

## 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.