I. Introduction

In this Instructor's Manual I share some of my ideas on how to use Sociology in Action to introduce students to sociology. The ideas in this Manual are drawn from my experiences using decision cases in a variety of courses, the growing literature on the case method of teaching, and workshops I have attended on case teaching and learning. Included in this Manual are the following materials:

- Sample Course Outline: Information on how you could structure a discussion-based course using Sociology in Action.
- Alternative Uses of Cases: Suggestions for alternative uses of decision cases such as in large classes, in writing-intensive courses, and in examinations.
- Teaching with Cases: Ideas on how to prepare for and lead discussions of decision cases.
- Turning Case Ideas into Cases: Ideas on how to write interesting cases.
- Teaching Notes: Detailed notes on each case included in Sociology in Action. Each note contains a brief overview of the case, analysis ideas, teaching ideas, and critical thinking questions.
- Case Teaching Resources: Information on both sources of additional decision cases and material on how to teach with cases.