

PATRICK J. ASHTON, Ph.D.

Areas of Research Interest

Sociology of community, including the social, political, economic, cultural, and spatial factors which contribute to the establishment and maintenance of community, as well as the forces that undermine it, strategies of community organization, and the implementation and impact of community mediation and peaceful conflict resolution techniques.

Teaching and learning strategies, including the structure and design of textbooks and alternative pedagogical techniques; training design and methods; adult education.

Urban political economy, including metropolitan urban development and redevelopment, suburbanization, race and ethnic relations, and disinvestment and reinvestment processes and policies.

Sociology of work and industry, including the social organization of labor processes, diversity issues and the management of conflict in the workplace, alternative forms of work organization, deindustrialization and the effects of displacement on employees and communities, and alternative reindustrialization/redevelopment policies.

The Sociology of Knowledge, including the socioeconomic foundations of differing ideological perspectives on the social world, the political and economic factors underlying the development of social theory and social theorizing in 18th-, 19th-, and early 20th-century Europe and North America, and issues of science and ideology.

Research-Related Honors Received

Selected for inclusion in *International Who's Who of Professionals*, 1998.

Honorary Lifetime Member, East Central Neighborhood Association, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1983. Recognition for conducting a participatory action research neighborhood history project.

First Prize (1977), and Third Prize (1978), North Central Sociological Association Graduate Student Paper Competition.

Publications – Books

Peter Iadicola and Patrick J. Ashton, *The East Central Neighborhood: A Celebration of Community*. Indianapolis, Indiana: Indiana Committee for the Humanities, 1982.

Publications – Research Articles

Patrick J. Ashton, "The Pathologies of Urban Space: An Approach to the Study of Territorial Community," *Michigan Sociological Review* No. 4, Fall 1990, pp. 63-75.

Peter Iadicola and Patrick J. Ashton, "Differential Asset Loss Among Blue- and White-Collar Employees Displaced by a Plant Closing," *Sociological Focus* 22:4, October 1989, pp. 231-248.

Patrick J. Ashton and Peter Iadicola, "The Differential Impact of a Plant Closing on the Reemployment and Income Patterns of Displaced Blue- and White-Collar Employees," *Sociological Focus* 22:2, May 1989, pp. 119-142.

Patrick J. Ashton and Peter Iadicola, "Financial Impact of a Plant Closing on Displaced Blue- and White-Collar Employees," *Labor Studies Journal* 13:1, Spring 1988, pp. 35-57.

Publications – Research Articles (continued)

Peter Iadicola and Patrick J. Ashton, "What is Community? A Comparison of Perspectives," *Humanity and Society* 11:1, February 1987, pp. 80-110.

Patrick J. Ashton, "Urbanization and the Dynamics of Suburban Development Under Capitalism," pp. 54-81 in William K. Tabb and Larry Sawers (eds.), *Marxism and the Metropolis: New Perspectives in Urban Political Economy*, 2nd ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 1984.

Patrick J. Ashton and Peter Iadicola, "Economic Crisis and the Role of the State: Contradiction and Class Conflict," *Proceedings of the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences*, vol. XVII, 1983, pp. 112-120.

Patrick J. Ashton, "Capitalist Challenges to Democracy and Democratic Challenges to Capitalism: Issue for the Eighties," *Proceedings of the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences*, vol. XVI, 1982, pp. 106-112.

Patrick J. Ashton, "The Sociology of Knowledge: Mannheim and Marx," Research Paper No. 67 of the *Transforming Sociology Series*, Red Feather Institute for Advanced Studies in Sociology, May 1980 (2nd printing, Fall 1980), 8 pages.

Patrick J. Ashton, "The Political Economy of Suburban Development," pp. 64-89 in William K. Tabb and Larry Sawers (eds.), *Marxism and the Metropolis: New Perspectives in Urban Political Economy*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1978.

Patrick J. Ashton, "Toward a New Conceptualization of Suburbs: A Theoretical and Empirical Exploration," *Sociological Focus* 10:3, August 1977, pp. 287-307.

Pat Ashton, "Toward a Revolutionary Socialist Movement," *Peninsular Papers* (Journal of the Michigan Sociological Association) 2:1, Fall 1976, pp. 63-65.

