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EMPLOYMENT

- 2016- Assistant Professor of Sociology
Health and Society Program
Department of Sociology, Baylor University
- 2014-16 Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Sociology, Yale University
Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course (CIQLE)
Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality (CERSI)
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EDUCATION

- 2009-14 M.A. and Ph.D., Sociology. The University of Iowa.
- Dissertation:
“Expecting Good Things and Feeling Good: A Sociological Approach to Health Inequalities.”
Committee: Jennifer L. Glanville¹ (Co-Chair), Steven Hitlin¹ (Co-Chair),
Sarah K. Harkness, Freda B. Lynn¹, Robin W. Simon (Wake Forest University)
- Qualifying Examinations: Social Stratification, Social Psychology
- 2004-08 B.A., Chemistry, B.A., Psychology. Knox College (Galesburg, IL, USA). *Summa cum laude*.
- College Honors in Psychology and English
Psychology Thesis Examiner (2007): Joshua M. Smyth, Pennsylvania State University
English Thesis Examiner (2008): Pattiann Rogers, American Poet
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CORE RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Inequality, Socioeconomic Status, Life Course, Family, Personal Networks

SELECTED HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017,18 Baylor University Summer Sabbatical Awards
2017 Baylor University *Rising Star* Awardee, Office of the Vice Provost for Research
Inaugural Award for Peer Reviewing Excellence, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*
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¹ M.A. Thesis Examiner

- 2014 ASA Family Section Best Article Award (in *AJS*, with Jennifer Glass and Robin W. Simon)
 Kirschstein NICHD Postdoctoral Research Service Award (UT-Austin PRC) - Declined
- 2013 Finalist, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars
 Invited Scholar, Summer Seminar in Critical Realism at Yale University (Philip Gorski, PI)
 ASA Social Psychology Section Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2010 Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2009 Presidential Graduate Research Fellowship, The University of Iowa (Award Period 2009-2014)
 Graduate Assistantships, Departments of Sociology, UW-Madison and Indiana University - Declined
- 2008 E. Inman Fox and John C. Weigel Prizes, Knox College
 Finalist, Tupelo Press First Book Prize in Poetry
- 2007 *Phi Beta Kappa* Inductee; College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA) Master Tutor
 Semifinalist, James Jones First Novel Fellowship
- 2005 Russell P. Sutton Prize in Organic Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, Knox College
- 2004 National Merit Scholar, National AP Scholar

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH

- Forth. Brazil, Noli and **Matthew A. Andersson**. "Mental Well-Being and Changes in Peer Ability from High School to College." *Youth & Society*.
- Wilkinson, Renae² and **Matthew A. Andersson**. "Adolescent Socioeconomic Status and Parent-Child Emotional Bonds: Reexamining Gender Differences in Mental Well-Being During Young Adulthood." *Society and Mental Health*.
- Andersson, Matthew A.** "Modern Social Hierarchies and the Spaces Between: How Are Subjective Status Inconsistencies Linked to Mental Well-Being?" *Social Psychology Quarterly*.
- Andersson, Matthew A.**, Mark H. Walker and Brian P. Kaskie. "Strapped for Time or Stressed Out? Predictors of Work Interruption and Unmet Needs for Workplace Support among Informal Elder Caregivers." *Journal of Aging and Health*.
- Andersson, Matthew A.** and Sarah K. Harkness. "When Do Biological Attributions of Mental Illness Reduce Stigma? Using Qualitative Comparative Analysis to Contextualize Attributions." *Society and Mental Health*.
- Andersson, Matthew A.** "An Odd Ladder to Climb: Socioeconomic Differences Across Levels of Subjective Social Status." *Social Indicators Research*.
- Andersson, Matthew A.** and Joan K. Monin. "Informal Care Networks in the Context of Multimorbidity: Size, Composition, and Associations with Recipient Psychological Well-Being." *Journal of Aging and Health*.
- 2017 **Andersson, Matthew A.**, Shana Kushner Gadarian and Rene Almeling. "Does Educational Attainment Shape Reactions to Genetic Risk for Alzheimer's disease? Results from a National Survey Experiment." *Social Science & Medicine* 180:101-105.

