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EDUCATION

- 2009 PhD Sociology
 Ohio State University
- 2005 MS Sociology
 Brigham Young University
- 2003 BS Sociology (*with Honors*), minor Business Management
 Brigham Young University

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2023- Professor, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University
- 2017-2023 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University
- 2010-2017 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University
- 2009-2010 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University

OTHER POSITIONS

- 2025 Board Member, Re/Create
- 2023- Co-Founder, Socio
- 2023 Co-Director BYU London Centre
- 2022- Ballard Faculty Fellow, Ballard Center for Social Impact, Brigham Young University
- 2018 Academic Visitor, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Stratification, Education, Family, and Community

BOOKS

- 2019 Domina, Thurston, **Benjamin G. Gibbs**, Lisa M. Nunn, and Andrew Penner, eds. *Education and Society: An Introduction to Key Issues in the Sociology of Education* University of California Press. ISBN: 0520968301, 9780520968301

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[*graduate/postgraduate; **undergraduate]

- 2025 Lorres Wan Cheung Jensen*, Melissa S. Jones, **Benjamin G. Gibbs** and Jonathon A. Jarvis "Adverse Childhood Experiences, Race/Ethnicity, and Suicidality Among Florida High School Students" *Youth & Society*
- 2024 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Jonathan A. Jarvis, Lance D. Erickson, Lear Burton**, Can Cheng*, and Carol J. Ward. "The Multi-racial Asian-American Advantage at School Entry" *Social Sciences*
- Downey, Douglas B., **Benjamin G. Gibbs**, and Eric Grodsky. "Are Individual Skills Becoming an Increasingly Important Determinant of Life Outcomes?" *Socius*
- Jeffrey, Wes* and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Unpacking the Gap: Socioeconomic Background and the Stratification of College Applications in the United States." *Research in Higher Education*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11162-024-09780-z>
- 2023 Clark, Miriam and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Retention and Educational Inequalities in the United States" *Education Policy* 0(0):1-33. <https://doi.org/10.1177/089590482312092>
- Soto, Claudia*, Jane Lopez, **Benjamin G. Gibbs** and Stacey A. Shaw. "'It Happened When I Was Connecting to the Community...': Multiple Pathways to Migrant (Non) Belonging in a New Destination Setting" *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 20(3): 2172.
<https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph20032172>
- 2022 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** and Elizabeth Kenealey**. "The Academic Cost of Worry among Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Children." *Child and Maternal Health* 26(10): 2137-2154.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10995-022-03486-3>
- Pierce, Hayley, Melissa S. Jones and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Exclusionary Discipline in High School" *Social Science Research* 101: 102621.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102621>
- 2021 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Miles Marsala**, Ashley Gibby**, Miriam Clark**, Craig Alder**, Bryce Hurst**, Dustin Steinacker**, and Brent Hutchison**. "'Involved Is an Interesting Word': An Empirical Case for Redefining School-Based Parental Involvement as Parental Efficacy" *Social Sciences* 10(5): 156.
<https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci10050156>
- Andre, Alex Nicholas*, Michael Cope, Scott Sanders, and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Does Disassociation with a Majority Religion Influence Community Desirability? Evidence from Rural Utah" *Sociological Perspectives* 65(2):398-412. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214211005490>
- 2020 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** and Douglas B. Downey. "The Black/White Skill Gap in Early Childhood: The Role of Parenting" *Sociological Perspectives* 63(4):525-551. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0731121419896812>
- Downey, Douglas B. and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Kids These Days: Are Face-to-Face Social Skills among American Children Declining?" *American Journal of Sociology* 125(4):1030-1083.
<https://doi.org/10.1086/707985>
- Fumarco, Luca*, Magnus Carlsson, and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Erasmus Exchange Program—A Matter of (Relatively) Older Students" *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy* 20(4).
<https://doi.org/10.1515/bejeap-2020-0055>