Publications – Teaching-Related Research Articles

Patrick J. Ashton, "The Introductory Sociology Course as a Vehicle for Minority Student Success in College" in E.L. Cerroni-Long (ed.), *Integrity & Inclusion: Diversity in the Academic Curriculum and Beyond*, forthcoming.

Michael F. O'Hear and Patrick J. Ashton, "Student Highlighting and Relation to Grade," *The Learning Assistance Review* (Journal of the Midwest College Learning Center Association) 4:2, Fall 1999, pp. 26-36.

Patrick J. Ashton, "'Hearing Voices': Writing and Diversity in Sociology Courses," *North Central Sociological Association Newsletter* Fall 1991, pp. 42-46.

Michael F. O'Hear and Patrick J. Ashton, "Main Idea Clues," *Forum for Reading* 21:1, Fall/Winter 1989, pp. 58-66.

Michael F. O'Hear and Patrick J. Ashton, "A Pilot Study: Food for Thought — Student Underlining Skills," *National Association for Developmental Education Newsletter* 11:1, June 1987, pp. 18-19.

Michael F. O'Hear and Patrick J. Ashton, "The Substantive Value of Main Idea Statements in Sociology Textbooks," *Forum for Reading* 18:2, Spring/Summer 1987, pp. 46-51.

Patrick J. Ashton, Michael F. O'Hear and Valli E. Pherson, "The Value of Main Idea Clues for Use with College Textbooks," *Journal of College Reading and Learning* XVIII, 1986, pp. 59-67.

Applied Research Reports

Patrick J. Ashton and Peter Iadicola, *Study of the Effects of Economic Displacement: The International Harvester Report*. Final Report on a study of the impact of a plant closing on 3,600 blue- and white-collar employees. Funded by International Harvester Corporation (now Navistar International) and supported by the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers Union (UAW). Fort Wayne, Indiana, December 1985. 80 pages.

Peter Iadicola and Patrick J. Ashton, *Replacing Our Lost Jobs: Patterns of Economic Change and Strategies for Economic Redevelopment in Fort Wayne*. Report prepared for the Job Loss Task Force of the Fort Wayne Consumer Center and the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana. Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 1983. 55 pages.

Peter Iadicola and Patrick J. Ashton, *The East Central Neighborhood: A Celebration of Community*. Report of the history of an inner-city neighborhood and its community association. Project funded by the Indiana Committee for the Humanities, The City of Fort Wayne, Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, and the East Central Neighborhood Association. Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1982. 400 pages. A 28-minute slide/tape presentation was also produced and is available from the Indiana Humanities Council, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Book Reviews

Review of Robert M. Diamond, *Designing and Improving Courses and Curricula in Higher Education: A Systematic Approach* (Jossey-Bass, 1989), in *Teaching Sociology* 18:4, October 1990, pp. 583-584.

Review of Anthony Giddens and Gavin Mackenzie (eds.), *Social Class and the Division of Labour* (Cambridge University Press, 1982), in *Contemporary Sociology* 13:5, September 1984, pp. 641-642.

Review of Robert L. Allen, *Reluctant Reformers: Racism and Social Reform Movements in the United States* (Anchor, 1975), in *The Insurgent Sociologist* 7:4, Fall 1977.

Research Grants Received

Co-Principal Investigator (with Michael F. O'Hear), "Student Textbook Interactions: Highlighting and Notetaking." Inaugural grant in the research award program of the College Reading and Learning Association, 1995. \$500.

Faculty Summer Research Grant, Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, 1990. Project title: "Developing A Comparative Sociology Of Urban Territorial Community." \$4,000.

Faculty Summer Research Grant, Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, 1985. Project title: "Socioeconomic Factors in the Development of Social Theory: A Study in the Sociology of Knowledge." \$4,000.

Co-Principal Investigator (with Peter Iadicola), "The East Central Neighborhood: A Celebration of Community." Indiana Committee for the Humanities, Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, the City of Fort Wayne, and the East Central Neighborhood Association, 1982. \$5,000.

Selected Invited Presentations

Invited presenter (with Matthew Kubik) of "The City in the New Millennium: Is Urban Community Possible?" a two-hour presentation hosted by the Indiana University Kokomo Honors Program, Kokomo, Indiana, February 9, 2000. An earlier version of this presentation was taped by request and broadcast on College Cable Access Channel 56, Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, Indiana, November 12, 1999.