² Graduate Student Author (Research Assistant; Spring 2017)

Andersson, Matthew A. and Kenneth Vaughan³. “Adult Health Returns to Education by Key Childhood Social and Economic Indicators: Results from Representative European Data.” *Social Science & Medicine – Population Health* 3:411-418.

Kaskie, Brian P., Mark H. Walker and **Matthew A. Andersson**. “Efforts to Address the Aging Academic Workforce: Assessing Progress through a Three-Stage Model of Institutional Change.” *Innovative Higher Education* 42:225-237.

2016 Glass, Jennifer, Robin W. Simon and **Matthew A. Andersson**. “Parenthood and Happiness: Effects of Work-Family Reconciliation Policies in 22 OECD Countries.” *American Journal of Sociology* 122:886-929.
Coverage in *TIME*, *NY Times*, *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune*, and 50+ other news outlets. 45-Minute Syndicated Segment on National Public Radio: *On Point*.

Andersson, Matthew A. “Health Returns to Education by Family Socioeconomic Origins, 1980-2008: Testing the Importance of Gender, Cohort, and Age.” *Social Science & Medicine – Population Health* 2:549-560.

Andersson, Matthew A. “Chronic Disease at Midlife: Do Parent-Child Bonds Modify the Effect of Childhood SES?” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 57:373-389.

Altmetric Influence Score: 783 (Jan 2017; Highest influence score in *JHSB*, Top ~250 out of 2.7 Million Research Outputs in Altmetric in 2016). Coverage in over 100 news outlets: *US News & World Report*, *Health*, *HealthDay*, *Economic Times*, *MedicalXPress*, *Health Medicine Network*.

Andersson, Matthew A. and Nicholas A. Christakis. “Desire for Weight Loss, Weight-Related Social Contact, and Body Mass Outcomes.” *Obesity* 24:1434-1437.

Altmetric Influence Score: 167 (Jan 2017; Top 2% in *Obesity*). Coverage in *TIME*, *US News & World Report*, *Health*, *LiveScience*, and many other news outlets.

Andersson, Matthew A. and Jennifer L. Glanville. “The Contingent Effects of Mental Well-Being and Education on Volunteering.” *Society and Mental Health* 6:90-105.

Andersson, Matthew A. “The Long Arm of Warm Parenting: A Sex-Matching Perspective on Adult Children's Physical Health.” *Journal of Family Issues* 37:879-901.

2015 **Andersson, Matthew A.** and Vida Maralani. “Early-Life Characteristics and Educational Disparities in Smoking.” *Social Science & Medicine* 144:138-147.

Andersson, Matthew A. “How Do We Assign Ourselves Social Status? A Cross-Cultural Test of the Cognitive Averaging Principle.” *Social Science Research* 52:317-329.

2014 **Andersson, Matthew A.**, Jennifer Glass and Robin W. Simon. “Users Beware! Variable Effects of Parenthood on Happiness Within and Across International Datasets.” *Social Indicators Research* 115:945-961.

³ Graduate Student Author (Research Assistant; Fall 2016)

- 2013 Jennifer L. Glanville, **Matthew A. Andersson** and Pamela Paxton. ⁴ “Do Social Connections Create Trust? An Examination Using New Longitudinal Data.” *Social Forces* 92:545-562.
- Andersson, Matthew A.** and Colleen S. Conley. “Optimizing the Perceived Benefits and Health Outcomes of Writing about Traumatic Life Events.” *Stress and Health* 29:40-49.
US News & World Report (“The Health Benefits of Expressive Writing”; Aug 2016)
Scientific American Mind (“Writing in Third Person Can Spark Recovery”; Dec 2013)
- 2012 **Andersson, Matthew A.** “Identity Crises in Love and at Work: Dispositional Optimism as a Durable Personal Resource.” *Social Psychology Quarterly* 75:290-309. ⁵
 Editorial Selection, *SPQ Snaps*; Podcast available (spq.sagepub.com)
Prevention (“Have a Better Break-Up: Healthy Solutions for Letting Go”; Oct 2012)
- Andersson, Matthew A.** “Dispositional Optimism and the Emergence of Social Network Diversity.” *Sociological Quarterly* 53:92-115. ⁵
 First Place, Social Science and Education, Jakobsen University-Wide Graduate Research Conference, University of Iowa
- 2008 **Andersson, Matthew A.** and Colleen S. Conley. “Expecting to Heal through Self-Expression: A Perceived Control Theory of Writing and Health.” *Health Psychology Review* 2:138-162.
 Journal Impact Factor (2015): 8.976

