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ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New York University Abu Dhabi, Division of Social Sciences, Social Research and Public Policy
Assistant Professor of Sociology, September 2015 – present.

Northwestern University, Department of Sociology, Evanston, IL
Instructor of Sociology, September 2014 – June 2015.

Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC
Policy Analyst, September 2001 – June 2004

EDUCATION

PhD Sociology, Northwestern University: September 2013.

MA Social Service Administration, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration:
2001.

BA Sociology (with honors) and Germanic Studies (with honors), University of Chicago: 1999.

BOOK

Agents of Reform: Child Labor and the Origins of the Welfare State. 2021. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

- *Winner, 2022 Outstanding Contribution to Political Sociology Award, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association*
- *Honorable Mention, 2022 Allan Sharlin Memorial Book Award, Social Science History Association*

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Anderson, Elisabeth, Sabino Kornrich, and Eman Abdelhadi. Forthcoming. “Carrots over Sticks? Mothers’ Pensions and Child Labor in the Early 20th-Century U.S.” *Social Science History*.

Anderson, Elisabeth. Forthcoming. “Habitus and Personality in the Work of Max Weber.” *Journal of Classical Sociology*.

Anderson, Elisabeth. 2018. "Policy Entrepreneurs and the Origins of the Regulatory Welfare State: Child Labor Reform in Nineteenth-Century Europe." *American Sociological Review* 83: 173-211.

- Co-winner, 2019 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship (article) award, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association

Anderson, Elisabeth, Bruce Carruthers, and Timothy Guinnane. 2015. "An Unlikely Alliance: How Experts and Industry Transformed Consumer Credit Policy in the Early Twentieth Century U.S." *Social Science History* 39: 581-612.

Anderson, Elisabeth. 2013. "Ideas in Action: The Politics of Prussian Child Labor Reform, 1817-1839." *Theory and Society* 42: 81-119.

- Winner, Charles Tilly Best Article Award, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association

Anderson, Elisabeth. 2008. "Experts, Ideas and Policy Change: The Russell Sage Foundation and Small Loan Reform, 1909-1941." *Theory and Society* 37: 271-310.

OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Anderson, Elisabeth. 2022. "Agency, Ideas and the Origins of the Regulatory Welfare State." *United Nations Human Development Report*. New York, NY: United Nations Development Programme.

Anderson, Elisabeth. 2020. Review of *The Fiscalization of Social Policy: How Taxpayers Trumped Children in the Fight Against Child Poverty* (Oxford), by Joshua T. McCabe. *Contemporary Sociology* 49: 454-456.

Anderson, Elisabeth and Kyle Michiels. 2019. "Kroniek van een aangekondigde Mislukking? Her eerste Belgische wetsvoortel (1848) om kinderarbeid to reglementeren." ["Chronicle of an announced failure? The first Belgian bill (1848) to regulate child labor"]. *Brood & Rosen* 24: 5-27.

Anderson, Elisabeth. 2019. Review of *Child Labor in America: The Epic Legal Struggle to Protect Children* (Kansas), by John Fliter. *Political Science Quarterly* 134: 563-564.

Anderson, Elisabeth. 2018. Review of *Egypt in the Time of Revolution* (Cambridge), by Neil Ketchley. *American Journal of Sociology* 124: 958-961.

Anderson, Elisabeth. 2013. Review of *Ideas and Politics in Social Science Research* (Oxford), Edited by Daniel Béland and Robert Henry Cox. *Contemporary Sociology* 42: 213-215.

Anderson, Elisabeth, Michaela DeSoucey, Corey Fields, and Chris Yenkey [Eds]. 2006. *Economic Sociology: Syllabi & Instructional Materials, Third Edition*. American Sociological Association: Washington, DC.

DATASETS

Anderson, Elisabeth, Monica Prasad and Andrew Nickow. 2019. *Comparative Taxation Dataset on 40 Countries and Areas, 1870-2001*, ICPSR 37365.
<https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/37365/>

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Welfare States.” (with Michael McCarthy). Invited chapter in preparation for *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative-Historical Sociology*, edited by Rebecca Emigh, Richard Lachmann and David McCourt.

“Piecemeal and Performative Bureaucracy in the Late 19th-Century U.S.” First draft presented at the 2022 American Sociological Association annual meeting.

