

### Selection of Comments from Colleagues Sent to Mark the Occasion

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Dear Gary:

Going to Las Vegas is too much of a gamble for me at short notice, so my presence at the conferring of this richly deserved award will have to be made through this message.

■ We have met on a few conference occasions and corresponded many more times than that, all to my benefit and, I fear, not to yours. Of course I have also absorbed your knowledge and wisdom over many years through your writings, which I have always found insightful, important, and stimulating. For someone like me, who came to an interest in surveillance via an interest in privacy and the problems of regulating social and information processes that present challenges to individuals, groups and societies, your work has been crucial, and I am greatly in your debt.

I will not attempt to imitate the inimitable and give you inventories of the 27 ways in which I have been influenced, the 46 thoughts that your work has prompted, and the 93 intellectual errors which you have prevented me from making - all illustrated with amusing and provocative pictorial slides. I will simply say that I hope you enjoy this day, cherish this award, and look round at friends whether present or absent, to assure us that there is yet more to come from your pen and your voice.

With every good wish.

Charles Raab

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Dear Glenn,

I would never have completed my PhD without Gary. He was an unconditionally supportive, generous cheerleader who quietly and patiently guided me to intellectual maturity. He knew little about my actual topic but he knew a lot about helping me to master it on my own. The longer I am a teacher, the more I appreciate his wise choices. The longer I am a researcher, the more I respect Gary's courage and vision. His range of interests and insights is vast. He is a model of how to remain active, engaged, current, and kind. For all of this, I am very thankful.

Peggy Levitt

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I have known Gary for almost 20 years. I introduced myself to him when I was in graduate school, and he quickly became a mentor and later a good friend and close colleague. I cannot express sufficiently in words the deep appreciation and admiration I have for him for so many different reasons. Even though he had no institutional tie to me when I was in graduate school - he worked at a university 3,000 miles away - he read everything I sent him, provided me with extensive comments and suggestions that were better than those I received from my dissertation advisers, spoke to me on the phone when I called, and shared his own work with me as if we were colleagues. Even when I was a graduate student at another university, Gary always gave of his time and intellect both generously and enthusiastically. His passion for sociological thinking and insights was infectious, his sociological imagination was exciting to witness and learn from. Gary was responsible for my early career move to Boulder, where he was Chair in the Department of Sociology at the time and I began as an Assistant Professor. Once again, Gary was a generous 3rd thoughtful mentor and became a dear friend. In the first years of my academic career, he was not only about sociology and how to navigate an academic career, but also about life, relationships and the pursuit of meaning and wisdom - than anyone else. He encouraged me to leave CU Boulder after a few years and eventually would go in different professional directions, but he has continued to treasure his friendship and admire him from afar.

Gary Marx is a brilliant thinker and synthesizer, a maverick sociologist with a distinct way of seeing, conceptualizing and understanding the world that sets him apart. He has written many great books and articles that have won numerous awards and earned him considerable recognition in a number of diverse academic and non-academic environments; he has caused us to think about and understand social phenomena differently, and he has inspired and stimulated the research agendas of many graduate students and colleagues. Alan Block once noted that every so often an academic book will help to shape or define the sensibility and concern of an age, and that Gary's book *Undercover: Police Surveillance in America* was such a book in the 1980s. Gary's work has been that good, that influential. And so it is fitting that he receive this tribute for his lifetime achievements in sociology and the study of social problems. We - Gary's former students and colleagues - remain in his debt for what he has taught us, for how he has modeled a life of scholarship and learning, and for his friendship. We love you Gary, and we will always deeply appreciate what you have given to us and to our profession.

Richard A. Leo, Ph.D., J.D.

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Glenn,

I would have dearly wished to be there in Vegas to celebrate Gary's achievements. It is an award that is richly deserved. Unfortunately, infirmity prevents me from travelling such a distance and I will be condemned to continue to admire Gary from afar.

Please give him my warmest best wishes and congratulations.

Tank

Glenn Manning

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Dear Glen, I am very pleased that this has been organized for Gary. He has been a consistent and important critic of a lot the non-sense that impedes critical thinking. I have always admired his work and his tough-mindedness.

I am sorry to I will be in Ireland at the time of the meetings (police research still). I will be in touch directly with Gary about this as well.

