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EDUCATION:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, - Doctor of Philosophy, 1991, in Urban and Regional Studies.
Academic areas: Political Sociology and Urban Politics.
Dissertation title: Labor and Neighborhood Organizing in the Context of Economic Restructuring:
Six Organizations in Hartford, Connecticut.

University of Connecticut - Master of Arts in Education, 1980.
Concentration: Higher Education and Community Education.

University of Wisconsin-Madison - Bachelor of Arts, 1971. Graduation with Distinction. Major: Sociology.

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, 1980-Present:

- Professor of Social Work, 2011-Present.
 - Professor and Director, Urban Semester Program, 2011-2014.
 - Associate Professor and Director, Urban Semester Program, 2001-2011.
 - Assistant Professor and Director, Urban Semester Program, 1998-2001.
 - Lecturer in Social Work and Director, Urban Semester Program, 1980-1998.
 - Direct all facets of undergraduate urban internship program; teaching responsibility for weekly seminars on urban issues; administrative responsibility for recruitment, placement and supervision of student interns; liaison with faculty, administration and agencies.
 - Graduate teaching responsibilities in MSW program in Community Organization, Urban Policy, Economic Justice, Labor and Social Work, Social Policy Analysis. Council on Social Work Education Waiver to Teach Community Organization. Advisor and Field Agency liaison for Community Organization MSW students. Serve on Doctoral Students Dissertation Committees.
 - Coordinator of Urban Issues Substantive Area.
- Research interests in urban politics and policy, community organization, welfare policy, economic justice movements, economic and labor rights, labor-community partnerships; involvement in collaborative research projects on the impact of welfare policy changes; labor and social work.

•Courses taught:

Undergraduate:

- Seminar on Urban Problems
- Urban Semester Field Work Seminar
- Sociology and Social Welfare

Graduate:

- Analysis of Social Welfare Policy and Social Service Delivery
- Urban Policy Issues
- Community Organization II
- Political Systems
- Economic Justice, Labor and Social Work

- Political Advocacy
- Theory and Practice of Social Movements for Community Organization

Grant Activity:

- PI on grant from Jobs With Justice Education Fund to conduct an analysis Senate Bill 1044 with economists Stanley McMillen and Daniel Kennedy, May 2015.
- Co-PI on Davis Education Foundation Grant to Develop University-wide plan to enhance Service Learning at the University, 2004-2005.
- Co-PI, Social Workers as Union Organizers, 2005, PI – Scott Harding, University of Connecticut Research Foundation Grant.

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, 1979-1980.

Coordinator of Projects, Center for Human Resource Planning and Utilization. Assist Center Director in proposal writing, grant administration; supervise statewide Title XX training needs assessment; participation in research design and implementation of projects.

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, 1977-1979.

Assistant to the Director of Field Education; Administration of Graduate Social Work Field Education Program for 300 full-time students; coordination with faculty, agencies and students.

Connecticut Public Interest Research Group, 1975-77.

Organizing Coordinator: Coordinate organizing of the chapters of the college consumer advocacy organization; supervision of student projects.

Yohel Camaid Freixas Associates, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1985.

Consultant in training project "Hispanics in Lawrence" sponsored by Massachusetts Dept of Social Services.

MIT Department of Urban Studies Community Fellows Program, 1984.

Coordinator, "Barriers to Reform, The Problem of Mayors of Color," October, 1984.

Boston College Social Welfare Research Institute, 1983-84.

Research Assistant on study of social and economic dislocation of laid-off auto workers in Southeast Michigan, sponsored by U.S. Dept. of Transportation.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Louise Simmons and Scott Harding, editors. 2010. *Economic Justice, Labor and Community Practice*. Routledge/Taylor & Francis. [based on Special Issue of *Journal of Community Practice*, 17:1-2]

Louise Simmons, editor. 2004. *Welfare, the Working Poor and Labor*. M.E. Sharpe.

Louise Simmons, 1994. *Organizing in Hard Times*. Temple University Press.

Special Issue Co-Editor:

Louise Simmons and Scott Harding, Editors. 2009. "Economic Justice, Labor and Community Practice", *Journal of Community Practice*. Vol. 17, Nos. 1-2. (basis for book above).

Under Preparation

Edited volume co-edited with David Reynolds, tentatively titled *Confronting Neoliberalism: The Partnership for Working Families Cities.*

Refereed Journals and Book Chapters:

Harding, Scott and Simmons, Louise. 2018. "Community-Labor Partnerships for Social and Economic Justice" in Cnaan, R. A., & Milofsky, C. (Editors). *Handbook of Community Movements and Local Organizations in the 21st Century*. New York: Springer. Pp. 155-169.

Simmons, Louise. 2018. "Social Work: Connections with Urbanism" in *Defining the Urban: Interdisciplinary and Professional Perspectives* edited by Deljana Iossifova, Alexandros Gasparatos and Christopher Doll. Surrey, England: Ashgate Publishing (now Routledge/Taylor & Francis).

Simmons, Louise. 2017. March. "Economic Justice." *Encyclopedia of Social Work on-line.* National Association of Social Workers Press and Oxford University Press. Available at: <http://socialwork.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.001.0001/acrefore-9780199975839-e-1266?print=pdf>.

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Louise Simmons. 2016. "Opportunities for Community Organizing in the Realm of Economic Justice and Low Wage Worker Struggles", *Journal of Community Practice*, Vol. 24, No. 2, pp. 166-181.

Louise Simmons. 2016. "Community-Labor Partnerships and Coalitions" in *Roots to Power* (3rd edition), by Lee Staples, Westport, CT: Praeger. (revision and update of 2004 chapter).

Simmons, Louise, 2014. "Economic Justice, Social Work Education and Human Rights" in *Advancing Human Rights in Social Work Education* edited by Kathryn R. Libal, S. Megan Berthold, Rebecca L. Thomas, and Lynne M. Healy. Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education Press.

Simmons, Louise, 2013. "Poverty, Inequality, Politics and Social Activism in Hartford" in *Confronting Urban Legacy: The Transformation and Renewal of Hartford* edited by Xiangming Chen and Nick Bacon, Lanham, MD: Lexington Press.

Simmons, Louise and Harding, Scott. 2010. "Community-Labor Coalitions for Progressive Change" in *Union Contributions to Labor Welfare Policy and Practice* edited by Paul Kurzman and R. Paul Maiden. New York: Routledge/Taylor & Francis.