“Theorizing Regulatory Welfare.” To be presented at the 2023 American Sociological Association annual meeting.

“Did Low-Income Whites Benefit from Black Disenfranchisement During ‘Jim Crow’?” (with Jeffrey L. Jensen and Giuliana Pardelli)

INVITED TALKS, INTERVIEWS AND PRESENTATIONS

Anderson, Elisabeth. “Agents of Reform: Child Labor and the Origins of the Welfare State.” To be presented at the Swedish Institute for Social Research (University of Stockholm) colloquium, May 23, 2023.

Anderson, Elisabeth. December 6, 2022. “Agents of Reform: Child Labor and the Origins of the Welfare State.” *When Global Shocks Disrupt Human Development* symposium, Nuffield College, University of Oxford.

Anderson, Elisabeth. November 10, 2022. “Agents of Reform: Child Labor Discourse in 19th-Century Europe and the U.S.” *Disputing Child Labour Globally* conference, University of Duisburg-Essen.

Anderson, Elisabeth. April 19, 2022. “Agents of Reform: Child Labor and the Origins of the Welfare State.” Virtual book panel sponsored by the Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.

New Books in Economic and Business History podcast. March 30, 2022. Interview with Javier Cubillos. <https://newbooksnetwork.com/agents-of-reform>

Anderson, Elisabeth. February 11, 2022. “Agents of Reform: Child Labor and the Origins of the Regulatory Welfare State in Germany and the U.S.” University of Iowa Department of Sociology & Criminology colloquium.

Anderson, 3 of 9, last rev. February 2023

Anderson, Elisabeth. September 27, 2021. "Agents of Reform: Child Labor and the Origins of the Regulatory Welfare State in Germany and the U.S." University of California-Berkeley Department of Sociology colloquium.

Anderson, Elisabeth. September 2018. "Policy Entrepreneurs and the Origins of Child Labor Regulation in Europe." University of Mannheim Centre for European Social Research colloquium, Mannheim, Germany.

Anderson, Elisabeth. November 2009. "Expert Jurisdiction and Social Problems: The Russell Sage Foundation and Poor People's Credit in Early 20th-Century America." Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Dallas, Texas.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Anderson, Elisabeth. 2022. "Piecemeal and Performative Bureaucracy in the Late 19th-Century U.S." 117th annual American Sociological Association meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Anderson, Elisabeth. 2019. "Agents of Reform: Child Labor and the Origins of the Regulatory Welfare State." *Theorizing Social Change* conference, New York University Abu Dhabi, October 2019.

Abdelhadi, Eman and Elisabeth Anderson. 2018. "The Influence of Mothers' Pension Laws on Child Labor in the Early Twentieth-Century U.S." 111th American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2018.

Abdelhadi, Eman and Elisabeth Anderson. 2017. "The Influence of Mothers' Pension Laws on Child Labor in the Early Twentieth-Century U.S." 43rd annual Social Science History Association conference, Montreal, Canada, November 2017.

Anderson, Elisabeth. 2016. "Policy Entrepreneurs and the Origins of the Regulatory Welfare State: Child Labor Reform in 19th-Century Europe." 111th American Sociological Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA, August 2016.

Anderson, Elisabeth. 2014. "The Creativity of Strategic Action: Elite Policy Entrepreneurship and Factory Inspection in Imperial Germany." 39th annual Social Science History Association conference, Toronto, Canada, November 2014.

Anderson, Elisabeth. August 2013. "Policy Entrepreneurs and Institutional Change: Child Labor Reform in 19th-Century Massachusetts and Prussia." American Sociological Association Comparative and Historical Sociology Section mini-conference on "Capitalism, the Politics of Inequality, and Historical Change." Columbia University, New York, NY.

