

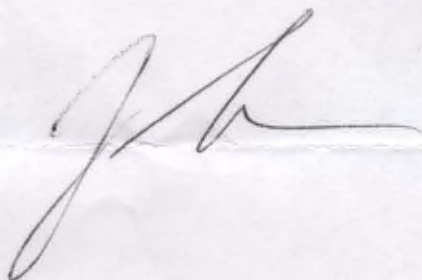
Dear Dmitri,

I enclose the letters from Erving Goffman I have, together with one from Blumer to me about Goffman, in the hope you might throw them on the pile of stuff you have and that that pile finds an archive home someday. Perhaps at Penn?

I also enclose the original and two first copies of Goffman's talk on field work given at San Jose. "His Master Speaks," as the old dog-listening-to-a-phonograph proclaimed.

I read and was impressed by the article you reference in you last email. I am especially struck by the courage it has to take to enter the center of such a blitz of precision and changing definitions and hard feelings on all sides. But there you are, sure of foot, and very impressive in the degree of your scholarship and management of its presentation. Very well done.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JH' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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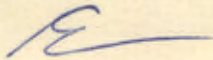
December 22, 1969

Professor John Lofland
Sonoma State College
Division of Social Sciences
1801 East Cotati Avenue
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Dear John:

It would be a pleasure to recommend you for anything you have in mind to be recommended for, and this needs no promotion or extra reason from me, but why do you want to work on such a League of Women Voters topic. Surely livelier topics are available.

Regards,



Erving Goffman

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May 12, 1971

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Dear John:

Herb Gans just sent me a copy of his letter to you. I must agree that he is absolutely right, with but one reservation: until recently, Blumer didn't really stimulate the sort of work that you are presumably going to publish, although he has recently; Hughes, on the other hand, has been behind it all along, and in addition, is a very useful and lively critic.

Regards to Davis,



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July 7, 1971

Mrs. Lyn H. Lofland
1437 48th Avenue
San Francisco, California 94122

Dear Mrs. Lofland:


Thanks very much for sending me your manuscript. I had heard about it and wanted to look at it (I found your M.A. very useful and have used it, with a sufficient crediting, I hope).

Our University Press, like many others, is rather high up on its uppers, and Dell Hymes and myself have given up on the series. We have agreed to publish something by Hymes and by Schegloff because of an original arrangement, but there we will stop the matter. It's all a drag. The simple point is that university monographs almost necessarily lose money, and presses seem unwilling to do that these days.

May I keep your manuscript? If not, may I have it for a couple of months to read? Or do you want it back right away? Do you want me to read it for the possibility of other presses? If so, let me know what other presses have seen it.

My regards to John, the entrepreneur. Will you be at the Denver meetings?

Sincerely,


Erving Goffman

P.S. (I don't know about you, but this is the last time I propose to use such an official version of your name.)

EG/lac

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September 9, 1971

Professor John Lofland
Department of Sociology
University of California
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Dear John:

It really was nice to see you and Lyn, and my arguments about ethnography were appreciably ill-grounded. Sherri, for example, in her hippie book makes a college try at pushing standard interests further along, beyond where unprofessional ethnographers can push them.

The Pacific meetings, I guess, are really beyond practicality. I would hustle to spend a day or two in San Fran, but it doesn't make sense to have to hustle a hustle to do so.

Love to everyone,



Erving Goffman

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October 13, 1971

Professor Lyn Lofland
Department of Sociology
University of California
Davis, California 95616

Dear Lyn:

Thank you for your gracious note which I hope will still be standing after you look at that book. Thanks for the paper on stigma which is interesting. Boy, has that field ever not been scratched. I am beginning to itch.

Sorry about all my drunken remarks about ethnography. I copped out for a few years and was just trying to account for it.

Regards to the editor in the family,



Erving Goffman

EG/lac

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April 17, 1973

Professor John Lofland
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Dear John:


It's good to hear from you. Sorry we missed you coming back from Tahoe.

It's a drag about Prentice-Hall and your book. About Ballantine. They got in touch directly with the editor of the University of Pennsylvania Press, Fred Wieck, so I had no direct contact with them. Apparently Wieck dealt through a man named George Young (Ballantine Books, 101 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10003, 212-691-7131), and you might write him. If it will do any good, say that I suggested you do so.