Best wishes, Peter

**Peter K. Manning, Ph.D.**

Sanjoy Mazumdar 11Aug2011

Dr. Gary T. Marx was my professor at MIT. I had the good fortune to have had a large number of excellent and exceptionally talented teachers both at MIT and also during my undergraduate studies in India. Gary stands out for his erudition, inspiration, and wisdom. His breadth of knowledge and contributions are awe-inspiring. His ability to connect micro level actions and interactions with larger social themes and theories is evident in his writings. His advice about making contributions as well as managing interactions and impressions were poignant and prescient. When, as a beginning assistant professor I happened to mention to him on the phone that I had stayed in my office till 2 am preparing a lecture for the class that morning, the sage counsel from this engaging and inspiring teacher was that education was much more than what could be packed into a single or several lectures, but that the students ought to get a sense of the entire breadth of my knowledge, skills, abilities, travels, and experiences. His unorthodox style was unusually effective. Once I was complaining about Erving Goffman overlooking the physical while offering the concepts of front and back stage as interactional strategies, Gary kept prodding me to offer a more effective critique by delineating what Goffman had missed. It was only later that I learned to my chagrin, that Goffman had been Gary's advisor at Berkeley. His ability to signal when to get into elaborate debates and when to end was always a curiosity for me, one I have as yet not been able to perfect. Images of his note taking on tiny pieces of paper are a constant visual reminder to save paper. Physically, I could not do as many push-ups he now can. Many were the lifelong lessons he provided that still come to my aid. To me, he was and still remains an enigmatic model. His contributions to many fields, but especially to the study of social problems, have been tremendous. He has been deserving of this award for a long time now. I am thrilled that he is finally receiving the SSPA award for lifetime contributions. Cheers, Gary. I hope I can grow up to be like you in some small measure, some day.

Sanjoy Mazumdar

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I read the note about Gary Marx's pending award. I will not be attending the Las Vegas meetings, but I concur that he is most deserving of this and many other sociological association awards. His path-breaking work, professional presentations, and mentoring defined fields in the past and will continue to do so in the future. I am privileged to have known him as a friend and to have learned from this remarkable scholar.

Best wishes,  
Regards,  
Dr. David L. Tjebkide

Unhappily I will not be able to be present for Gary Marx's honor in Las Vegas this year, but I attach and paste some remarks, as you requested.

Neil Smelser

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Dear Glenn Muschert -

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I can think of no more deserving recipient than Gary Marx for the life-time award for the study of social problems. Gary was one of my earliest and best graduate students in my years at the University of California at Berkeley. He not only revealed his seminal mind to me at that early time in both our careers; we were also able to break through the nettles of the typical faculty-grad student relationship and become fast friends. All his work impressed me with its brilliance, originality, importance, and sense of the ironic. It is amazing me

How quickly he can go to the heart of any problem he faces, and how merciless he has been in recognizing, its essence, its twists, and its widest implications.

He has been most kind in honoring me in his life, so it gives me special pleasure to join in honoring him.

Neil Smelser

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Dear Professor Muschert, I'm afraid I cannot attend your awards ceremony. But I am delighted that Gary Marx will be receiving a lifetime award from SSSP. I first knew of his work as a graduate student studying race relations and in recent years I have come to know him for his work on surveillance. His wide ranging research has always provoked new ways of thinking about the problems we face in our society. He makes sociology a public project without ever losing its scholarly foundation. He is at once critical, professional and public with policy implications. A rare combination! I am proud to have known him. Congratulations, Gary Marx!

Michael Burawoy

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Dear Glenn,

I'm afraid I won't be able to make it to Las Vegas in August, so I won't be able to join you for this important celebration. But please convey to Gary my heartfelt best wishes and thanks for his contribution to the discussions during those sunny winter days in Laguna Beach in 1999 (?), and of course for his essay for the volume *Documenting Individual Identity: The Development of State Practices in the Modern World*. Another outstanding expression of the sociological imagination!

All the best,

John Torpey

Dear Glenn,

I'm so glad that someone is doing this. Gary hasb  
that his contributions deserve to receive far more sue a distinctive voice in sociology for so long  
ore recognition than they have. Bravo!