Harding, Scott and Simmons, Louise. 2010. "Introduction: Economic Justice, Labor and Community Practice" in *Economic Justice, Labor and Community Practice* edited by Louise Simmons & Scott Harding. New York: Routledge/Taylor & Francis.

Louise Simmons, 2010. "Work and Economic Justice – Connections with Social Work", *Reflections*, Vol. 16, No. 2, pp. 36-46.

Scott Harding and Louise Simmons, 2009. "Introduction: Economic Justice, Labor and Community Practice", *Journal of Community Practice*. Vol. 17, Nos. 1-2, pp. 1-10.

Louise Simmons and Scott Harding, 2009. "Community-Labor Coalitions for Progressive Change". *Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health*. Vol. 24, Nos. 1-2, pp. 99-112.

Louise Simmons and Stephanie Luce. 2009. "Community Benefits Agreements: Lessons from New Haven." *Working USA*. Vol. 12, No. 1 (March), pp. 97-111.

Bok, Marcia and Louise Simmons. 2009. "Working but Poor: Worker Experiences in the Low-Wage Labour Market" in *Work Matters: Critical Reflections on Contemporary Work* edited by Sharon C. Bolton & Maeve Houlihan. Hampshire, England: Palgrave-Macmillan.

Simmons, Louise. 2007. "Preface" in *Politics, Neighborhoods and the Misuse of Social Capital* edited by James Jennings. New York, NY: Palgrave-Macmillan.

Rhomberg, Chris and Louise Simmons. 2006. "Race, Labor and Urban Community: Negotiating a 'New Social Contract' in New Haven" in *Race and Labor Matters in the New U.S. Economy* edited by Manning Marable, Immanuel Ness and Joseph Wilson. New York, NY: Rowman & Littlefield.

Christopher Rhomberg and Louise Simmons. 2005. "Beyond Strike Support: Labor-Community Alliances and Democratic Power in New Haven" *Labor Studies Journal*. Vol.30, No. 3 (Fall), pp.21-47.

Robert Fisher, Michael Fabricant, and Louise Simmons. 2004. "Understanding Contemporary University-Community Connections: Context, Practice, and Challenges" *Journal of Community Practice* Vol.12, No. 3-4, pp.13-34.

Robert Fisher, Michael Fabricant, and Louise Simmons. 2005. "Understanding Contemporary University-Community Connections: Context, Practice, and Challenges" in *University-Community Partnerships: Universities in Civic Engagement* edited by Tracy Soska and Alice K. Johnson Butterfield. Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press.

Simmons, Louise. 2004. "Community-Labor Coalitions" in *Roots to Power* (2nd edition), by Lee Staples. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Simmons, Louise. 2004. "Building Political Action Coalitions in Connecticut" in *Partnering for Change: How Unions and Community Groups Build Coalitions for Economic Justice* edited by David Reynolds. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

Simmons, Louise. 2004. "Introduction" in *Welfare, the Working Poor and Labor*, Louise Simmons, Editor. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

Simmons, Louise. 2004. "Labor-Welfare Linkages and the Imperative of Organizing Low Wage Women Workers" in *Welfare, the Working Poor and Labor*, Louise Simmons, Editor. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

John Bonelli and Louise Simmons, 2004. "Coalition Building and Electoral Organizing in the Passage of Anti-Discrimination Laws: The Case of Connecticut" in *Gay and Lesbian Rights: Organizing Community-Based Strategies*, Yolanda Padilla, Editor. Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press.

Marcia Bok and Louise Simmons, 2004. "Pathways Out of Poverty: The Challenge of Welfare Policy", *Social Policy Journal*. Vol. 3, No. 1, pp. 3-22.

John Bonelli and Louise Simmons, 2004. "Coalition Building and Electoral Organizing in the Passage of Anti-Discrimination Laws: The Case of Connecticut" *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services*. Volume 16, Nos. 3-4, pp. 35-53.

Louise Simmons, 2002-2003. "Labor-Welfare Linkages and the Imperative of Organizing Low Wage Women Workers", *Working USA*, Vol. 6, No. 3 (Winter) pp. 18-34.

Marcia Bok and Louise Simmons, 2002. "Post Welfare Reform, Low-Income Families, and the Dissolution of the Safety Net" *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, Vol. 23, No. 3 (Fall), pp. 217-238.

Louise Simmons, 2002. "Unions and Welfare Reform: Labor's Stake in the On-Going Struggle over the Welfare State" *Labor Studies Journal*, Vol. 27, No. 2 (Summer), pp. 65-83.

Louise Simmons, Marcia Bok, Nancy Churchill and Alice Pritchard, 2001. "Urban Economic Development: What's Welfare-to-Work Got To Do With It?" *Journal of Poverty*, Vol. 5, No. 2 pp. 87-114.

Louise Simmons, 2000. "Labor and LEAP: Political Coalition Experiences in Connecticut" *Working USA*. Vol. 4, No. 1 (Summer) pp. 19-34. (Invited article).

Louise Simmons, 2000. "High Stakes: Casinos and Controversies" *Journal of Community Practice*, Vol. 7, No. 2 pp. 47-69.

Louise Simmons, 1998. "A New Urban Conservatism: The Case of Hartford, Connecticut" *Journal of Urban Affairs*. Vol. 20, No. 2 pp.175-198. (1997 Annual Conference Issue of the Urban Affairs Association).

Louise Simmons, 1996. "The Battle for City Hall: What Is It We Fight Over" *New England Journal of Public Policy*. Vol. 12, No. 1 (Fall/Winter) pp. 97-116.

Louise Simmons, 1996. "Dilemmas of Progressives in Government: Playing Solomon in an Age of Austerity" *Economic Development Quarterly*. Vol. 10, No. 2 (May) pp. 159-171.

Joan Fitzgerald and Louise Simmons, 1991. "From Consumption to Production: Labor Participation in Grassroots Movements in Pittsburgh and Hartford." *Urban Affairs Quarterly*. Vol. 26, No. 4. (June) pp. 512-531.

Louise Simmons. 1990. "Organizational and Leadership Models in Community-Labor Coalitions." in *Building Bridges: The Emerging Grassroots Coalition of Labor and Community*. Jeremy Brecher and Tim Costello, Editors. New York: Monthly Review.

Reports, Book Reviews, Editorials, Invited Articles, On-line Publications and Published Proceedings:

Louise Simmons. 2017. Book Review. Social Problems: A Human Rights Perspective, by Eric Bonds. *Labor Studies Journal*, Vol. 43, No. 4 (December), pp. 407-409.

