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Education

Ph.D.	Harvard University	1976	Sociology
M.A.	Harvard University	1973	Sociology
B.A.	Brandeis University	1969	Sociology

Smith College Junior Year Abroad: Universite de Geneve, Institut de Hautes Etudes Internationales, Institut Africain--Geneva, Switzerland, 1967-68

Research Interests

Pregnancy loss and bereavement	Chronic liver disease and transplantation
Infertility and Reproductive Technology	Responses to the global AIDS epidemic
Urban applied social research	

Professional Experience

Lehigh University	
NEH Distinguished Professor	1995 - present
Department Chair	1993-1996, 2006-
Department Graduate Coordinator	1997 - 2006
Professor	1989 - present
Associate Professor	1983 - 1989
Assistant Professor	1981 - 1983
Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences	1987-89, 1990-92
Bucknell University	
Assistant Professor	1977-81
Brown University	
Assistant Professor, Sociology, Medical Program, Urban Studies	1974-77
University of Abidjan, Ivory Coast	
Research associate, Institut d'Ethnosociologie	1972-74

Courses Taught

Medical Sociology	Women and Health
Introduction to Sociology	Urban Communities
Issues in the Analysis of Health Policy	AIDS and Society
Sociology of Aging	Dying and Death
Women and Ethnicity in Global Perspective	Research Methods
Global Perspectives on Health and Medical Care	
Health, Communication, and the Internet	

Semester at Sea, Faculty, 1997, taught Medical Sociology, AIDS and Society,
and Minority Groups

Grants, Honors and Awards

- 2002 Hillman Faculty Award, Lehigh University
1999 Teeple Outstanding Paper Award, Atlantic Marketing Association,
Annual Meeting
1997 Women's Studies Curriculum Development Grant
1995 Panhellenic Council, AFRIEND of the Semester
1995 - National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Professor
1988-91 Biomedical Research Support Grant, NIH, Principal Investigator
1985-87 NIA research grant, Community Social Change and Mortality
1987-88 Competitive renewal, NIA
1984-87 NICHD research grant, Effects of Pregnancy Loss on Individuals and Families
1987-89 Competitive renewal, NICHD
1983-85 Class of 1961 Professorship
1983 Outstanding Woman of the Year, Lehigh Valley Association for Academic Women
1975, 1980, 1986, 1989 Biomedical Research Support Grant, Public Health Service
1972-74 Comparative International Program (Harvard) predoctoral training grant
1969-72 Harvard University scholarship and teaching assistantships
1970-71 National Institute of Mental Health predoctoral research training grant
1969 B.A. magna cum laude, Brandeis University, Phi Beta Kappa

Publications

BOOKS

- 1994 Judith N. Lasker and Susan Borg, *In Search of Parenthood: Coping with Infertility and High Tech Conception (Artificial Insemination, Test Tube Fertilization, Surrogate Motherhood, and Ovum Transfer)*. Revised edition, Philadelphia: Temple University Press
1989 British edition, Pandora Press
1987 First edition, Beacon Press

1989 Susan Borg and Judith N. Lasker, *When Pregnancy Fails: Families Coping with Miscarriage, Ectopic Pregnancy, Stillbirth and Infant Death*. Revised edition, New York: Bantam Books
1983, 1987 German edition, Tomus
1982 British edition, Routledge and Kegan Paul
1981 Susan Borg and Judith N. Lasker, *When Pregnancy Fails: Families Coping with Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Infant Death*, Boston: Beacon Press

1992 Stewart Wolf and John G. Bruhn, in collaboration with Brenda P. Egolf, Judith N. Lasker, and Billy U. Phillips, *The Power of Clan; The Influence of Human Relationships on Heart Disease*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Publishers

