

**KATHLEEN ODELL KORGEN**

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**EDUCATION:**

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA  
Ph.D., Sociology May, 1997

College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA  
B.A. History May, 1989

**TEACHING:**

Professor, William Paterson University	Sept, 2007-present
Associate Professor, William Paterson University	Sept, 2003-2007
Assistant Professor, William Paterson University	Sept, 1998-2003
Courses: <i>Public Sociology and Civic Engagement</i> , <i>Social Stratification</i> , <i>Principles of Sociology</i> , <i>Urban Sociology</i> , <i>Sociology of Women</i> , <i>Research Methods 1</i> , <i>Research Methods 2</i> , <i>Senior Seminar</i> , <i>Minority Groups</i> , <i>Social Science Honors Theory</i> (with Neil Kressel) <i>Social Problems</i> (undergrad. and master's levels), <i>Diversity in America</i> (master's level) <i>Racial Identity in the US</i> (master's level)	
Assistant Professor, Drury College	Sept. 1997-Aug1998
Courses: <i>Research Methods</i> , <i>Minority Groups</i> , <i>Introduction to Sociology</i> , <i>Introduction to Anthropology</i> , <i>Sociology of the Family</i> , <i>Native American Cultures</i> , <i>Juvenile Delinquency</i>	
Instructor, Stonehill College	Jan-May,1997
Course: <i>Social Psychology</i>	
Teaching Fellow, Boston College	Jan-May, 1997
Course: <i>Race Relations</i>	
Visiting Lecturer, Framingham State College,	Jan-May, 1997
Department of Continuing Education	Jan-May, 1996
Course: <i>Principles of Sociology</i>	
Teaching Fellow, Boston College	Sept-Dec,1995
Course: <i>Race Relations</i>	
Teaching Fellow, Boston College	Sept-Dec, 1994
Course: <i>Race Relations</i>	
Visiting Lecturer, Framingham State College	Jan-May, 1994
Course: <i>Principles of Sociology</i>	

Teaching Fellow, Boston College  
Course: *Introduction to Sociology*

Jan-Dec, 1993  
Jan-May, 1994

Visiting Lecturer, Framingham State College  
Course: *Social Class in American Society*

Sept-Dec, 1993

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### *Books:*

Ballantine, J., Roberts, K. and Korgen, K. (Forthcoming) *Our Social World*. Fifth Edition, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Korgen, K., White, J. and White, S. (Forthcoming), Eds. *Sociologists in Action; Race, Class and Gender* Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge/SAGE

Korgen, K. and White, J. (2013) *The Engaged Sociologist: Connecting the Classroom to the Community*, Fourth Edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage

Korgen, K., White, J. and White, S. (2013), Eds. *Sociologists in Action; Sociology, Social Change, and Social Justice*. Second Edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage

Korgen, K. and Furst, G. (2012) *Social Problems: Causes and Remedies*. San Diego: Bridgepoint Education.

Korgen, K., White, J. and White, S. (2011), Eds. *Sociologists in Action; Sociology, Social Change, and Social Justice* Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge/SAGE

Korgen, K. and White, J. (2011) *The Engaged Sociologist: Connecting the Classroom to the Community*, Third Edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge

Korgen, K. (2010), Ed. *Multiracial Americans and Social Class*. Oxford, England: Routledge.

Korgen, K. and White, J. (2009) *The Engaged Sociologist: Connecting the Classroom to the Community*, Second Edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge

Korgen, K. (2008), Ed. *Contemporary Readings in Sociology*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications

Korgen, K. and White, J. (2007) *The Engaged Sociologist: Connecting the Classroom to the Community*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge

Korgen, K. (2002). *Crossing the Racial Divide: Close Friendships Between Black and White Americans*. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.

Korgen, K. (1998, 1999). *From Black to Biracial: Transforming Racial Identity Among Americans*. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.

### *Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:*

Korgen, K. (2009) "Black/White Biracial Identity: The Influence of Colorblindness and the Racialization of Poor Black Americans." *Theory in Action*. **2**, 1:23-39.

