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Education

Ph.D. 1991, Ohio State University, Sociology
M.A. 1988, Ohio State University, Sociology
B.A., 1986, Ohio State University, Women's Studies (*cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa)

Employment

Smith College
Sophia Smith Professor of Sociology (2016 to present); Professor (2007);
Associate Professor (1998); Assistant Professor (1992)

Honors and Awards

Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies in Behavioral and Social Sciences,
2010/2011 academic year

2010 Charles Tilly Award for Best Book in Collective Behavior and Social Movements, from the American Sociological Association Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, for The Politics of Child Sexual Abuse

Sally Hacker Dissertation Paper Award, Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association, for "Feminists in the "Post-Feminist" Age: Collective Identity and the Persistence of the Women's Movement," 1992.

Publications

Books

Whittier, Nancy, Tina Wildhagen, and Howard Gold. Forthcoming 2019. Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences. Rowman and Littlefield.

Whittier, Nancy. 2018. Frenemies: Feminists, Conservatives, and Sexual Violence. NY: Oxford University Press.

Whittier, Nancy. 2009. The Politics of Child Sexual Abuse: Emotion, Social Movements, and the State. NY: Oxford University Press.

Received the 2010 Charles Tilly Award for Best Book in Collective Behavior and Social Movements

Verta Taylor, Nancy Whittier, and Leila Rupp, eds. 2012. Feminist Frontiers, 9th edition. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Previous editions: Taylor, Whittier, and Rupp, 8th edition, 2009; Laurel Richardson, Verta Taylor, and Nancy Whittier, 7th edition, 2007, 6th edition, 2004, 5th edition, 2001, 4th edition, 1997
10th edition, Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming 2018.

David S. Meyer, Nancy Whittier, and Belinda Robnett, eds. 2002. Social Movements: Identities, Culture, and the State. New York: Oxford University Press.

Whittier, Nancy. 1995. Feminist Generations: The Persistence of the Radical Women's Movement. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Excerpted in: Jeff Goodwin and James Jasper, eds., 2009. The Social Movements Reader. New York: Blackwell.

Articles and Book Chapters

Whittier, Nancy. 2019 (forthcoming). "Activism against Sexual Assault on Campus." In Different Wavelengths II, edited by Jo Reger. Routledge.

Whittier, Nancy. 2018 (forthcoming). "Generational Spillover." In Charting the Resistance, ed. David S. Meyer and Sidney Tarrow. Oxford University Press.

Whittier, Nancy. 2017. "Identity Politics, Consciousness Raising, and Visibility Politics." Oxford Handbook of U.S. Women's Social Movement Activism, ed. Holly McCammon, Verta Taylor, Jo Reger, and Rachel Einwohner. Oxford University Press, 376-397.

Whittier, Nancy. 2016. "Carceral and Intersectional Feminism in Congress: The Violence Against Women Act, Discourse, and Policy." Gender & Society 30(5):791-818.

Whittier, Nancy, 2016. "Where are the Children? Theorizing the Missing Piece in Gendered Sexual Violence," Gender & Society 30(1): 95-109.

Whittier, Nancy. 2016. "Aggregate Level Biographical Outcomes for Gay and Lesbian Movements: Collective Identity, Lifecourse, and Generations." In The Consequences of Social Movements, ed. Lorenzo Bosi, Marco Giugni, and Katrin Uba. Cambridge University Press, 130-156.

Whittier, Nancy. 2014. "Rethinking Coalitions: Anti-Pornography Feminists, Conservatives, and Relationships between Collaborative Adversarial Movements." Social Problems 61(2): 175-193.

Whittier, Nancy. 2012. "The Politics of Visibility: Coming Out and Individual and Collective Identity." In Strategies for Social Change, edited by Jeff Goodwin, Rachel Kutz-Flamenbaum, Greg Maney, and Deana Rohlinger. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 145-169.

Whittier, Nancy, and William Ryan. 2011. "Between Comfort and Confrontation." In Alice Ginsberg and Karen Bohar, eds., And Finally We Meet: Intersections and Intersectionality Among Feminist Activists, Academics and Students. Towson University's National Center for Curriculum Transformation Resources on Women. [Student co-author]

Whittier, Nancy. 2005. "From the Second to the Third Wave: Continuity and Change in Grassroots Radical Feminism." In Lee Anne Banaszak, ed., The U.S. Women's Movement in a Dynamic and Global Perspective. Rowman and Littlefield.