ARTICLES

- Under review Nelson BA, Gunton KB, Lasker JN, Nelson LB, Drohan L: The Psychosocial Aspects of Strabismus in Teenagers and Adults and the Impact of Surgical Correction. *Journal of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus*.
- 2006 Bradley A Nelson, Kammi B Gunton, Judith N. Lasker. Strabismus Surgery in Adults Must Be Considered Reconstructive Surgery. *Yearbook of Ophthalmology*.
- 2005 Susan D. Wiley, Judith N. Lasker, and Judith A. Swartley, "When PostPartum Depression Occurs; Detection and Treatment," pamphlet for physicians and health care providers published by Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network
- 2005 Judith N. Lasker, Judith A. Swartley, and Susan D. Wiley, "When PostPartum Depression Occurs: A medical guidebook for patients and their families," pamphlet published by Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network
- 2005 Lasker JN, Sogolow ED, and Sharim RR. "For better and for worse: family and friends' responses to chronic liver disease," *Illness, Crisis, and Loss*, 13, 271-288.
- 2005 Judith N. Lasker, Bonnie Coyle, Michael Ortynsky and Kuang Li, Demographic and Medical Predictors of Low Birthweight in a Regional Hospital Based Population. *Health Care for Women International*. 26, 262-280.
- 2005 Judith Lasker, Ellen Sogolow, and Rebecca Sharim. The role of an online community for people with a rare disease: content analysis of messages posted on a Primary Biliary Cirrhosis mailinglist. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*. 7, e10.
- 2004 Ellen Sogolow, Judith Lasker, Lynn Short, and Miguel Arguedas M. "Women and chronic liver disease: experiences living with primary biliary cirrhosis and hepatitis C," [revise and resubmit, *Health Care for Women International*].
- 2003 Judith Lasker and Lori Toedter, The impact of ectopic pregnancy; a sixteen year follow up study. *Health Care for Women International*. 24 (3), 80-97.
- 2001 Judith Lasker and Dawn Murray, Jews, Non-Jews, and Attitudes toward Reproductive Technologies *Contemporary Jewry*. 22, 80-97.
- 2001 Susan McGorry and Judith Lasker, Elderly Latinos in the U.S: What do they know and think about HIV/AIDS?, *Journal of Non-Profit and Public Sector Marketing*. 9 (3), 89-
Also in *Marketing for the Millenium*. Jerry W. Wilson, ed. Atlantic Marketing Association Proceedings Volume XV, Fifteenth Annual Conference, Annapolis, MD Sept 29 - Oct 2, 1999
- 2001 Judith Lasker and Dawn Murray, Attitudes toward Technologies for Conception; A Fifteen Year Follow-up, *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*. 31(10), 2165-2183.

- 2001 Lori Toedter, Judith Lasker, and Hettie Janssen, International Comparison of Studies using the Perinatal Grief Scale: A Decade of Research on Pregnancy Loss *Death Studies*. 25(3), 205-228.
- 2001 Judith Lasker and Susan Borg, The Rise and Fall of Ovum Transfer: a Cautionary Tale, in Kathryn Strother Ratcliff, *Women and Health; Power, Technology, Inequality, and Conflict in a Gendered World*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon (reprinted from *In Search of Parenthood*)
- 2000 Arthur Engler and Judith Lasker, Predictors of Maternal Grief in the Year after a Newborn Death *Illness, Crisis & Loss*. 8, 227-243.
- 2000 Judith Lasker and Lori Toedter, Predicting outcomes after pregnancy loss; Results from studies using the perinatal grief scale, *Illness, Crisis, and Loss*. 8, 350-372.
- 1998 The Users of Donor Insemination, in Daniel and Haimes, eds., *Psychosocial Aspects of Donor Insemination: International Perspectives*, Cambridge University Press.
- 1996 Susan Xiaoqin Lin and Judith N. Lasker, Patterns of Grief after Perinatal Loss, *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 66:262-71.
- 1995 Victoria Mekosh-Rosenbaum and Judith N. Lasker, Effects of Pregnancy Outcomes on Marital Satisfaction; a Longitudinal Study of Birth and Loss, *Journal of Infant Mental Health*, 16:127-143.
- 1994 Judith N. Lasker, Brenda Egolf, and Stewart Wolf, Community Social Change and Mortality, *Social Science and Medicine*, 39:53-62.
- Judith N. Lasker and Lori J. Toedter, Satisfaction with Hospital Care and Interventions after Pregnancy Loss, *Death Studies*, 18:41-64.
- 1993 Doctors and Donors: A Comment on Secrecy and Openness in Donor Insemination, *Politics and the Life Sciences*, 186-187.
- Stillbirth, *Encyclopedia of Childbearing: Critical Perspectives*, ed. Barbara Katz Rothman, Oryx Press
- Arnold Lasker and Judith N. Lasker, Do They Want Their Children to Be Like Them? Parental Heritage and Jewish Identity, *Contemporary Jewry*, 12:109-126, 1991 (pub. 1993).
- Reprinted in *Essential Readings On Jewish Identities, Lifestyles & Beliefs*, ed. Richard Altschuler, Gordian Knot Books, in press
- 1992 Brenda Egolf, Judith N. Lasker, Stewart Wolf, and Louise Potvin, The Roseto Effect: A Fifty-Year Comparison of Mortality Rates, *American Journal of Public Health*, 82:1089-1092
- Kandi Stinson, Judith N. Lasker, Janet Lohmann, and Lori J. Toedter, Parents' Grief following Pregnancy Loss: A Comparison of Mothers and Fathers, *Family Relations*, 41:218-223
- 1991 Harriet Parmet and Judith N. Lasker, Religion and Views on Reproductive Technologies: A Comparative Study of Jews and Non-Jews, *Shofar* 10:57-71

