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RESEARCH AREAS

Social inequality, sociology of education, family sociology, and sociogenomics.

EDUCATION

2018 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Copenhagen
2014 M.Sc., Sociology, University of Copenhagen
2011 B.Sc., Sociology, University of Copenhagen
2010 Exchange student, Hong Kong University

EMPLOYMENT

2020 – 2025 Assistant Professor in Social Studies, Roskilde University, Department of Social Sciences and Business
2018 – 2020 DFF-International Postdoc funded by the Independent Research Fund Denmark, visiting Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
2017 – 2018 Research Associate, The Panel Study of Income Dynamics, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
2014 – 2017 Ph.D. Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen
2013 – 2014 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen
2012 – 2013 Research Assistant, SFI-Campbell, The Danish National Centre for Social Research
2011 – 2012 Internship and Junior Consultant, Epinion
2011 – 2011 Teaching Assistant in Quantitative Methods, Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen
2010 – 2010 Research Assistant, Centre for Mobility Research, Aalborg University

LEAVE

Aug 2021 – Dec 2021 Full time maternity leave
Jan 2022 – Aug 2022 Part time parental leave

RESEARCH STAYS ABROAD

2018 – 2020 Visiting Scholar, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, invited by Paula Fomby
2015 – 2016 Visiting Scholar, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, invited by Fabian T. Pfeffer

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Breinholt, Asta. 2024. “Hidden Patterns of Inequality: The Heterogeneity in Parenting within Educational Groups.” *Poetics* 107:101941. doi: 10.1016/j.poetic.2024.101941.

Breinholt, Asta, and Dalton Conley. 2023. “Child-Driven Parenting: Differential Early Childhood Investment by Offspring Genotype.” *Social Forces* 102(1):310–29. doi: 10.1093/sf/soac155.

Breinholt, Asta, and Anders Holm. 2020. “Heterogeneous Effects of Less Educated Mothers’ Further Education during Early Childhood on Children’s Educational Performance in Adolescence.” *Research on Social Stratification and Mobility*, 68:100506.

Breinholt, Asta, and Mads Meier Jæger. 2020. “How does cultural capital affect educational performance: Signals or skills?” *British Journal of Sociology*, 71:28–46.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Breinholt, Asta. 2020. “Udsatte familier: Hvad tæller for børns fremtidsudsigter?” [“Disadvantaged Families: What Affects Children’s Future Prospects?”] in Anette Faye Jacobsen & Anne-Dorthe Hestbæk (editors). *Børns rettigheder. Udfordringer og Professionskrav [Children’s Rights. Challenges and Professional Requirements]*. Akademisk Forlag.

Wahler, Susan, Sandra Buchholz, and **Asta Breinholt.** 2017. “Childcare arrangements at preschool age and later child outcomes in Denmark: The role of maternal education and type of care” (2017). In Blossfeld, H.-P., Kulic, N., Skopek, J., and Triventi, M. (Eds.), *Childcare, Early Education and Social Inequality: An international perspective*. Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Hjorth-Trolle, Anders, and **Asta Breinholt.** 2017. “Forældreinvesteringer og social ulighed” [“Parental Investments and Social Inequality”] in Ploug, Niels, (ed.) *Social arv og social ulighed [Social Inheritance and Social Inequality]* (2nd edition). ISBN 978-87-412-6539-1. København: Hans Reitzel.

PH.D. DISSERTATION

Breinholt, Asta. 2018. *The Role of Parenting in the Intergenerational Transmission of Education*. Ph.D. Thesis. ISBN 978-87-7209-127-3. Copenhagen: University of Copenhagen.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Breinholt, Asta, Anders Hjorth-Trolle, and Mikkel Büchler-Henriksen. “Does Statistical Discrimination Explain Grading Bias? Evidence from a Natural Experiment” (Submitted to *European Sociological Review* – see preprint here <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/nmpbr>)

Breinholt, Asta, Erin Ware, Paula Fomby, and Colter Mitchell. “Do Parents’ Socioeconomic Resources Moderate the Association between Genotype and Cognitive Skills among Children with Diverse Genetic Ancestries?” (Resubmit to *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies* – see preprint here <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/kdyta>)

Millei, Zsuzsanna, Spyrou Spyrou, Marja Rosslund, **Asta Breinholt,** Tuure Tammi, Beth Conklin, Nick Lee, Sarah Alminde, Hanne Warming, Riikka Hohti. “Child ecologies in a microbial world: A new imperative for childhood studies” (under review in the *Journal of Childhood Studies*)

Millei, Zsuzsanna, Nick Lee, Spyrou Spyrou, Mira Grönroos, Marja Rosslund, **Asta Breinholt,** Tuure Tammi, Sarah Alminde, Hanne Warming, Sami Keto. “More than human? Bronfenbrenner’s bioecological model meets the child-as-ecosystem” (Submitted to *Children & Society*)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Breinholt, Asta, and Paula Fomby. “Affording the Luxury of Negotiation: Primary Caregivers’ Rule Setting for Adolescents”