SELECTED RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Andersson, Matthew A. “Against All Odds or By Dint of Privilege? Happiness and Life Satisfaction Returns to College in America.”
- Andersson, Matthew A. “Educational Health Disparities across Europe: How Does National Healthcare Quality Matter?”
- Andersson, Matthew A. “How Much Does National Healthcare Quality Matter to Healthy Aging? Results from Europe Using Subjective and Objective Quality Measures.”
- Andersson, Matthew A., Vida Maralani and Renae Wilkinson. “Degrees of Quality: How High School Quality Shapes Educational Health Disparities.”
- Hitlin, Steven and Matthew A. Andersson. “Senses of Human Dignity: An Empirical Assessment.”
- Lynn, Freda B., Mary C. Noonan, Michael Sauder and Matthew A. Andersson. “A Rare Case of Gender Parity in Academia.”
- Simon, Robin W., Matthew A. Andersson and Jennifer Glass. “Do Supportive Family Policies Reduce Marital Disparities in Happiness? Results from 22 OECD Countries.”

⁴ Authors contributed equally.

⁵ Cited in a prominent multidisciplinary review article (published in *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, Cell press; 5-Year Impact Factor=23.872)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2015 Hitlin, Steven and **Matthew A. Andersson**. "Dignity as Moral Motivation: The Problem of Social Order Writ Small." Chapter 14 in *Order on the Edge of Chaos: Social Psychology and the Problem of Social Order*, edited by Edward Lawler, Shane Thye and Jeongkoo Yoon. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Hitlin, Steven, **Matthew A. Andersson** and Glen H. Elder, Jr. "Motivation: Life Course and Sociological Perspectives." Pp. 940-945 in *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences* (2nd edition), Volume 15, edited by James D. Wright. Oxford: Elsevier.
- 2013 Hitlin, Steven, and **Matthew A. Andersson**. "Social Psychology of Human Dignity." Pp. 384-93 in *Handbook of Sociology and Human Rights*, edited by David L Brunsma, Keri E. Iyall Smith, and Brian K. Bran. London: Paradigm.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 Book Review: *To Flourish or Destruct: A Personalist Theory of Human Goods, Motivations, Failure, and Evil* by Christian Smith (UChicago, 2015). *Social Forces*.
- 2014 **Andersson, Matthew A.** "Zurich." *The Examined Life Journal* 3(2):21.
In *What a Vessel in a Stem* (Poetry Manuscript, Undergraduate Honors Thesis in English Deposited at Knox College); Finalist, Tupelo Press First Book Award in Poetry (2008)

GRANT SUBMISSIONS

- 2017 Andersson, Matthew A. and Steven Hitlin. "Age-Graded Patterns in Character Growth Following Life Adversity." Pathways to Character RFP, Letter of Intent.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (FORTHCOMING AND MOST RECENT)

- Forth. Panelist, Special Session, "Is the Sociology of Mental Health at a Crossroads? Some Historical Reflections and Where We Go from Here." American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting, Philadelphia.
- Andersson, Matthew A. "Educational Health Disparities across Europe: How Does National Healthcare Quality Matter?" Regular Session, Population Association of America (PAA) Meeting, Denver.
- Andersson, Matthew A. "How Much Does National Healthcare Quality Matter to Healthy Aging? Results from Europe Using Subjective and Objective Quality Measures." Regular Session, PAA Meeting, Denver.