- Judith N. Lasker and Lori J. Toedter, Acute vs. Chronic Grief: the Case of Pregnancy Loss, *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* 61:510-522
- Kristen Goldbach, Dana Dunn, Lori J. Toedter, and Judith N. Lasker, The Effects of Gestational Age and Gender on Grief after Pregnancy Loss, *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* 61:461-467
- Dana Dunn, Kristen Goldbach, Judith N. Lasker, and Lori Toedter, Explaining Pregnancy Loss; Parents' and Physicians' Attributions, *Omega* 25:13-23
- 1990 Lori Toedter, Judith N. Lasker, and Donald T. Campbell, The Comparison Group Problem in Bereavement and the Retrospective Pretest, *Evaluation Review*, 14:75-90
- Judith N. Lasker and Harriet Parmet, Rabbinic and Feminist Responses to Reproductive Technology, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, 6:117-130
- 1989 Judith N. Lasker and Susan Borg, Secrecy and the New Reproductive Technologies, *New Approaches to Human Reproduction: Social and Ethical Dimensions*, edited by Linda Whiteford and Marilyn Poland, Westview Press
- Louise Potvin, Judith N. Lasker, and Lori Toedter, Measuring Grief: A Short Version of the Perinatal Grief Scale, *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment*, 11:29-45
- 1988 Lori J. Toedter, Judith N. Lasker, and Janice M. Alhadeff, The Perinatal Grief Scale: Development and Initial Validation, *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 58:435-449
- Stewart Wolf, Roy C. Herrenkohl, Judith Lasker, Brenda Egolf, Billy Phillips, and John G. Bruhn, Roseto, Pennsylvania 25 Years Later; Highlights of a Medical and Sociological Review, *Transactions of American Clinical and Climatological Association*, 100:57-67
- 1984 Judith N. Lasker and Lori Toedter, Designing a Study of the Impact of Perinatal Loss, *Eastern Evaluation Research Society Newsletter*
- 1981 Choosing Among Therapies: Illness Behavior in the Ivory Coast, *Social Science and Medicine*, 15A:157-168
- 1980 V. A. Medical Care: The Politics of an American Government Health Service, *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 7:374-389. Reprinted in: *Challenge and Innovation in American Health Care Policy*, ed. Allen Immershein, Westview Press, 1981.
- 1978 Barry Siegel and Judith N. Lasker, Deinstitutionalizing Elderly Patients: A Program of Resocialization, *The Gerontologist*, 18:293-300
- 1977 The Role of Health Services in Colonial Rule: The Case of the Ivory Coast, *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*, 1:277-297
- 1976 Ph.D. Dissertation: Health Care and Society in the Ivory Coast: An Approach to the Study of National Health Systems, Harvard University
- 1974 Le Comportement Sanitaire; une Etude Comparative de Deux Localites en Cote d'Ivoire, National Institute of Public Health, Abidjan, Ivory Coast

Papers Presented

- 2006 J.N. Lasker, T. Bealer, J. Young, et al.. Building Community Ties and Individual Well