- Korgen, K. and O'Brien E (2007). "I'm Colorblind But What Are You, Anyway?" *Electronic Journal of Sociology* <http://www.sociology.org/contents.html>
- O'Brien, E. and Korgen, K. (2007) "It's the Message, Not the Messenger: The Declining Significance of Black-White Contact in a 'Colorblind' Society" *Sociological Inquiry* 77, 3:356-382.
- Odell, P., Korgen, K. and Wang, G. (2005) "Cross-racial Friendships and Social Distance Between Racial Groups on a College Campus." *Innovative Higher Education* 29, 4:291-305.
- Korgen, K. Mahon, J. and Wang, G. (2003) "Diversity on College Campuses Today: The Growing Need to Foster Campus Environments Capable of Countering a Possible 'Tipping Effect.'" *College Student Journal*. 37, March:16-26.
- Delucchi, M. and Korgen, K. (2002). "We're the Customer--We Pay the Tuition: Student Consumerism among Undergraduate Sociology Majors. *Teaching Sociology*. 30, January:100-107.
- Odell, P.M., Korgen, K. and del Carmen, A. (2002) "Recent Trends in Faculty Employment in Sociology." *The American Sociologist*. 32, 4: 98-106.
- Stein, P. and Korgen, K. (2001) "Sociological Practice and Diversity Training." *Social Insight*. 6, Fall:21-26.
- Korgen, K., Odell, P.M. and Schumacher, P. (2001) "Internet Use Among College Students: Are There Differences By Race/Ethnicity?" *Electronic Journal of Sociology*, 5, 3 <http://www.sociology.org/content/vol005.003/korgen.html>
- Odell, P.M., Korgen, K., Schumacher, P. and DeLucchi, M. (2000). "Internet Use Among Male and Female College Students," *CyberPsychology and Behavior*, 3, 5, 855-862.
- Korgen, K. and Korgen, J. (2000). "Mixed-Race Americans and Affirmative Action: From the One Drop Rule to the Pigmentation Rule." *Southeastern Sociological Review*, 1, 1-12..
- Chapters in Edited Works/Other Publications:*
- Korgen, K. and Yang, D. (2012) "How the Racial Ideology of Colorblindness Impeded Racial Justice." *American Government, Policy & Law, 3rd Edition*. Ed. Michael Luis Principe. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt.
- Korgen, K. and Brunnsma, D.(2012) "Avoiding Race or Following the Racial Scripts?: Obama and Race in the Recessionary Period of the Colorblind Era." *Obama and the Biracial Factor*. Ed. Andrew Jolivete. Bristol, UK: The Policy Press.
- Korgen, K., White, J. and White S. (2011) "Introduction: Sociologists in Action: Sociology, Social Change, and Social Justice." *Theory in Action*. 4, 2, 1-4.
- Korgen, K. and White, J. (2010) "New Tools for a Humanist Public Sociology Curriculum: A Rejoinder to Dale and Kalob." *Pioneers of Public Sociology: 30 Years of Humanity and Society*. Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY: Sloane Publishing
- Korgen, K. and White, J. (2010) "Public Sociology in the Classroom." *Humanity & Society*, 34, 3:252-254.
- Korgen, K. and White, J. (2009) A "Comment" on "The Forum: Second Thoughts on Presidential Elections," by Ruane and Cerulo (solicited by the journal editor) for *Sociological Forum*, 24, 1, 197-198.