Whittier, Nancy. 2004. "The Consequences of Social Movements for Each Other." In David Snow, Sarah Soule, and Hanspieter Kriesi, eds., The Blackwell Companion to Social Movements. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 531-552.

Whittier, Nancy. 2002. "Meaning and Structure in Social Movements." In David S. Meyer, Nancy Whittier, and Belinda Robnett, eds., Social Movements: Identities, Culture, and the State. New York: Oxford University Press, 289-308.

Whittier, Nancy. 2002. "Persistence and Transformation: Gloria Steinem, the Women's Action Alliance, and the Feminist Movement, 1971-1997." Journal of Women's History 14(2):148-150.

Whittier, Nancy. 2001. "Emotional Strategies: Oppositional Emotions in the Movement Against Child Sexual Abuse." In Jeff Goodwin, James Jasper, and Francesca Polletta, eds., Passionate Politics: Emotions and Social Movements. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 267-81.

Whittier, Nancy. 1998. "Reflections on Transformations in Feminist Sociology." Pp. 403-407 in Cynthia D. Anderson, Kristen A. Myers, and Barbara J. Risman, eds., Feminist Foundations: Toward Transforming Sociology. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Whittier, Nancy. 1997. "Political Generations, Micro-Cohorts, and the Transformation of Social Movements." American Sociological Review 62 (October): 760-778.

Whittier, Nancy. 1995. "Turning It Over: Personnel Change in the Columbus, Ohio Women's Movement, 1969-1984." In Myra Marx Ferree and Patricia Yancey Martin (editors), Feminist Organizations: Harvest of the New Women's Movement. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Taylor, Verta, and Nancy Whittier. 1995. "Analytical Approaches to Social Movement Culture: The U.S. Women's Movement." In Hank Johnston and Bert Klandermans (editors), Culture and Social Movements. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Meyer, David S., and Nancy Whittier. 1994. "Social Movement Spillover." Social Problems 41(2): 277-298.

Reprinted 1997: Doug McAdam and David A. Snow, eds., Social Movements: Readings on Their Emergence, Mobilization, and Dynamics, pp. 480-493. Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishing.

Taylor, Verta, and Nancy Whittier. 1992. "Collective Identity in Social Movement Communities: Lesbian Feminist Mobilization." In Aldon Morris and Carol Mueller (editors), Frontiers in Social Movement Theory. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Reprinted 1999. Jo Freeman, Victoria Johnson, eds., Waves of Protest: Social Movements Since the Sixties. New York: Rowman and Littlefield.

Reprinted 1995. Theda Skocpol and John L. Campbell, eds., American Society and Politics: Institutional, Historical, and Theoretical Perspectives, pp. 344-357. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Journal special issues

Verta Taylor and Nancy Whittier, eds., Gender and Social Movements. Double special issue of Gender & Society 12(6), December 1998 and 13(1), February 1999.

Blog posts and podcasts

"The Violence Against Women Act, Framing, and Compromise." 2016.
<https://gendersociety.wordpress.com/2016/09/22/the-violence-against-women-act-framing-and-feminist-compromise/>

"Putting Child Sexual Abuse Back on the Feminist Agenda." 2016.
<https://gendersociety.wordpress.com/2016/02/18/putting-child-sexual-abuse-back-on-the-feminist-agenda/>

"Where are the Children?" *Gender & Society* podcast. 2016.
[http://traffic.libsyn.com/sagesociology/1.15.16 GAS Nancy Whittier Edited.mp3](http://traffic.libsyn.com/sagesociology/1.15.16_GAS_Nancy_Whittier_Edited.mp3)

Looking for Love (and Other Emotions) in All the Right Places: Thinking Broadly about Emotions in Social Movements. On Mobilizing Ideas blog, December 3, 2012.

Encyclopedia and textbook chapters

Whittier, Nancy. 2013. "Gender and Social Movements," "Spillover, Social Movements," and "Generational/Cohortial Analysis." Entries in Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements. Malden, MA: Blackwell.

