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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of California at Irvine	History	1987-1993
M.A.	University of California at Irvine	History	1983-1987
M.A.	New School for Social Research	Anthropology	1976-1980
B.A.	University of Minnesota	Anthropology	1967-1973

Dissertation: "Lawrence K. Frank: Architect of Child Development, Prophet of Bio-Technocracy." Readers: Professors Mark Poster (UC Irvine), Jonathan Wiener (UC Irvine), and Mary P. Ryan (Johns Hopkins University). Dissertation accepted: March 1993.

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

Socializing the Young: The Role of Foundations, 1923-1941 (Westport, CT: Bergin and Garvey [imprint of Greenwood Publishing Group], 2002).

Handbook Chapter:

"Boasian Cultural Anthropologists, Interdisciplinary Initiatives, and the Making of Personality and Culture during the Interwar Years," in *The Palgrave Handbook of the History of the Human Sciences*, ed. David McCallum (London & New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021).

Essays:

"Mark A. May: Scientific Administrator, Human Engineer," *History of the Human Sciences*, 28, 3 (July 2015).

“Personality and Culture, the Social Science Research Council, and Liberal Social Engineering,” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 45, 4 (Fall 2009).

“Toward a New Science of Man: Rockefeller Philanthropy and the Renovation of the Human Sciences in the United States,” *Intellectual News: Review of the International Society for Intellectual History*, No. 15 (Winter 2005).

"Lawrence K. Frank, Knowledge, and the Production of the 'Social'," *Poetics Today* 19, 3 (Fall 1998).

"Class, Culture, and Historical Agency in the Work of E.P. Thompson," *Chicago Anthropology Exchange* 15, 2 (Autumn 1982).

Encyclopedia Contributions:

“Michel Foucault,” in Robert W. Rieber, editor, *Encyclopedia of the History of Psychological Theories* (New York: Springer Science, 2012).

“Family and Home, Impact of the Great Depression on,” in Robert S. McElvaine, editor, *The Encyclopedia of the Great Depression* (Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference, 2004).

Research Reports & Book Reviews:

Book Review on Mark Solovey, *Social Science for What? Battles over Public Funding for the “Other Sciences” at the National Science Foundation*, in *Centaurus: An International Journal of the History of Science and its Cultural Aspects*, 63, 1 (August 2021): 606-608.

“System and Interdisciplinarity in Historical Perspective,” *Reviews in American History* 44 (September 2016).

Book Review on Daniel T. Rodgers, *Age of Fracture*, in *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 49, 1 (Winter 2013).

“Anthropology in History: Lewis Henry Morgan and Margaret Mead,” *Reviews in American History* 38 (September 2010).

“Personality and Culture and Rockefeller Philanthropy,” *Research Reports from the Rockefeller Archive Center* (Fall 2005).

Book Review on Carol De-Boer Langworthy, editor, *The Modern World of Neith Boyce: Autobiography and Diaries*, in *Journal of American Studies of Turkey* 16 (Fall 2002).

Book Review on Olivier Zunz’s *Why the American Century?*, in *Newsletter of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences* 20, no. 2 (Autumn 2002).

"Lawrence K. Frank and the Rockefeller Philanthropies, 1923-1936," *Research Reports from the Rockefeller Archive Center* (Spring 1997).

"Technocratic Liberalism and Social Science," Book Review, *Radical History Review* 64 (Winter 1996).

"Child Study and Parent Education," *History of the Present* [sponsored by the Anthropology Department of the University of California at Berkeley], no. 4 (Spring 1988).

Contributions to Conference Proceedings:

"Culture and Domination in the Sociology of Pierre Bourdieu" in *Challenging Paradigms in Marketing*, Proceedings of the 1989 American Marketing Association Winter Educators' Conference, ed. by Terry Childers (Chicago: American Marketing Association, 1989).

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Academic Positions and Teaching Experience:

- July 2017 - Associate Professor, Department of American Culture and Literature, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
- 2017-2020 Chair, Department of American Culture and Literature, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey.
- 2004-2008 Acting Chair, Department of American Culture and Literature, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey.
- 1999-2017 Assistant Professor, Department of American Culture and Literature, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey.
- 1994 Instructor, "U.S. History and Culture," National-Louis University, Evanston, Illinois.
- 1992 Instructor, "Survey of American History," Summer Session, History Department, UC Irvine.
- 1991-92 Instructor, "American History Since the Civil War," School of the Humanities and Languages, Irvine Valley College.
- 1989-90 Teaching Associate, Humanities Core Course, UC Irvine (course theme: confronting racial, intellectual, and religious difference).
- 1989 Instructor, "The Family, Gender, Sexuality, and Child-Rearing in America: 1800 to the Present," Summer Session, History Department, UC Irvine.
- 1987-88 Teaching Assistant, History Department, UC Irvine. Course taught: "The Formation of Modern Society" (comparative American and European history).
- 1986-87 Teaching Associate, Humanities Core Course, UC Irvine (course themes: the family and the experience of love).
- 1984-86 Teaching Assistant, History Department, UC Irvine. Courses taught: "The Formation of Modern Society" and "The History of the Vietnam War."