It's a puzzler about ethnography. I hope I'm wrong and that the whole of our trade with all of its specialties isn't a matter of fashion -- but God knows. I read Urban Life and Culture with pleasure and am reminded each time of my debt to you for doing what you can do to keep the whole enterprise moving. (That Karp piece on pornographic book stores has some nice material in it, doesn't it?)

It's time we had an ethnography conference.

Regards to Lyn,



Erving Goffman

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August 9, 1973

Dear Erving:

Glenn Vernon's SOCIOLOGY OF DEATH contains a bibliographic reference to Goffman, Erving, SUICIDE MOTIVES AND CATEGORIZATION OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD IN THE UNITED STATES, Mental Health Research Unit, Syracuse, New York, 1966.

I thought I knew all your work, but this one is new--besides the title doesn't sound like you. And I can't find it in the library.

If you truly did write it, I'd appreciate a reprint (and would be happy to bear any xeroxing costs if such is required). I'm preparing a large lecture course in the the Sociology of Death (after having taught three undergraduate seminars in the topic) and am also currently working on a research project relative to loss and sorrow.

Sorry we didn't get to see you last winter (our fault); hopefully you will spend some time in our area during the coming academic year and we can perhaps make up for our past inhospitality.

Sincerely,

Lyn H. Lofland

Dear Lyn:
Another Goffman. Perhaps I am W.

Hope to see you soon.
Congratulations on book

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September 18, 1973

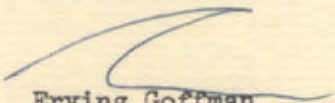
Professor John Lofland
Department of Sociology
University of California
Davis, California 95616

Dear John:

Sounds like a lovely and sentimental idea to meet in San Jose. Do consider Julius Roth as a participant, since he is a very good fieldworker. I would be willing to make a few informal comments along with the others, but there is no way whatsoever that I could work these up into publishable form. If you accept that reservation, then the only problem remains that of hustling air fare somehow.

Sorry you don't want to organize a conference. The Center for Urban Ethnography here might have been able to kick in a little bread. See you, I hope.

Regards to Lyn,



Erving Goffman

EG/LAC

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
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Dear John:

Last week I talked at Brandies and was able to ask them about jobs, being as they are within very easy distance from the center of Boston. They dont have any tenure slots left this year but would consider Asst. The chairman is Morris Stein, and he said I should have you send to him your vita and a letter regarding your interests.

Regards to wife

Ery

July 23, 1975

Professor Neil Smelser
Department of Sociology
University of California
Berkeley, California 94720

Dear Neil:

Is it the fate of junior seniors to o'er press the line between cooperation and cooptation? Ex-Berkeleyites are too tangled and bemused to exclude current ones from their gatherings, but for the same reasons might find it difficult to settle in advance the where and when of their celebrations. I have rented a sparse single room in adjacent hostelry and have committed to John Lofland up to the sum of \$75 for an evening's rental of a large room in the main hotel on the night of his (and his fellow conspirators') choosing. Please come.

Love to everyone,

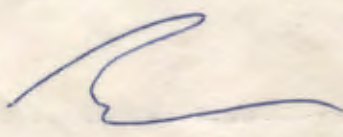
Erving Goffman

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cc: John Lofland

John--

This is a reply to Neil's suggestion that we hold the party following the presidential address and the forgathering of alumni. Since I will sleep in a separate room, we could rent a meeting room, as opposed to a suite. Any night is okay by me. The next move is yours.



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February 2, 1983

Professor John Lofland
Department of Sociology
University of California, Davis
Davis, CA 95616

Dear John:

Your statement on Irving Goffman is a very sensitive and impressive statement. I am typing below a very brief comment to express my sense of his scholarly importance and the misfortune of his death to our discipline:

The untimely death of Irving Goffman is most unfortunate for our discipline. He had already established himself as an unusually creative scholar. Essentially by his own efforts he had identified and opened for study an exceedingly important area of human relations and conduct. His scholarly contributions in this area will be forever recognized as outstanding. Being in the prime of his life he was on the threshold of making other innovative contributions of the highest order.

With warm regards.

Cordially,

Herb
Herbert Blumer