- Korgen, K. (2008) "Political Fragmentation." *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*. Ed. Vincent Parrillo Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications
- Korgen, K. (2008) "Biracialism." *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*. Ed. John H. Moore. New York: Macmillan Reference USA: 169-172.
- Korgen, K. (2008) "Biracial." *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*. Ed. Vincent Parrillo Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications
- Korgen, K. and O'Brien, E. (2006) "What's Race Got to Do With it? Close Black/White Friendships in a 'Color-Blind' Society." *Negotiating the Color Line: Doing Race in the Color-Blind Era and Implications for Racial Justice*. Ed. David L. Brunsma (2006) Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publications.
- Korgen, K, Wang, G. and Mahon, J. (2006) "Social Distance and the Tipping Effect" on a Northern New Jersey College Campus." In *The New Quality of Contact: African Americans and Whites on College Campuses* Ed. Robert Moore. New York: The University Press of America.
- Korgen, K. (2006) "Social Policy on Race in the Colorblind Era." *American Government, Policy & Law*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Ed. Michael Luis Principe. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt.
- Korgen, K. and Odell, P. (2004) "The Urgent Need to Stem Student Consumerism and Increase Civic Engagement in Higher Education." Character Clearinghouse, *Center for the Study of Values in College Student Development*. Accessed at <http://www.collegevalues.org>
- Korgen, K (2003). *The Elephant in the Living Room: The Issue of Race in Close Black/White Friendships. Race, Ethnicity, and Gender: Selected Readings*. Ed. Joseph Healey & Eileen O'Brien: 177-189. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.
- Wang, G. and Korgen, K. (2002). "Don't Stand Too Close to Me: Social Distance and College Students at a Northern New Jersey University." In *The Quality of Contact: African Americans and Whites on College Campuses* Ed. Robert Moore: 95-107. New York: The University Press of America.
- Korgen, K. and Odell, P.M. (2000). "Beyond a Multiracial America: Racial Demographics and Crime in the U.S. Today." *Race and Crime*. Madison WI: CourseWise Publishing,
- Korgen, K. (1999). "Blackness and Whiteness: Legal Definitions of: United States." *Racial and Ethnic Relations in America*. Pasadena: Salem Press.
- Korgen, K. (1999). "Irish-African American Conflict." *Racial and Ethnic Relations in America*. Pasadena: Salem Press.
- del Carmen, A., Korgen, K., del Carmen, D. and Espinosa, A. (1999). "Hispanics: The New Irish in the American Criminal Justice System?" *Perspectives: Criminal Justice*. Madison, WI: CourseWise Publishing.

#### *Book Reviews:*

- Korgen, K. (2007) Book Review of *Minority Voices* by John P. Myers (2005) Allyn & Bacon. *Contemporary Sociology*. 36, 1:25-26.
- Korgen, K. (2005) Book Review of *Breaking the Code of Good Intentions: Everyday Forms of Whiteness* by Melanie E. L. Bush (2004), Rowman & Littlefield. *New Politics*. 39:160.

Korgen, K. (2003) Book Review of *Black Pride and Black Prejudice* by Paul M. Sniderman and Thomas Piazza (2002), Princeton University Press. *Contemporary Sociology* 32, 5:591-592

**PRESENTATIONS:**

*Juried Presentations:*

- “Teaching Public Sociology and Civic Engagement” August 2012  
American Sociological Association, Denver
- "The Impact of Action and Engagement on Sociology August 2011  
In and Out on the Classroom"  
(Part of an invited thematic session).  
SSSP, Las Vegas
- "Are We Making the Disciplinary Changes Necessary for February 2011  
Creating Public Sociology?"  
Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia
- Co-organizer and Discussant for Paper Session: March 2010  
Fostering Active Citizenship through Teaching Sociology  
Eastern Sociological Society, Boston
- "Public Sociology: Humanistic Approaches and a March 2009  
Commitment to Social Justice"  
Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore
- "Engaged Sociology Students ," November 2008  
at the Association for Humanist Sociology, Boston
- “Teaching Social Problems to Students with Little Cultural Capital,” August 2008  
at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Boston
- “Issues of Legitimacy: A White Interviewer and Black and August 2006  
Biracial Interviewees” at The Association of Black Sociologists,  
Montreal
- “How to Make Social Problems a Course that Empowers (Rather August 2006  
than Depresses) Students,” (with Jonathan White) at The Society  
for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal
- “Teaching Against the Conservative Tide by Showing How August 2005  
Sociology Can Save Democray” (with Howard Lune) at  
The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia,  
PA.
- “Civic Engagement in the Sociology Classroom” (with March, 2005  
Howard Lune) at the Eastern Sociological Society,  
Washington, D.C.
- “It's the Message Not the Messenger: The Declining August, 2004  
Significance of Black-White Contact” (with Eileen O’Brien)

