveland;
 - J. H. and A. S. Skolnick (eds.), *Family in Transition*, 1985, Little, Brown.
- 1981 “The Public and Private Worlds of City Life,” *American Sociological Review* 46 (June): 306-16.
- * Reprinted in: J. Scott (ed.), *Critical Concepts: Social Networks*, 2001, Routledge.
- 1980 “The Spread of Violent Crime from City to Countryside, 1955 to 1975,” *Rural Sociology* 45 (Fall): 416-34.
- Extended Version: Working Paper No. 293, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, Berkeley, 1978.
- “The Effects of Urbanism on Social Networks and Mental Health: Final Report.” *Connections: Bulletin of the International Network for Social Network Analysis* 3 (Summer): 23-6.
- 1978 “On the Marxian Challenge to Urban Sociology,” *Comparative Urban Research* (#2-3): 10-19.
- * Translated into Japanese and reprinted in: M. Okuda and Y. Hirota (eds.), *Toshi no Riron no tameni (For the Theory of the City: Re-examining Modern Urban Sociology)* Tokyo: Taga-Shuppan, 1983.
- “Sociological Comments on Psychological Approaches to Urban Life,” *Advances in the Study of Environment and Behavior*. N.J.: Erlbaum Associates: 131-43.
- “Urban-to-Rural Diffusion of Opinions in Contemporary America,” *American Journal of Sociology* 84 (July): 151-59.
- Extended Version: Working Paper No. 280, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, Berkeley, 1978.
- Jones [McCallister] and Fischer, “A Procedure for Surveying Personal Networks,” *Sociological Methods and Research* 7 (November): 131-48.
- Reprinted in Burt and Minor (eds.), *Applied Network Analysis*, 1982, Sage.
- 1977 Baldassare and Fischer, “The Relevance of Crowding Experiments to Urban Studies,” in D. Stokols (ed.), *Perspectives on Environment and Behavior*. New York: Plenum: 273-85.
- 1976 Fischer and Jackson, “Suburbs, Networks, and Attitudes,” in B. Schwartz (ed.), *The Changing Face of the Suburbs*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press: 279-306.

- “Alienation: Trying to Bridge the Chasm,” *British Journal of Sociology* 27 (March): 35-49.
- 1975 “Toward a Subcultural Theory of Urbanism,” *American Journal of Sociology* 80 (May): 1319-41.
* Reprinted in:
– G. Ritzer (ed.). *Issues Debates, and Controversies: An Introduction to Sociology*, Allyn and Bacon, 1978;
– M. Baldassare (ed.), *Cities and Urban Living*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1983;
* Translated into Japanese and reprinted in: M. Okuda and Y. Hirota (eds.), *Toshi no Riron no tameni (For the Theory of the City: Re-examining Modern Urban Sociology)* Tokyo: Taga-Shuppan, 1983; and K. Morioko, *Urban Space and Urban Community*, Nippon Hyoronisha, 2011.
- Baldassare and Fischer, “Suburban Life: Powerlessness and Need for Affiliation.” *Urban Affairs Quarterly* 10 (March): 314-25.
- “The Effect of Urban Life on Traditional Values,” *Social Forces* 53 (March): 420-32.
* Reprinted in: D. Montero (ed.), *Urban Studies*, Kendall-Hunt, 1977.
- “The City and Political Psychology,” *American Political Science Review* 69 (June): 559-71.
- “The Study of Urban Community and Personality,” *Annual Review of Sociology* 1: 67-89.
- Fischer, Baldassare, and Ofshe, “Crowding Studies and Urban Life: A Critical Review,” *Journal of the American Institute of Planners* 31 (November): 406-18.
* Extended version: Working Paper No. 242, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, Berkeley, CA., 1974.
- 1974 “The Metropolitan Experience,” in A. Hawley and V. Rock (eds.) *Metropolitan America: Papers on the State of Knowledge*. Washington: National Academy of Sciences: 213-48; also published by Halstead Press (1975).
- 1973 “On Urban Alienation and Anomie: Powerlessness and Social Isolation,” *American Sociological Review* 38 (June):311-26.
* Reprinted in: P. Meadows and E.H. Mizruchi (ed.), *Urbanism, Urbanization and Change*, Second Edition, Reading, Massachusetts: Addison Wesley, 1976: 252-62.
- “Urban Malaise,” *Social Forces* 52: 221-35.
- Shaw, Fischer, and Kelley, “Decision-Making by Third Parties in Settling Disputes,” *Journal of Applied Social Psychology* 3 (July- September): 197-218.
- 1972 ““Urbanism as a Way of Life’’: A Review and an Agenda,” *Sociological Methods and Research* 1 (November): 187-242.
* Reprinted in: G. Ritzer (ed.), *Issues, Debates, and Controversies: An Introduction to Sociology*, Allyn and Bacon, 1978.
- 1971 “A Research Note on Urbanism and Tolerance,” *American Journal of Sociology* 76 (March): 847-56.
- 1969 “The Effects of Threats in an Incomplete Information Game,” *Sociometry* 32 (September): 301-14.
- 1967 Kelley, Beckman, and Fischer, “Negotiating the Division of a Reward Under Incomplete Information,” *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* 3 (October): 361-98.
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C. Academic Book Reviews and Review Essays

