

Brief Curriculum Vitae

David G. Gil, a social worker and social scientist, is Professor of Social Policy at the Heller School of Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University. Born in Vienna, Austria in 1924, he left as a refugee in 1939, without his family, one year after Austria was annexed by Germany under Hitler.

Before joining the Brandeis faculty in 1964, David Gil worked in agriculture, industry, and social work in Sweden, Palestine, Israel, and the United States.

David Gil received an MSW and DSW from the University of Pennsylvania, and a BA in Sociology and Education from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. His research and teaching trace links between social institutions, human development, and human problems, and strategies to overcome societal violence and transform development-inhibiting social orders into development-conducive alternatives. His writings include VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN (Harvard University Press, 1970), UNRAVELLING SOCIAL POLICY (Schenkman, 1973, 1976, 1981, 1990, 1992), THE CHALLENGE OF SOCIAL EQUALITY (Schenkman, 1976), BEYOND THE JUNGLE (Schenkman and G.K. Hall, 1979), CONFRONTING INJUSTICE AND OPPRESSION (Columbia University Press, 1998), as well as numerous edited books and essays in scholarly journals.

David Gil has served as President of the Association for Humanist Sociology, on the Board of Directors of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, on the Delegate Assembly of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), as Chair of the Faculty Senate of Brandeis University and faculty representative to the Brandeis Board of Trustees, He is also serving on the editorial boards of several professional journals.

In addition to his scholarly work, David Gil is engaged in social and political action, serving as Co-Chair of the Socialist Party, USA (1995-1999), and as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Jobs for All Coalition.

David Gil teaches at present four courses in the Heller School:
HS 300 Theories of Social Policy, Social Justice, and Social Change
HS 301 Oppression and Social Movements
HS 316 Violence in Everyday Life: Sources, Dynamics, and Prevention
HS 319 Work, Individual and Social Development , and Social Welfare