Crossley Alison Dahl, Verta Taylor, Nancy Whittier and Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2011. "Forever Feminism: The Persistence of the U.S. Women's Movement, 1960–2011." In Feminist Frontiers, 9th edition. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Whittier, Nancy. 2007. "Gender and Social Movements." Entry in Encyclopedia of Sociology. Blackwell.

Taylor, Verta, Nancy Whittier, and Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. 2001. "The Women's Movement: Persistence Through Transformation." In Laurel Richardson, Verta Taylor, and Nancy Whittier, eds., Feminist Frontiers, 5th edition. New York: McGraw-Hill. [reprinted in 6th and 7th editions.]

Pelak, Cynthia Fabrizio, Verta Taylor, and Nancy Whittier. 1999. "Gender Movements." In Janet Chafetz, ed., Handbook of Feminist Sociology. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications.

Taylor, Verta, and Nancy Whittier. 1993. "The New Feminist Movement." In Laurel Richardson and Verta Taylor (editors), Feminist Frontiers III. New York: McGraw-Hill. [reprinted in 4th edition]. Reprinted 2001: Margaret Andersen, Kim Logio, and Howard Taylor, eds., Understanding Society: An Introductory Reader, pp. 490-498. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thomson Learning.

Taylor, Verta, Nancy Whittier, and Joan Huber. 1993. "Gender Inequality and Sexism." In Craig Calhoun and George Ritzer (editors), Social Problems, Primis. New York: McGraw-Hill. Revised: Whittier, Nancy, and Verta Taylor. 1997 and subsequent editions. "Gender Inequality." George Ritzer, ed., Introduction to Sociology, Primis edition. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Book Reviews, Review Essays, and Comments

Ross Cheit, The Witch-Hunt Narrative. Rutgers School of Law Review of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books, 2016.

Kathleen Blee, Democracy in the Making. Mobilization. December 2013 vol. 18, no. 4:497-8.

Everyday Readers and Social Movements: Considering the Impact of *The Feminine Mystique*. Commentary on Stephanie Coontz, A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique and American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s. "Conversations" feature, Gender & Society. September, 2013 vol. 27, 1: pp. 112-115.

"Rethinking Sexual Violence," Review Essay on Roger Lancaster, Sex Panic and the Punitive State, Danielle McGuire, At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape, and Resistance—A New History of the Civil Rights Movement from Rosa Parks to the Rise of Black Power, and Lynn Sacco, Unspeakable: Father-Daughter Incest in American History. Contexts, Summer, 2012.

"Reflections on Stein," invited commentary on Arlene Stein, "Therapeutic Politics: An Oxymoron?" Sociological Forum June 2011, 26(2) :414-415.

Erica Sommers Effler, Laughing Saints and Righteous Heroes: Emotional Rhythms in Social Movement Groups. Mobilization, Dec. 2010 vol. 15, no. 4 535-536.

Amin Ghazani, The Dividends of Dissent: How Conflict and Culture Work in Lesbian and Gay Marches on Washington. American Journal of Sociology 115(5), March 2010.

Mansbridge, Jane, and Aldon Morris, eds. Oppositional Consciousness: The Subjective Roots of Social Protest. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001. Contemporary Sociology 32(4), July 2003: 489-490.

Giugni, Marco, Doug McAdam, and Charles Tilly, eds., How Social Movements Matter. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1999. Contemporary Sociology 30 (5), September 2001: 507-8.

"The Academic is Political is Personal: Feminists Transforming Sociology." Review of Barbara Laslett and Barrie Thorne, eds., Feminist Sociology: Life Histories of a Movement (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1997). Contemporary Sociology 28(3), May 1999:285-6.

Laura Kaplan, The Story of Jane: The Legendary Underground Feminist Abortion Service. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1995. Mobilization, Winter, 1999.

"Men's Movements." Review of Michael Schwalbe, Unlocking the Iron Cage (New York: Oxford, 1996), Clinton Jesser, Fierce and Tender Men (Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 1996), Michael Kimmel, ed., The Politics of Manhood (Philadelphia: Temple, 1996). Contemporary Sociology 28(2), March 1997.

Amy Swerdlow, Women Strike for Peace: Traditional Motherhood and Radical Politics in the 1960s (Chicago: University of Chicago, 1993). Gender & Society 9(3): 380-382, 1995.

Barbara Ryan, Feminism and the Women's Movement (New York: Routledge, 1992). Contemporary Sociology 23(1), January 1994.