- 2017 Wuthnow, *Inventing American Religion: Polls, Surveys, and the Tenuous Quest for a Nation's Faith*, in *Review of Religious Research* 59:99–100. DOI 10.1007/s13644-016-0272-3.
- 2015 MacDougall, *The People's Network: The Political Economy of the Telephone in the Gilded Age*, in *Economic History Review* 68(1): 382-83.
- 2014 Doron and Jeffrey, *The Great Indian Phone Book*, in *Contemporary Sociology* 43: 680-81.
- 2013 "Showing that Neighborhoods Matter," Review Essay on Sampson, *Great American City*, in *City & Community* 12(1): 7-12.
- 2011 Savage, *Identities and Social Change in Britain since 1940: The Politics of Method*, in *American Journal of Sociology* 117 (July): 295-97.
- Nye, *When the Lights Went Out*, in *Journal of Social History* 45 (Fall): 308-10.
- 2009 Schroeder, *Rethinking Science, Technology, and Social Change*, in *Technology and Culture* 50 (July): 679-80
- Stinchcombe, *The Logic of Social Research*, in *Social Forces* 87 (June): 2195-97.
- "Holding a Mirror to Americans," Review of Igo, *The Averaged American*, in *Contexts* 8 (Winter): 74-5.
- 2005 "Bowling Alone: What's the Score?" Review Essay on Putnam, *Bowling Alone*, in *Social Networks* 27 (May): 155-67.
- 2002 Kline, *Consumers in the Country: Technology and Social Change in Rural America*, in *Journal of Social History* 35 (Summer): 997-99.
- 2000 Schudson, *The Good Citizen: A History of American Civic Life*, in *Contemporary Sociology* 29 (September): 741-42.
- 1998 Umble, *Holding the Line: The Telephone in Old Order Mennonite and Amish Life*, in *Technology and Culture* 39 (January):164-66.
- 1995 Lears, *Fables of Abundance: A Cultural History of Advertising in America*, in *Contemporary Sociology* 24 (November): 820-21.
- 1994 "Featured Essay – In Search of the Plot: American Social History in the 1990s," on Cayton et al., *Encyclopedia of American Social History*, in *Contemporary Sociology* 23 (March): 226-30.
- Kellert and Wilson (eds.), *The Biophilia Hypothesis*, in *Science* 263, 25 February: 1161-62.
- 1993 Scherzer, *The Unbounded Community: Neighborhood Life and Social Structure in New York City, 1830-1875*, in *Contemporary Sociology* 22 (March): 209-11.
- 1992 Lipartito, *The Bell System and Regional Business: The Telephone in the South, 1877-1920*, in *Journal of Social History* 26 (Fall): 201-03.
- Martin, "Hello, Central!" *Gender, Technology, and Culture in the Formation of Telephone Systems*, in *Technology and Culture* 33 (July): 597-98.

