

# Contents

## Introduction

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. The Constructionist Mosaic<br><i>Jaber F. Gubrium and James A. Holstein</i> | 3 |
|--|---|

## Part I. Foundations and Historical Context

- |   |    |
|---|----|
| 2. The Philosophical Foundations of Constructionist Research<br><i>Darin Weinberg</i>           | 13 |
| 3. Historical Development and Defining Issues<br>of Constructionist Inquiry<br><i>Joel Best</i> | 41 |

## Part II. Constructionism across the Disciplines

- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| 4. Constructionism in Anthropology<br><i>James D. Faubion and George E. Marcus</i>                             | 67  |
| 5. Social Constructionist Perspectives in Communication Research<br><i>Elissa Foster and Arthur P. Bochner</i> | 85  |
| 6. Educational Constructionisms<br><i>Stanton Wortham and Kara Jackson</i>                                     | 107 |
| 7. Social Constructionism in Management<br>and Organization Studies<br><i>Dalvir Samra-Fredericks</i>          | 129 |
| 8. Critical Constructionism in Nursing Research<br><i>Joanna Latimer</i>                                       | 153 |
| 9. Social Construction and Psychological Inquiry<br><i>Kenneth J. Gergen and Mary M. Gergen</i>                | 171 |
| 10. Social Constructions in the Study of Public Policy<br><i>Anne L. Schneider and Helen Ingram</i>            | 189 |

11. Social Constructionism in Science and Technology Studies <i>Sal Restivo and Jennifer Croissant</i>	213
12. Constructionism in Sociology <i>Scott R. Harris</i>	231

### Part III. The Scope of Constructionist Inquiry

13. Foucauldian Constructionism <i>Leslie Miller</i>	251
14. Discursive Constructionism <i>Jonathan Potter and Alexa Hepburn</i>	275
15. Narrative Constructionist Inquiry <i>Andrew C. Sparkes and Brett Smith</i>	295
16. Interactional Constructionism <i>Amir Marvasti</i>	315
17. Claimsmaking, Culture, and the Media in the Social Construction Process <i>Kathleen S. Lowney</i>	331
18. Strict and Contextual Constructionism in the Sociology of Deviance and Social Problems <i>Peter R. Ibarra</i>	355

### Part IV. Strategies and Techniques

19. Constructionist Impulses in Ethnographic Fieldwork <i>James A. Holstein and Jaber F. Gubrium</i>	373
20. Constructionism and the Grounded Theory Method <i>Kathy Charmaz</i>	397
21. Constructionism and Discourse Analysis <i>Pirjo Nikander</i>	413
22. A Social Constructionist Framing of the Research Interview <i>Mirka Koro-Ljungberg</i>	429
23. Autoethnography as Constructionist Project <i>Laura L. Ellingson and Carolyn Ellis</i>	445
24. Documents, Texts, and Archives in Constructionist Research <i>Annula Linders</i>	467

### Part V. The Social Construction of What?

25. The Constructed Body <i>Bryan S. Turner</i>	493
26. The Social Construction of Emotion <i>Donileen R. Loseke and Margarethe Kusenbach</i>	511

27. Constructing Gender: The Dancer and the Dance <i>Judith Lorber</i>	531
28. The Construction of Sex and Sexualities <i>Sara L. Crawley and K. L. Broad</i>	545
29. The Diverse Construction of Race and Ethnicity <i>Mitch Berbrier</i>	567
30. Constructions of Medical Knowledge <i>Paul Atkinson and Maggie Gregory</i>	593
31. Constructing Therapy and Its Outcomes <i>Gale Miller and Tom Strong</i>	609
32. Constructionist Themes in the Historiography of the Nation <i>Bo Stråth</i>	627

## **Part VI. Continuing Challenges**

33. The Reality of Social Constructions <i>Stephen Pfohl</i>	645
34. Can Constructionism Be Critical? <i>Dian Marie Hosking</i>	669
35. Feminism and Constructionism <i>Barbara L. Marshall</i>	687
36. Institutional Ethnography and Constructionism <i>Liza McCoy</i>	701
37. Ethnomethodology as a Provocation to Constructionism <i>Michael Lynch</i>	715
38. Saving Social Construction: Contributions from Cultural Studies <i>Joseph Schneider</i>	733
39. Writing Culture, Holism, and the Partialities of Ethnographic Inquiry <i>Vered Amit</i>	753
40. Constructionist Research and Globalization <i>Pertti Alasuutari</i>	767
Author Index	785
Subject Index	798
About the Editors	813
Contributors	814