Member of Working Group and Contributor to: Council on Social Work Education. (2017). *Curricular guide for economic well-being practice*. Alexandria, VA: Author. Available at: <https://www.cswe.org/CMSPages/GetFile.aspx?guid=77de3a0d-8f9d-45e5-b48e-7a57f241945f>

Kennedy, Daniel, Stanley McMillen and Louise Simmons, 2015. The Economic and Fiscal Impact of Connecticut's Proposed Statute to Recoup Costs Attributable to Low-Wage Employers. Report. May, 2015. Funded by Jobs With Justice Education Fund. Available at: <http://ssw.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/258/2015/05/CTReport-Final.pdf>

Kennedy, Daniel, Stanley McMillen and Louise Simmons, 2015. The Economic and Fiscal Impact of Low Wage Work in Connecticut. Issue Brief, April 2015. Available at: <http://cahs.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/issueBriefCT6.pdf> Connecticut Association for Human Services, Hartford, CT.

Louise Simmons. 2013. Book Review. Reconnecting to Work: policies to Mitigate Long-term Unemployment and Its Consequences, edited by Lauren Applebaum. *Labor Studies Journal*, Vol. 38, No. 2 (September), pp. 265-266.

Louise Simmons, 2009. Book Review. I Am A Teamster: A Short, Fiery Story of Regina V. Polk, Her Hats, Her Pets, Sweet Love, and the Modern-Day Labor Movement, by Terry Spencer Hesser. *Labor Studies Journal*, Vol. 34, No. 3 (December), pp 570-571.

Simmons, Louise, Alice K. Johnson Butterfield, Tracy Soska, Benson Chisanga, and Scott Harding. "Confronting the Contours of Economic Crisis in Community Practice" (Editorial) *Journal of Community Practice*, Vol. 17, No. 3, 247 – 250.

Soska, Tracy, Alice Johnson Butterfield, Louise Simmons, Scott Harding and Benson Chisanga. 2008. "The Old is New Again" (Editorial) *Journal of Community Practice* Vol. 16, No. 4, 377 – 381.

Tracy Soska, Louise Simmons, Alice K. Johnson Butterfield, 2008. "Building Bridges and Growing a Network of Co-Learners Through Engaged Scholarship" (Editorial) *Journal of Community Practice* Vol. 16, No. 3, 243 – 247.

Simmons, Louise, Alice K. Johnson Butterfield, Tracy Soska, Benson Chisanga, and Scott Harding. 2008. "Something Old and Something New" (Editorial) *Journal of Community Practice* Vol. 16, No. 2, 139 – 141.

Louise Simmons and Stephanie Luce. (2008, May). "Community Benefits Agreements: Lessons from New Haven." Available at: <http://www.laborstudies.wayne.edu/power/downloads/New%20Haven.pdf>.

Butterfield, Alice K. Johnson, Louise Simmons, Tracy Soska, Benson Chisanga, and Scott Harding. 2008. "Once in a Blue Moon ...Anything is Possible" (Editorial) *Journal of Community Practice* Vol. 16, No.1, 1-9.

Marcia Bok, Nancy Churchill and Louise Simmons, 1999. "Out of Poverty: What Do Education and Training or a Labor Force Attachment Model Offer Low-Income Women in Connecticut?" in *Conference Proceedings, Fifth Women's Policy Research Conference, Women's Progress: Perspectives on the Past, Blueprint for the Future*. Institute for Women's Policy Research, Washington, D.C.

Louise Simmons, 1998. "Community Labor Coalitions: A Well-Spring from Connecticut" *Shelterforce: The Journal of Affordable Housing Strategies*. Issue No. 101, September/October.

Op Ed Pieces:

Louise Simmons, 2016. "Minimum Wage Jobs Cannot Adequately Support Families in Connecticut", *Connecticut Mirror CT Viewpoints*, April 1. On-line at: <http://ctviewpoints.org/2016/04/01/opinion-louise-simmons/>

Louise Simmons, 2006. "Unions Help Beat Poverty", Op Ed Piece, *Hartford Courant*, June 28.

Louise Simmons, 2001. "Tough Times for Low Wage Workers", Op Ed Piece, *Hartford Courant*, December 10.

Louise Simmons, 1996. "Proposed Hartford moratorium is punitive, divisive", Op Ed Piece, *Hartford Courant*, March 11.

Louise Simmons, 1994. "The Urge to Privatize", Op Ed Piece, *Hartford Courant*, May 8.

Louise Simmons, 1993. "Hartford's Challenge: An Inclusive Democracy", Op Ed Piece, *Hartford Courant*, December 12.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Louise Simmons, 2019. "Developing Pedagogy on Economic Justice", presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, April 26, 2019, Los Angeles, CA.

Jason Plummer and Louise Simmons, "Why Some Cities March and Others Burn? Applying the Lessons of the Kerner Commission to Modern Civil Unrest", presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, March 19, 2016, San Diego, CA.

Louise Simmons, "The Challenges and Opportunities for Community Organizing by 'Atl-Labor'", presented at the United Association for Labor Education Annual Conference, March 28, 2014, Los Angeles, CA.

Louise Simmons, "Economic Justice, Social Work Education and Human Rights", presented at the Advancing Human Rights in Social Work Education Conference, May 16-17, 2013, at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT.

Marcia Bok and Louise Simmons, "Education and Training in Highly Diverse Low Wage Work" presented at the International Labour Process Conference "Work Matters", March 19, 2008, Dublin, Ireland.

Marcia Bok and Louise Simmons, "Continuity and Change in Community Response to Immigration" presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, April 26, 2007, Seattle, Washington.

Christopher Rhomberg and Louise Simmons, "Corporatism in One City: Union and Community Coalition-Building in New Haven" presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, April 6, 2005, Santa Fe, NM.

Louise Simmons, "Teachable Events: The Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride of 2003" presented at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, February 27, 2005, New York, NY.

Christopher Rhomberg and Louise Simmons, "Community-Labor Coalition Building in a Multi-Racial Community: The Case of the Connecticut Center for a New Economy in New Haven and the Yale Campaign" presented at the How Class Works Conference, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Working Class Life, June 11, 2004, SUNY at Stony Brook, N.Y.

Christopher Rhomberg and Louise Simmons, "Community-Labor Coalition Building in a Multi-Racial Community: The Case of the Connecticut Center for a New Economy in New Haven and the Yale Campaign" presented at the Race and Labor Conference, sponsored by the Brooklyn College Graduate Center for Worker Education, December 5, 2003, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY.