- 1991 Anderson, *Streetwise: Race, Class, and Change in an Urban Community*, in *American Journal of Sociology* 97 (September): 534-35.
- Nye, *Electrifying America: Social Meanings of a New Technology, 1880-1940*, in *Science*, 17 May.
- 1990 Brown, *Knowledge is Power: The Diffusion of Information in America, 1700-1865*, in *American Journal of Sociology* 96 (September): 483-85.
- 1987 Brannigan and Goldberger (eds.), *Social Responses to Technological Change*, in *Contemporary Sociology* 16 (July): 538-39.
- Bijker et al (eds.), *The Social Construction of Technological Systems*, in *Science* 238: 1152-53.
- 1981 Review Essay: "Solving Collective Irrationality," *American Journal of Sociology* 87 (September): 438-45. [On Schelling; Kelley and Thibaut; and Kelley.]
- Barth, *City People*, in *Contemporary Sociology* 10 (September): 665-6.
- 1978 Blumin, *The Urban Threshold*, in *American Journal of Sociology* 83 (March): 1297-99.
- 1975 Anderson and Carter, *Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, in *American Journal of Sociology* 80 (May): 1517-18.
- 1973 Review essay on Packard, *A Nation of Strangers*, in *American Journal of Sociology* 79 (July): 168-73.
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D. Academic Comments

- 2019 "A second opinion: diagnosis and prescription of the American case." Commentary on Lamont, "From 'having' to 'being'." *British Journal of Sociology* 70(3): 76-67. DOI: 10.1111/1468-4446.12667.
- 2007 Comment on *Contemporary Sociology* Symposium on Israel, *Contemporary Sociology* 36 (March): 205.
- 2005 "Considering the 'Magical' World of Consumption," Roundtable discussion, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 49: 137-157.
- 2003 Hout and Fischer, "O Be Some Other Name" (Reply to comment on "Explaining the Rise of Americans with No Religious Preference"), *American Sociological Review* 68 (April): 316-18.
- 1999 "Comment on 'Anxiety: Compensation in Social History.'" *Journal of Social History* 33 (Fall): 143-5.
- 1998 Fischer et al., "Response to Nielsen's Review of *Inequality by Design*." *Social Forces* 76 (June): 1539-42.
- 1988 "Comment on Gartmans' 'Reification of Consumer Products: A General History Illustrated by the Case of the American Automobile'," *Sociological Theory* 5 (Fall): 201-11.
- 1977 "Comments on Mayhew and Levinger's 'Size and Density of Interaction'." *American Journal of Sociology* 83 (September): 452-55.
- 1975 "The Myth of 'Territoriality' in Van der Berghe..." *American Sociological Review* 40 (October): 674-6.

1973 “Comments on Tucker and Friedman’s ‘Population Size and Group Density,’” *American Journal of Sociology* 78 (March) 1274-77.

E. Selected Unpublished Academic Work: Lectures, Presentations, Reports

2020 Offer and Fischer, “How New is ‘New’? Who Gets Added in Panel Studies of Egocentric Networks?,” Accepted for Presentation to the Sunbelt Social Networks Conference, June, Paris (Online).

Ruppel, Child, Fischer, and Botchway, “Causal Relationships between Social Networks and Health: A Comparison of Three Modeling Strategies.” Presented to the American Sociological Association, August, San Francisco (Online).

2018 Fischer, Offer, Lee, and Giannella. 2018. “Social Network Analysis: The UCNets Project.” Presented to the “Atelier: International and cross-time comparisons of personal networks.” Conference, Université Toulouse Jean Jaures, May.

2016 “Personality and Contexts in Tie Formation,” Paper presented to the Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, August 20, 2016.

Fischer and Child, “How People Stay in Touch: Correlates of Communication Modes,” PPT presented to “Ego Networks in the Era of Network Science” Conference, Radcliffe Institute, November.

2015 “The Role of Kin in Support Networks Over the Life Course: An Introduction to the UCNets Project.” Presented to “Together Through Time: Conference on Social Networks and the Life Course,” Pennsylvania State University, May 27-28.

2014 “Rural Life, Rural Iowa, and the Making of the American Character.” Inaugural George M. Beal Distinguished Lecture in Rural Sociology, Iowa State University, October 1.

2012 “The Loneliness Scare,” Invited lecture, Northwestern University, April.

2011 “The Rise and Fall (and Rise and Fall) of Security in America, 1650-2010.” Invited lecture to Joint Colloquium of the Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality and the Berkeley Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, March.

“Still Connected,” Invited Presentation to the Relationship Sciences Program, UCLA, Feb.

Fischer and Janus, “Buying in City and Country: The Role of Personal Connections,” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Meetings, Las Vegas, August.

2010 “*Made in America*: What American Social Scientists [Sociologists] Don’t Know About America.”

* Invited lectures to:

- Russell Sage Foundation, New York (April);
- Department of Sociology, New York University (March);
- Department of Sociology, City University of New York (March).

“The Context Experiment (On-Going),” Invited lecture to conference on the sociology of culture, University of California, San Diego, May.

