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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Sociology, The City University of New York Graduate Center

Pre-doctoral National Science Foundation (NSF) fellowship in Medical Sociology  
(in coordination with Mt. Sinai Medical School and Hospital)

Areas of specialization: Deviance (Crime); Medical Sociology; Family

Ph.D. dissertation: Friendship patterns

M.A. Criminal Justice, Goddard College Graduate Program

Master's thesis, "Victims of Crime and Social Change"

Thesis advisor: Dr. A. Niederhoffer, Sociology Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

One year of graduate training in psychiatric art therapy, Hahnemann Medical College

B.A. Fine Arts, Hofstra University (Transferred from the State University of New York at Buffalo)

Art Student of the Year; Dean's List

## **TEACHING AND CAREER AWARDS**

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Department of Sociology, Adjunct Excellence Awards

Mentoring Excellence Award (Adj), 2021, 2020, 2019, 2016

Teaching Excellence Award (Adj), 2021, 2017, John Jay Coll of Criminal Justice, Sociology Dept

The City University of New York, Graduate Center, Alumni Achievement Awards, 2006 Recipient

## **TEACHING APPOINTMENTS**

Sam Houston State University, Department of Victim Studies, August 2021-

Courses taught:

- Seminar in Victimology (Fall 2021) (Graduate)
- Advocacy and Case Management (Spring 2022, VCST-5366) (Graduate)
- Victimology (Spring 2022, VCST-3550) (Undergraduate)

Partial list of guest speakers:

- Karima Holmes, 20-year 9-1-1 operator; former director of Washington, D.C. call center
- Dr. Ann Wolbert Burgess, rape victim researcher; criminal profiler; psychiatric nurse

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, Dept of Sociology, August 2014-, Adjunct Assistant Professor; Promoted to Adjunct Associate Professor, August 2020

Courses taught:

- Victimology
- Criminology
- International Criminology
- Penology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Sociology of Health (Special topics) (Fall 2021)

Took the Writing Intensive training at John Jay.

Partial list of guest speakers in Victimology courses:

- Fred Guttenberg, father of Jaime, who was killed in Parkland, FL school shooting
- Nance Schick, lawyer and dispute resolution expert; survivor of repeat victimizations

- Nicole Hockley, mother of 6-year-old son killed in Sandy Hook Elementary School killings
- Jeffrey Rinek, retired FBI agent whose specialty was finding kidnapped children
- Diego Redondo, Ph.D., retired FBI field agent for 20 years; Director of Public Safety at John Jay; Active Shooter trainer
- Shelly Clevenger, Ph.D., Dept Chair & Associate Professor, Victim Studies Dept, SHSU
- Tereson, mother of 21-year-old Eden who committed a murder-suicide of his father
- Christina Stanton, resident of lower Manhattan impacted by 9/11 terrorist attacks
- Patrick Korellis, gunshot wound survivor of Northern Illinois U. shooting that killed five
- Bernard Kerik, former police commissioner, New York City

Partial list of guest speakers in Penology class and prison and alternatives to prison visits:

- Superintendent Mike Capra, Sing Sing Maximum Security Prison
- Julio Briones, entrepreneur and home healthcare consultant, served 10 years

Field trips:

- Osborne Association, Bronx, New York (alternative to prison and reentry programs)
- Sing Sing Correctional Facility, state maximum security prison, Ossining, New York
- Eastern Jersey State Prison, state maximum security prison, Rahway, New Jersey
- Lincoln Correctional Facility (work-release program in NYC)
- FCI Danbury, federal minimum security prison in Danbury, Connecticut

Baruch College, CUNY, Dept of Sociology & Anthropology, Spring 2018-

Course taught: Introductory Sociology

Related field trips:

- National Museum of the American Indian (Bowling Green, New York City)
- Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

William Paterson University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, 2016-

Courses taught:

- Graduate: Qualitative Research; Race and Ethnic Experiences
- Undergraduate: Social Deviance; Sociology of Corrections; Criminology; Methods of Social Research

Iona College, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Fall 2020-

Courses taught:

Graduate: Forensic Health Issues, The Law, & the Criminal Justice System; Victimology

Partial list of guest speakers:

- Judge Steve Leifman, founder of the Diversionary program for the Mentally Ill in Miami
- Cindy Collins, survivor, author

Undergraduate courses (Major Social Thinkers; Introduction to Sociology; Victimology; Social Problems)

Kean University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Spring 2020-

Courses taught:

- Crime & Delinquency
- Senior Seminar in Sociology
- Social Deviance
- Introduction to Sociology

New York Film Academy, Spring 2020

Course taught: Public Speaking

### **Previous full-time appointments:**

New York Institute of Technology (NYIT); Asst Professor; 1983-85; Dept of Behavioral Sciences  
Taught 5/5 course load each semester.

Courses taught:

Introduction to Sociology, Criminology; Sociology of Health; Juvenile Justice; Criminal Justice; Crisis Intervention (graduate)

Penn State, English Department, State College, PA; Visiting Assistant Professor, Spring 1981.

Courses taught: Advanced Nonfiction Writing; Introduction to Magazine writing;

**Previous adjunct appointments:**

University of Connecticut, 1999 to 2006. Department of Sociology

Courses taught: Intro Sociology; Criminology; Race, Class, and Gender; Drugs & Society  
Temple University, Courses taught: Juvenile Delinquency; Introductions to Criminal Justice

“J.L. Barkas [a/k/a/ Jan Yager] taught several courses in Criminal Justice under the auspices of the Center for the Administration of Justice of Temple University Ms. Barkas is a very effective communicator. She is articulate, well prepared, and responsible. She also cares about her students and colleagues....” —Louis B. Rappaport, Associate Dir., Temple University, 3/12/80

St. John’s University, Course taught: Sociology of Health

The New School. Courses taught: The Roots of Violence; A History of Vegetarianism

Partial list of guest speaker: Federal Judge Jack Weinstein’ Peter Maas (author, *Serpico*)

Visits to the New York City Morgue Museum

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING/WORK EXPERIENCES RELATED TO TEACHING, CRIME VICTIMS, OFFENDERS, AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED**

- The Rowan Center (formerly called Rape and Sexual Assault Abuse Crisis Center, Inc), recertification 40 hour training, June 2021 (6/1-6/26) (Follow-up to the 40 hour training completed in 1995)
- Participant observer, 1-1/2 years, Weekly support group for Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse
- School of Professional Studies, CUNY, Online 2-week teaching intensive, August 2019 (Certificate awarded)
- Crime Victim Hotline advocate, Vera Institute of Justice, Brooklyn, New York, 1976-77
- Crime Prevention Resource Center, founder and administrator; housed in the Library of Marymount Manhattan College, Upper East Side, Manhattan, funded by an LEAA grant (September 1978 to June 1980)  
Citation of Merit, September 30, 1980, from The Anti-Crime Through Organized Neighborhood Effort Program (ACT ONE), funded by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA)
- Teaching online, School of Professional Studies, August 2020 (2 week intensive)
- Teaching online, Kean University
- Reentry volunteer program, Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, organized by M. Sharpe (women to Women, 1974-1976)
- Offender-Aid-and-Restoration, Riker’s Island volunteer program, 1974-75
- Crime Victims Training Program, Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, Witness Aid Services Unit (WASU), 5 days, June 23, 1980 – July 1, 1980

**Skills Building Workshop**

Offered every Fall and Spring semester since 2016 at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY) through the Sociology Department.