Invited Presentations (continued)

Co-presenter (with Matthew Kubik) of a nationally-televised one-hour course entitled “Urbanism Run Amok: Can the City Be Saved in the Next Millennium?” in the series *The New Millennium: The Past as Prologue* presented by the National Collegiate Honors Council Satellite Seminar Program, November 16, 1999. Broadcast live to 82 college campuses nationwide; original proposal selected through a refereed process.

Invited keynote address, “Sociology of the Future and the Future of Sociology,” at the Alpha Kappa Delta (Delta of Indiana Chapter) initiation ceremony, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana, Nov. 12, 1996.

Invited discussant and panel chair, “Legal-Political Transformations and Citizenship Rights;” and invited conference guest at *Poland . . . Between Two Worlds*, the Third Annual International Conference on Polish Affairs, St. Mary’s College, Orchard Lake, Michigan, October 1-3, 1993.

Invited presentation, “Preparing Tomorrow’s Workforce: Schooling as Social Control,” at the conference “Getting Labor’s Message into the Public Schools,” sponsored by the Indiana University Division of Labor Studies. Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne, October 27, 1989.

Invited presentation, “Free to Be...Whatever They Can Be: Gender Bias in the Preschool Classroom,” at the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children Northeast Regional Conference, Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 12, 1988.

Invited presentation, “Who Makes Community Decisions?” at the Union Counselor Training Program of the United Way of Allen County, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 19, 1988; March 8, 1989; March 7, 1990.

Invited presentation, “Institutional Pathology and Local Community Organization: A Case Study from the United States,” at the Conference on the Solutions to the Pathologies of Urban Processes, jointly sponsored by the University of Warsaw and Indiana University International Programs, Kazimierz Dolny, Poland, October 12-16, 1987.

Research-Related Presentations at Professional Meetings

Patrick J. Ashton, “The Introductory Sociology Course as a Vehicle for Minority Student Success in College.” Refereed paper presented at the conference “Integrity & Inclusion: Diversity in the Academic Curriculum and Beyond,” Eastern Michigan University, November 2-3, 2001.

Patrick J. Ashton, “The Politics of Negative Findings in Evaluation Research,” at the Society for Applied Sociology Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 1, 1997.

Michael F. O’Hear and Patrick J. Ashton, “The Relationship of Highlighting to Test Success,” at the College Reading and Learning Association Annual Meeting, Sacramento, California, October 24, 1997.

Michael F. O’Hear and Patrick J. Ashton, “Student Textbook Interactions: Highlighting and Notetaking,” at the College Reading and Learning Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 1, 1996.

Peter Iadicola, Kathy Trier, and Patrick Ashton, “The Management of Interests in Conducting Applied Sociology,” Sociological Practice Association Annual Meeting, Arlington, Virginia, June 7, 1996.

Patrick J. Ashton, “How Changes in the Student Profile Will Affect the Way Students Learn,” North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 13, 1996.

Patrick J. Ashton, “Fighting the Edifice Complex: Opposition to Taxpayer-Funded Sports Stadiums,” Society for Applied Sociology Annual Meeting, Detroit, Michigan, October 22, 1994.

Patrick J. Ashton, “Finding Common Ground: Community Conflict Resolution as a Community-Building Tool,” Society for Applied Sociology Annual Meeting, Detroit, Michigan, October 21, 1994.

Presentations at Professional Meetings (continued)

Ed Moritz, Wendell Mayo, Patrick J. Ashton, and Barbara Cambridge, "Assessment of Writing Within and Across the Disciplines," at The Assessment Workshops at Indianapolis: Faculty-Developed Approaches to the Assessment of Learning, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 1-2, 1992.

Patrick J. Ashton, "Place and Space: Toward An Analysis of Urban Territorial Community," North Central Sociological Association and Southern Sociological Society Joint Annual Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, March 24, 1990.

Patrick J. Ashton, "The Pathologies of Urban Space: An Approach to the Study of Territorial Community," North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Akron, Ohio, April 16, 1989.

Patrick J. Ashton and Michael F. O'Hear, "Evaluating Main Idea Clues and Readability in Introductory Sociology Textbooks," North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Akron, Ohio, April 16, 1989.

Patrick J. Ashton and Peter Iadicola, "Financial Impact of a Plant Closing on Displaced Blue- and White-Collar Employees," Union for Radical Political Economics Annual Summer Conference, Sandwich, Massachusetts, August 1986.