Christopher Rhomberg and Louise Simmons, "Going Public: Union and Community Coalition-Building in New Haven, Connecticut" presented at the American Sociological Association 98th Annual Meeting, August 19, 2003, Atlanta, GA.

Louise Simmons, "Wrestling with Dragons: The Connecticut Center for a New Economy and Yale" presented at the United Association for Labor Education/ALF-CIO Annual Education Conference, April 12, 2003, Miami, Florida.

Christopher Rhomberg and Louise Simmons, "Going Public: Union and Community Coalition-Building in New Haven, Connecticut" presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, March 28, 2003, Cleveland Ohio.

Louise Simmons, "Labor and Social Work: Courses, Curriculum and Collaboration" presented at the United

Association for Labor Education/ AFL-CIO Education Department Conference, April 12, 2002, Los Angeles, California.

Marcia Bok and Louise Simmons, "Pathways Out of Poverty: The Challenge of Welfare Reauthorization" presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, March 22, 2002, Boston, Massachusetts.

Louise Simmons, "Building Stronger Bridges over the Work-Community Divide: The Stamford Organizing Project and Other Connecticut Community-Labor Coalitions" presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, April 27, 2001, Detroit, Michigan.

Marcia Bok and Louise Simmons, "Welfare Reform and the Dissolution of the Safety Net" presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, April 28, 2001, Detroit Michigan.

Louise Simmons, "Labor, Welfare Reform and the Global Economy: Labor's Stake in the On-Going Struggle over the Welfare State", presented at the University and College Labor Education Association/AFL-CIO Education Department Conference, April 15, 2000, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Louise Simmons, "A Course in Labor and Social Work: Making the Connections", presented at the Council on Social Work Education 46th Annual Program Meeting, February 29, 2000, New York, New York.

Louise Simmons, "The Disconnect between Welfare Reform and Economic Development in Connecticut", presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 41st Annual Meeting, October 21, 1999, Chicago, Illinois.

Louise Simmons, Marcia Bok, Nancy Churchill and Alice Pritchard. "Urban Economic Development: What's Welfare to Work Got to Do With It?" presented at the Urban Affairs Association 29th Annual Meeting, April 15, 1999, Louisville, Kentucky.

Marcia Bok, Nancy Churchill and Louise Simmons. "Out of Poverty: What Do Education and Training or a Labor Force Attachment Model Offer Low-Income Women in Connecticut?" presented at the Institute for Women's Policy Research, Fifth Women's Policy Research Conference, June 12, 1998, Washington, D.C.

Louise Simmons, "Issues in Building Community-Labor Alliances", presented at the University and College Labor Education Association/AFL-CIO Education Department Conference: Building the 21st Century Labor Movement, May 2, 1998, San Jose, California.

Louise Simmons, "New Developments in Community-Labor Coalitions in Connecticut", presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 39th Annual Meeting, November 8, 1997, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Louise Simmons, "A New Urban Conservatism: The Case of Hartford, Connecticut." presented at the Urban Affairs Association 27th Annual Meeting, April 18, 1997, Toronto, Canada.

Daryl Harris and Louise Simmons. "Urban Education and the Politics of Privatization: The Hartford Experience", presented at the 28th Annual Meeting, Northeastern Political Science and International Studies Association-Northeast, November 14, 1996, Boston, Massachusetts.

Louise Simmons, "The Challenge of Elected Office", presented at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning-Association of European Schools of Planning Joint International Congress July 26, 1996 Toronto, Canada.

Louise Simmons, "Casino Development Controversies in Hartford and Elsewhere in Connecticut", presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 37th Annual Meeting, October 21, 1995,

Detroit, Michigan; Panel Organizer and Moderator: Casino Development--Controversies and Challenges in Diverse Settings.

Louise Simmons, "The Battle for City Hall: What Is It We Fight Over?", presented at the Northeastern Political Science and International Studies Association 26th Annual Meeting, November 11, 1994, Providence, Rhode Island.

Louise Simmons, "Dilemmas of Progressives in Government: Playing Solomon in an Age of Austerity" presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 36th Annual Meeting, November 5, 1994, Tempe, Arizona.

Louise Simmons, "Organizing in Workplaces and Neighborhoods; The Case of Hartford, Connecticut" presented (in my absence by Penelope Gurstein) at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 35th Annual Meeting, October 30, 1993, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Louise Simmons, "Integrating Community Service, Career Development, Multi- Cultural Sensitivity and Cultural Diversity: The University of Connecticut Urban Semester Program" presented at the 5th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnic Relations in American Higher Education, June 7, 1992, San Francisco, California.

Louise Simmons, "Empowerment in the Era of Economic Restructuring: Possibilities and Meanings in the Arenas of Labor and Neighborhood Organizing" presented at the American Psychological Association Division 27 Northeast Region 84th Annual Community Psychology Conference, October 26, 1991, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut.

Joan Fitzgerald and Louise Simmons, "Citizen Participation in Economic Development Planning." presented at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 31st Annual Meeting, October 5, 1989, Portland, Oregon.

Louise Simmons, "Labor and Community Organizing in the Context of Economic Change." presented at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 29th Annual Meeting, Nov. 7, 1987, Los Angeles, California.

PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, PANELS, POSTER SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Moderator, Session for Winner of Contribution to the Field of Urban Affairs 2018 Award. Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting. April 6, 2018. Toronto, Ontario, Canada (scheduled).

Poster Session, "Resources for Promoting Economic Well-Being in the Social Work Curricula" with Julie Birkenmaier, Christine Callahan, Lisa E. McGuire, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, October 21, 2017, Dallas, Texas.

Moderator, Activist Scholarship Special Session: "Grassroots Struggles for Employment and Agency in Urban Rehabilitation," Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting. April 20, 2017, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Workshop Panelist: "Initiating and Sustaining Community-Engaged Research: A Facilitated Workshop Linking Theories, Methods and Strategies." Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, January 15, 2017, New Orleans, LA.

Panelist, "Colt Strike at 30" Commemoration. December 11, 2016, UAW Region 9A Headquarters, Farmington, Connecticut; December 8, 2016, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut.

Keynote Speaker: "Women's Economic Summit – Our Rights, Our Voice." Organized by the Office of Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, August 13, 2016, Hartford, Connecticut.

Moderator: "Incorporating Community Labor Issues into Social Work Research". Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, January 16, 2015, Washington, DC.