I would love to attend, but alas, because of this year's schedul  
conference until midday, Sunday and will be in NY attending another  
arrive in Vegas late that night. V e snafu, I will be in NY attending another  
th n1g, over. But I wish you the very best of  
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for missing the session. I e event and will drop Gary no t e expressing my regrets

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Doug McAdam

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*A comment on Gary Marx*

I am smiling to myself as I reflect on the wonderful career and life that Gary has had, in particular, the fact that he has been his own man throughout his career. Gary has not marched to too many drummers, but has found his own brilliant intellectual way in the world of the last fifty years.

Gary is well known to be fiercely independent. I was once on a panel with him where speakers were under surveillance from a time piece; when his clock rang, so to speak, he tried to mobilize the audience to help him fight such surveillance (surveillance studies, of course, being one of his major interests).

In the mutual interest in privacy protection and security that we shared, Gary stood out for the originality and independence of his approaches to what we were discussing or, more often, what we should have been discussing. He pointed us in many new and challenging directions as an intellectual gadfly.

I salute Gary on a very distinguished and accomplished career and as a friend.

David H. Flahert

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Dear Glenn,

I ill, unfortunately, not be able to attend the session but please convey my warmest regards to Gary.  
His work inspired me: his creativity as well as his efforts to always look beyond the academic orthodoxy  
in terms of issues and conceptual approaches is to me the mark of a truly independent thinker. His  
advice to try to always write more than you read also struck a cord and it encapsulates the idea that  
scholars have to take risks with their ideas.

Warmest regards,

Benoit Dupont

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Gary remains for me the prime example of a scholar and teacher who effectively bridged the university and the daily life beyond it. Whether it was race relations, civil rights, police enforcement, privacy in a digital age or whatever, he brought to his work great substance, critical analysis and a searing conscience which fueled his efforts, and successes.

Jerome Aumente

Hi. What a nice idea. Unfortunately I cannot attend--but wrote the "greetings" below (please, feel free to copy-edit as, as you'll notice, I'm no native speaker)

I started reading Gary Marx' work when I was embarking in research on the policing of protest and desperately seeking inspiration. I soon discovered that not much was written on this relevant topic, but I

found indeed much inspiration in Gary's detailed and subtle classification of police strategies to control public order. When I later had the chance of meeting Gary I could appreciate in him, as a person, that passion, commitment, sharpness that had so much impressed me when reading his work. So, congratulations, Gary, on your very well deserved life achievement award!

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Prof. Dr. Donatella della Porta

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As scholar, Gary Marx has long provided sociology with the gift of his unique voice and his distinctive eye. Whatever the sociological topic he has examined across his career, he has come at it--unlike most of us--from an oblique angle, a special stance that has enabled him to reveal aspects invisible to more conventional approaches. The resulting richness in his writings is the yield of consistently adopting an unorthodox perspective. There is also a humaneness in his writings, a seeing of connections between academic analyses and the humanities, whether literature, philosophy, or even popular culture. One comes away from reading Gary's work not only enlightened but also broadened and freshened in outlook.

The SSSP Life-time Achievement Award to Gary Marx is therefore well-earned and well-deserved. His work has not only advanced understanding in his discipline, but it has also strengthened the commitment of his colleagues to bring knowledge and enlightenment to bear on enhancing human welfare. It has been a pleasure to know him friend as well as colleague.

Dick Jessor

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Professor Muschert,

I want to send my congratulations to Gary Marx, who has been a preeminent social critic and witty harbinger on personal privacy, high-tech surveillance, and just plain ill-advised "advances" in security and anti-crime measures for many years. He provides academic backing for many of the warnings offered by privacy advocates, and he has always offered a reassuring contact point for many of us.

This is truly a life-time achievement and his colleagues are pleased that the Society for the Study of Social Problems is recognizing this.

