

Hillel Levine

Biographic Sketch



Hillel Levine received his rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. in Sociology and Jewish History from Harvard University. From 1973 to 1980 he taught sociology and Jewish history at Yale University, where he founded the program in Judaic Studies. From 1980 to 1982 he was Deputy Director for Museum Planning of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington. Since 1982, he has been Professor of Sociology at Boston University. He has held visiting professorships in Japan, China, Poland, the Soviet Union, Brazil, and Israel.

Professor Levine has written five books and many articles on ethnic violence, normative conflict and how they may be resolved. His research provided the basis for an Oscar winning documentary and two of his books are being made into documentaries and a feature-length dramatization. He is a popular lecturer, guest columnist in newspapers, and makes frequent radio and television appearances. He is also the President of the International Center for Conciliation, an NGO organized to prevent and resolve violent conflicts that are made more all the more volatile by disputed histories and memories of past injuries.