

ALFRED J. KAHN: BRIEF BACKGROUND SUMMARY

Dr. Alfred J. Kahn is Professor Emeritus, Special Lecturer, and Co-Director of the Cross-National Studies Research Program at the Columbia University School of Social Work - where he was a member of the faculty from 1947 to 1989. He continued to teach courses each semester through the end of 2004 and has maintained his association with the University subsequently. He taught social policy, social planning, the history of American social policy and related courses. He was a long-term Director of the Doctoral Program as well. He taught at the Smith College School of Social Work (summers 1950-1954) and was (part-time) Distinguished Visiting Professor, Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service (1990 – 2001).

Dr. Kahn's worldwide research and writing has spanned a wide spectrum of social work, including social services, comparative child and family policy, income transfers, and juvenile delinquency. He is author, co-author, and editor of more than 50 books and 300 articles, as well as study reports.

He has been awarded three honorary degrees, several medals, and numerous other forms of recognition for scholarship, leadership, innovation, advocacy, and service. Dr. Kahn has chaired innumerable conferences, meetings, and seminars throughout the world, often serving as keynote speaker. He has consulted widely in the U.S. and abroad for state and local governments, international organizations, private agencies, the State Department, and United Nations agencies.

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