- Being: A Case Study of the Community Exchange Organization. Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, August
- 2006 J.N. Lasker, R.S. Sharim, & E.D. Sogolow, Stigma and Chronic Liver Disease. Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, February
- 2005 J.N.Lasker and E.D. Sogolow, PBC and Quality of Life. PBCers Organization national conference, Las Vegas June
- 2005 J.N. Lasker, E.D. Sogolow, and R.R. Sharim, Women's experience of liver disease and transplantation. Eastern Sociological Society, Washington, D.C., March
- 2005 J.N. Lasker, E.D. Sogolow, and R.R. Sharim, Women's experience of liver disease and transplantation. Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, OR, April
- 2005 Judith N. Lasker, Tara Bertsch, Jessica Brown, Jessica R. Dreistadt, Jacqueline Gardocki, Jinbo Gong, Maureen Isaacson, Teniece Johnson, Jennifer Miernicki-Nojunas, Sarah Niebler, Dawn Rocky, Amy Seng, Carlos Tavares, Carli Toliver, Joseph Van Brackle, Elizabeth Wolski. BethWorks Now: A Sociological Perspective. Society for Applied Sociology, Philadelphia, August.
- 2004 Judith N. Lasker, Ellen D. Sogolow, Lynn M. Short, and Rebecca Sharim, The role of the internet for women with chronic liver disease: A case study. American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C., November
- 2004 Judith N. Lasker, Ellen D. Sogolow, Lynn M. Short, and Rebecca Sharim, The Role of the Internet for People With a Rare Disease: The Case of Primary Biliary Cirrhosis. Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, August.
- 2004 Judith N. Lasker, Sharing Illness on the Internet: Information and Support for people with chronic liver disease. Pennsylvania Medical Humanities Consortium conference, Hershey, Pa., May.
- 2004 Judith N. Lasker, Teaching Medical Sociology. Eastern Sociological Society, New York, February.
- 2003 Judith N. Lasker and Hannah Stewart-Gambino, Lehigh University's Community Fellows Program; An Example of University-Community Collaboration in Applied Social Research. Society for Applied Sociology, New Orleans, October.
- 2003 Ellen D. Sogolow, Judith N. Lasker, and Lynn M. Short, The Role of Family Support for People living with Liver Disease, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, August.
- 2002 Judith N. Lasker, Ellen D. Sogolow, Lynn M. Short, Miguel Arguedas, Psychosocial and Behavioral Dimensions of Living with Liver Disease, International Sociological Association, Brisbane, Australia, July.

- 2002 Judith N. Lasker, Ellen D. Sogolow, Lynn M. Short, Miguel Arguedas, Psychosocial and Behavioral Dimensions of Living with Liver Disease, Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, March
- 2001 Judith N. Lasker, Michael Ortynsky Kuang Li, and Bonnie Coyle, Demographic and Medical Predictors of Low Birthweight in a Regional Hospital Based Population, Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Anaheim, August.
- 2001 Judith Lasker, Kuang Li, Michael Ortynsky, Partnership between Sociology and Public Health: Assessment of Risk Factors for Low Birthweight Deliveries, Community Campus Partnerships for Health, San Antonio.
- 2000 Judith Lasker and Dawn Murray, Attitudes toward Technologies for Conception; A Fifteen Year Follow-up, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Washington, D.C.
- 2000 Victor Argothy, Joyce Donigian, Brooke Dumain, Alisa Shiffman, Sarah Tarnoff, and Judith Lasker, University Students and Community Residents: Perceptions of Town-Gown Relations. Society for Applied Sociology, Bethesda, MD.
- 1999 Judith Lasker and Dawn Murray, Religion, Religiosity, and Attitudes toward Reproductive Technologies. Midwest Jewish Studies Association, Colorado Springs
- Sell me your eggs: women and men respond to reproductive technologies, University of Colorado, Women's Studies Program, Colorado Springs
- Judith Lasker and Susan McGorry, HIV Prevention and Latino Culture; Differences in Knowledge and Attitudes among Latino Subgroups, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago
- Susan Y. McGorry and Judith N. Lasker, Elderly Latinos: What Do They Know and Think About Aids? Atlantic Marketing Association Conference, Annapolis, Maryland. Nominated for Eugene Teeple Best Conference Paper Award.
- AIDS: The Global Epidemic, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago
- Judith Lasker and Dawn Murray, Religious Identification and Views on Reproductive Technology, International Institute of Sociology, Tel Aviv
- AIDS around the World, Hershey Medical School
- Susan McGorry and Judith Lasker, HIV Knowledge and Attitudes Among Older Latinos in the U.S., Eastern Sociological Society, Boston and Atlantic Marketing Association
- 1997 Colonialism, Neo-Colonialism and Medical Care: The Case of the Ivory Coast, Groote Schur Hospital, Capetown, South Africa
- Following the AIDS Epidemic around the World, Pennsylvania State University, Department of Geography
- 1995 Infertility: Medical Treatment and Social Responses, Luce Symposium, Wellesley College
- 1994 Jewish Responses to AIDS, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Albuquerque