- 2019 McKnight, Matthew*, **Benjamin G. Gibbs**, Scott Sanders, and Michael Cope. "Small Towns and Urban Centers: The Relationship of Distance and Community Population Size to Community Satisfaction" *Community Development* 50(4):389-405. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15575330.2019.1682020>
- 2018 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Renata Forste and Emily Lybbert**. "Breastfeeding, Parenting, and Infant Attachment Behavior" *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 22:579-588. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10995-018-2427-z>
- 2017 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Priyank Shah, Douglas B. Downey, and Jonathan A. Jarvis. "The Asian American Advantage in Math among Young Children: The Complex Role of Parenting" *Sociological Perspectives* 60(2):315-337. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0731121416641676>
- Lynch, Jamie, and **Benjamin G. Gibbs** [equal contribution]. "Birth Weight and Early Cognitive Skills: Can Parenting Offset the Link?" *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 21:156-167. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10995-016-2104-z>
- McKnight, Matthew L.*, Scott R. Sanders, **Benjamin G. Gibbs**, and Ralph B. Brown. "Communities of Place? New Evidence for the Role of Distance and Population Size in Community Attachment" *Rural Sociology* 82:291-317. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ruso.12123>
- Fumarco, Luca*, **Benjamin G. Gibbs**, Jonathan A. Jarvis and Giambattista Rossi. "The Relative Age Effect Reversal among the National Hockey League Elite" *PLoS One* 12(8): e0182827. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0182827>
- Fumarco, Luca* and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Commentary: 'How Much is the Player in the Window? The One with the Early Birthday' Relative Age Influences the Value of the Best Soccer Players, but Not the Best Businesspeople" *Frontiers in Psychology* 8:58. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2017.00058>
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Kevin Shafer and Aaron Miles**. "Inferential Statistics and the Use of Administrative Data in US Educational Research" *International Journal of Research & Method in Education* 40(2):214-220. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1743727X.2015.1113249>
- Child, Curtis, **Benjamin G. Gibbs**, and Kristie J. Rowley. "Paying for success: An Appraisal of Social Impact Bonds" *Global Economics and Management Review* 21(1-2):36-45. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gemrev.2016.12.001>
- 2016 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Joseph Workman*, and Douglas B. Downey. "The (Conditional) Resource Dilution Model: State- and Community-Level Modifications" *Demography* 53(3):723-748. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13524-016-0471-0>
- 2015 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Lance D. Erickson, Mikaela J. Dufur, and Aaron Miles.** "Extracurricular Associations and College Enrollment" *Social Science Research* 50:367-381. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2014.08.013>
- Carol Ward, **Benjamin G. Gibbs**, Rylee Butters**, Patricia Grace Gaither**, and Bert Burraston. "Assessing the 21st Century After-School Program and the Educational Gains of LEP Participants: A Contextual Approach" *Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk* 20:312-335. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10824669.2015.1050278>
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Kevin Shafer, and Mikaela J. Dufur. "Why Infer? The Use and Misuse of Population Data in Sport Research" *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* 50(1):115-121. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1012690212469019>
- 2014 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, and Renata Forste. "Breastfeeding, Parenting, and Early Cognitive Development" *The Journal of Pediatrics* 164(3):487-493. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpeds.2013.10.015>

Referred to by: Jacobson, Sandra W., R. Colin Carter, and Joseph L. Jacobson. "Breastfeeding as a Proxy for Benefits of Parenting Skills for Later Reading Readiness and Cognitive Competence" *The Journal of Pediatrics* 164(3):440-442. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpeds.2013.11.041>

- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, and Renata Forste. "Socioeconomic Status, Infant Feeding Practices, and Early Childhood Obesity" *Pediatric Obesity* 9(2):135-146. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.2047-6310.2013.00155.x>
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, and Tim B. Heaton. "Drop Out from Primary to Secondary School in Mexico: A Life Course Perspective" *International Journal of Educational Development* 36: 63-71. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijedudev.2013.11.005>
- Harris, Brian D.*, Charlie V. Morgan and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Evidence of Political Moderation over Time: Utah's Immigration Debate Online" *New Media & Society* 16(8):1309-1331. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1461444813504262>
- 2012 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Jonathan A. Jarvis and Mikaela J. Dufur. "The Rise of the Underdog? The Relative Age Effect Reversal among Canadian-Born NHL Hockey Players: A Reply to Nolan and Howell" *International Review of Sociology of Sport* 47(5):644-649. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1012690211414343>
- 2010 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** "Reversing Fortunes or Content Change? Gender Gaps in Math-Related Skill throughout Childhood." *Social Science Research* 39(4):540-569. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2010.02.005>
- Downey, Douglas B., and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "How Schools Really Matter" *Contexts* 9(2):50-54. <https://doi.org/10.1525/ctx.2010.9.2.50>
- Reprinted in *The Context Reader, 2nd Edition* Douglas Hartmann and Christopher Uggen Ed. W.W. Norton and Company, 2011
- Reprinted in *Schools and Society: A Sociological Approach to Education, 4th Edition* Jeanne H. Ballantine and Joan Z. Spade Ed. SAGE Publications 2014
- Nominee, Claude S. Fischer Award for Excellence in Contexts, American Sociological Association, 2010-11
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Mikaela Dufur, Shawn Meiners**, and David Jeter**. "Gladwell's Big Kid Bias?" *Contexts* 9(4): 61-62.
- 2005 Bahr, Stephen J., Anita H. Armstrong, **Benjamin G. Gibbs**, Paul E. Harris and James K. Fisher. "The Reentry Process: How Parolees Adjust to Release from Prison" *Fathering* 3(3):243-265. <https://doi.org/10.3149/ft.0303.243>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Gibbs, Benjamin G., Eliza Allen, Jane Carson Smith**, Devon Winn and Lear Burton**. "The Unfulfilled Promise of Grit: Student Self-reports of Grit and Achievement Gaps in the United States" (Under Review at *Youth & Society*)