Anderson, Elisabeth. August 2013. "Policy Entrepreneurs, Ideas, and the Origins of Child Labor Policy in Massachusetts and Prussia." 108th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

- Anderson, Elisabeth. November 2012. "Policy Entrepreneurs, Ideas, and the Origins of Social Policy: Child Labor Reform in Massachusetts and Prussia." 37th annual Social Science History Association conference, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Anderson, Elisabeth and Bruce Carruthers. November 2012. "An Unlikely Alliance: How Experts and Industry Transformed Consumer Credit in the Early Twentieth-Century U.S." 37th annual Social Science History Association conference, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Anderson, Elisabeth. July 2012. "'A Canker in the Body Politic': State Responses to Child Labor in 19th Century Massachusetts and Prussia." Max Planck Institute/Northwestern University joint social science conference, Chicago, IL.
- Anderson, Elisabeth. May 2012. "'A Canker in the Body Politic': State Responses to Child Labor in 19th Century Massachusetts and Prussia." Presented at a joint meeting of the Northwestern Comparative Social Science Workshop and the University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop, Chicago, IL.
- Anderson, Elisabeth. August 2011. "Ideas as Motivators and Resources for Action in Early Prussian Child Labor Reform, 1817-1839." 106th annual meeting American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Anderson, Elisabeth. November 2010. "Ideas as Motivators and Resources for Action in Early Prussian Child Labor Reform, 1817-1839." 35th annual Social Science History Association conference, Chicago, IL.
- Anderson, Elisabeth. August 2009. "Expert Jurisdiction and Social Problems: The Russell Sage Foundation and Credit for Poor People in Early 20th-Century America." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA.
- Anderson, Elisabeth. July 2009. "Ideas as Motivators and Resources for Action in Early Prussian Child Labor Reform, 1817-1839." *Adjusting to Economic and Social Challenges: Reconsidering the Roles of State and Market* mini-conference, Harvard University.
- Anderson, Elisabeth. August 2007. "Culture as Cause: Methodological Issues in the Study of Culture and Politics." 102nd annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- Anderson, Elisabeth. 2007. "Experts, Ideas, and Policy Change: The Russell Sage Foundation and Small Loan Reform." Northwestern University Comparative & Historical Social Science Workshop, Evanston, IL.
- Anderson, Elisabeth. May 2006. "Experts, Ideas, and Policy Change: The Russell Sage Foundation and Small Loan Reform, 1910-1940." Society for Comparative Research Sixth Annual Graduate Student Retreat, New Haven, CT.
- Anderson, Elisabeth. November 2005. "Ideology, Ideas, and Frames in Social Welfare Policy Development: The Russell Sage Foundation and the Uniform Small Loan Law, 1910-1940." 30th annual Social Science History Association conference, Chicago, IL.

Anderson, Elisabeth. August 2005. "Ideology, Ideas, and Frames in Social Welfare Policy Development: The Russell Sage Foundation and the Uniform Small Loan Law, 1910-1940." 100th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia.

AUTHOR-MEETS-CRITICS PANELS

Dromi, Shai. 2020. *Above the Fray: The Red Cross and the Making of the Humanitarian NGO Sector* (Chicago). 47th annual Social Science History Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, November 2021.

Kaler, Amy. 2017. *Baby Trouble in the Last Best West: Making New People in Alberta, 1905-1939* (Toronto). 43rd annual Social Science History Association conference, Montreal, November 2017.

Boucher, Ellen. 2014. *Empire's Children: Child Emigration, Welfare, and the Decline of the British World, 1869-1967* (Cambridge). 39th annual Social Science History Association conference, Toronto, November 2014.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Honorable Mention, Allan Sharlin Memorial Book Award, Social Science History Association, 2022
- Distinguished Contribution Book Award, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2022
- Distinguished Contribution Article Award, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2019
- Charles Tilly Best Article Award, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2013
- Charles and Louise Tilly Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, Social Science History Association, 2012.
- Northwestern University Department of Sociology Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Published Paper, 2008.
- Northwestern University Department of Sociology Teaching Assistant Award (Honorable Mention), 2007 & 2008.
- Northwestern University Department of Sociology Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding 2nd Year Paper, 2005.
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1999.
- University of Chicago Germanic Studies Department Goethe Prize, 1999.

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- New York University Abu Dhabi Institute conference grant for "Theorizing Social Change" conference, AY 2019-20.
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, AY 2008-09.

- Northwestern University Graduate Research Fellowship, AY 2008-09.
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Research Grant, Summer 2008.
- Northwestern University Sociology Research Fellowship, Winter 2008
- Northwestern University Graduate Research Grant, 2007
- MacArthur Foundation Collaborative Research Grant, 2004, 2005, 2006.
- University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration Helen Clausen Scholarship, 1999-2001.
- University of Chicago College Honor Scholarship, 1995-1999.