Moderator: Candidate Forum for Probate Judge and City Treasurer (Hartford, CT) sponsored by the Hartford Votes-Hartford Vota Coalition, October 28, 2015, Hartford, CT - Hartford Public Library.

Panelist, "Bargaining and a Low-Wage Employer Fee", Labor Research and Action Network Conference, June 15, 2015, Washington, DC.

Colloquy Organizer and Moderator: "Labor Activism in Miami – A Global City from the Perspective of Low Wage Workers and Advocates", Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, April 9, 2015, Miami, FL.

Roundtable Participant: "Incorporating Community Labor Issues into Social Work Research & Practice", January 16, 2015, and Roundtable Participant: "Academic Employment Relations: Shaping the Context for Social Work Research" Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, January 15, 2015, New Orleans, LA.

Panelist, "Social Justice & Community Organizing – How to Make a Career by Serving Connecticut", University of Connecticut, sponsored by the Thomas Dodd Research Center Archives & Special Collections and Careers for the Common Good of the Center for Community Outreach, November 13, 2014, Storrs, CT.

Panelist, "Community Organizing: Then and Now", Hartford Rising Community Forum, April 26, 2014, Hartford, CT.

Panelist, "The Future of the Connecticut City", Association for the Study of Connecticut History Conference, April 5, 2014, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT.

Colloquy Organizer and Participant, "Low Wage Workers: Inspiring a New Labor Movement and Urban Social Movements" Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, March 20, 2014. San Antonio, TX.
Co-Facilitator, Professional Development Workshop: Activism through Research and Service, Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, March 19, 2014. San Antonio, TX.

Panelist, Book Talk on *Confronting Urban Legacy: Rediscovering Hartford and New England's Forgotten Cities*. December 5, 2013, Hartford Public Library – Hartford History Center, Hartford, CT.

Moderator: Proposed Changes to Hartford's City Charter sponsored by the Hartford Votes-Hartford Vota Coalition, October 28, 2013, Hartford, CT – Central Baptist Church.

"Economic & Social Disparities in Connecticut: A Briefing" presentation to Universitas 21 Summer School, July 16, 2013, Panel at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT.

Panelist, "Occupy: The Meaning of the Protest Movement for Cities" Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, April 4, 2013, San Francisco, CA.

Poster, "The Urban Semester Program", Public Engagement Spring Symposium – UConn Initiatives in Urban Connecticut, April 3, 2013, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

Moderator for two sessions, International Labor Process Conference, March 18-20, 2013, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Moderator: Registrar of Voters Primary Candidates Forum sponsored by the Hartford Votes~Hartford Vota Coalition, July 18, 2012, Hartford (CT) Public Library.

Louise Simmons, "We Are the 99% - Advancing Social and Economic Justice through Social Work Education in the U.S." presentation at 2nd Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development 2012: Action and Impact, July 10, 2012, Stockholm, Sweden.

Panelist. Roundtable: The Scholar-Practitioner on *Who Governs?* In 2012, New England Political Science Association, April 27, 2012, Portsmouth, NH.

Organizer/Moderator: Panel on Community Activism, sponsored by the Urban and Community Studies Program, University of Connecticut West Hartford Campus, March 8, 2012, West Hartford, CT.

Louise Simmons, "The Right to Organize and the Role of Community-Labor Alliances in the Struggle for Economic Justice", presentation at the Social Welfare Action Alliance, June 10, 2011, Washington, DC.

Co-Presenter with Nelly Rojas Schwan, "Antonia Pantoja: A Community Organizer for Our Times", National Association of Social Workers-Connecticut 26th Annual Statewide Conference, April 29, 2011, Waterbury, CT.

Moderator/Panelist: "Minor Political Parties in Connecticut", sponsored by Hartford Votes Coalition, Hartford Public Library, April 19, 2011, Hartford, CT.

Panelist/Discussant, University of Connecticut Provost's Commission on Public Engagement Spring Symposium "Exploration of Community-University Engagement through Participatory Action Research", March 30, 2011, University of Connecticut School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT.

Moderator, "Survival Strategies for Labor Education Programs and Labor Education Professionals" and Presenter, "Recruiting Students into Labor Activism and Careers from Non-Traditional Sources" at the United Association for Labor Education Annual Conference, March 24, 2011, New Orleans, LA.

Co-Organizer, Co-Moderator with Eric Shragge, and Participant, "Now What? Community Organizing After ACORN" at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting March 22, 2011, New Orleans, LA.

Louise Simmons, Panelist, "Work, Poverty, and Family Well-Being in Professional Social Work Education" at the Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, October 16, 2010, Portland, OR.

Louise Simmons, Moderator, Film Session, United Association for Labor Education Annual Conference, March 27, 2010, San Diego, CA.

Louise Simmons and Scott Harding, "Multiple Perspectives on Economic Justice Movements" presentation at the International Labour Process Conference, March 17, 2010, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Louise Simmons and Karen Curtis, "Ending TANF as We Know It" presentation at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, March 12, 2010, Honolulu, HI.

Louise Simmons, "Deep in the Trenches: The Realities of Service Learning" workshop leader, Service Learning Course Development Workshop, June 16, 2009, University of Connecticut Greater Hartford Campus, West Hartford, CT.

Louise Simmons, Moderator: "Globalization, Precarious Labor Markets and Working Class Solidarity" at the United Association for Labor Education Annual Conference, April 17, 2009, National Labor College, Silver Spring, MD.

Louise Simmons, "Does Anyone Care about Poverty and Inequality in Hartford?" presentation at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work Faculty Colloquium, April 6, 2009, West Hartford, CT.

Louise Simmons, Panel Organizer and Moderator: "The Endurance of Community Organizing: Contemporary Challenges and Opportunities" (Two sessions), at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, March 5 & 6, 2009, Chicago, IL.

Louise Simmons, Panelist: "Why People Don't Vote in Hartford" Forum sponsored by Hartford Registrar of Voters and Hartford 2000, February 18, 2009, Hartford (CT) Public Library.

Louise Simmons, "Economic Justice: Concepts and Curriculum for Social Work Education" presentation at the Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, November 1, 2008, Philadelphia, PA.

Louise Simmons, "Academic Tools for Your Passion" Presentation to Students at the Center for Academic Programs, University of Connecticut, August 21, 2008, Storrs, CT.

Louise Simmons, "Social and Economic Justice and Social Work Education in the United States: Inserting Ourselves into the Mix" presentation at the International Association of Schools of Social Work 34th Biannual Congress, July 22, 2008, Durban, South Africa.