Topics covered: Time management; Notetaking; Study skills; How to present; Better writing

**Comments about Dr. Yager’s teaching by a former student, John Jay College of Criminal Justice:**

“Dr. Yager is one of the most knowledgeable professors at John Jay. I was in her Criminology, Victimology, and Penology courses spanning three semesters. Having the opportunity to take those three classes with her and the informative trips to Sing Sing and Lincoln Correctional facilities really gave me new perspective and knowledge of criminology and the criminal justice system. The passion and conviction that I grasped from her lectures and numerous guest speakers over the years inspired

me to further my education. Her contributions over the years certainly merits further integration into the John Jay community. I, as an John Jay alumni, believe she will be a credit to future students and education quality.”—David Cheung

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS** (partial listing)

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Division of Victimology Member

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

Section on Victimology Member

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Homicide Research Working Group (HRWG)

NOVA (National Organization of Victim Assistance)

Alpha Kappa Delta (The International Sociology Honor Society), John Jay College chapter

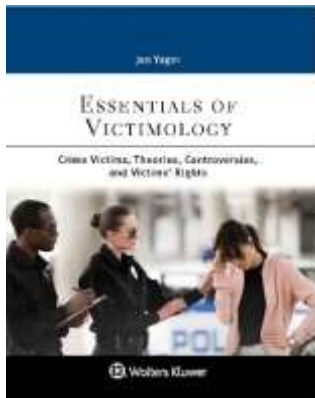
Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACCS)

ASJA (American Society of Journalists and Authors)

The Authors Guild

The Dramatists Guild

### **Selected published and forthcoming books**



**Essentials of Victimology: Crime Victims, Theories, Controversies, and Victims' Rights** (textbook, October 2021, Wolters Kluwer, copyright 2022, 16 chapters) Includes ancillary materials for instructors (developed by the author): Instructor's Manual, Power Points for each chapter; Test Bank including multiple choice, true-false, fill-in, and essay questions (with answers for instructors. There are also Appendices posted at the publisher's website, [www.wklegaledu.com](http://www.wklegaledu.com), as well as additional materials for students including links to related videos, articles, etc.). Covers all major violent and property crimes as well as some additional victims rarely addressed in other textbooks including animal cruelty and neglect; natural disasters; sibling sexual abuse; families of the incarcerated; expanded coverage about secondary victims of homicide



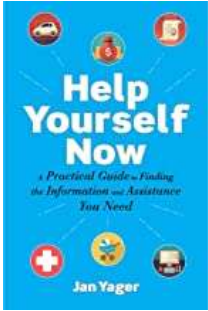
**Victims** (originally published by Scribner's under the maiden name of J.L. Barkas in 1978; published in by Hannacroix Creek Books, Inc. (author's press) in 2021 with a new introduction (50+ pages), statistics, new cover, and resources Covers victims of murder, robbery, domestic violence, burglary, rape and sexual assault, treatment by the criminal justice system, and more.

18 city tour including the *Today Show* Foreign sales: UK (Peel Press)

Reviews of the original Scribner edition:

“...recreates the emotions of the victim (and the secondary victim) with a directness and clarity that is impossible to ignore...”—J. Becker, *Washington Post*.

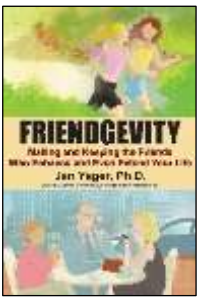
“A timely book, extensively documented, which tries to deal both rationally and feelingly with what is fast becoming a volatile social and political issue.” — *Kirkus Reviews*



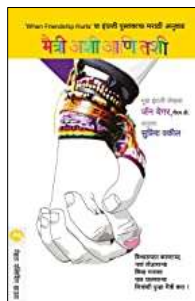
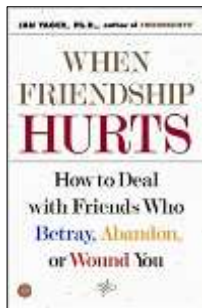
**Help Yourself Now** (Allworth Press, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, March 2021)  
 Guide to getting help; 31 chapters including chapters on Crime Victims, Legal Services, Offenders and Formerly Incarcerated; Addiction; Health; Counseling. Each chapter has an introduction followed by annotated listings of associations, organizations, and/or selected companies offering help with a wide range of issues.  
 "...VERDICT An excellence reference for all libraries and counseling centers."—*Library Journal*, starred review