Gilbert Herdt and Andrew Boxer, Children of Horizons (Boston: Beacon, 1993). Contemporary Sociology 23(2), March 1994:289.

"Contemporary Women's Movements" (review essay of recent books on the women's movement). NWSA Journal 6(3), Fall 1994.

Other

Jan Stets, Peter Burke, Kay Deux, Jill Keilcolt, Bert Klandermands, Richard Sherpe, Sheldon Stryker, Verta Taylor, and Nancy Whittier. 2014. Identity Module of the 2014 General Social Survey. National Opinion Research Center.

Grants

Faculty-Student Summer Research Grant, Smith College, 2012, \$5200

Dorius/Spofford Fund for the Study of Civil Liberties and Freedom of Expression course development grant, 2012. \$1975.

Residential Fellowship, Center for Advanced Studies in Behavioral and Social Sciences, 2010/2011 academic year.

Faculty-Student Summer Research Grant, Smith College, 2010, \$5200.

Smith College Committee on Faculty Compensation and Development, internal grants for research on activism against child sexual abuse, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2000/01, 2001/02; for work on Feminist Frontiers 2001/02; and for research on coalitions and policy regarding violence against women, 2009/10, 2011/2012.

Mellon Foundation Collaborative Grant, 2004/05, \$750.

National Science Foundation/American Sociological Association Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline. "Social Movements and Society: Micro-Macro Interactions." To support a workshop at University of California, Davis, August 19-21, 1998. \$4000.

Selected Presentations

Senior Scholar Commenter, Paper Session. Notre Dame Center for Social Movement Studies Young Scholar Conference, South Bend IN, May 2016.

Commenter, Senior Scholar Nancy Whittier Session. Workshop of the Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August, 2015.

"Feminist Coalitions Inside and Outside the State: Discourse, Policy, and the Violence Against Women Act," Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, March 23, 2013.

Commenter, Author Meets Critics Session on Bernadette Barton, Pray the Gay Away, Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, March 24, 2013.

"Aggregate Biographical Outcomes for Gay and Lesbian Movements: Generations, Collective Identity, and the Lifecourse," at "Silence in the Study of Social Movement Outcomes," Uppsala, Sweden, September 7-8, 2012. Invited.

Respondent, Author Meets Critics Session on my book, The Politics of Child Sexual Abuse, Annual Meetings of the Social Science History Association, Boston, November 17-20, 2011.

"Frenemies: Anti-Pornography Feminists, Conservatives, and Social Movement Coalitions," Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, 2011, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Discussant, panel on "Sexualities, Politics, and Social Movements," Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, 2011, Las Vegas, Nevada.

"Feminism and the Social Construction of Knowledge," paper presented at "Making Connections: Movements and Research in a Global Context," workshop of the Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements of the American Sociological Association, 2011, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Strange Bedfellows: Anti-Pornography Feminists, Conservatives, and Social Movement Coalitions." Invited presentation at the Berkeley Sociology Colloquium series, March, 2010.

"Activist Art, Emotional Transformation, and Mobilization," Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August, 2009, San Francisco, CA.

"Social Movements, Therapy, and the State: Activism against Child Sexual Abuse," Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August, 2008, Boston, MA.

"Betty Friedan and the Women's Movement: Connections and Controversies," Panel on the Legacy of Betty Friedan, Smith College, September, 2006.

Discussant, "Leadership, Participation, and Repression in Social Movements," Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 15, 2005.

"Changing Culture and Policy: Child Sexual Abuse, Collective Identity, and Discourse," Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC, August 12-16, 2000.

Organizer, Special Session on Queer Politics for a New Millennium: Culture, Policy, and Mobilization, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, August 12-16, 2000.

"Persistence and Transformation: Gloria Steinem, the Women's Action Alliance, and the Feminist Movement, 1971-1997." Presented at "Agents of Social Change: Celebrating Women's Progressive Activism Across the Twentieth Century," Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College, Northampton, MA, September 22-23, 2000.

"Organizing Against Child Sexual Abuse: Identity, Gender, and the State," Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, March, 1999.

"Emotional Strategies: The Collective Reconstruction and Display of Oppositional Emotions," workshop on Emotions and Social Movements, NYU, February 20-22, 1999.