Hutchison, Brent*, and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "'They Want to Volunteer, but [I Think] They're a Distraction': School-Based Parental Involvement as Embedded Practice" (Under Review at *Social Sciences*)

Benjamin G. Gibbs and Carson Barker. "Why Does Birthweight Associate with School Readiness? Birthweight as Health Vulnerability" (under review at *Maternal and Child Health*)

Jane Smith Carlson*, Melissa S. Jones, **Benjamin G. Gibbs**, and Lance D. Erickson. "Adverse and Positive Childhood Experiences, Mental Health, and Behavioral Problems: Findings from a Nationally Representative Sample of U.S. Children" (under review at *Child Abuse and Neglect*)

REPORTS

- 2022 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Isabelle Hunsaker*** and Enoch Paxton*** [equal contribution]. "Assessment of the Effectiveness of the Granite Preschool Program: Third Follow-up"
- 2019 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, James Oldroyd, Isobel Sorenson**, and Claudia Soto**. "Evaluating the Circles Program: A Randomized Control Trial (RCT). <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3456199>
- 2018 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** "Assessment of the Effectiveness of the Granite Preschool Program"
- 2014 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** "Related Literature Pertaining to H.B. 96 Utah School Readiness Initiative"
- 2013 Hurst, Bryce**, Ashley Larsen**, Annie Neilson**, and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Prairie Elementary Executive Report"
- Marsala, Miles**, Miriam Clark**, and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Eaglewood Elementary Executive Report"
- Steinacker, Dustin**, Michelle Body-Rivera** and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Lakeview Elementary Executive Report"
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.** "Book review: Heredity, family, and inequality: A critique of social sciences." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. 2012;53(5-6):485-487.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0020715212472152> [journal impact score 1.72, cited 0 times, 27 total views and downloads] (h5-index: 16; h5-median 27)
- 2012 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Aaron Woodall**, and Michael Rutkowski*. "The 'Mini-Documentary' Assignment" TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology, October. Washington DC: American Sociological Association. <https://ojs.trails-asanet-org.ghosted.com/article/view/the-mini-documentary-assignment>.

PRESS COVERAGE (*recent*)

Academic Worry

BYU News: <https://news.byu.edu/intellect/leveling-the-playing-field-why-academic-stress-is-more-severe-for-students-from-disadvantaged-backgrounds>

El Pais: <https://elpais.com/educacion/2022-11-30/el-estres-academico-lastra-el-aprendizaje-de-los-ninos-de-nivel-socioeconomico-bajo.html>

The Underdog Effect

"Half as Interesting" YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MgU77dQ5wo>
FiveThirtyEight: <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/why-athletes-birthdays-affect-who-goes-pro-and-who-becomes-a-star/>

The Hockey News: <https://thehockeynews.com/all-access/underdog-eat-dog-world-late-birthdays-responsible-for-top-talents>
BYU News: <https://news.byu.edu/news/study-hockey-players-born-october-through-december-score-more-and-are-paid-more>

The National Post: <https://nationalpost.com/entertainment/books/book-reviews/book-review-david-and-goliath-by-malcolm-gladwell>
 The Globe and Mail: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/economy/economy-lab/making-the-nhl-does-your-birthday-matter/article1462192/>

Kids These Days?