Robert Ellis Smith, Publisher, PRIVACY JOURNAL

Hi, Dr Muschert,

Gary Marx is great. He is great not only for his formidable intellectual prowess, achievements and distinctions, but also because he is a really good guy, someone whom we feel privileged to know. He very kindly agreed to write the Foreword for my first book (*Safeguards in a World of Ambient Intelligence*). My co-authors and I were surprised and delighted when we received it ("SWAMI, how I love ya"), a compelling, engaging and thought-provoking Foreword of essay-length. It can be found on his website. Emboldened by our success in getting Gary to write that, we dared to ask if he might be willing to write the Foreword for our second book, *Privacy Impact Assessment*. Again, he agreed and again he wrote a thought-provoking essay ("Privacy is not like the weather"). Can one get addicted to Gary Marx? Yes. My European partners and I formed a consortium last year to put forward a proposal in response to a call from the European Commission for a surveillance study, and asked Gary whether he might be willing to serve on our advisory board. Again, he agreed. I have no doubt that having one of the world's leading surveillance scholars on the board contributed to the Commission's decision to fund the IRISS project. My colleagues and I look forward to receiving the benefits of his guidance, wisdom, good sense and continuing friendship over the next three years. Our addiction to Gary Marx shows no sign of remission. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

We applaud and congratulate him on the occasion of the lifetime achievement award he is receiving at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in Las Vegas. Bravo, Gary!

Best regards.

David Wright

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Here are my lines for Gary

Gary, my career coach

I met Gary in the only way that I like to meet great minds: through their work. You know....the old way: finding journals, opening them, copying articles, taking them home and reading. I love that way of meeting minds. Too many scientists only read those they meet in their corridors (and so if they do not get into the right university they do not read anything right). I like to work in a modest environment and I do not mind uninteresting people around me. The connection with interesting people survives that kind of settings. So there Gary was: opening up surveillance themes long before we all did. Not much later I met Gary in person. Gary is a traveller. God knows how he got to my University but there he was: no arrogance, no play, just Gary looking around to meet people and discuss ideas.

Later on Gary taught me a lesson: a scientist needs an institution to work at but not an institution to work for.

I try to live that way. Yes I am building up an institution at the Brussels University. Yes I am wasting time with faculty stuff. Yes I feel a kick when my candidate makes it.

But, this is not why I started off.

Because I will be as vital as Gary in twenty years (I am now 46).

I'm going to try

;-) (Vrije Universiteit Brussels)

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Tilburg, 31-7-2011

Personal message from Cyrille Fijnaut for Gary Marx in relation to his reception of a life time achievement award at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in Las Vegas August. 19, 2011

At the beginning of the eighties Belgium was rocked by a huge police scandal; a criminal investigation made clear that (members of) undercover units of the Gendarmerie as well as the Ministry of Justice over the years got involved in all sorts of unsavory police practices, not to say police corruption and police crime, in their efforts to contain in particular the trade of illegal drugs. In addition to this it turned out to be the case that backstage American police officers at the embassy in Brussels - notably from the DEA- in the framework of the American war on drugs pushed the Belgian officers in question to achieve their goal in ways that were not in line with the existing Belgian legal and ethical frameworks of their profession. For all sorts of reasons I decided to write a book on this notorious case and started to collect materials, not only on the developments in Belgium but of course also about the American foreign policing policy and in particular on the undercover policing practices in the United States.

In this context I detected the articles Gary since the beginning of the seventies wrote about undercover policing in journals like *Urban Life*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Social Problems* and the *American Journal of Sociology* and the edited book of Zald and Maccarthy on the dynamics of social movements. And I may say honestly: they were really very important eye-openers for me. Up to that moment I had never and nowhere read such thoughtful, empirical, well-organized and accessible pieces of sociological research on that dark side of policing. As a consequence I heavily relied upon them in the book I published in 1983 (*De zaak Francois; beschouwingen naar aanleiding van het vonnis (the Francois-Case; Reflections in the Wake of the Verdict)*, Antwerpen, Kluwer, 1983) to outline the development of undercover policing in the United States as well as to discuss the manifold dilemmas, advantages and risks related to undercover policing. Parallel to this I wrote him a letter telling him that his work was that inspiring for me and I sent him later on a copy of the book I just mentioned.