Wilkinson, Renae and Matthew A. Andersson. "Adolescent Socioeconomic Status and Parent-Child Emotional Bonds: Reexamining Gender Differences in Mental Well-Being During Young Adulthood." Regular Session, Southern Sociological Society Meeting, New Orleans.

2017 Andersson, Matthew A. "Informal Care in America: A Convergence of Networks, Aging, & Health." Department of Human Development, Cornell University.

Simon, Robin W., Matthew A. Andersson and Jennifer Glass. "Do Supportive Family Policies Reduce Marital Disparities in Happiness? Results from 22 OECD Countries." Regular Session, Mental Health, American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting, Montreal.

Hitlin, Steven and Matthew A. Andersson. "Dignity and the Empirical Measurement of the Moral Self." Department of Sociology, Duke University.

Andersson, Matthew A. "Aging and Health in Western Nations: Associations with National Healthcare Quality and Life-Course Socioeconomic Status." Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University.

Andersson, Matthew A. and Joan K. Monin. "Informal Care Networks in the Context of Multimorbidity: Size, Composition, and Associations with Recipient Psychological Well-Being." Invited Session on Gender and Health, Southern Sociological Society Meeting, Greenville, S.C.

Andersson, Matthew A. "Family Socioeconomic Origins, Education, and Adult Mental Well-Being: 1974-2014." Poster, PAA Meeting, Chicago.

Andersson, Matthew A., Shana Kushner Gadarian and Rene Almeling. "Does Educational Attainment Shape Reactions to Genetic Risk for Alzheimer's Disease? Results from a National Survey Experiment." Poster, PAA Meeting, Chicago.

2016 Kaskie, Brian, Matthew A. Andersson, Mark Walker. "Workplace Support Activation by Informal Elder Caregivers: Differentiating Awareness, Need, and Use." Gerontological Society of America, Special Session, Sloan Research Network on Aging & Work: "Work and Caregiving: Productive Aging from the Lenses of Employers, Employees and Public Policy."

Andersson, Matthew A., Shana Kushner Gadarian and Rene Almeling. "Reactions to Genetic Risk for Alzheimer's Disease Across Levels of Education." Invited Session, "New Frontiers: Morality, Altruism, and Emotions," ASA Meeting, Seattle.

Andersson, Matthew A. and Sarah K. Harkness. "Contextualizing the Biological Turn: The Important Role of Belief Configurations for Mental Illness Stigma." Regular Session, Sociology of Mental Health, ASA Meeting, Seattle.

Andersson, Matthew A. and Nicholas A. Christakis. "Desire for Weight Loss, Weight-Related Social Contact, and Body Mass Outcomes." Session on Peer Influences on Health, PAA Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Andersson, Matthew A. “A Three-Wave National Study of How Peer and Personal Influences Combine to Predict Sustained Weight Loss.” Yale Institute for Network Science and Human Nature Lab, Nicholas Christakis, Co-Director.

Andersson, Matthew A. and Joan K. Monin. “Informal Care in the Context of Multimorbidity: Recipient Psychological Well-Being and Gender Differences in Care Networks.” Session on Caregiver Wellbeing, PAA Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Andersson, Matthew A., Mark H. Walker and Brian P. Kaskie. “Strapped for Time, Stressed Out, or Both? Unmet Needs and Work Interruption among Informal Elder Caregivers.” Accepted for presentation at Work Family Researchers Network conference in Washington, D.C. (June 22-25)

2015 Andersson, Matthew A. “More than a Feeling: Emotional Well-Being and the Activation of Education.” Departments of Sociology at Baylor University, Michigan State University, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Maryland, and University of Miami.
Presented in 2013 at Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin – Madison; Regular Session, Emotions and Inequality, ASA Meeting, New York City; Theory Workshop, University of Iowa Department of Sociology

Andersson, Matthew A. and Richard Breen. “When Do Identical Twins Differ on Education? A Propensity Weighting Approach to Returns to Education.” Inequality and Life Course Workshop, Department of Sociology, Yale University.