Panel on “The Changing Contours of American Religiosity,” Invited lecture to the Center for the Humanities, City University of New York, February.

- 2009 “The Rising and Falling of Americans’ Personal Security, 1650-2009,” Invited lecture to the Columbia Population Research Center, Columbia University, October.
- “Self-Fashioning Across American History.” Invited presentation to the Society for Psychological Anthropology, Asilomar, CA, March.
- 2007 Hout and Fischer, “Century of Difference: How America’s Families Changed Over the Last 100 Years.” Keynote Lecture, Life Course Center Conference, University of Minnesota, October.
- Hout and Fischer, “Century of Difference.” Keynote Talk, Sociological Research Association, New York, August.
- “Living Standards and Inequality in Twentieth-Century America,” and “Shifting Axes of Difference in Twentieth-Century America,” Tel-Aviv University Department of Sociology, May.
- 2005 Fischer and Hout, “American Divisions Over the Twentieth Century – Religion and Culture Wars.” Social Science History Association, Portland (November).
- 2004 “Sociology and the Public Debate,” Invited 6th Annual S.D. Clark Memorial Lecture, University of Toronto (October).
- “Different People, Different Places,” Invited Lecture, Metropolitan Studies Center, New York University, March.
- “Living Apart: Racial and Class Segregation, 1950-2000,” Invited Lecture, School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis (March).
- “On the History of Consumerism,” Paper presented to Session on Comparative History, American Sociological Association, August, San Francisco.
- “The *Contexts* Experience,” Presented to Thematic Session “Being a Public Intellectual: Bringing Research to the People,” American Sociological Association, August, San Francisco.
- 2003 “Changes in American Households in the Twentieth Century,” Invited lecture, Sloan Institute, University of Chicago, April.
- “On *Contexts* Magazine,” Invited lecture, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, April.
- Fischer and Hout, “Living Standards in the U.S.A. Across the Twentieth Century,” Paper presented to the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August.
- Hout and Fischer, “Farm-Factory-Office: A Century of Working Conditions.” International Sociological Association Research Committee on Stratification and Mobility, New York University, New York, 22 August.
- “Succumbing to Consumerism?: Underlying Models in the Historical Claim,” Paper presented to the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August.
- 2002 (with P. Schwartz), Organizer, “How to Write for a Wider Audience,” American Sociological Association Meetings, August, Chicago.
- Fischer and Hout, “Religious Diversity in America, 1940-2000,” American Sociological Association Meetings, August, Chicago.

- 2001 “Social Science and the Public After Mumford.” Invited 2nd Annual Lewis Mumford Lecture, Lewis Mumford Center for Comparative Urban Research, SUNY-Albany (March).
- “Was There a Moment (When Americans Become Individualists)?,” Paper, Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, California, August.
- 2000 “Just How is it that Americans are Individualistic?” Paper presented to the American Sociological Association, Washington, August.
- Fischer, Hout, and Latham, “The Time Bind and God’s Time.” Working Paper, Center for Work and the Family and USA: A Century of Difference Project, University of California, Berkeley.
- 1999 “Inequality and the Corporation,” Lecture, Conference on “The Role of the Corporation in Modern Society,” Sloan Program for the Study of Business in Society at the George Washington University Law School, October.
- 1998 “America, Individualism, and Some Lessons (Perhaps),” Lectures, Tel-Aviv University and Bar-Ilan University, December.
- 1997 “Localism and the American Metropolis,” Lecture, Nagoya International Urban Design Forum, Nagoya, Japan, October.
- 1996 Fischer, Hout, Jankowski, Lucas, Swidler, and Voss, “Myths About Inequality in America.” Working Paper, Survey Research Center, University of California, Berkeley.
- 1995 Hout, Fischer, and Arum, “IQ, Poverty, and *The Bell Curve* Controversy.” Paper presented to the ISA Research Committee on Stratification and Mobility, Zürich, May.
- 1994 “Is a Literate Sociology Possible? Teaching Sociology Writing.” Paper presented to Teaching Workshop on “Teaching Writing,” Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, August.
- “Rhetorical Turns in Social History: Appeals to ‘Nature’ and ‘Compensation’.” Paper presented to the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, August.
- 1992 Fischer and Archer, “Did the Automobile Encourage Sexual Promiscuity?: An Exploratory Study,” Paper presented to the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, August.
- 1991 “Community Cohesion and Conflict, 1890-1940,” Paper presented to the American Sociological Association, Cincinnati, August.
- 1986 “The Neighborhood in Social and Historical Perspective,” Paper prepared for the Koshland Committee of the San Francisco Foundation.
- 1984 “On the Moral Disorder of City Life,” Lecture, Plenary Session of the Urban Affairs Association, Portland, Oregon (March).
- 1982 “Rethinking Urban Life: Order and Disorder in the Public Realm,” Presentation to the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August; also Working Paper No. 391, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, Berkeley.
- 1979 “The Spatial Dimensions of Social Support: New Data from Northern California,” Working Paper No. 300, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, Berkeley.