Louise Simmons, Moderator: "Scholarly Publishing: A Discussion with Editors of Urban Journals" at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, April 25, 2008, Baltimore, MD.

Louise Simmons, "Using Human Rights Principles: Examples from Social Work, Social Sciences and other units of the University of Connecticut" presentation at the United Association for Labor Education Annual Conference, April 10, 2008, Minneapolis, MN.

Louise Simmons, Panelist: "Does Anyone Care about Poverty and Inequality in Hartford?" at *The Transformation of Hartford through the Early 21st Century: Local, Regional and Global Perspectives* - Opening Event of Research Seminar, Center for Urban and Global Studies, Trinity College, February 8, 2008, Hartford, CT.

Louise Simmons, Panel Organizer, Moderator & Panelist: "Progressive Cities Revisited: Challenges of 21st Century Progressive Urban Politics and Governance" at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, April 26, 2007, Seattle, WA.

Louise Simmons and Stephanie Luce, "The Community Benefit Agreement Struggle in New Haven", presentation at the United Association for Labor Education Annual Conference, National Labor College, Silver Spring, MD., March 8, 2007.

Louise Simmons, "Community Perspectives on Work" Presentation at Work, the Workplace and Social Work Conference, University of Michigan School of Social Work, Ann Arbor, MI, November 10, 2006.

Scott Harding and Louise Simmons, "Social Workers as Union Organizers" presentation at the United Association for Labor Education Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, May 18, 2006.

Louise Simmons, Panel Organizer, Panelist and Moderator: "Social Work and Urban Studies/Urban Affairs: Intersections and Mutual Concerns" at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, April 21, 2006.

Scott Harding and Louise Simmons, "Social Workers as Union Organizers" at the Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 19, 2006.

Louise Simmons, "ACORN at 35: Past, Present & Future" Panelist, Researching ACORN: Past, Present and Future Conference, The University of Connecticut Tri-Campus Urban & Community Studies Program & the School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT., December 7, 2005.

Louise Simmons, "Resurgent Labor: The Challenges before the Labor Movement as the Global Movements Heat Up" Workshop Presentation, Social Welfare Action Alliance Annual Conference, Smith College, Northampton, MA, June 25, 2004.

Louise Simmons, Panel Co-Organizer and Co-Moderator: "Building Common Ground: Lessons from Recent Labor-Community Work" at the United Association for Labor Education/ALF-CIO Annual Education Conference, Chicago, IL, April 15, 2004.

Louise Simmons, "Urban Scholars as Policymakers and Politicians—Views from the Front Lines" Panelist, Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 1, 2004.

Louise Simmons, Panel Organizer and Moderator: "Low Wage Work, Labor and Welfare Policy" at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2, 2004.

Louise Simmons, "Racism, Poverty and Human Rights: The Continuing Struggle" Panelist, Human Rights in Today's Social & Political Environment Conference, Center for International Social Work Studies, University of Connecticut School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT, April 28, 2003.

Louise Simmons, "Diversity and Service Learning" Panelist, University of Connecticut Career Services Experiential Learning Advisory Board, Storrs, CT., April 2, 2003.

Louise Simmons, "Unionists and Welfare Reform", presentation at the University of Connecticut Humanities Research Institute's Study Group on Social Movements, Education and Participatory Democracy, Storrs, CT., Sept. 23, 2002.

Louise Simmons, "Economic Justice and Workforce Development: Local, National and Global Perspectives" Panelist, Planners Network 2002 National Conference, Holyoke, Massachusetts, June 15th, 2002.

Louise Simmons, Panel Organizer and Moderator: "Overcoming Boundaries: Contemporary Organizing Strategies in Diverse Community and Labor Settings" at the Urban Affairs Association 32nd Annual Meeting, March 28, 2002, Boston, MA.

Louise Simmons, Panel Organizer and Moderator: "Contemporary Community Organizing: New Models, New Challenges, New Dilemmas in Diverse Settings" at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, April 27, 2001, Detroit, MI.

Louise Simmons and Mary Alice Neubeck. "Student Development Through Social Action: Creating Linkages and Curriculum Through Service Learning and Related Activities" presented at the 14th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies, June 3, 2001, Seattle, WA.

Louise Simmons, Mary Alice Neubeck and Diane Wright. "Creating Linkages and Curriculum for Social Action." Presentation at the 2000 Annual Conference of the National Society for Experiential Education, October 26, 2000, San Antonio, Texas.

Louise Simmons, Mary Alice Neubeck and Diane Wright. "Creating Linkages and Curriculum for Social Action." Presentation at the Connecticut Campus Compact State Conference and Faculty Forum on

Service Learning, Sacred Heart University, October 13, 2000, Fairfield, CT.

Louise Simmons and Bandana Purkayastha. "University-Community in an Urban Setting through Outreach and Service: University of Connecticut Programs and People in the Hartford Area." Presentation at the 13th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies, June 5, 2000, Santa Fe, NM.

Louise Simmons, "Organizing 2000! Globalization and the Grassroots: The CUNY Connection" Panelist. Conference sponsored by the Hunter College School of Social Work, May 19, 2000, New York, NY.

Louise Simmons, "Employment and Employment Barriers." Panelist, Welfare Reform and Self-Sufficiency: Research on Connecticut's First Steps Conference sponsored by CT Voices for Children, The Welfare Working Group & the Legal Assistance Resource Center of Connecticut, February 4, 2000, Hartford, CT.

Louise Simmons and Marcia Bok. Presentation: "The Politics of Welfare Reform Research." Poster Session: "The Goals of Education, Training and Employment in Welfare Reform: What Are We Trying to Achieve? The Clients' Perspective on Welfare Reform." at "Nonprofits and Academia: Strategies to Shape Social Change" Conference sponsored by the Nonprofit Education Initiative, Center for Women in Government, University at Albany, November 10, 1999, Albany, NY.

Louise Simmons, "Building Bridges: Learning from Community-Labor Campaigns." Panelist, June 25, 1999, and "Community/University Connections for Change--What's Possible, What are the Limits?" Panelist, June 26, 1999. Bertha Capen Reynolds Society National Conference, Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, MA.

Louise Simmons, "Community-Labor Organizing for Community Standards in Economic Development: Examples Coast to Coast." Panelist, June 18, 1999. "Electoral Strategies for Progressive Reform." Panelist, June 18, 1999. "Building Trust Between Labor and Community." Panelist, June 19, 1999. Planners Network 1999 National Conference, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, Lowell, MA.