Research Experience:

1986-87 Research Assistant, Orange County Family History Project, UC Irvine.
Supervised by Professor Mark Poster.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2007 Visiting Scholar, Office for History of Science and Technology, University
of California at Berkeley (on sabbatical leave from Bilkent University).
2004 Rockefeller Archive Center Grant Award
2003 Faculty Development Grant, Bilkent University
2000 Faculty Development Grant, Bilkent University
1995 Rockefeller Archive Center Grant Award
1993-99 History Department Associate, Northwestern University
1988-89 Humanities Predoctoral Fellowship, UC Irvine
1987 Humanities Research Grant, UC Irvine
1987 Chancellor's Patent Fund Grant, UC Irvine
1982-83 Regents Fellowship, UC Irvine

SEMINAR PARTICIPANT

“Re-configurations of American Studies,” Futures of American Studies Institute,
Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, USA, June 2008.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Shifts in Parenting Expertise: From a Focus on Children’s Fundamental Needs to
Developing Children’s Brains,” Annual Meeting of the European Society for the History of
the Human Sciences, Groningen, the Netherlands, July 2018.

“Acculturation and the Culture Concept of the 1930s: The SSRC’s Subcommittee on
Acculturation,” Third Joint Meeting of Cheiron and the European Society for the History of
the Human Sciences, Barcelona, Spain (Catalonia), June-July 2016.

“Allan R. Holmberg and the Indians of South America: Community Development for the
Peoples without History,” 34th Annual Meeting of the European Society for the History of
Human Sciences, Angers, France, July 2015.

“Mark A. May: The Science of Behavior and Human Relations and Social Engineering,”
Second Joint Meeting of Cheiron and the European Society for the History of the Human
Sciences, Montreal, Canada, July 2012.

“Mark A. May: Character, Personality, and the Science of Human Behavior,” 30th
Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences,
Belgrade, Serbia, July 2011.

“Teaching U.S. Intellectual History in Turkey,” U.S. Intellectual History Third Annual Conference, Center for the Humanities, City University of New York Graduate Center, New York, New York, October 2010.

“The SSRC Research Committee on Personality and Culture, 1934-1940: Knowledge for Cultural Reconstruction,” 28th Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences, Budapest, Hungary, July 2009.

“The SSRC Committee on Social Adjustment: A Case Study on the Viscissitudes of Technocratic Modernism,” 40th Annual Meeting of Cheiron, Toronto, Canada, June 2008.

“Reflections on the Foundations and the Social Sciences in America: the 1920s and 1930s,” First Joint Meeting of the European Society for the History of the Social Sciences (ESHHS) and Cheiron, Dublin, Ireland, June 2007. (I was also on the program committee for this conference as a representative for the ESHHS.)

“The Social Science Research Council and the Origins of Personality and Culture,” 25th Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences, Oslo, Norway, August 2006.

“The Emergence of Personality and Culture and the Social Science Research Council, 1930-1940,” 38th Annual Meeting of Cheiron, Bronxville, New York, June/July 2006.

“Toward a New Science of Man: Rockefeller Philanthropy and the Modernization of American Social Science,” 24th Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences, Moscow, Russia, September 2005.

“The Social Sciences, Interdisciplinarity, and ‘Personality’ in United States in the Early Twentieth Century,” 37th Annual Cheiron Conference, Berkeley, California, June 2005. (This conference was hosted by the Office for History of Science and Technology, University of California at Berkeley.)

“Rockefeller Philanthropy and the Development of the Concept of ‘Personality’,” 23rd Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences, Salzburg, Austria, July 2004.

“The Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial and the Construction of the ‘Social’ and the ‘Anti-Social’,” 22nd Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences, York, UK, August 2003.

“Toward a Genealogy of ‘Personality’: The Role of Rockefeller Philanthropy in Investigating Personality,” 35th Annual Cheiron Conference, Durham, New Hampshire, June 2003.

“Lawrence K. Frank and American Social Technology,” poster presentation, 21st Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences, Barcelona, Spain, August 2002.

“The Politics of Psychology according to Rockefeller Philanthropy,” 25th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Berlin, Germany, July 2002.

“The Construction of the Normal and the Pathological according to the Rockefeller Philanthropies, 1923-1936,” Conference on the Normal and the Abnormal: Historical and Cultural Perspectives on Norms and Deviations, Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine and Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Manchester, UK, July 2002.

“Foundation Support and the Emergence of Culture and Personality Studies,” American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Division 26 (History of Psychology), San Francisco, California, August 2001. (Paper presented at the conference in absentia.)

“The Foundations and the Sociopolitics of Youth,” 2nd Annual Conference on the History of Children and Youth, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 2001.

“Reconstructing the Subject: Foundation Projects Aimed at Promoting the ‘Socialized’ Subject,” poster presentation, 33rd Annual Meeting of the Cheiron Society, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, June 2001.

“The Child Study and Parent Education Movement of the 1920s,” Annual Conference of the Popular Culture Association and the American Culture Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2000.

“The Foundations and the Reconstruction of American Society, 1922-1936,” Conference on “The American Century,” Bilkent University History Department & American Studies Association of Turkey, Ankara, Turkey, December 1999.

“The World Wide Web as a Resource in American History,” 24th Annual American Studies Conference, American Studies Association of Turkey, Cappadocia, Turkey, October 1999.

"Lawrence K. Frank, the General Education Board, and the Management of Culture," ARNOVA Silver Anniversary Conference, New York City, November 1996.

"To Know and to Produce 'the Social': Lawrence K. Frank, Social Science, and the Production of 'the Social'," Conference on "Knowledges: Production, Distribution, Revision," sponsored by the University of Minnesota and the Group for Research into the Institutionalization and Professionalization of Knowledge-Production, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 1994.

"The Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial and the Construction of the 'Social' and the 'Anti-Social'," Third Social History Conference, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 1993.

"Lawrence K. Frank and the Modernization of the Social Sciences," Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 1992.