

Curriculum Vitae:
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Education:

- 1998 Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL:
Ph.D. in sociology.
Dissertation title: *The Evolution of Economic Expertise in a Developing Country: Mexican Economics, 1929-1998.*
- 1993-94 El Colegio de México, México, D.F.:
Visiting Student at the Center for International Studies; Attended classes during the semester September 1993–February 1994.
- 1993 Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL:
M.A. in sociology
- 1984–88 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI:
B.A., June 1988; Major subject, philosophy

Books:

- Forthcoming Babb, Sarah. *The Banks and the Beltway: Three Decades of Washington Politics and World Development*. Book manuscript under review at Harvard University Press and University of Chicago Press.

The multilateral development banks (the World Bank and the regional development banks) are major players in the controversial field of economic development, and shape the economic policies of governments around the world. For many observers, the banks are best viewed as bastions of professional expertise, and changes in their prescriptions can be traced to trends in the ideas of development experts—particularly those of economists, the pre-eminent profession within the World Bank. This book takes a different approach, and examines how the activities of these influential disseminators of development policies have been shaped by Washington politics. I draw on a range of sociological theories—including theories on the interplay between politics and professional ideas and the external control of organizations—and a range of empirical sources that include annual Treasury budget justifications before Congress and interviews with Washington policy insiders. I use these sources to argue that political dynamics in Washington have played a decisive role in shaping conventional wisdoms about economic development over the past 30

years. Yet ironically, Washington politics may ultimately be undermining U.S. influence in the development field.

- 2003 Babb, Sarah. 2003. *Proyecto México: Los economistas del nacionalismo al neoliberalismo* (translation of *Managing Mexico*). México, D.F.: Fondo de Cultura Económica.
- 2001 Babb, Sarah. 2001. *Managing Mexico: Economists from Nationalism to Neoliberalism*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- 1999 Carruthers, Bruce and Sarah Babb. 1999. *Economy/Society: Markets, Meanings, and Social Structure*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.

Articles and Chapters:

- 2007 Babb, Sarah. "Embeddedness, Inflation, and International Regimes: The IMF in the Early Postwar Period." *American Journal of Sociology* 113: 128-64.
- 2006 Babb, Sarah. "A Sociologist among Economists: Some Thoughts on Methods, Positionality, and Subjectivity." Pp. 43-54 in Hesse-Biber, Sharlene Nage and Patricia Leavy (eds.). *Emergent Methods in Social Research*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- 2005 Babb, Sarah. "The Social Consequences of Structural Adjustment: Recent Evidence and Current Debates." *Annual Review of Sociology* 31: 199-222.
- Babb, Sarah and Ariel Buira. "Mission Creep, Mission Push, and Discretion: The Case of IMF Conditionality." Pp. 59-84 in Buira, Ariel (ed.). *The IMF and the World Bank at Sixty*. London, UK: Anthem Press.
- Babb, Sarah. "Del nacionalismo al neoliberalismo: el ascenso de los nuevos "Money Doctors" en México." Pp. 155-72 in Mato, Daniel (ed.). *Políticas de economía, ambiente, y sociedad en tiempos de globalización*. Caracas, Venezuela: FaCES.
- Babb, Sarah. "Neoliberalism and the Rise of the New Money Doctors." Pp. 243-59 in Epstein, Gerald (ed.). *Financialization and the World Economy*. New York: Edward Elgar.
- 2003 Babb, Sarah. "The IMF in Sociological Perspective: A Tale of Organizational Slippage." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 38(2): 3-27.
- 2002 Fourcade-Gourinchas, Marion and Sarah Babb. "The Rebirth of the Liberal Creed: Paths to Neoliberalism in Four Countries." *American Journal of Sociology* 108(3): 533-79.