Louise Simmons, "A Conversation on Service Learning" Workshop Discussant. Workshop sponsored by the Community-Technical Colleges Center for Teaching and the Connecticut Campus Compact. October 9, 1998, Middlesex Community-Technical College, Middletown, CT.

Louise Simmons, "Devolution, Nonprofits, and the Future of the Welfare State." Panelist, Mini-Plenary Session. Urban Affairs Association 28th Annual Meeting, April 23, 1998, Ft. Worth, TX.

Louise Simmons and Mary Alice Neubeck. "Service Learning, Diversity and Race Relations." Presentation at the National Society for Experiential Education 1997 National Conference October 24, 1997, Kansas City, MO.

Louise Simmons, "Community Labor Coalition Building." Workshop Leader at the Working Women's Conference sponsored by the Connecticut AFL-CIO, October 18, 1997, Middletown, CT.

Mary Alice Neubeck and Louise Simmons. "Service Learning and Curriculum Transformation." Presentation at Inclusive and Interdisciplinary: Building the New Curriculum National Conference" sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine System, September 12, 1997, Portland, ME.

Mary Alice Neubeck and Louise Simmons. "Service Learning and Community Service as Pedagogical Methods for Studying Racism and Race Relations." Presentation at the 10th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies, May 31, 1997, Orlando, FL.

Louise Simmons, "Urban Politics and Local Planners: A Politician/Planner's Perspective." University of Wisconsin Department of Urban and Regional Planning URPL Brown Bag Lecture Series, February 14, 1997, Madison, WI.

Louise Simmons and Mary Alice Neubeck. "Service Learning and Community Service as Pedagogical Methods for Studying Racism and Race Relations" Presentation at the 9th Annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education, sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Southwest Center on Human Relations Studies, June 1, 1996, San Antonio, TX.

Louise Simmons, "Sharing Experiences in Integrating Social Justice In Experiential Education", Workshop Leader, 1996 New England Regional Conference, National Society for Experiential Education, April 26, 1996, Pine Manor College, Chestnut Hill, MA.

Louise Simmons, "The State of the Union: A Labor/Social Work View", Panelist, NASW-Connecticut Community Organization Network, April 12, 1996, Cromwell, CT.

Louise Simmons, "Multi-Racial Coalition Experiences in Hartford", Presentation at the Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, March 26, 1996, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, MA.

Louise Simmons, "Universities and the Urban Community", Panelist; Trinity College, March 1, 1996, Hartford, CT.

Louise Simmons, "Valuable Experiences in Designing Service-Learning Programs and Proposals" Poster Session at the National Society for Experiential Education 1995 National Conference, November 8, 1995; New Orleans, LA.

Louise Simmons, "Organizing in Hard Times: Labor & Neighborhoods in Hartford", University of Connecticut School of Social Work Third Annual Alumni Workshop Series, September 29, 1994, West Hartford, CT.

Louise Simmons, Panel Moderator: "Women Executives and Legislators in State and Local Government: Their Experiences", Institute for Women's Policy Research Fourth Women's Policy Research Conference: Innovations in Government and Public Policy: New Directions for Women, June 4, 1994, Washington, DC.

Louise Simmons, "Challenges For Progressive Organizing in the Modern Economy", at the Center for Popular Economics Summer Institute, August 10, 1993, Mt. Hermon School, Northfield, MA.

Leslie Brett and Louise Simmons, "Job Training for Women -- A Path to Poverty or Success?" at the Congress for Connecticut's Future: People Rebuilding Connecticut, February 5, 1994, East Hartford, CT.

Louise Simmons, "The Call for National Community Service and Issues of Race and Ethnic Relations" Presentation and Workshop at the 6th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, June 5, 1993, New Orleans, LA.

Louise Simmons, "Urban Challenges and Social Welfare" presented at University of Connecticut School of Social Work Alumni Workshop Series, September 17, 1992, West Hartford, CT.

Louise Simmons, "Progressive Politics and City Government: The Case of People for Change in Hartford, Connecticut." Presentation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Urban Studies and Planning, May 7, 1992, Cambridge, MA.

Guest Lecturer in various settings on welfare issues, civil rights, political organizing, community organizing and development, coalition building and other topics.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Offices, Editorial Boards:

- Association for Community Organization and Social Administration, Member, National Board of Directors, 1998-2002; 2004-2009.
- Urban Affairs Association
Chairperson, Governing Board, 2011-12 term.
Member, Governing Board, 2006-2009 & 2009-2012 terms.
Secretary-Treasurer, 2008-2011.
Recognitions Committee, Chairperson, 2012-2013, 2013-2014. Member 2017-18.
Activist Scholar Workshop Co-Facilitator, 2015, 2016.
- Co-Editor, *Journal of Community Practice*, 2007-2012 term.
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 2006-2010.
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Working USA*, now the *Journal of Labor and Society*.
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Labor Studies Journal*, 2007-2010, 2010-2013, 2013-2016, 2016-2019 terms.
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 2010-present.
- Reviewer for Book Proposals for Columbia University Press, Routledge/Taylor and Francis, and Palgrave MacMillan

Memberships:

- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (1980s through mid 2000s)
- Council on Social Work Education
- Goodwin College, East Hartford, CT, Human Services Advisory Committee Member, 2005.
- National Society for Experiential Education (1980s through mid 2000s)
- Planners' Network
- Social Welfare Action Alliance, formerly the Bertha Capen Reynolds Society
- Trinity College Center for Collaborative Teaching and Research, Member, Board of Directors, 1999-2001.
- United Association for Labor Education, formerly the University and College Labor Education Association

ACADEMIC SERVICE, PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

SERVICE ON SCHOOL-WIDE COMMITTEES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK:

- Chairperson, Community Organization Sequence, 2004-2010
- International Social Work Center Advisory Committee, 1990's-present
- Faculty Secretary, 1997-1999
- Faculty Administration Advisory Committee, 1999-2001, Chairperson 2000-2001; 2010- 2012, Chairperson; Spring 2012.
- Educational Policy Committee, 2003-2010; Spring 2015; 2017-2018.
- Field Education Committee, 2010-2016.
- Promotion, Tenure, Reappointment Committee, 2003-2007; 2009-2011; 2013-present; Chairperson, 2016-17, 2017-2018, 2018-19; 2019-2020.
- Five Year Review Committee, Dean of School of Social Work, 2012-13
- Review Committee, Dean of School of Social Work, 2018
- Committee on School's Academic Vision, Co-Chair, 2013
- School of Social Work Academic Plan Committee, 2013-2014
- Search Committee for Dean, 2007-2008

- Faculty-Student Relations Committee, 2004-2005
- Search Committee for New Faculty Members, 2003-2004; 2016-17.
- Search Committee for Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 2020.