at the American Sociological Association, San Francisco	
“I’m Colorblind but What Are You, Anyway?” (with Eileen O’Brien) at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco	August, 2004
“What’s Race Got to Do with It?: Close Black/White Friendships in a ‘Colorblind’ Society” (with Eileen O’Brien) at the Association of Black Sociologists, San Francisco	August, 2004
“Cross-racial Friendships and Social Distance Between Racial Groups on a College Campus” (with Patricia Odell and Gabe Wang) at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA	August, 2003
Social Distance on College Campuses, Panel Organizer and Discussant At the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA	March, 2003
"Close Black/White Friendships and Anti-Racism" (with Eileen O'Brien). At the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA	March, 2002
"Recent Trends in Academic Employment in Sociology in the Northeast" (with Patricia Odell and Alejandro del Carmen). At the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA	March, 2002
“Black/White Friendships and the Issue of Race.” At the American Sociological Society, Anaheim, CA	August, 2001
“Does Diversity Make a Difference?: Social Distance Between Whites and Blacks on College Campuses Today” (with Gabe Wang and Jim Mahon). At the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA	March 2001
“Close Friendships and Dating Relationships on Racially Heterogeneous and Homogeneous College Campuses” (with Jim Mahon and Gabe Wang). At the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA	March 2001
Presider/Discussant for the “Ethnic Identity and Racial Construction” paper session at the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA	March, 2001
“Applying Sociological Theory to Diversity Training for Managers” (with Peter Stein) at the American Sociological Society, Washington, D.C.	August, 2000
“Blacks and Whites: Close Friendships that Cross the Racial Divide” at the Society for Social Problems, Washington, D.C.	August, 2000

“Sociological Practice and Diversity Training for Managers” (with Peter Stein) at the Society for Applied Sociology, Bethesda, MD	August, 2000
”We're The Customer--We Pay the Tuition:’ Student Consumerism Among Undergraduate Sociology Majors” (with Michael Delucchi) at the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD	March, 2000
Presider/Discussant for the “Deviance and Social Control Among Young People” paper session at the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore MD	March, 2000
Co-organizer of Panel on Student Attitudes towards Higher Education (with Michael Delucchi) at the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD	March, 2000
“Overcoming the Racial Divide: Close Friendships Between Black and White Americans” (with James Vela-McConnell) at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL	August, 1999
Discussant for panel on Interracial and Interfaith Relationships at the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA	March, 1999
“Clogged Plumbing: Obstacles to Dissemination and Reception of a Religious Message” (with James Mahon and Patricia M. Odell) at the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA	March, 1999
"Hispanics: The New Irish in the American Criminal Justice System?" (with Alejandro del Carmen, Denise del Carmen and Armando Espinosa) at the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.	November,1998
"Mixed-Race Americans and Affirmative Action: From the One Drop Rule to the Pigmentation Rule" at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco	August, 1998
"Biracial College Students and Dating" at the American Sociological Association, New York	August, 1996
“Biracial Individuals and Racial Identity” at the American Sociological Association, Washington DC	August, 1995
“The Antidote for Social Triage” at the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles (with Jonathan White)	August, 1994
“Social Triage: African Americans in Greater Boston” at the New England Sociology Association, Bryant College (with Jonathan White)	April, 1993
“Sports and the Socialization of Militaristic Ideologies” at the North American Sociology of Sport Conference,	November, 1992

Toledo, Ohio (with Jonathan White)

*Invited Presentations:*

- “Connecting the Classroom to the Community:  
Sociologists in Action for Social Change and Social Justice.” April 2012  
Keynote Speech (with Jonathan White) at the NEUSRC 2012  
The 38<sup>th</sup> New England Undergraduate Sociology Research Conference
- "Multiracial Americans and Social Class" Senior Faculty Research April, 2010  
Panel, Research Day, WPUNJ
- “Teaching About Racism When an African American is President” December, 2008  
The Race and Gender Workshop, WPUNJ
- “Why Learning About Asia Makes You a Better Teacher” at April, 2008  
the Teaching Asia Conference, WPUNJ
- Presentation on *Crossing the Racial Divide* to a class at November, 2008  
at Drew University
- “Crossing the Racial Divide on College Campuses” (with April, 2004  
W. Davis) at Mercer College, NJ
- “Campus Friendships that Cross the Racial Divide” (with March, 2004  
W. Davis) at the New Jersey Project’s ALANA  
Conference, Bloomfield, NJ
- “Crossing the Racial Divide on College Campuses” at Camden November, 2003  
County Community College
- “The Elephant in the Living Room: How Close Black-White December, 2002  
Friends Deal with the Issue of Race” at the William Paterson  
University Faculty Book/Creative Expression Lecture Series
- “Leading Discussions in the Social/Behavioral Sciences” August, 1996  
at the Teaching Workshop, Boston College
- “Leading Group Discussions in Social Science Courses” September, 1994  
at the Teaching Workshop, Boston College
- “Sports and Militarism: the Intimate Connection” November, 1992  
(with Jonathan White) at the Graduate Student Colloquium  
at Boston College