- 2001 Carruthers, Bruce, Sarah Babb, and Terrence Halliday. 2001. "Institutionalizing Markets, or the Market for Institutions? Central Banks, Bankruptcy Law, and the Globalization of Financial Markets." In Campbell, John and Ove Pederson (eds.). *The Rise of Neoliberalism and Institutional Analysis*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- 1998 Babb, Sarah. 1998. "Los profesionistas en el gobierno y el problema de la tecnocracia: el caso de los economistas en México." *Estudios Sociológicos* 16(48): 661-88.
- 1997 Babb, Sarah. 1997. "Instituciones, profesiones y política económica en México." *Economía Informa*, Facultad de Economía, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México 257: 13-19.
- 1996 Babb, Sarah. 1996. "A True American System of Finance: Frame Resonance in the U.S. Labor Movement, 1866-1896." *American Sociological Review* 61(6): 1033-52.
- Carruthers, Bruce and Sarah Babb. 1996. "The Color of Money and the Nature of Value: Greenbacks and Gold in Postbellum America." *American Journal of Sociology* 101(6): 1556-91.

**Book Reviews
and Other:**

- 2006 Babb, Sarah. Review of *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*, by David Harvey. *Contemporary Sociology* 35(5): 529-30.
- 2005 Babb, Sarah. Review of *Money Doctors: The Experience of International Financial Advising, 1850-2000*, by Marc Flandreau (ed.). *The Economic History Review* 58.1 (Feb 2005): 226.
- 2004 Babb, Sarah. Review of *Re-Forming the State: The Politics of Privatization in Latin America and in Europe*, by Hector Schamis (University of Michigan Press: 2002). *Journal of Latin American Studies* 36(3): 595-96.
- 2003 Babb, Sarah. "Globalization: A Structural Hole in Economic Sociology?" *Accounts: Official Publication of the Economic Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association* 4(1):4-6.
- Babb, Sarah. 2003. Review of *Globaliazation/Anti-Globalization*, by David Held and Anthony McGrew (Polity Press: 2002). *Contemporary Sociology* 32(5): 613.

Public Presentations:

- 2007 Discussant on regular panel on “History and Sociology,” 2007 meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 2007.
- Babb, Sarah. “The Banks and the Beltway: Three Decades of Washington Politics and World Development.” Public presentation at Brown University Department of Sociology (5/07) and Boston University Department of Sociology (11/07).
- 2006 Babb, Sarah and Nitsan Chorev. “The Globalization of Economic Governance: The IMF and the WTO in Historical Perspective.” Paper presented at the 2006 meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 2006.
- Babb, Sarah. “The Banks and the Beltway: Three Decades of Washington Politics and Multilateral Development Institutions.” Presentation at Harvard University Department of Sociology (March 2006), Northwestern University Department of Sociology (May 2006), Boston College Department of Sociology (September 2006), Brown University (March 2007) and University of Minnesota (May 2007).
- 2005 Babb, Sarah. “Embeddedness, Inflation, and International Regimes: Early IMF Experiences in Latin America.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Budapest, Hungary, June 30-July 2, 2005.
- Reviewer on “Author Meets Critic” panel for Dezalay, Yves and Bryant Garth, 2002, *The Internationalization of Palace Wars: Lawyers, Economists, and the Contest to Transform Latin American States*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Conducted at annual meetings of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Budapest, Hungary, June 30-July 2, 2005.
- Reviewer on “Author Meets Critic” panel for Chibber, Vivec. 2003. *Locked in Place: State-Building and Late Industrialization in India*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Conducted at annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Washington, D.C., March 17-20, 2005.
- 2004 Babb, Sarah and Ariel Buira. “Mission Creep, Mission Push, and Discretion: The Case of IMF Conditionality.” Paper presented at the XVIII G24 Technical Group Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland, March 8-9, 2004.
<http://www.g24.org/012gva04.pdf>
- 2003 Babb, Sarah. “Denouncing the IMF: Two Approaches and a Theory.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, August 2003.

Babb, Sarah and Glen Biglaiser. "Change of Heart or Forced Conversion? Evidence on Trade Liberalization in Latin America and the Caribbean." Paper presented at the meetings of the Latin American Studies Association, Dallas, TX, March 2003.

Babb, Sarah. "The IMF in Sociological Perspective: A Tale of Shifting Frames and Creeping Missions." Paper presented at the Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, February 3, 2003.

2002 Babb, Sarah. "Organizational Slippage in International Financial Institutions: The Case of IMF Conditionality." Paper presented at regular session of the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 2002.

2001 Babb, Sarah. "The Making of Market Engineers: Toward a Cross-National Theory of Professional Economics." Presented at the 2001 meetings of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 2001.

