

= Ralph Larkin =

Ralph Wild Larkin ( born May 27 , 1940 ) is an American sociologist and research consultant . He is the author of *Suburban Youth in Cultural Crisis* ( 1979 ) , *Beyond Revolution : A New Theory of Social Movements* ( 1986 ) , and *Comprehending Columbine* ( 2007 ) . He obtained his bachelor 's degree from the University of California , Santa Barbara and received a master 's degree in education from California State University at Northridge .

In 1969 he received a Ph.D. in Sociology of Education from the University of California , Los Angeles , and he taught sociology at Rutgers University in 1973 . He met fellow sociologist Daniel A. Foss while teaching at Rutgers , and they later partnered in researching social movements . They co @-@ authored a book together on social movements , and have jointly published studies in academic journals including *Theory & Society* , *Sociological Analysis* , and *Social Text* . Larkin is a Senior Research Associate at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice , City University of New York , and owns his own consulting firm called Academic Research Consulting Service .

= = Early life and education = =

Larkin was born in Los Angeles , California on May 27 , 1940 , and obtained his bachelor 's degree from the University of California , Santa Barbara in 1961 . After teaching elementary school in California , Larkin obtained a master 's degree in education from California State University at Northridge in 1966 , and received his Ph.D. in Sociology of Education from the University of California , Los Angeles , in 1969 . In 1970 , Larkin moved to New York and worked as a research associate at the Center for Urban Education . He became an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Rutgers University in 1973 .

= = Career = =

= = = Research on social movements = = =

Larkin met fellow sociologist Daniel A. Foss when they were both teaching Sociology at Rutgers University . They have frequently partnered in research on the study of social movements . The book *Beyond Revolution : A New Theory of Social Movements* was co @-@ authored with Foss . Larkin and Foss have also jointly published research in sociology journals , including a piece on the white middle class youth movement of the 1960s and its relationship to later movements such as the Children of God , the Divine Light Mission , Swami Muktananda and the Revolutionary Youth Movement in *Theory and Society* . They later wrote a more focused article dealing with Guru Maharaj Ji and his followers , which was published in *Sociological Analysis* , and a piece dealing with the vocabulary utilized in these social movements , in *Social Text* . Larkin and Foss ' research has later been cited by books on both the 1960s subculture , and on movements of social change such as the Hippie movement and other forms of counterculture and subculture .

= = = Teaching = = =

Larkin has taught coursework in the Department of Sociology at the Newark College of Arts and Science of Rutgers University , and was also a professor at the Center for the Study of Evaluation , University of California , Los Angeles Graduate School of Education . After the publication of his work *Comprehending Columbine* , Larkin was contacted by the press for comment on the Columbine High School massacre , and discussed a judge 's decision to seal information and tapes containing information about the killers . " The judge said the tapes were incendiary . We have plenty of things already that stimulate violence , " said Larkin . Prior to writing the book , Larkin had given a seminar at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice 's Center on Terrorism , entitled : " From Oklahoma City to Columbine : Paramilitary Influences on Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold . " Larkin is

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