It goes without saying that since then I followed up closely what Gary later on published on undercover policing (of course his great masterpiece *Undercover; police surveillance in America*, Berkeley, University of California Press, 1988) and even visited him once in a great villa of the Rockefeller Foundation in Italy. The reason for this trip to Italy was his invitation to develop in close collaboration a comparative book on the developments in the field of undercover policing on both sides of the Atlantic. This time-consuming but most relevant initiative ended up in the more or less unique edited book *Police surveillance in comparative perspective* (The Hague-Boston, Kluwer, 1995) that quite a lot researchers as well as policy makers and police officers still consult these days to come to grips with this thorny issue, more than ever in the framework of cross-border police and judicial cooperation. I want to underline here, however, that Gary really was not only the driving force behind this collective enterprise, but also took the main responsibility for the editorial burden and leveled up the qualities of this book by writing the very important addenda on the implications of the related pieces for policy makers and academic researchers. They are these days still more relevant than at the time Gary wrote them!



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On the one hand I want to stress his important role in the production of this book in order to clarify in a honest way our division of work, on the other hand to express my admiration for the Socratic way in which he participated in this project: steadily bringing up new ideas, testing them in open-minded discussions, carefully drawing conclusions and writing them up in clear terms. Apart from this I want to underline that by doing so Gary also demonstrated his nearly endless politeness towards other people: he did his utmost to tell the co-authors in a very gentle manner which the weak points in their drafts were and convinced them also in this manner that some changes really were necessary.

We met a few years ago for the last time at a seminar at the Urbana-Champaign School of Law of the University of Illinois concerning the latest developments in the field of undercover policing. In the course of this seminar I came to the conclusion that he hadn't changed that much - apart from becoming older. He still was heavily interested in the newest (technological) developments in this field and still was very stimulating where it came to stir in-depth discussions about the important social issues they raise. Again he invited me to visit him and his family in his personal paradise in Washington State, but I have to admit for all sorts of reasons I couldn't make it until now to make that trip.

Needless to say that I really deplore that I don't have the opportunity to take part in the ceremony in Las Vegas. In particular this is a pity because I remember very well the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology that at the end of the eighties took place in The Nugget in Reno. In the course of this meeting Gary and I came into contact with the protection service of this casino hotel and told the head of this service why we were that interested in the surveillance technology that was used to keep control on the gamblers and the gambling operations. The end of the story in Reno was that we got a guided tour backstage in that big casino and learned a lot about the technological innovation with regard to social control in such total institution. Back in the Netherlands, indeed, this experience was one of the reasons why I established around 1990 at the Erasmus University Rotterdam a research group on gambling and gambling policies.

Just to conclude this message: the innovative writings of Gary Marx in the field of undercover policing and, more in general, with regard to social control in the field of public order and public security, has been not only for me but for many researchers in Europe a most important source of inspiration. The references to his publications in that many pieces of academic research all over Europe testify of the fact that they still make up the gold standard for research in this field. The life time achievement award for this great scholar definitely well, very well deserved!!

Cyrille Fijnaut Tilburg University

that you are doing this for Gary; he has certainly earned the honor several times  
Glenn, I am very happy y d +tl fail I hope you will pass along my congratulations, O  
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has been an intellectual inspiration for me in my own social movemens . , . . . ore concrete  
claim the sociological affinity and offer warm regards, despite the lack of kinship in a m  
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Myra Marx (Ferree)

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Dear Glenn

ti think the award is a fine i<sup>d</sup>ea. 've ne<sup>d</sup>ver met Gary tho we  
thanks for this. regret' cant be there, bu. h. t Scotland for a surveillance event. Ive found  
emailed a while one time whenl was trying to get im lo 'truly original and insightful. i'd read  
his work on surveillance -so mucho f +t does he never s eep. -  
anything he writes on the subject.

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Mike Nellis

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In college, there are certain classes that you simply forget. There are certain classes that have an  
instrumental utility that sticks with you. But once in a very rare while, there are certain classes that  
change the way you think about the world around you. Gary is one of those very rare professors who  
has the power to teach one of those very rare classes. He changed the way I look at daily life-even for  
something as simple as going to the grocery store. His mark on my intellectual and professional  
development is indelible. Gary, thanks for all you've done and continue to do. This award is well-  
deserved.