2000 Babb, Sarah and Marion Fourcade-Gourinchas. "Social Learning in the Global Village: A Comparison of Neoliberal Transitions in England, France, Chile, and Mexico." Paper presented at a mini-conference held before the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 2000.

1999 Babb, Sarah. "From Nationalism to Neoliberalism: Mexican Economics and Institutional Convergence, 1929 to the Present." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 1999.

Babb, Sarah. "Conflict and Consensus in Mexican Economics from 1929 to 1968." Paper submitted for the annual meetings of the New England Council of Latin American Studies, October 16, New Haven, CT, October 1999.

1998 Carruthers, Bruce, Sarah Babb, and Terrence Halliday. "Institutionalizing Markets, or the Market for Institutions? Central Banks, Bankruptcy Law and the Globalization of Financial Markets." Paper presented at the Comparative Institutional Analysis Conference, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, August 1998.

Babb, Sarah. "Neoliberalism and the Rise of the New Money Doctors: The Globalization of Economic Expertise in Mexico." Paper presented at the Meetings of the Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, IL, September 1998.

- 1997 Babb, Sarah. "Professionals in Government and the Problem of Technocracy: The Case of Mexican Economics." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, August 1997.
- 1993 Carruthers, Bruce and Sarah Babb. "The Color of Money and the Nature of Value: Greenbacks and Gold in Postbellum America." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Miami, August 1993.

Fellowships and Awards:

- 2005 Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2005-06.
- 2004 Viviana Zelizer book award, Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association. Co-winner, for *Managing Mexico: Economists from Nationalism to Neoliberalism* (Princeton: 2001).
- Mirra Komorovsky book award, Eastern Sociological Society. Co-winner, for *Managing Mexico: Economists from Nationalism to Neoliberalism* (Princeton: 2001).
- 2001 Radcliffe Fellowship, the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University for the academic year 2001-02.
- 1999 American Sociological Association, Annual Award for Best Dissertation, *The Evolution of Economic Expertise in a Developing Country: Mexican Economics, 1929-1998*.
- 1997 Northwestern University Graduate School Dissertation Year Fellowship for academic year 1997-98.
- 1995 IIE Fulbright-García Robles grant to conduct doctoral dissertation research in Mexico during academic year 1995-96.
- 1994 American Sociological Association, Comparative Historical Sociology Section:
Co-winner, Best Graduate Student Paper 1993-94 for "A True American System of Finance: Ideology, Rhetoric and Resonance in the U.S. Labor Movement."
- 1993 Social Science Research Council Predissertation Fellowship to study in Mexico during academic year 1993-94.

Employment:

- 2004-present Sociology Department, Boston College, Associate Professor.

- 2003-2004 Sociology Department, Boston College, Assistant Professor.
- 1998-2003 Department of Sociology, The University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Assistant Professor.
- 1997 American Bar Foundation: research assistant to Dr. Bryant Garth, Director, American Bar Foundation, for project on Latin American political and economic elites during Summer 1997.

Teaching:

Courses taught, 1998-2007:

Undergraduate:

Race, Class, and Gender
 The Sociology of Revolutions
 The American Dream
 Global Sociology (new for 2005)

Graduate:

Economic Sociology
 Social Change: A Study of Revolutions
 Introduction to Social Theory
 Social Movements
 Complex Organizations
 Research and Writing
 Comparative and Historical Sociology

Recent Service to the

Discipline: Organizer of Presidential panel on The Politics of the Global Governance Institutions, annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 2007.

Served as outside reviewer for promotion of Andrew Schrank to Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico, Fall 2006.

Organizer of panel on Right-Wing Movements and Globalization for the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2005.

Chair and member of selection committee for the Viviana Zelizer article award for the economic sociology section of the American Sociological Association, 2005.

Member of selection committee for Mirra Komorovsky best book award of the Eastern Sociological Society, 2005.

Reviewed manuscripts for the *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Forum*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Problems*, *Administrative Science Quarterly* 2005-2007.

Recent Departmental

Service: Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Boston College, 2004-05, and 2007-08.

Fields of Interest:

Economic sociology, comparative and historical sociology, political sociology, sociology of professions, organizations, and Latin America.

Languages: Fluent in English and Spanish.