- 1978 “The Contexts of Personal Relations: An Exploratory Network Analysis,” Working Paper No. 281, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, Berkeley.
- Jones and Fischer, “Studying Egocentric Networks by Mass Survey,” Working Paper No. 284, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, Berkeley.
- Stueve and Fischer, “Social Networks and Older Women,” paper presented to Conference on Older Women, National Institute of Aging, Washington (November);
Also appears as Working Paper No. 292, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, Berkeley Development, Berkeley.
- 1977 Northern California Community Study. Data-set deposited at the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Study No. 7744.
- 1974 “The Application of Quantitative Methods to the Study of BART’s Impact on Institutions and Life Styles,” Report to Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Berkeley, California.
- 1973 Fischer and Abeles, “Social Psychological Bases of ‘Revolutions of Rising Expectations,’” Presented to the American Psychological Association, Montreal (August).
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F. Selected Contributions to Public Media

- 2021 “Close and Far: Personal Ties in an Era of Instant Contact,” Presentation to Conference on Distance by Design, Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel, Jerusalem, Nov. 2.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPK-Tk3OG7Y&list=PLsHcDc9nV3ifMrNoMkQ1ljaWIVpjuzXF9&index=6>
- [Indian podcast:] “American Society Over Time.”
<https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/down-the-research/american-society-over-time-PTYRvsNo5QO/>
- 2018 “Is Today’s Society Making Americans Lonelier than in the Past?,” *CQ Researcher* August 3, p. 673.
<http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/document.php?id=cqresre2018080306>
- “Is the phone call dying? No, but it has found a special niche as the preferred media for intimacy.”
NBCnews.com.
<https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/phone-call-dying-no-it-has-found-special-niche-preferred-ncna933666>
- 2017 “The Great Settling Down,” *Aeon*
<https://aeon.co/essays/the-increasingly-mobile-us-is-a-myth-that-needs-to-move-on>
- “Today’s Immigrants Assimilate Faster than the Europeans Who Came Before Them,” *Timeline*,
<https://timeline.com/todays-immigrants-assimilate-faster-than-the-europeans-who-came-before-them-38643d0c738a>
- 2016 Fischer and Swidler, “Seymour Martin Lipset.” *National Academy of Sciences Biographical Memoirs*.
<http://www.nasonline.org/publications/biographical-memoirs/memoir-pdfs/lipset-seymour.pdf>
- 2015 “Living in a Chosen Land: America,” *Sh’ma*, Feb./Mar,
- 2014 Radio discussion on “hanging up the landline,” *RadioTimes*, June 16;
<http://whyy.org/cms/radiotimes/2014/06/16/hanging-up-the-landline/>