--Justin Lischak Earley

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Dear Dr. Muschert:

I don't know Dr. Marx personally, but he very graciously (and very promptly) responded to a request for  
feedback that I made while writing a law school research paper. I'm not a sociologist or a criminologist,  
but my legal scholarship benefitted enormously from his scholarship, and I learned during my foray into  
surveillance studies that he is an absolutely towering figure in his field. I so immersed myself in his  
writing that I feel as if I do know the man. I envy you greatly if you are a former student of his.

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Dear Glenn - Great to learn about Gary's wonderful honor. Here is a brief set of words for Gary since I will be unable to attend the event in August:

Dear Gary- Congratulations on your great lifetime recognition! A wonderful honor. Our co-authored article together in the *Journal of Social Issues* was my first publication, and I could not be more grateful for the guidance you rendered and the life course that you helped steer me toward. I remain extremely grateful for your early support and mentoring. - Best regards, Mike Useem, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Best wishes for the event.

Best regards, Mike Useem

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Hi Glenn:

Thanks for taking on this task!

Although I first read Gary's impressive scholarship during the course of my undergraduate and graduate research on policing and political violence, I was fortunate to meet him shortly after he received a Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (1997-98) and was working and living in Washington, DC.

Gary is unquestionably unpretentious. I remember going out with him for a couple of beers one or more times (one of which was at Babe Billiards on Wisconsin Ave.), where we traded all sorts of stories. Later I was honored when Gary asked me for feedback on half a dozen papers he was writing. Gary was kind enough to write letters of recommendation on my behalf and give me great counsel on professional matters. His autobiographical and professional writing on the field of social sciences have been some of the more helpful I have ever encountered. Rather than providing a menu of sorts, they are nuanced treatments, drawing in elements of popular culture to explain to the reader the contextual elements of the points he is trying to get across. Gary is a force to be reckoned with

Jeffrey Ian Ross, Ph.D. \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Colleague, unfortunately I can not come ...

Like many researchers in the field of police studies I have known the work of Gary since 1990. Then I had the honor to meet him in a conference at the University of Illinois. In 2007 I have also had the extraordinary pleasure to translate in Italian and publish one of Gary's essays and hope I'll be able to publish other works of him. His books and his articles have been essential for my knowledge as an ethnographer of police, deviance and crime. Among the qualities I most appreciate about Gary is his outstanding ability to observe his research subjects from the inside preserving a distance and without any ideological prejudice, with the rigor of a Michel Foucault and the preciness of authors like Garfinkel, Goffman and Howard S. Becker. I'm so sorry I cannot celebrate Gary with you and I'm looking forward to meet him in Italy soon.

best wish.....e==s'-- \_\_\_\_\_

prof. S. Palidda  
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Dear Glenn,

Thank you so much for the kind invite to Gary T. Marx's lifetime achievement award. It is with great regret that I won't be able to join you all in person for what looks a super afternoon. Being in term time - and in Sydney - makes it difficult to get to such events, although my spirit will certainly find way there...

I first met Gary in Cardiff at the British Society of Criminology conference when he read a paper of mine. I had been an avid reader of his work for some time prior to that and to have him offer detailed one-to-one feedback (despite Gary being a plenary speaker later on in the day) was a particularly meaningful and memorable learning experience for me. I have seldom encountered someone with such a fantastic array of conceptual tools and encyclopedic knowledge. His attention to detail is, in my opinion, unrivalled and his ability to both anticipate and reflect upon key social trends and developments are traits that make him a truly distinguished scholar of the social. Not only are Gary's ideas inspiring, his personable character and facilitative pedagogy are also attributes that make him a deserved award holder. Gary is a truly world class scholar, an inspirational mentor and a first-rate colleague. Please let Gary know that I am so pleased for him and so sorry that I can't be there in person to join in his success. I greatly look forward to meeting him again. Gary will always be highly regarded and warmly received in Sydney...

All best wishes,

Gavin Smith

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Dear Dr. Muschert,

It was thrilling to learn that Gary is being honored in this way. I have known him since our days in high school and have been most impressed by his thoughtful, interesting, yes, beautiful writing over these many years. My husband and I have both researched & published over the same time span and we have often said that we wish our writing was as powerful and flowed as beautifully as Gary's writing does. In addition, the importance of what he has offered to the field of sociology is surely great. My husband and I feel honored to count him as a dear, long-time friend & fellow academic.