- 1993 Susan Xiaoqin Lin and Judith N. Lasker, Patterns of Grief Reaction after a Pregnancy Loss, International Conference on Bereavement, Stockholm, 1994 and Eastern Sociological Society, Boston
- 1993 Judith N. Lasker, Janet Lohmann, and Stephanie Skumanich, The Role of Religion in Bereavement after Pregnancy Loss, American Sociological Association, Miami
- 1992 Judith N. Lasker, Brenda Egolf, and Stewart Wolf, Community Social Change and Mortality, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Pittsburgh
- Susan Xiaoqin Lin and Judith N. Lasker, Ethnic Differences in Grief and Depression, Eastern Sociological Society, Arlington, Va.
- 1991 Judith N. Lasker, Victoria Smith, and Lori J. Toedter, Responses to Pregnancy Loss in Adolescence, American Sociological Association, Cincinnati
- 1990 Arnold A. Lasker and Judith N. Lasker, Do They Want their Children to be Like Them?; Parental Heritage and Jewish Identity, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Virginia Beach, Va.
- Judith N. Lasker and Lori J. Toedter, Acute vs. Chronic Grief: the Case of Pregnancy Loss, American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Judith N. Lasker and Lori Toedter, Grief Outcomes after Perinatal Loss, International Sociological Association, Madrid
- 1989 Janet Lohmann, Judith N. Lasker, and Lori Toedter, Religion and Perinatal Loss, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City
- Lori Toedter, Judith N. Lasker, and Aileen Wells, Predicting Outcome Following Pregnancy Loss: A Two-Year Longitudinal Analysis, American Psychological Society, Alexandria, VA
- 1988 Judith N. Lasker, Women, Men, and Reproductive Technology, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta
- 1987 Judith N. Lasker and Harriet L. Parmet, Feminism and Halakha: Unexpected Consensus on Reproductive Technology, Association for Jewish Studies, Boston
- Judith N. Lasker and Susan Borg, Secrecy and The New Reproductive Technologies, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago
- Lori Toedter, Judith N. Lasker, and Janice Alhadeff, The Perinatal Grief Scale: Development and Initial Validation, Eastern Psychological Association, Arlington, VA
- 1986 Harriet Parmet and Judith N. Lasker, Jewish Liberalism? Views on Reproductive Technologies, Association for Jewish Studies, Boston
- Infertility and the Right to Have a Child, Brown University Lecture Series on New Reproductive Technologies and Human Rights
- 1985 Judith N. Lasker and Lori J. Toedter, Bereavement after Spontaneous Abortion, First International Symposium on Grief and Bereavement, Jerusalem
- Alice Mesaros, Judith N. Lasker, and Lori J. Toedter, Grief Reactions to Perinatal Loss: An Argument for Funeral Ceremonies, First International Symposium on Grief and Bereavement, Jerusalem

- 1984 Bereavement as a Health Issue, Eastern District Association of the American Alliance for Health and Physical Education, Philadelphia
The Challenge of Pregnancy: Changing Technology and Choice, Lafayette College, February
- 1983 Children's Responses to Perinatal Loss, Foundation of Thanatology and Columbia University
Stillbirth and Newborn Death, The Foundation of Thanatology and Columbia University, New York
Studying the Consequences of Fetal and Infant Loss, Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, 1982.
- 1981 Support Groups or Professional Care: Helping Parents after Miscarriage and Infant Death. Society for the Study of Social Problems, Toronto, 1981, and American Public Health Association, Los Angeles
Grieving Families: Individual and Institutional Responses to Reproductive Loss. University of Pittsburgh, Department of Sociology/Graduate School of Public Health Seminar Series
Judith N. Lasker and Susan Borg, Coping with Neonatal Death. Association for Birth Psychology, New York
- 1980 Colonialism, Independence, and the Medical Profession in the Ivory Coast. African Studies Association, Philadelphia
Judith N. Lasker and Susan Borg, Responses to Reproductive Loss. American Public Health Association, Detroit
The Politics of Professionalism: Effects on Health Care in the Ivory Coast. Society for the Study of Social Problems, Boston
- 1979 V. A. Medical Care: The Politics of an American Government Health Service. Society for the Study of Social Problems, Boston
- 1978 Choosing Among Therapies: Illness Behavior in the Ivory Coast. International Sociological Association, Uppsala, Sweden
- 1976 Methods of Cross-National Health Research, Boston University Institute on Comparative Medical Systems
Health Care and Society in the Ivory Coast. New England Consortium for The Comparative Study of National Health Systems, Dartmouth Medical School.

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