- 2013 “The Elusive Quest for Research Innovation,” *Symposium Magazine*,
<http://www.symposium-magazine.com/the-elusive-quest-for-research-innovation/>
- “Debunking America,” Interview, *Specimen* Vol. VI: 32-41.
- 2012-17 Contributor, *Boston Review*:
- 2017 “Inequality Is About Access to Public Goods, Not Income,” April,
<http://bostonreview.net/class-inequality/claude-s-fischer-inequality-about-access-public-goods-not-income>
- 2012-16 Regular “Made in America” Column:
- 2016: “Survey Says,” Jan./Feb.; “Reversal of Fortune,” May/June; “End of Work,” July/August.
- 2015: “Dressing Down,” Jan./Feb.; “Censor This,” Mar/Apr.; “Left Out,” May/June; “The Problem with David Brooks,” July/August; “Just Deserts,”; “A Street Divided,” Sept.-Oct.;
- 2014: “Libertarianism is Very Strange,” Jan./Feb.; “Eco-Puritans,” March/April; “Virtuous Debt,” May/June; “All Tech Is Social,” July/Aug.; “Do Ideas Matter?,” Sept/Oct.; “Slum Ethnography,” Nov/Dec.
- 2013: “Can Liberals Get a Witness?,” Jan./Feb.; “Is the Gender Revolution Over?,” March/April; “Getting Smarter,” May/June; “Extremely Local,” July/Aug.; “Learning Sympathy,” Sep./Oct.; “Inventing the Social Network,” Nov./Dec.
- 2012: “The Loneliness Scare,” April; “How to Be Poor,” May/June; “The Leisure Gap,” July/August; “Choose Your Choice,” Sept./Oct.; “Happiness Policy,” Nov./Dec.
- 2011 “Not So Nasty, Brutish, and Short: Steven Pinker’s Good News” [Review of Pinker, *The Better Angels of Our Nature*],” Jan./Feb.
- “Accidental Billionaire” [Review of Gladwell, *Outliers*, and Alperovotz and Daly, *Unjust Deserts*] 34 (May/June): 33-34.
- 2010 “Mind the Gap” [Review of Wilkinson and Pickett, *The Spirit Level*] 35 (July/August).
- 2008 “The Good Life,” [Review of Burd-Sharps, et al., *The Measure of America*] 33 (November/ December): 21-2.
- 2012 Contributions to *Paths of Torah*. Berkeley: Congregation Netivot Shalom.
* Finalist, National Jewish Book Awards, 2012.
- Interview: “In the Land of Voluntarism,” *Books and Ideas*, <http://www.booksandideas.net/In-the-Land-of-Voluntarism.html>, April.
- Interview: David Johnson, “That’s Not Really Destroying America,” *Boston Review*, Online, April 23.
- 2011 Participation in Berkeley Forum on the Occupy movement, November ---- <http://vimeo.com/32366897>
- 2010- date Blog: <http://madeinamericathebook.wordpress.com/>
* Many entries re-posted by invitation to *The Berkeley Blog*; *LA Progressive*; other blogs.
- 2010 Presentation on *Made in America* at “Summer Conversations at the Apponagansett Meeting House,” Dartmouth, MA, June 24.
- “Sweet Land Of... Conformity?: Americans Aren’t the Rugged Individuals We Think We Are,” *Boston Globe*, Ideas Section, June 6.
* Reprinted in *Dallas Morning News*, Opinion Section, July 4.
- “One Thing I Know: Compared to What?,” (Invited column), *Contexts* 9 (Fall): 84.
- 2008 Radio talk show: “Forum,” KQED, San Francisco, February 18, on “The Middle Class.”

- 2003 (with M. Hout), “La Diversidad y la devoción religiosa” [“Religious Diversity and Devotion”], *Vanguardia* (Barcelona) 7 (July-September): 89-95.
- 2001 Radio interviews (KGO, CBS) on paper, “Ever-More Rooted Americans.”
- 1998 Comment on Chabris, “IQ Since *The Bell Curve*,” in *Commentary* 106 (November): 14.
- 1997 Television interview for “The Telephone,” *American Experience*, American public television.
- Television interview, Bay-TV (San Francisco), on *Inequality by Design*.
- Presentation to the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, March 4, on *Inequality by Design*.
- 1996 Radio interviews and appearances for *Inequality by Design*, including KALW-FM (San Francisco); KPFA-FM (Berkeley), KBAI-FM (New York). Radio interview for “Social Thought,” public radio.
- 1992 Radio interviews on the history of the telephone: “Talk of the Nation,” National Public Radio; and WHYY-Philadelphia.
- 1988 “Finding the ‘Lost’ Community: Facts and Fictions,” *Tikkun* 3 (November): 69-72.
- Review of Perin, *Belonging in America*, in *New York Times Book Review*, 13 November: 13.
- 1983 “The Friendship Cure-All.” *Psychology Today* 17 (January): 74, 78.
- 1981 “When it Comes to Waste, Big Business is Champion,” *Washington Star*, May 20.
- “Making Friends in the City,” *New Society* (20 August): 301-2.
- 1976 Fischer and Stueve, “Why People Move House.” *New Society* (25 November): 406-7.
* Reprinted in:
– *New Society, Environment, Social Studies Reader*. London: New Science Publications, 1977;
– *California Monthly*, March, 1977.
- 1975 Fischer and Baldassare, “How Far from the Madding Crowd?” *New Society* 32 (29 May): 531-33.

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