Please congratulate him for us (Tuli & Lynne Glasman) & tell him that we wish him many more years of productivity, as well as health & contentment.

Best,  
Lynne Glasman

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Hi Glenn,

I am so happy to hear of the event honoring Gary's many achievements over his long and productive career. While I will not be able to attend this important recognition, I offer the following congratulatory words to Gary. "Our first meeting was when I was an undergraduate student at Berkeley in Sociology in 1965 and you were teaching a course on race relations. It was my very first sociology course during the time of the Watts riots and continuous collective and violent protests throughout the country. It was a great course and I learned a lot particularly related to your dissertation findings regarding the sociology of race relations, collective behavior and social movements. In later years, as a colleague with shared interests, I had the good fortune to collaborate with you concerning "the spread of surveillance technology" and the associated need to confront and control this rapidly exploding technology and its often negative consequences. Overall, I consider you an exemplar of "public sociology" with unparalleled contributions to academia, public policy and public education. Congratulations on a wonderful and important career that took you from the beaches of Southern Ca, to Berkely, MIT and so many points beyond.

All the best.

Thomas G. Blomberg

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#### **Brief personal notes to Gary Marx**

I discovered Gary's work only recently, in 2003, when I started a research project devoted to the ethical and social implications of biometrics. By background I am a psychologist; I am psychoanalytically trained, and, although I had heard of Gary's outstanding studies on collective behaviour and social movements, I was not really familiar with them. When I started reading Gary's work, I set out with that smug attitude that so often makes psychoanalysts unbearably arrogant. I expected to find the standard critical sociologist, in love with European post-modern intellectuals. What a surprise when I read his fresh writing style, scholarly but never professorial, authoritative but never patronizing. I realised that these were the writings of someone completely at home in his field, someone who, consequently, had no arrogance and no fear of questioning or doubting. I then contacted Gary and we started exchanging emails. I discovered a kind person, happy to collaborate with colleagues, and full of humour. Gary graciously contributed to a special issue of the journal of the Italian Institute of Health devoted to ethical and social implications of biometrics. Since then we have exchanged correspondence although, unfortunately, we have never met personally.

I regret that I cannot be with you today in Las Vegas. I wish I were finally able to meet Gary in person, to tell him of my great esteem for him and to offer him the warmest thanks for what his work has taught me. I have now been awarded a new research project by the European Commission and we are committed to organising a conference in the US within the next three years.

Hi Gary, please check your calendar and let me know when is the best time for you. I am determined not to miss you again

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Emilio Mordini

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Glenn, I won't be at the meetings but my appreciation to Gary for his stellar career, clarity and consistency of purpose, and generous spirit. Give me my regrets,

Jack Katz

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Thank you. I wish I could come but will not be able to do so. Gary always struck me as being a most interesting scholar who took a steadfastly individualistic and searching view on problems of policing and security. In so doing, he raised some very important questions about the forms of entanglement which could complicate police-criminal relations.

P. Rock

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Dear Dr. Muschert,

Thank you so much for telling me about this wonderful event. I would have loved to attend, but already have plans to be on the east coast with my family that day. I will certainly be there in spirit, as I am a great admirer of Gary's.

Best,

Jackie Ross

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am i right that this is not a surprise? i would like to send my regrets to gary personally if that is okay with you.

thanks again and please let me know.

Ian Kerr

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I wishl could tie the but will not be in the country. Great way to honor GM and much deserved.

Jim Jacobs

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Dear Glenn:

I would love to attend, however, I'll not be able to make it to the event! I have most pleasant memories of my collaboration with Gary Marx and am one of his admirers still. Please give him my best regards and convey my sincere congratulations to him. Hopeful! I will see him again at a different occasion.

Regards,

Horst J. Helle, University of Munich

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Thanks, Glenn

And well deserved. I, alas, will be in Australia till August 25, and therefore unable to attend. Gary did things no others could or would.