Breinholt, Asta, and Gaia Ghirardi. “Interactions between Childhood Socioeconomic Status and Genotype in Educational Outcomes: A Novel Theoretical Typology and Meta-Analysis of Molecular Studies” Preregistered here: <https://osf.io/9zse2/>

Thomsen, Jens-Peter, and **Asta Breinholt**. “Mapping Parents’ Educational Values”

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2022 *Social gradients in teacher quality and teacher effects*. Grant from the Rockwool Foundation. DKK 318,393 (USD 46,474). PI: Anders Hjorth-Trolle.
- 2021 *Mapping Parents’ Educational Values – A New Approach*. Grant from the Independent Research Fund Denmark (FP2). DKK 6,191,012 (USD 951,298). PI: Jens-Peter Thomsen.
- 2018 *Genetic Inheritance, Parental Behaviors, and Inequality in Education*. Grant from the Independent Research Fund Denmark (DFF-International Postdoc). PI: **Asta Breinholt** DKK 1,556,504 (USD 250,000)
- 2014 Ph.D.-project fully funded by research grant from European Research Council within the project *Understanding Intergenerational Transmission* (UNITRAN), PI: Mads Meier Jæger

TRAVEL AND COURSE GRANTS

- 2018 Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association Student Travel Award. USD 750.
- 2017 The Russel Sage Foundation Summer Institute for Social-Science Genomics
- 2017 The European Consortium for Sociological Research's Spring School, Intergenerational Transmission of Socio-Economic Status and Inequality: Patterns and Mechanisms
- 2015 The Augustinus Foundation Travel Scholarship. DKK 25,000 (USD 3,800)
- 2015 The Oticon Foundation Travel Scholarship. DKK 22,000 (USD 3,350)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (*f*forthcoming; *p*poster presentation; *r*refereed roundtable)

- 2024 The X Conference on Childhood Studies, Helsinki (online)
 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Montreal
 Nordic Sociological Association (NSA) Conference, Linköping
 European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) Conference, Barcelona
- 2023 Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association Summer Conference, Ann Arbor.
 Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association Spring Conference, Paris.
- 2019 Integrating Genetics and the Social Science Conference
 European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR), Annual Conference, Lausanne.
 Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association Summer Conference, Princeton.

- Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Austin.
RC28 Spring Conference, Frankfurt.
- 2018 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
RC28 Spring Conference, Seoul.
PAA Annual Meeting, Denver.
- 2017 RC28 Summer Conference, Columbia University.
PAA Annual Meeting, Chicago.^p
- 2016 RC28 Conference, University of Bern.
ASA Annual Meeting, Seattle.^r
RC28 Spring Conference 2016, University of Singapore.
PAA Annual Meeting, Washington DC.^p
- 2015 RC28 Summer Conference, University of Pennsylvania.
RC28 Spring Conference, Tilburg University.
- 2014 Conference of Center for Stratification Research, Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen.
Conference of the Nordic Sociological Association, Lund University.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Life Course and Social Inequality Seminar Series at the LIVES Centre, the University of Lausanne, Lausanne (forthcoming)
UNED Inequality and Social Demography research seminar, Department of Sociology II, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Madrid
Herning Library Literature Festival (HerLitt), Herning
- 2018 Population, Neurodevelopment, and Genetics Seminar Series, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
- 2016 Panel Study of Income Dynamics Seminar Series, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

TEACHING

My teaching covers classes in social inequality and quantitative methods. At the undergraduate level, I teach five classes in the Social Studies program at Roskilde University in three different courses. These classes address social inequality in parenting, daycare, education, and income, and the interplay between genetics and the social environment. At the graduate level, I teach two classes on theory of justice and an advanced quantitative methods course for social science master's students at Roskilde University. Focusing on how to employ regression models analytically, my methods course teaches students how to use directed acyclic diagrams and advanced regression techniques such as fixed effects regression and multi-level regression. I supervise student projects in the bachelor's program in social studies, the master's program in social intervention, and the master's thesis at social studies and social intervention at Roskilde University.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Professional Appointments

Committee member, Danish Sociological Association (2014 – 2017)

Member of the Social Media Committee of the ASA section Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility (2019)

Reviewing

Acta Sociologica
American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review
British Journal of Sociology
Child Development
European Sociological Review
Research in Social Stratification and Mobility
Social Forces
Sociology of Education
PNAS Nexus

Memberships

Danish Sociological Association
Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association
American Sociological Association

DATA SET EXPERIENCE

The Danish Administrative Data
The National Survey of Youth 1979 – Children and Young Adults
The Panel Study of Income Dynamics – Child Development Supplement 1997, 2002, 2007, & 2014
The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study – Kindergarten Cohort 1998 & 2011
The Danish Longitudinal Survey of Children
The Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children
The Futures of Families and Child-Wellbeing Study