

## **John D.H. DOWNING**

### Academic Qualifications and Employment History

MA (Oxon), MScEcon & PhD in Sociology (London School of Economics)

John T. Jones Jr Centennial Professor of Communication, Radio-  
Television-Film Department, The University of Texas at Austin, 1990-

Communications Department, Hunter College of the City University of  
New York, 1981-90

Sociology Department, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1980-81

Sociology Department, Greenwich University, London, UK, 1968-80

### Publications

Author of *The Media Machine* (London 1980); *Radical Media* (Boston  
1984); *Internationalizing Media Theory* (London 1996).

Co-author of *Vicious Circle* (London 1968).

Editor of *Film And Politics In The Third World* (New York 1987)

Co-Editor of *Community Uses of Computers* (Binghamton NY, 1990);  
*Questioning The Media* (Thousand Oaks, California, 1995, 2nd edition)

Author of articles in *Journal of Communication*; *Media, Culture & Society*;  
*European Journal of Communication*; *Howard Journal of Communication*;  
*Critical Studies In Mass Communication*; *Discourse and Society*, and of  
numerous book-chapters.

### Current Research

Current research is on ethnicity, teenagers and prime-time television in the  
USA; cross-national studies of ethnicity and media.

### Current Teaching

This mostly focuses on ethnicity and media, media in Russia and Eastern Europe, Third World cinemas, and alternative media and political movements. I am also currently teaching required introductory courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

### Administrative Experience

Head of Sociology Division, Greenwich University, London, 1972-80 and in that capacity director of development of the Honors BA degree program in Sociology

Member of Faculty Board for Humanities, Social Sciences and Business, Greenwich University, 1972-80

Chair of Communications Department, Hunter College, for two terms, 1981-1987, and in that capacity director of revision of the MA Program in Communication and Mass Culture

Member, Divisional Chairmen's Committee, Hunter College, 1981-87

Member, College Personnel & Budget Committee, Hunter College, 1981-1987

Senate Graduate Course of Study Committee, Hunter College, 1982-90 (secretary 1988-90).

Graduate Advisor, Communications Department, 1986-89

Chair, Outside Review Committee, Department of Communications, Film and Video, City College, City University of New York, April 1987

Member, Outside Review Committee, Communications Department, Fordham University, New York, January 1988

Member, Outside Review Committee, Department of Radio-Television-Film, Northwestern University, April 1993

Member, Advisory Committee, University of Texas Press, 1993-

Executive Committee, Texas Student Publications Board (*The Daily Texan*, FM station, student cable and low-power TV service), 1993-97

Chair, Minority Advisory Committee, Texas Student Publications Board,  
1993-97

Member of President's Committee reviewing the international links and  
programs of The University of Texas at Austin, 1994

Graduate Studies Committee, MA in Russian and East European Studies,  
The University of Texas at Austin, 1994 -

Graduate Studies Committee, MFA in Creative Writing, 1994 -

Advisory Board, Center for Asian Studies, 1994 -

Chair/Convenor, Review Committee for graduate programs of the College  
of Communication, 1998