John

**John Kleinig**

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Glenn,

Thank you for the invitation, but, traveling to Vegas is not in my budget. Nevertheless, if there is anything I can do (to include making a donation) please, let me know...I don't know Gary Marx well, but without a doubt, I wish it was possible to attend.. I want to be Gary Marx when I grow up!

regards,

J Goldman

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Thank you very much for the invitation. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend.  
I think it's great that you're honoring Gary this way. I'll be there "in spirit" for sure.  
best wishes  
Stephane Leman-Langlois

Thanks for the invitation to the awards session of  
president of the organization and more im the SSSP to honor Gary Marx. As a former vice  
much like to be with you. Unfortunately I as an old friend and admirer of Gary's, I would ver  
will not be back in time to attend the meetings in Vegas; working on an assignment in Switzerland and y  
I was delighted to learn of the plan  
congratulations and regrets that I can't be there to give Gary the award and hope you will convey to him my  
somehow assumethat's a surprise for him.) so so, n person would write to him directly but

All best

Peter I. Rose

Hi Glenn:

Thank you very much (1hr prior to H1 to ... 11:11 Lie to be there but this is a wonderful article. I N, L, S, ...  
tribe, te Jory. "eae p.1,1: ,i,r: ' ' J... "Guras and congratulations. His work is clearly ...rd  
unmistakably fundamental to toaa, 'i:!!1-ature related to social control and surveillance. In fact it would  
never have developed in the subst<,ntial way it has without his major intellectual contributions. What he  
has done for the field and for all of us who have followed him is truly phenomenal and worthy of the  
highest praise the profession can bestow upon him.

Please relate my sincere regrets over not being able to attend the meetings this year and being there  
with him to celebrate. I will be there in spirit, and when Gary and I get together at a later time, we can  
celebrate then!

Thanks again for this wonderful news.

Best,

Henry N. Pontell

Undoubtedly, you'll have lots of people writing to say lots of things about Gary's brilliant academic  
career.

I too have lots of things that I could say about a body work that has had a great influence on my own,  
but I'd rather say something about the man.

I had the good fortune to meet him years ago at a conference - he likely won't remember - but  
I do. Here was this person whose work I'd greatly admired, generously giving his time  
to talk theory with an unknown student who just walked up to him out of the blue. He was  
approachable,  
kind, gracious and just a funny, down-to-earth person. When I occasionally find myself approached at  
conferences  
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!,-,; inc. often to know him better, and he remains the same ;>1: rscn! me t h;,,. ^vr, n•g " :.1.1"  
! \; vi : ,go: genuinely warm, generous person.

Chatters, Laura Huey



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Wish I could be there/ but I'm skipping Las Vegas this year. Please give Gary my warmest congratulations on this milestone though. And please tell him that he **should** still need his inspirational work!

Kim Lane Scheppele

It pleases me greatly that you have decided to honor my lifelong friend Gary Marx, for his many achievements in his chosen field of sociology.

My first indication that Gary would be an immensely successful sociologist occurred in 1950 when we both began attending Thomas Starr King Jr. High School in Los Angeles. At the tender age of twelve Gary exhibited keen insight and analytical acumen that enabled him to navigate the maze of suspicion and fear frequently encountered when different cultures are forced to interact. He never got "beat up" for looking at someone "the wrong way" or for making an inappropriate comment. The junior high culture clash was a learning experience with a great incentive for survival. Gary excelled. He also developed a heightened sensitivity and understanding of other groups of people.

The less stressful but rich social environment of John Marshall High School provided a laboratory in which Gary could expend his intellectual energy and hone his powers of observation. He spent much of his time trying to understand the machinations of the social hierarchy at the school and its many different cliques.

"Why did the Savants with the blue jackets have a higher status than the Whippets with the maroon jackets?"

"Why were some males accepted and others not?"

"Why did football players have better looking girlfriends than tennis players?"

"What characteristics would he have to exhibit to be invited to join the blue jacket club?"

"What about the other groups of students who were not athletes?"

"What shaped the attitudes of various groups toward each other?"

"Who is that girl in the fuzzy pink sweater?"

Gary actually formulated and thought about these types of questions, especially in English class during the reading and discussion of Emily Dickinson's poetry.

I have no doubt that these early experiences propelled Gary toward success:

as an intelligent, compassionate, and generous human being,

an admired and greatly respected author, teacher, and sociologist,

a loving husband and father,

and my good friend.

This is not an obituary. Congratulations on this most deserved award.

John Ginsburg

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