"Movement Organizations, Cultures, and Participants," Workshop on Social Movements and Society, University of California-Davis, August 19-21, 1998.

Session organizer, "Gender and Social Movements," American Sociological Association, 1997 Annual Meeting.

"Gender, Identity, and the Conceptualization of Social Movements," at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, August 16-20, 1996.

"How Old Movements Learn New Tricks: Political Generations and Movement Transformation," at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, August 16-20, 1996.

"Political Generations, Micro-Cohorts, and the Transformation of Radical Feminism," Thematic Session on Generations and Political Participation at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California, August 5-9, 1994.

"Gender and Social Movements," Thematic Session on Gender and Political Participation in Social Movements at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California, August 5-9, 1994.

"Cohorts, Political Generations, and Social Movement Continuity" at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Miami Beach, Florida, August, 1993.

"Cultures in Conflict: Conceptualizing the Cultural Dimensions of Political Protest" (with Verta Taylor). Plenary address at the Workshop on Culture and Social Movements sponsored by the Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements of the American Sociological Association, San Diego, California, June 19, 1992.

"Social Movement Spillover: The Effects of the Women's Movement on the Peace Movement," (with David S. Meyer), American Sociological Association, August 20, 1992.

"Political Generations and Organizational Transformation: Radical Feminism in Columbus, Ohio, 1969-1982," at the Workshop on Feminist Organizations sponsored by the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC, February 14-16, 1992.

"Feminists in the "Post-Feminist" Age: Collective Identity and the Persistence of the Women's Movement," at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, August 25, 1991.

Administrative Work and Service

National

Session Organizer. Feminist and Intersectional Approaches to Social Movements. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, August, 2016.

External Review Committee, Trinity College Sociology Department, spring 2016.

Reviewer, Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2015/16.

External Review Committee, Vassar College Sociology Department, fall 2015.

Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association. Nominations Committee (Chair), 2013-14.

Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association, Article Prize selection committee (Chair), 2013-14 (elected).

Chair, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association, 2012/2013 (elected).

Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association Charles Tilly Award for Best Book selection committee, 2013 (elected).

Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Prize selection committee (Chair), 2012 (elected).

Council member, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association, 2008-2011 (elected).

Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Prize selection committee, 2010

Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association, Charles Tilly Award for Best Book selection committee, 2009

Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association, Outstanding Article Prize selection committee, 2008

American Sociological Association Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Persons in the Discipline, 1997-2002. Chair, 1999-2001.

Paper Prize Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Sex and Gender, 1999-2001.

Council, American Sociological Association Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, 1997-1999 (elected).

Organizer, Workshop on Social Movements and Society: Identities, Cultures, and Institutions. University of California, Davis, August 19-21, 1998.
Principal organizer, with David S. Meyer and Belinda Robnett.

Editorial Board, Gender & Society (1996-1998).

Open submissions organizer, Collective behavior and Social Movements. American Sociological Association, 1994 Annual Meeting.

Workshop Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements (elected). 1993-1996.

Departmental

Chair, 2002/03-2004/05, 2007/08

Chair, Promotion Review Committee, 2012-2013

Director of Honors, 1993-2003, 2008-2010, 2011-present

Smith College

Committee on Faculty Compensation and Development, (elected), 2016/17, 1997/98, 1995/96

Smith School for Social Work PhD Program Working Committee, 2016/17

Director, Phoebe Reece Lewis Leadership Program, 2008-2016

Student Leadership Vision Committee, 2015/16

Liberal Arts Advising Committee, 2015/16

Presidential Search Committee, 2012

Task Force on New Pathways and Timelines, Smith Futures Initiative, 2011/12

Tenure and Promotion Committee (college-wide; elected), 2007/08-2009/10

Chair, Working Group on Center for Community Engagement. 2007/08

Quantitative Skills Committee, 2008/09, 2004/05, 2001/02 (Chair)

Search Committee, Director of Institutional Research, 2005

Women's Studies Program Committee, 1993-2005

Kahn Institute for Liberal Arts project organizer, 2000/01

Director, Jahnige Social Science Computing Center, 1997-2000

Chair, Social Science Interdepartmental Computing Committee, 1997-2000

Academic Computing Advisory Committee, 1997/98

Search Committee for Director of Human Resources, 1997

Search Committee for the Assistant to the President and Director of Institutional Diversity, 1996