PH.D. ADVISING ROLES:

- Major Advisor: Jason Ostrander, degree completed 2016.
- Associate Advisor: Reinaldo Rojas, degree completed 2015.
- Associate Advisor: Karen Brown, degree completed 2015.
- Dissertation Examiner: Adelaide Sandler, 2017.

SERVICE ON UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT:

- Social Welfare Policy Study Group, mid-1990s
- Hartford Regional Campus Service Learning Advisory Committee, Member from 1990s to 2012, Chairperson, 2010
- Public Engagement Forum, 2012-2015
- Member, Service Learning Committee, now part of the Provost's Public Engagement Forum and earlier
- Service Learning Council, from 1990s to mid-2010s
- Co-PI on Davis Education Foundation Grant to Develop University-wide plan to enhance Service Learning at the University, 2004-2005
- Member, Department of Career Services Experiential Learning Advisory Board, 2000-05, Internship Council, 2007-present
- Member, Bachelors in Professional Studies Program, Employment and Labor Education, Concentration Oversight Committee, 2010-2011
- Member, School of Allied Health Advisory Committee, 1996-2000
- Member, Urban & Community Studies Committees, Storrs and Tri-Campus, 1998-Present
- Search Committee for Tri-Campus Director, 2000-2001; 2007-2008; 2008-2009
- Search Committee for Lecturer Positions, 2013
- Member, University Diversity Oversight Committee, 2002-2003

SERVICE INVOLVING THE CITY OF HARTFORD:

- Councilperson, Hartford Court of Common Council, 1991-1993. People For Change Party. Chairperson, Affirmative Action, Employment and Social Services Committee, 1991-1993 Term.
- Co-Chairperson, Joint Policy Board Planning Committee for Hartford Service Delivery Area Policy Consortium with the Private Industry Council (now the Workforce Investment Board), 1991-1993.
- Mayor's Living Wage Task Force, Member, 2008.
- Living Wage Working Group, 2007-2010.
- Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women, Commission Member, 2000-2003.
- City of Hartford Health Department AIDS Community Advisory Committee, 1992-1995.
- Commissioner, Hartford Human Relations Commission, 1981-1991 Chairperson, 1990, 1983. Vice Chairperson, 1989.

SERVICE INVOLVING THE LARGER COMMUNITY IN CONNECTICUT:

- Connecticut Center for a New Economy, Board of Directors, 2001-2018. Board Chairperson, 2006-2018.
- Planning Committee, "Colt Strike at 30" commemoration. Fall, 2016.
- UConn American Association of University Professors, Member, 1981-Present.
 - UConn American Association of University Professors Executive Committee 2018-20;
 - Vice President for Organizing and Membership Development 2020

- Support group activities for the Connecticut Low Wage Advisory Board, 2015-2016.
- Citizens for Economic Opportunity, Steering Committee Member, 1995-2008; Participant, 1995-2012.
- Connecticut Association for Human Services, Connecticut Working Poor Families Project Advisory Committee, Member 2005-2009.
- Connecticut Alliance for Basic Human Needs, 1994-present. Steering Committee: 2003-2016.
- Institute for Community Research, Board of Directors, 1996-Present. Board Secretary, 1998-2002. Vice Chairperson of Board, 2007-present.
- Hartford Community Development Federal Credit Union Task Force Member, 1997-1999 (explored formation, ultimately not created).
- Community Renewal Team, Board of Trustees Alternate, 1994-1995.
- Community Works of Connecticut, Board of Directors, 1994-1996, 2003-2004.
- Non-Traditional Opportunities for Women Advisory Committee, Connecticut Employment and Training Commission, 1994-1995.
- St. Francis Hospital, Corporator, 1991-1995.
- Urban League of Greater Hartford Health and Human Services Advisory Board, 1991-1995.
- HIV Action Initiative Policy Group, 1993-1997.
- South Africa Ecumenical Ministries, Inc., Member, Board of Directors and Treasurer, 1993-1995.
- People For Change. Steering Committee Member, 1987-1994. Candidate for Hartford Court of Common Council, 1991, 1993.
- Citizen Research Education Network, Member, Board of Directors, 1989-1991.
- Community Labor Alliance for Strike Support, Steering Committee Member, 1986-1991.
- Grassroots-Labor Forum, 1987-1995. Participant. Conference Coordinator, September 1989.
- Anti-Racism Coalition of Connecticut, Steering Committee, 1982-1987.
- Hartford Community Mental Health Center, (now Hartford Behavioral Health Center) Member, Board of Directors, 1980-1987.
- Connecticut State Federation of Teachers, Executive Board Member, 1979-1980.
- Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, Member, 1977-1980.
- Friends of the William Benton Museum of Art, Storrs, Connecticut, Member.
- Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, Connecticut, Member.
- Charter Oak Cultural Center, Hartford, Connecticut, Member.
- Real Art Ways, Hartford, Connecticut, Member.
- Volunteer in numerous electoral campaigns (local, state, and national) 1970's – Present.

RECOGNITIONS

- Connecticut Alliance for Basic Human Needs, 20th Anniversary Celebration, Honoree for work on CABHN's agenda of meeting the needs of all Connecticut's Families, October, 2012.
- Provost's Award for Excellence in Outreach and Public Engagement, University of Connecticut, December, 2009.
- Maria Stewart "One Woman Makes a Difference Award", Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund, October, 2009.
- Community Service Award, Community Works of Connecticut, May, 2008.
- Phi Kappa Phi Interdisciplinary Honor Society, Inducted April, 2008, University of Connecticut.
- Community Service Award, Connecticut Alliance for Basic Human Needs, May, 2004.
- Emerging Scholar Award, Association for Community Organization and Social Administration, February, 2000.
- AIDS Educator Award, AIDS Project Hartford, April, 1998.
- University of Connecticut Nominee for Connecticut Department of Higher Education Community Service Award, 1997.
- University of Connecticut Award for Promoting Multiculturalism and Affirmative Action, 1995.
- United Auto Workers International Union Douglas Fraser Community Service Award, April, 1990.
- Marion Davis Scholarship Fund Recipient, 1984 to 1986. (now the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund).