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Curriculum Vitae
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Education:

- 1998 Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL:
Ph.D. in sociology.
- 1993 Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL:
M.A. in sociology
- 1988 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI:
B.A. in philosophy

Books:

- 2020: Babb, Sarah. 2020. *Regulating Human Research: IRBs from Peer Review to Compliance Bureaucracy*. Palo Alto, CA: Stanford.

ABSTRACT: Institutional review boards (IRBs) are panels charged with protecting the rights of humans who participate in research studies ranging from biomedicine to social science. *Regulating Human Research* provides a fresh look at these influential and sometimes controversial boards, tracing their historic transformation from academic committees to compliance bureaucracies: non-governmental offices where specialized staff define and apply federal regulations. In opening the black box of contemporary IRB decision-making, author Sarah Babb argues that compliance bureaucracy is an adaptive response to the dynamics and dysfunctions of American governance. Yet this solution has had unforeseen consequences, including the rise of a profitable ethics review industry.

- 2013 Carruthers, Bruce and Sarah Babb. *Economy/Society: Markets, Meanings and Social Structure*. Second Edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

- 2009 Babb, Sarah. *Behind the Development Banks: Washington Politics, World Poverty, and the Wealth of Nations*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

** Co-Winner, 2011 Book Award, Global and Transnational Section,
American Sociological Association.

- 2003 Babb, Sarah. *Proyecto México: Los economistas del nacionalismo al neoliberalismo* (translation of *Managing Mexico*). México, D.F.: Fondo de Cultura Económica.
- 2001 Babb, Sarah. *Managing Mexico: Economists from Nationalism to Neoliberalism*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
 ** Co-Winner, 2004 Viviana Zelizer book award, Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.
 ** Co-Winner, 2004 Mirra Komorovsky book award, Eastern Sociological Society.
- 1999 Carruthers, Bruce and Sarah Babb. *Economy/Society: Markets, Meanings, and Social Structure*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.

Articles and Chapters:

- In progress: Babb, Sarah. "Manufacturing Accountability: Decentering and the Industrialization of Compliance in IRBs."
 Babb, Sarah. "The Commercialization of Ethics Review in the United States."
- Forthcoming (2021): Babb, Sarah and Alexander Kentikelenis. "Markets Everywhere: The Washington Consensus and the Sociology of Global Institutional Change." *Annual Review of Sociology*.
 Babb, Sarah. "The Inter-American Development Bank and the Washington Consensus. Shareholder Activism and the Taming of a Reluctant Partner." In Clifton, Judith, Daniel Díaz Fuentes and David Howarth (eds). *Regional Development Banks in the World Economy*. New York and London: Oxford University Press.
- 2019 Kentikelenis, Alexander and Sarah Babb. "The Making of Neoliberal Globalization: Norm Substitution and the Rise of Structural Adjustment in the IMF." *American Journal of Sociology* 124 (6): 1720-62.
 ** Winner, 2020 Best Article Award, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
 ** Co-Winner, 2020 Charles Tilly Article Award, Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association
- 2018 Babb, Sarah and Alexander Kentikelenis. "International Financial Institutions as Agents of Neoliberalism." In Cahill, Damien, Melinda Cooper, Martijn Konings and David Primrose (eds). *The Sage Handbook of Neoliberalism*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

- 2017 Attwood-Charles, William and Sarah Babb. "Engineering Medicine: The Deployment of Lean Production in Healthcare." *Research in Work and Occupations* 30: 87 – 115.
- Babb, Sarah, Lara Birk, and Luka Carfagna. "Standard Bearers: Qualitative Sociologists' Experiences with IRB Regulation." *The American Sociologist* 48(1), 86-102.
- 2016 Babb, Sarah and Nitsan Chorev. "International Organizations: Loose and Tight Coupling in the Development Regime." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 51(81): 81-102.
- 2013 Babb, Sarah. "The Washington Consensus as Policy Paradigm: Its Origins, Trajectory, and Likely Replacement." *Review of International Political Economy* 20(2): 268-97.
- 2009 Chorev, Nitsan and Sarah Babb. "The Crisis of Neoliberalism and the Future of International Institutions: The IMF and the WTO in Comparative Perspective." *Theory and Society* 38: 459-484.
- Taniguchi, Rie and Sarah Babb. "The Global Construction of Development Models: The U.S., Japan, and the East Asian Miracle." *Socio-Economic Review* 7(2): 277-303.
- 2008 Babb, Sarah and Bruce G. Carruthers. "Conditionality: Forms, Function, and History." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 4: 13-29.
- 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 Nagy 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. "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. "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. "Instituciones, profesiones y política económica en México." *Economía Informa*, Facultad de Economía, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México 257: 13-19.
- 1996 Babb, Sarah. "A True American System of Finance: Frame Resonance in the U.S. Labor Movement, 1866-1896." *American Sociological Review* 61(6): 1033-52.
 ** Co-winner, 1996 Reinhard Bendix Best Graduate Student Paper, Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association.
- Carruthers, Bruce and Sarah Babb. "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:

- 2014 Review of *The International Monetary Fund and Latin America: The Argentina Puzzle in Context*, by Claudia Kedar. *Contemporary Sociology*.
- 2013 Review of *Markets in the Name of Socialism*, by Johanna Bockman. *American Journal of Sociology* 118(4).

- 2012 “Structural Adjustment.” Entry in Ritzer, George (ed.). *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization*.
- 2011 Review of *Challenging Neoliberalism in Latin America*, by Eduardo Silva. *Contemporary Sociology* 40(4): 488-89.
- 2009 Review of *Hypocrisy Trap: The World Bank and the Poverty of Reform*, by Catherine Weaver. *Contemporary Sociology* 38: 600-02.
- 2008 Review of *The Neoliberal City: Governance, Ideology, and Development in American Urbanism*, by Jason Hackworth. *American Journal of Sociology* 113(4): 1185-87
- 2006 Review of *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*, by David Harvey. *Contemporary Sociology* 35(5): 529-30.
- 2005 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 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 Review of *Globalization/Anti-Globalization*, by David Held and Anthony McGrew (Polity Press: 2002). *Contemporary Sociology* 32(5): 613.

Recent Public Presentations:

- 2020 “Peddling Efficiency: Auditability and Industrialization in Three Compliance Systems.” Presentation at the annual meetings of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, online July 18-21, 2020.
- Panelist, author-meets-critic session for Atul Kohli, *Imperialism and the Developing World: How Britain and the United States Shaped the Global Periphery*. Annual meetings of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, online July 18-21, 2020.
- 2019 “Performing Good Faith or Preparing for Audits? A Comparison of Three Compliance Regimes.” Delivered at annual meetings of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, New York, NY, June 27-29, 2019.
- “The American Way of Ethics Review 1994-2019: From Policy Paralysis to Private Workaround.” Delivered at workshop, Research Ethics Committees—Origins, Development, and Beyond, Uppsala, Sweden, May 28-29, 2019.

“How IRBs Became Compliance Bureaucracies (and what difference it makes).” Delivered at Boston University Department of Sociology Lecture Series, April 22, 2019.

- 2018 “How IRBs Became Compliance Bureaucracies.” Delivered at a regular session at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 12, 2018.
- “The Inter-American Development Bank and the Washington Consensus.” Delivered at the World Economic History Congress, Cambridge, MA, August 1, 2018.
- 2017 Babb, Sarah. “Not Your Grandfather’s IRB: Compliance Bureaucracy and the Decline of Amateur Ethics Review.” Delivered at the Economic/Organizational Sociology miniconference at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 11, 2017.
- Babb, Sarah. “Leaving it to the Professionals: The Post-1995 Transformation of Institutional Review Boards.” Delivered at the annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, February 22, 2017.
- 2016 Babb, Sarah. “The Concepts of Globalization and Transnationalism in Sociology.” Delivered at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, August 20, 2016.
- Kentikelenis, Alexander and Sarah Babb. “The Origins of Structural Conditionality at the International Monetary Fund.” Delivered at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, August 21, 2016.
- Babb, Sarah. “Constructing Compliance: IRBs and the Rise of the Human Research Protection Field.” Colloquium talk at Department of Sociology, University of California at Berkeley, February 29, 2016.
- 2015 Babb, Sarah and Nitsan Chorev. “Paradigms, Programs, and Policy Rules: The Evolving Role of International Organizations in Development Policy.” Presented at 50th Anniversary of *Studies in Comparative International Development* conference, Brown University, October 30, 2015.
- Kentikelenis, Alexander and Sarah Babb. “The Origins of Structural Conditionality at the International Monetary Fund.” Presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, London, July 2015.

Fellowships and Awards:

- 2005 Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C. during academic year 2005-06.
- 2001 Fellowship, the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University during 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*.
- 1995 IIE Fulbright-García Robles grant to conduct doctoral dissertation research in Mexico during academic year 1995-96.
- 1993 Social Science Research Council Predissertation Fellowship to study in Mexico during academic year 1993-94.

Employment:

- 2011-present Sociology Department, Boston College, Professor.
- 2004-2011 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.

Teaching, 1998-present:

Undergraduate:

The American Dream
 Global Sociology
 Race, Class, and Gender
 Social Research Methods
 The Sociology of Revolutions

Graduate:

Complex Organizations
 Economic Sociology
 Introduction to Social Theory
 Second-Year Writing Seminar
 Social Change: A Study of Revolutions
 Social Movements

Sociology of Development
Workshop in Historical Sociology

**Recent Service to the
Discipline:**

Chairperson, section on Economic Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2018-19.

Editorial Board member, *The Sociology of Development*, 2015-present.

Editorial Board member, *American Sociological Review*, 2014-2016.

Chairperson, Global and Transnational Section of the American Sociological Association, 2011-12.

Consulting editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2007-2009.

Reviewed manuscripts for the *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Forum*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Problems*, *Administrative Science Quarterly*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Review of International Political Economy*, University of California Press, Oxford University Press, Sage Publications.

**Major Departmental and University-Wide
Service:**

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Boston College, June 2018-present.

Chairperson, Department of Sociology, Boston College, July 2011-June 2017.

Member, College of Arts and Sciences Executive Board of Chairs, Boston College September 2012-August 2013; September 2014-present.

Member, Boston College Institutional Review Board (IRB), August 2009-July 2012.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Boston College, July 2007-June 2011.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Boston College, July 2004-June 2005.

Fields of Interest:

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

Languages: Fluent in English and proficient-fluent in Spanish.