**The Help Book** (Scribner's, 1979)

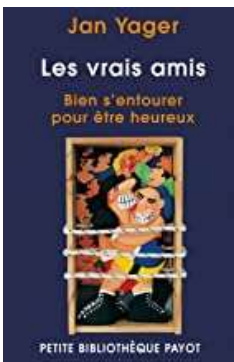
How to get help in 52 areas of concern including health, education, volunteerism, crime prevention, financial assistance, the arts, mental health, and veterans; Featured in the *New York Times* and the Associated Press (AP)



**Friendgeivity** (Hannacroix Creek Books, 2021) (Available as e-book, print, and audiobook)  
 Includes a chapter on Frenemies and Fatal Friends  
 Appendices have a chapter-by-chapter discussion of Critical Thinking Questions as well as how the four major sociological theories would analyze friendship: Functionalism, Conflict Theory, Symbolic Interactionism, and Feminist Theory.



**When Friendship Hurts**  
 (Simon & Schuster/Touchstone, 2002; e-book, 2010)  
 Translated into 29 languages  
 "This valuable book will be a rescuer to all readers struggling to deal with an ailing friendship."  
 —*Publishers Weekly*  
 "Although there are myriad books



on friendship, this one is somewhat different in focus and should appeal to a wide audience. Recommended for all public libraries."  
 —*Library Journal*

**Friendship: A Selected, Annotated Bibliography** (Garland Publishing, 1985)

**Friendships: The Power of Friendship and How It Shapes Our Lives** (Hannacroix Creek Books, Inc., 1997, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1999)

(Based on, and expanded from, dissertation research.)

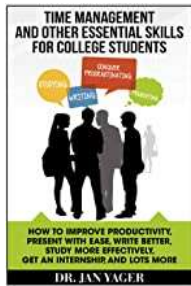
Foreign translations: Arabic; Spanish; Slovenian; French; simplified and complex Chinese; Korean; Russian; Vietnamese

**Effective Business and Nonfiction Writing** (originally published by Arco)

Translated into Vietnamese, Russian, Chinese

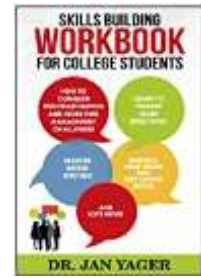
**Work Less, Do More: The 7-Day Productivity Makeover** (originally published by Sterling Publishers)

Translated into 12 languages including Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Bulgarian, Korean)



**Time Management and Other Essential Skills for College Students** (Hannacroix Creek Books, Inc., 2020)

**Skills Building Workbook for College Students** (Hannacroix Creek Books, Inc., 2022)

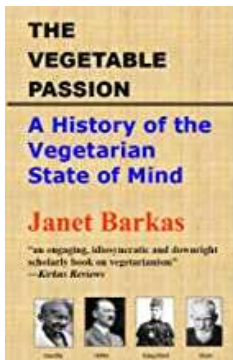


**Business Protocol** (originally published by Wiley; winner of the first prize for best nonfiction book, National Federation of Press Women; main selection of the Executive Book Club)

**Career Opportunities in the Publishing Industry** (co-author, Fred Yager) (Facts on File, 2010; 2005)  
Foreword to 2<sup>nd</sup> edition: Laurel Touby, founder of mediabistro.com  
Foreword to 1<sup>st</sup> edition: Pat Schroeder, CEO, Association of American Publishers (AAP) Overview of industry plus 80 career profiles

**Career Opportunities in the Film Industry** (co-author, Fred Yager) (Facts on File, Inc., 2009; 2003)  
Foreword to 2<sup>nd</sup> edition: actor David Carradine  
Foreword to 1<sup>st</sup> edition: Peter Guber, Mandalay Pictures)  
Overview of industry plus 75+ career profiles

**The Encyclopedia of Sleep and Sleep Disorders** with Charles Pollak, M.D. and Michael J. Thorpy, M.D. (Facts on File, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2010; 1<sup>st</sup> edition, 1991. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2001) Third edition includes an extensive section entitled, "The Sociology of Sleep" by Jan Yager, Ph.D.



**The Vegetable Passion: A History of the Vegetarian State of Mind.**

New York: Scribner, 1975. Routledge & Kegan Paul, London, 1975.

