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Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Theda (Barron) Skocpol Class of 1965

Theda Barron Skocpol, Ph.D. in Sociology, Harvard University, 1975, is a respected educator, author and guest lecturer. Upon her high school graduation in 1965, Theda attended Michigan State University as a National Merit Scholar, where she earned awards for "Top Honors College Student," Woodward Wilson Fellow, National Science Foundation Fellow and Danforth Fellow. In February, 1972, Theda earned a Master of Arts Degree in Sociology from Harvard University, where she passed her Oral Examination "With Distinction." While completing her Ph.D. program, she became a

Sociology Instructor at Harvard and subsequently advanced to Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor of Sociology. At the University of Chicago, Theda taught as an Associate Professor, Professor, and Director for the Center for the Study of Industrial Societies.

Theda has been the recipient of Russell Sage and Ford Foundation research grants and a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship. She was elected to the Sociological Research Association and has been a member of The Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University.

As an author, Theda has served on many editorial and advisory boards, including Associate Editor for "American Sociological Review," Senior Editor of "Theory and Society," and Consulting Editor for the "American Journal of Sociology." Her first book, "States and Social Revolutions: A comparative Analysis of France, Russia and China" was published by Cambridge University Press in 1979 and has been translated into Italian, Korean, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. It received the two highest awards in her discipline. Theda's most recent book is "Protecting Soldiers and Mothers: The Political Origins of Social Policy in the United States," published by Harvard University Press in 1992. Articles on social revolutions, on theories and methods in historical macroanalysis, and on American social politics in historical and comparative perspective have a world-wide audience. Theda's publications also include edited books, book reviews and newspaper articles.

Theda Barron Skocpol, a respected educator, has lectured throughout the United States, as well as England, Sweden, Korea and Taiwan. She maintains professional citizenship with numerous committees and associations, and currently works as Professor of Sociology at Harvard University, where she is also a Faculty Associate at the Center for American Political Studies.