Andersson, Matthew A. “Parental Warmth and Children’s Postsecondary Education: College Completion in Two Twentieth-Century Birth Cohorts (1921-1970).” Regular Session, Parental Involvement and Educational Outcomes, ASA Meeting, Chicago.

Andersson, Matthew A. “Researching Health Inequalities using National Data.” Young Scholars Program, Yale Center for Analytical Sciences.

Breen, Richard and Andersson, Matthew A. “The Changing Heritability of Education in the United States.” Stratification Conference, Copenhagen.

Andersson, Matthew A. “Midlife Disease Burden and Combined Childhood Resources.” Program on Aging Colloquium, Yale School of Medicine.

Brazil, Noli and Matthew A. Andersson. “Leaping from One Pond to Another: A Diagonal Mobility Approach to Psychological Well-Being across the College Transition.” Session on Social Contexts of Education, PAA Meeting, San Diego.

Andersson, Matthew A. and Vida Maralani. “Early-Life Characteristics and Emergent Educational Disparities in Smoking.” Session on Education and Health Inequalities, PAA Meeting, San Diego.

Andersson, Matthew A. “How Do We Assign Ourselves Status? A Cross-Cultural Test of the Cognitive Averaging Principle.” Comparative Research Workshop, Yale University.

Andersson, Matthew A. “A Dynamic Approach to Well-Being and Personal Social Networks.” Yale Institute for Network Science. Yale Institute for Network Science and Human Nature Lab, Nicholas Christakis, Co-Director.

2014 Andersson, Matthew A. “Thriving Under Autonomy: Optimism and Annual Worker Earnings.” Organizations and Networks Brownbag, Department of Sociology, UMass - Amherst.

Andersson, Matthew A., Mark H. Walker and Brian P. Kaskie. “Activating Workplace Supports for Informal Elder Caregiving.” Program on Aging Colloquium, Yale School of Medicine.

Andersson, Matthew A. “The Power of Love: Childhood Parental Warmth and the Leveling of Educational Health Disparities.” Inequality and Life Course Workshop, Department of Sociology, Yale University.

2013 Jennifer Glass, Robin W. Simon and Matthew A. Andersson. “Parenthood and Happiness: Findings from a Cross-National Study.” 2nd Work-Family Research Network Conference, Sydney, Australia.

2012 Andersson, Matthew A. “The Social Psychology of Dignity.” Author Meets Critics Session for *Handbook of the Sociology of Human Rights*, ASA Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Jennifer L. Glanville, Matthew A. Andersson and Pamela Paxton. “Do Social Connections Create Trust? A Longitudinal Analysis.” Session on Social Capital, ASA Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Simon, Robin W., Jennifer Glass and Matthew A. Andersson. “The Impact of Parenthood on Emotional and Physical Well-Being: Some Findings from a Study of 29 Nations.” The XIII International Conference on Social Stress Research, Dublin, Ireland.

Andersson, Matthew A. “The Strain of Friendship: A Network-Based Approach to Self-Esteem and Identity Change.” Session on Emotion and Identity Work, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

AD HOC PEER REVIEWER

4+ Papers

Social Forces; Social Psychology Quarterly; Journal of Gerontology – Social Sciences; Social Science & Medicine

1-3 Papers

American Sociological Review; Sociological Theory; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Soc. of Health & Illness; Social Science Research; Soc. Quarterly; Soc. Perspectives; Soc. Forum; Emerging Adulthood; The Gerontologist; Journal of Aging & Health; Psychological Science; PLOS ONE; Human Resource Mgmt.; Am. Journal of Preventive Medicine⁶; Preventive Medicine Reports; Journal of Communication; Global Health Action; Stress & Health; Journal of Trauma & Dissoc.; Oxford University Press; Journal of Family Issues; Journal of Youth and Adolescence; Social Indic. Research; SSM-Pop Health; Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Qtrly; HICSS (Hawaii Int’l Conference on System Sciences)