Republished under the title, *A Controversial History of Vegetarianism* by Emerald Publishing, January 2019, Chennai, India.

(Reissued by Hannacroix Creek Books, Inc., with a new introduction, 2015)

Includes a discussion of Adolf Hitler and his vegetarian diet.

The author traveled to Germany, India, and throughout England to research *The Vegetable Passion*.

### Fiction/Novels

**The Pretty One** (2011 novel about a married New Jersey psychologist dealing with childhood and teenage sexual abuse)

**Just Your Everyday People** (Novel) (Vietnamese translation, published in India. Emerald Publishing)

**Untimely Death** (Novel) (Swedish and Vietnamese translations; published in India, Emerald Publishing)

**On the Run** (novel)

### Selected list of additional published articles

"No Boundaries to Hatred" *New York Times*, Op-Ed page, 1974 (Reprinted with added footnotes/explanations in *Essentials of Victimology*)

"Perspective on Friendship," *Sociological Practice, International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, Vol. 18, No. 1, 1998

Review of *Criminal Justice and the Victim* by William F. McDonald *Crime & Delinquency*, Jan 1979

"What About the Victims?" *Journal of Current Social Issues*, Summer 1979

"Murders Followed by Suicide," INA/United Media, Sept. 1980

"Payment in Lives," *New York Times*, Letter to the Editor

"Let's Give Crime Victims Their Due." *Newsday*, September 10, 1978

"Precaution Best Defense Against Crime in the Office," *Newsday*, March 15, 1988

"Murder on Our Minds," *Washington Star*, Dec. 12, 1980

"Viewpoint." *Glamour* (first serial rights publication of Preface from *Victims*)

*Understanding the Criminal Justice System*, NY: Public Affairs Committee booklet, 1979

*Protecting Yourself Against Crime*, NY: Public Affairs Committee booklet, 1978

"The Ultimate Loss So Difficult to Endure": A Different Grief." *Survivors*. Winter 1982.

[Consumeraffairs.com](http://Consumeraffairs.com) - Weekly columnist for "Boomerific" in 2010

- "How to Avoid Ponzi Schemes"
- "A Legal Wake Up Call for Boomers"

"Five Top Time Wasters," *Redbook*, August 1990

"How Well Do You Handle Change?" *Seventeen*, August 1980

"Holiday Stress: Coping with Year-End Crunch." *Newsday*, December 15, 1987

"Sprucing UP for Spring," *Woman's Day*, March 25, 1986

"The Friendship Factor in Marriage," *American Baby*, March 1988

"Personal Crisis Versus the Job," *Los Angeles Times*, September 18, 1980

"Adapting to Violence," (trip to Belfast), *The New Leader*, March 15, 1976

"Help! How to Cope with it All," *Redbook*, October 1977

"Face to Face With the Planner of the Third Reich: An Interview with Albert Speer." *Contemporary Review*, February 1973.

"Frau Wagner." *Opera News*, July 1972.

"Something Inside Me Cried Out for India," *The Times of India*, July 14, 1974

Freelance theater critic, *Back Stage* newspaper (1972-1979); *Show Business* newspaper (1971-72)

"Is She a Toxic Friend?" *LadiesHomeJournal.com*, Fall 2003

### **Academic Service**

- Teaching and Resources Committee, Division of Victimology, American Society of Criminology (ASC), beginning July 2021
- Editorial Board, Personal Relations journal, International Association for Relationship Research (IARR), 2006-2008

### **TRAVELS FOR RESEARCH**

Throughout the United States including Attica Correctional Facility, Sing Sing, Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, Rochester Correctional Facility, Lincoln Correctional Facility, Elmire Reformatory; East Jersey State Correctional Facility; FCI Danbury

Internationally to the following countries: India, Nepal, England, Scotland (meetings at Scotland Yager), Ireland, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Germany (prison in Frankfurt; Dachau concentration camp), Sweden, Denmark, Japan, Taiwan, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, UAE including Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Sharjah, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and St. Croix