

Melvin Kohn
Professor Emeritus

Education

1944-46 Deep Springs Jr. College, Deep Springs, California.

1946-48 Cornell University, B.A. with distinction in psychology and in general studies.

1948-52 Cornell University, Ph.D. in sociology, with minors in social psychology and industrial relations.

Professional Appointments

1948-51 Teaching and research assistant, Cornell University.

1951-52 Research Fellow, Social Science Research Council.

1952-60 Research Sociologist, Laboratory of Socio-environmental Studies, National Institute of Mental Health.

1960-85 Chief, Laboratory of Socio-environmental Studies, National Institute of Mental Health.

1985-12 Professor of Sociology, The Johns Hopkins University.

1996-99 Chair, Department of Sociology, The Johns Hopkins University.

2009-12 William D. and Robin Mayer Distinguished Professor, School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University.

2012--- Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University and Professor, Academy at Johns Hopkins University.

Awards

- 1955 Honorable mention, Hofheimer Award, American Psychiatric Association (with John A. Clausen), for the research reported in "Social Isolation and Schizophrenia".
- 1961 Ernest W. Burgess Award, National Council on Family Relations, for the research reported in "Social Class and the Exercise of Parental Authority".
- 1963, ff. Standing invitation to be a Fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences.
- 1964-65 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Social Research, Oslo, Norway.
- 1969 Superior Service Award, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.
- 1970 Elected to membership, American Psychopathological Association.
- 1972 Elected to membership, Sociological Research Association.
- 1979 Elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- 1981, 1984 Outstanding Performance Awards, Senior Scientific Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- 1983 Visiting Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, Australian National University, Canberra.
- 1984 Elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, for "contributions to the study of the interrelationship of social stratification, job conditions, and personality and to research in social psychiatry".
- 1987 Awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for cross-national research in sociology.
- 1989 Awarded a Fellowship by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science for a lecture-tour of Japanese universities.
- 1989 Elected an Honorary Foreign Member of the Polish Sociological Association.
- 1989 Invited by the Soviet Academy of Sciences to lecture at Soviet universities and research institutes in Moscow and Kiev.
- 1992 Cooley-Mead Award, Section on Social Psychology, American Sociological Association, "in recognition of lifetime research achievements which have made a substantial and lasting contribution to social psychology, particularly from a sociological perspective."
- 1994 Merit Award, Eastern Sociological Society, "given annually to a distinguished sociologist who has excelled in the profession, the discipline, and in contribution and service to The Eastern Sociological Society".

- 1996 The Stuart A. Rice Merit Award for Career Achievement, District of Columbia Sociological Society.
- 2008 Awarded an honorary doctorate by The National University of “Kyiv- Mohyla Academy” (Ukraine).
- 2008 The Polish Academy of Sciences and the Polish Sociological Association held an International Symposium on “Social Structure and Personality under Conditions of Stability and Change: Research of Melvin L. Kohn and his Collaborators,” in Warsaw.

Primary Research Interests

Social structure and personality, cross-national comparative analysis, social class and stratification, sociology and social psychology of work

Representative Publications

Analysis of Situational Patterning in Intergroup Relations. Ph.D. thesis, Cornell University, 1952. Later published in the monograph series, *Dissertations in Sociology* (Edited by Robert K. Merton and Harriet Zuckerman). New York: Arno Press/New York Times, 1980.

Class and Conformity: A Study in Values. 1969. Homewood, IL: Dorsey Press. Translated into Italian and published as: **Societa', Classe, Famiglia: Una Ricercasui Valori Parentali nella Società Industriale.** 1974. Milano: Franco Angeli Editore, second edition, containing the review essay, "Reassessment, 1977," published by the University of Chicago Press, 1977. Designated a Citation Classic by the Institute for Scientific Information, publishers of the Social Science Citation Index, 1985.

Persönlichkeit, Beruf und soziale Schichtung. [Personality, Occupation, and Social Stratification.] With an Introduction by Kurt Lüscher. 1981. Stuttgart: Klett-Cotta. **Work and Personality: An Inquiry into the Impact of Social Stratification.** With Carmi Schooler, and with the collaboration of Joanne Miller, Karen A. Miller, Carrie Schoenbach, and Ronald Schoenberg. 1983. Norwood, N.J.: Ablex Publishing Corp.

Social Structure and Self-Direction: A Comparative Analysis of the United States and Poland. With Kazimierz M. Slomczynski, and with the collaboration of Carrie Schoenbach. 1990. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.

Power and Social Structure: Essays in Honor of Włodzimierz Wesolowski. Coedited with Aleksandra Jasinska-Kania and Kazimierz M. Slomczynski. 1999. Warsaw: University of Warsaw Press.

Change and Stability: A Cross-National Analysis of Social Structure and Personality. 2006. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers. Translated into Chinese and published by the Social Sciences Academic Press of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, 2007.

Social Structure and Personality: Studies by Melvin L. Kohn and his Collaborators [in Ukrainian]. Translations from English edited by Valeriy Khmelko, Svitlana Oksamytna, and Roman Lenchovskiy. The Academic Press of the University of Kiev-Mohyla Academy, 2007.

Melvin L. Kohn, Weidong Wang, and Yin Yue. 2012. "Social Structure and Personality during the Transformation of Urban China: A Comparison of Urban China to Transitional Poland and Ukraine." *Social Forces*. December 2012, pp. 347-374.

In Process: **Adventures in Sociology: A Memoir** (provisional title).