**RESEARCH AND CONSULTING EXPERIENCE:**

- Co-Led Evaluation of Free The Children School-Based Programs 2011
- Participant in Integrating Asian Studies into the Education Curriculum (WPUNJ Liaison 2007-2008) 2005-2008



Consultant for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's Secretariat for African American Catholics	1998-2008
Member of the New Jersey Project's Speakers Bureau	2000-2005
Consultant for State Farm Managers in the Greater New Jersey/ New York area. Developing and leading workshops on diversity issues.	1999-2000
Consultant for American Automobile Association of Northern New Jersey. Developing and leading workshops on diversity issues.	1999-2000
Member of Editorial Board for <i>Race and Crime</i> by Robert Bing and Alejandro del Carmen, Madison, WI: CourseWise Publishing, (2000).	1999-2000
Member of Editorial Board for <i>Perspectives: Criminal Justice System</i> by Alejandro del Carmen. Madison, WI: CourseWise Publishing, (1999).	1998-1999
Research Assistant for American Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities	Jun-Dec,1994
<b>AWARDS:</b>	
Member of the ASA Public Understanding of Sociology Award Selection Committee	2011-
Semester sabbatical	Fall 2009
Asia Society mini-grant for \$4400 for graduate student outreach	2008
WPUNJ Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Expression	2006
Graduate Fellowship (Boston College Dept. of Sociology)	1990-1993
Summer Fellowship (Boston College Dept. of Sociology)	1995
Dissertation Fellowship (Boston College Dept. of Sociology) Awarded on the basis of past scholarship and potential of dissertation. Awarded Assigned Release Time (3 credits per year) 1998-2007	1996-1997
<b>SERVICE (Highlights):</b>	
Chair, Department of Sociology (the chair is a de-facto member of all dept. committees)	2011- present
Faculty Senate representative for the Sociology Department	2012-present
Member of the Strategic Plan Implementation Team 3	2012-present

Member of the Strategic Plan Implementation Team 2	2011-present
Member of the WPUNJ Board of Trustee Auxiliary Services Organization	2010-present
Faculty Senate Liaison to the Board of Trustees Committee on Educational Policy and Student Development	2010-2011
Sociology Department Curriculum Committee	2002-2003, 2007-2008, 2010
University Faculty Range Adjustment Committee	2008-2009
Advisement and Registration Council	2007- 2009 (co-chair 2007-2008)
Sociology Retention Committee	2003-2011 (chair 2007-2008)
Sociology Graduate Committee	2000-2002, 2008-2009
Sociology Department Promotion Committee	2006-2008 (chair 2007-2008)
Sociology Range Adjustment Committee	2006-2011
Sociology DFRAC Committee	2007-11
Basic Skills Committee	2006- 2008
Faculty Senate Executive Committee	2005-2007
Banner Task Force	2006-2007
Faculty Senator (at-large representative)	2004-2008
Graduate Director, Department of Sociology	2007-2008
Assistant Chair, Department of Sociology	2004-2007
Department Executive Committee	2003-2008
Presenter at University Research & Scholarship Day	2001-2007, 2010
Sociology Department Search Committee	2002-2003, 2005-2007
Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate	2005-2006
General Education Coordinator	2000-2004, 2006
Admissions and Academic Standards Senate Council	2000-2005 (co-chair 2004-2005)
American Democracy Project Committee	2003-2005
Sociology Research Circle Coordinator	2001-2004, 2006-2007

Co-Coordinator New Faculty and Adjunct HSS Orientation	2000-2004, 2006
Coordinator of American Democracy Project's Infusing Civic Engagement Initiative (founder)	2004-2005
First Year Seminar Advisory Committee	2003-2004
Academic Standards Task Force of the Timely Degree Completion Initiative (Chair)	2003-2004
ESS Student Papers Committee (founder)	2001-2003
MOST Committee	1998-2002
Sociology Club Advisor	1998-2002

Peer Reviewer for:

*Social Problems, Sociological Forum, Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, Social Science Research, Sociological Compass, Humanity and Society, PRISM: A Journal of Regional Engagement, Cornell University Press, and American Journal of Sociology,*

Co-Editor for <i>Teaching/Learning Matters</i> , Newsletter for Teaching Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association	2010-present
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**OTHER EXPERIENCE:**

Jesuit Volunteer Corps Portland, Maine	1989-1990
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