

THEODORE M. PORTER

Stanford University, 1972-76, AB in History, June 1976.

Princeton University, 1977-81, Ph.D. in History, August 1981.

POSITIONS HELD

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of History: Distinguished Professor of History (since 2013) full professor (since 1995); associate professor (1991-95).

Prior positions as assistant and associate professor, University of Virginia, 1984-1990, and Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral fellow in Division of Humanities and Social Sciences: Caltech.

Books

The Rise of Statistical Thinking, 1820-1900 (Princeton UP, 1986; paperback 1988),
translations into Italian and Japanese

Coauthor, *The Empire of Chance: How Probability Changed Science and Everyday Life*,
Cambridge UP, 1989), translation into German.

Trust in Numbers: The Pursuit of Objectivity in Science and Public Life (Princeton UP,
1995); translationS into Japanese and French, Korean translation forthcoming.

Editor, with Dorothy Ross, *Cambridge History of Science, volume 7: Modern Social Sciences*
(Cambridge UP, 2003); translation into Chinese

Karl Pearson: The Scientific Life in a Statistical Age (Princeton UP, 2004; paperback 2006)

Genetics in the Madhouse: The Unknown History of Human Heredity (Princeton UP, 2018)

A Few Recent Papers

"Thin Description: Surface and Depth in Science and Science Studies," R. Kohler and K.
Olesko, eds., *Clio Meets Science: The Challenge of History*, *Osiris*, 27 (2012), 209-226.

"The Flight of the Indicator," in Richard Rottenburg et al., eds., *The World of Indicators: The
Making of Governmental Knowledge through Quantification*," (Cambridge UP, 2015), 34-55

"Depending on Numbers," in Harald Atmanspacher and Sabine Maasen, eds.,

Reproducibility: Principles, Problems, and Practices (New York: Wiley, 2016)

"Asylums of Hereditary Research in the Efficient Modern State," Staffan Müller-Wille and
Christina Brandt, eds., *Heredity Explored: Between Public Domain and Experimental
Science* (MIT Press, 2016), 81-109

Soraya de Chadaravian and Theodore M. Porter, eds., *Special Issue: Histories of Data and
the Database*, *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences*, 48, no. 5 (2018), 594-603

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (since 2008)

Research fellow, Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung der Universität Bielefeld, 1982-83.

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellowship, 1989-90.

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, 2010-2011.

Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin/Berlin Institute For Advanced Study, 2013-14

Member of research group, Norwegian Research Council grant, "The Cultural Logic of Facts
and Figures" (2013-2016)

Principal investigator for five multi-year NSF Scholar Awards

Visiting positions for a month or more at EHESS, Paris (5), Max-Planck Inst. for History of
Science (2), Deutsches Museum Graduate College (Munich), Maison des Sciences de
l'Homme, University of Utrecht