⁶ Recognized as an “outstanding” peer reviewer in 2016

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

Baylor University

Baylor Religion Survey (Dept. of Sociology; 2016-2017)

Faculty Search Committee (Dept. of Sociology; 2016-)

Undergraduate Committee (Dept. of Sociology; 2017-)

Faculty Interest Group in Global Health (2017-)

Yale University

CIQLE Guest Speaker Hosting (Dept. of Sociology; Fall 2014-Spring 2016)

Graduate Student & Postdoc Writing Group (Dept. of Sociology; Fall 2014-Spring 2016)

The University of Iowa

Research Grants Chair, Executive Council of Graduate/Professional Students (2011-12)

Graduate Studies Committee, Dept. of Sociology, University of Iowa (2011-2012)

Faculty Recruitment Committee, Dept. of Sociology, University of Iowa (2012-2013)

CONFERENCE DISCUSSANT

2018 ASA Meeting

Mental Health Regular Session (David R. Williams, Harvard Public Health)

Aging & Life Course Regular Session (Amelia Karraker, NIH/NIA)

2017 PAA Meeting

Fertility & Well-Being Regular Session (Kristi Williams, Ohio State University)

2016, 2014 ASA Meetings

Social Psychology Regular Session (Steven Hitlin, University of Iowa);

Soc. of Education Roundtables; Theory Roundtables

RESEARCH MENTORSHIP*Dissertation Committee*

Blake V. Kent (Committee Member): Expected, Spring 2018

Su Jin Kang (Committee Member): Dissertation Passed, July 2017

Research Supervision

Fall 2017, Spring 2018: Renae Wilkinson: High Schools and Educational Health Disparities

Spring 2017: Renae Wilkinson: Adolescent Health Inequality Linked to SES and Parent-Child Bonds

Fall 2016: Kenneth Vaughan: Heterogeneous Health Returns to Education in Europe

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Baylor University

Introduction to Sociology (Every Semester; Fall 2016-);

Health Inequalities in America (Undergraduate, Once Per Year; Graduate, Every Other Year; Fall 2017-);

Sociological Covariance Modeling (Graduate Seminar, Every Other Year; Spring 2017-)

2013 Introduction to Sociology, Spring and January Terms, Mount Mercy University

2012 Introduction to Sociology, Summer Session, University of Iowa

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2013-14 Research Assistant, “Biographies of Scientific Ideas: The Diffusion of Knowledge in Medicine and Sociology.” Freda B. Lynn and Michael Sauder, Co-PIs, National Science Foundation
- 2012 Research Assistant, “Citation Accumulation in Sociology.” Freda B. Lynn and Michael Sauder, Co-PIs, Harvard University and the University of Iowa
- 2011-12 Research Assistant, “Cross-National Variation in the Impact of Children on Parents’ Well-Being.” Jennifer Glass and Robin W. Simon, Co-PIs, National Science Foundation

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Population Association of America

REFERENCES

- Jennifer Glass (jennifer-glass@austin.utexas.edu) Ph: (512) 471-8855
Centennial Commission Professor in Liberal Arts,
University of Texas at Austin
- Steven Hitlin (steven-hitlin@uiowa.edu) Ph: (319) 335-2499
Professor of Sociology, University of Iowa
- Richard Breen (richard.breen@nuffield.ox.ac.uk) Ph: 01865 286176
Professor of Sociology, Fellow of Nuffield College
University of Oxford
- Vida Maralani (vida.maralani@cornell.edu) Ph: (607) 255-4266
Associate Professor of Sociology, Cornell University
- Jennifer Glanville (jennifer-glanville@uiowa.edu) Ph: (319) 335-2489
Professor of Sociology, University of Iowa
- Robin W. Simon (simonr@wfu.edu) Ph: (336) 758-3053
Professor of Sociology, Wake Forest University
- Freda B. Lynn (freda-lynn@uiowa.edu) Ph: (319) 335-3745
Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Iowa