

## Asta Breinholt

### WORK ADDRESS

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### RESEARCH AREAS

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

### EDUCATION

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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

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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

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

### RESEARCH STAYS ABROAD

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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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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?” (Invited for revise and 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*)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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**Breinholt, Asta,** Anders Hjorth-Trolle, and Mikkel Büchler-Henriksen. “Does Statistical Discrimination Explain Grading Bias? Evidence from a Natural Experiment”

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

**Breinholt, Asta**, and Gaia Ghirardi. “The interaction between socioeconomic status and genetic propensity for education: A systematic review and meta-analysis of molecular studies” Preregisred here: <https://osf.io/9zse2/>

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 model meets the microbial child and ecological context”

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

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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- 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

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- 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 (<sup>f</sup>forthcoming; <sup>p</sup>poster presentation; <sup>r</sup>refereed roundtable)

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- 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.<sup>p</sup>
- 2016 RC28 Conference, University of Bern.  
ASA Annual Meeting, Seattle.<sup>r</sup>  
RC28 Spring Conference 2016, University of Singapore.  
PAA Annual Meeting, Washington DC.<sup>p</sup>
- 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**

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- 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**

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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**

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#### **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**

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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