Patrick J. Ashton and Peter Iadicola, "The Differential Impact of a Plant Closing on the Reemployment and Income Patterns of Displaced Blue- and White-Collar Employees," North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Toledo, Ohio, April 1986.

Peter Iadicola and Patrick J. Ashton, "What is Community? A Comparison of Perspectives," North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 1984.

Patrick J. Ashton and Peter Iadicola, "Toward a Marxist Theory of Community," Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Detroit, Michigan, August 1983.

Patrick J. Ashton and Peter Iadicola, "Economic Crisis and the Role of the State: Contradiction and Class Conflict," Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences Annual Meeting, Crawfordsville, Indiana, October 1982.

Patrick J. Ashton, "Capitalism, Imperialism, and Underdevelopment in the Third World," North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Detroit, Michigan, May 1982.

Patrick J. Ashton, "Capitalist Challenges to Democracy and Democratic Challenges to Capitalism: Issue for the Eighties," Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences Annual Meeting, Terre Haute, Indiana, October 1981.

Patrick J. Ashton, "Capitalism, Crime, and Urban Social Control," New Perspectives on the Urban Political Economy Conference, The American University, Washington, D.C., May 1981.

Peter Iadicola, Patrick J. Ashton, and Michael R. Nusbaumer, "Community Organizations and Perceived Threats: A Test of the Conflict Approach to Social Problem Development," North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio, May 1981.

Joan Sylvester, Patrick J. Ashton, and Peter Iadicola, "Methodological Problems in Marxist Sociology," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, April 1981.

Patrick J. Ashton, "Courts and Justice: A Critical Analysis of Trial Drama," North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Dayton, Ohio, May 1980.

Patrick J. Ashton, "Race, Class, and the Urban Crisis," Union for Radical Political Economics Midwest Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 1980.

Patrick J. Ashton, "The Drama of Justice: Creating and Maintaining a Definition of Reality in the Courtroom," North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1978.

Presentations at Professional Meetings (continued)

Patrick J. Ashton, "Class Consciousness and the U.S. Working Class," Michigan Sociological Association Spring Meeting, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, April 1978.

Patrick J. Ashton, "Toward a New Conceptualization of Suburbs: A Theoretical and Empirical Exploration," North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 1977.

Patrick J. Ashton, "Economic Crisis and the Contradictions of Suburban Development," Union for Radical Political Economics Annual Summer Conference, Yellow Springs, OH, August 1975.

Additional Research Activities

Manuscript reviewer for: *Social Problems*; *Sociological Focus*; *Michigan Sociological Review*; *Clio: A Journal of Literature, History, and the Philosophy of History*; *Journal of Applied Sociology*.

Affiliate, Community Development Resources Center (CDRC), Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Performed the following activities at the international conference "Solutions to the Pathologies of Urban Processes" jointly sponsored by the University of Warsaw and Indiana University International Programs: chaired and co-organized a session, "Grassroots Initiatives to Alleviate Urban Pathologies;" chaired a session and served as a discussant for the film "Poletown Lives!" and served on the conference Steering Committee, Kazimierz Dolny, Poland, October 12-16, 1987.

Professional Research Consulting

Originator and regular columnist for *Dear Aunt Emilee, Ph.D.: Advice for the Sociological Practitioner*, in the Indiana Sociological Practice Association *Newsletter*, 1995 – present.

Consultant to WANE-TV, News Channel 15 for *True Colors*, an investigative report on racial discrimination and on-air interpreter of poll data on racial attitudes in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Special aired November 5 and 6, 1997.

Mediator and consultant for conflict resolution and organization analysis, South Side High School, Fort Wayne Community Schools, Fall 1996.

Consultant to Fort Wayne Community Schools Superintendent Thomas Fowler-Finn on organizational assessment of school performance, Fall, 1996.

Consultant to *Science Central* interactive museum, Fort Wayne, on social science exhibit design, 1994-97.

Consultant for developing program-based assessment, Summit Arts Elementary Program, Fort Wayne Community Schools, 1993-95.

Research consultant on plant closings and job loss for the Hampden County (Massachusetts) Job Partnership Training Program, Fall 1986.

Testimony presented to the Indiana Study Group on Plant Closings, Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 16, 1983 (with Peter Iadicola).

Research consultant, United Way of Allen County (Indiana) Environmental SCAN forecast, 1982, 1984.

Research consultant, Association for Municipal Power citywide survey of Fort Wayne, IN, Feb.-April 1980.