COURSES TAUGHT

- Foundations of Modern Social Thought (NYUAD, 2 sections each in Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, and Fall 2022)
- Welfare States in Comparative Perspective (NYUAD, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2023)
- Youth and Society (Northwestern University, AYs 2012-13 & 2013-14)
- Gender and Society (Northwestern University, AY 2014-2015)
- The Child and the State (Northwestern University, AY 2007-08)
- Graduate Research Seminar (Northwestern University, AY 2006-07)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer reviewer

American Sociological Review • American Journal of Sociology • Theory & Society • Social Problems • Gender & Society • Law & Social Inquiry • Qualitative Sociology • Policy & Politics • Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication • Research in Political Sociology • Comparative International Development

Conference and workshop organizer

Organizer, NYUAD Social Research and Public Policy writing workshop, AY 2016-17 to present.

Co-coordinator (with Jonathan Chapman, Chris Paik, and Melanie Xue), NYUAD Social Science Division Social Science History Seminar, AY 2020-21.

Co-organizer (with Zeynep Ozgen), *Theorizing Social Change: Policy, Institutions, Culture*. Conference held at New York University Abu Dhabi, October 2019.

Co-coordinator (with Daniel Karell), New York University Abu Dhabi Social Research and Public Policy program speaker series, AYs 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Co-organizer (with Barry Eidlin), *Revisiting Remaking Modernity: New Voices in Comparative-Historical Sociology*. Mini-conference held at Northwestern University in August 2015.

Co-organizer (with Monica Prasad, Isaac Martin, and Ajay Mehrotra), *The Thunder of History: Taxation in Comparative and Historical Perspective*. Conference held at Northwestern University in May 2007.

Co-coordinator, Northwestern University Comparative-Historical Sociology Workshop, AY 2004-05.

Conference session organizer

- “New Directions in Social Policy History.” 2023 American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2023.
- “Welfare State Origin and Expansion,” “Welfare and Social Control,” and “Neoliberal Welfare States.” 114th annual American Sociological Association meeting, New York, NY, August 2019.
- Comparative and Historical Section open sessions, 109th annual American Sociological Association meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2014.
- “Child Welfare in Comparative and Historical Perspective.” 35th annual Social Science History Association conference, Chicago, IL, November 2010.

Conference session discussant

- 47th annual Social Science History Association conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2021.
- 114th annual American Sociological Association conference, New York, NY, 2019.
- 43rd annual Social Science History Association conference, Montreal, Canada, November 2017.
- American Sociological Association Comparative Historical Section mini conference, “Can Comparative Historical Sociology Save the World?” Seattle, WA, August 2016
- 39th annual Social Science History Association conference, Toronto, ON, November 2014.
- 38th annual Social Science History Association conference, Chicago, IL, November 2013.
- 35th annual Social Science History Association conference, Chicago, IL, November 2010.

Committees

Member, Distinguished Book Award committee, American Sociological Association Political Sociology Section, 2023.

Member, New York University Abu Dhabi, Social Research and Public Policy recruitment committee, Fall 2022. Resigned due to medical emergency.

Member, New York University Abu Dhabi, Social Research and Public Policy public policy recruitment committee, AY 2020-21.

Member, New York University Abu Dhabi Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, AYs 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20.

Member, Reinhard Bendix student paper award committee, American Sociological Association Comparative and Historical Sociology Section, 2019.

Member, New York University Abu Dhabi, Social Science Division Instructor Evaluation Committee, 2019 & 2020.

Member, New York University Abu Dhabi Dissertation Writing Fellowship Committee; AYs 2018-19, 2019-20, 2021-22.

Member, New York University Abu Dhabi, Social Research and Public Policy program instructor recruitment committee (2017).

Member, New York University Abu Dhabi, Social Research and Public Policy program junior faculty recruitment committee (2016).

Member, New York University Abu Dhabi, Social Research and Public Policy program curriculum review committee, AY 2015-16.

Member, Charles Tilly Best Article Award committee, American Sociological Association Comparative and Historical Sociology Section, 2014.

Member, Northwestern University Department of Sociology senior faculty recruitment Committee, 2007.

Member, Northwestern University Department of Sociology graduate admissions committee, 2006.