Marriott Alumni Magazine: <https://marriott.byu.edu/magazine/00000184-67cd-d131-abdd-e7dfe77d0003/fall-2022> (page 26)

Psychology Today: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-moment-youth/202004/are-young-peoples-social-skills-declining>

BYU News: <https://news.byu.edu/intellect/is-too-much-screen-time-for-kids-making-it-harder-to-talk-in-person>

The Conditional Resource Dilution Model

The Atlantic: <https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2019/05/optimal-best-number-of-children/588529/>

Science Daily: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/05/160525101738.htm>

BYU News: <https://news.byu.edu/news/family-size-and-education-levels-right-support-could-reverse-long-held-theory>

First-Generation College Students

<https://magazine.byu.edu/article/the-steep-climb/>

GRANTS

2014	Making Connections Grant, National Organization for Research at the University of Chicago (NORC) [\$5,200]
	Mentoring Environment Grant (Co-PI with Ron Hubbard*), "Moving Out and Up: Social Context and its Influence on Residential Change and Upward Mobility" [\$19,500]
	Women's Research Initiative Grant (Co-PI with Jacob Mortensen**), "Major Decisions: The Role of Gender in the Selection a College Major" [\$5,000]
2012	Mentoring Environment Grant (Co-PI with Miriam Clark*), "Parenting Strategies in Early Childhood Education" [\$20,000]
2011	Mentoring Environment Grant (Co-PI with Miriam Clark*), "Parenting Strategies in Early Childhood Education" [\$20,000]
2010	Student Mentorship Grant (with Aaron Woodall**), "Impact of Socioeconomic Mobility on Child Development" [\$5,000]
2009	American Educational Research Association Dissertation Grant (Co-PI with Doug Downey), "Gender and Cognitive Skills throughout Childhood" [\$15,000]
2008	Spencer Foundation Grant (Co-PI with Doug Downey), "The Black/White Gap among Very Small Children" [\$40,000]

AWARDS

- 2022-2023 Marjorie Pay Hinckley Associate Professor Award, College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences, Brigham Young University
- 2021 *Sociology of Education* Reviewer Award, Sociology of Education Journal
- 2020 Department of Sociology Research Award, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University
- 2008 Graduate Association Teaching Award, Ohio State University [\$1,500]
- 2007 Teaching Excellence Award, Ohio State University, Sociology Department, 2006-2007

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **Benjamin G. Gibbs** Panelist for “teaching” hosted by FHSS, Brigham Young University
- 2023 **Benjamin G. Gibbs** “Achievement Gaps at BYU”, GE Academy, Undergraduate Education, Brigham Young University
- Benjamin G. Gibbs** Panelist for the Early Learning Breakfast sponsored by Envision Utah.
- Benjamin G. Gibbs** Panelist for “Between Grace and Mercy Teaching Panel” hosted by FHSS, Brigham Young University
- Benjamin G. Gibbs** Speaker for Undergraduate Education Services for At-Risk Middle School Students, Brigham Young University
- Benjamin G. Gibbs** Developed two training sessions for the Prosperity Center of Excellence
- 2022 **Benjamin G. Gibbs** “Is the Learning Experience Different for First-Generation College Students at BYU? A Review of Evidence with Practical Suggestions for Instructors”, GE Academy, Undergraduate Education, Brigham Young University
- 2021 **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. “Poverty Solutions Need a ‘Proximate Broker’” kNOw Poverty Summit, Community Action, Provo UT
- 2020 **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. “Video Games: How Much is Too Much” *Families at Risk*, Brigham Young University
- 2019 Gruber, Tracy, Mary Beth Vogel-Ferguson, **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. “Better Together: Benefits of Bringing Academic and Agency Researchers Together to Address Intergenerational Poverty” Moderator: John Tambornino, White House Office of Management & Budget, *National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics*, New Orleans, LA
- 2017 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** “Is a Grandparent’s Education Level Linked to their Grandchild’s Cognitive Development? Evidence from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey-Birth Cohort, 2001.” Multi-generational Social Mobility Workshop, Nuffield College, University of Oxford
- 2016 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** “Early Childhood and Parenting as Backstage Mechanisms of Intergenerational Poverty” Department of Sociology, University of Utah
- 2015 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** “Intergenerational Poverty in Utah” Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah
- 2014 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Jacob Mortenson**, and Bronwen Dromey**. “Can Poverty Data Deliver?” Department of Workforce Services

- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Jacob Mortenson**, and Bronwen Dromey**. "Can Poverty Data Deliver?" Welfare Department, Church Office Building, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- 2010 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** and Charles V. Morgan. "When and why does the second generation 'advantage' emerge among Asian and Hispanic youth?" Presented at the *American Educational Research Association* Grantee Conference, Alexandria, VA.
- 2009 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** "Do Fortunes Reverse? Gender Gaps in Math Skill Before and After School-Entry" Presented at the *American Educational Research Association*, San Diego, CA. [poster]

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Clark, Miriam and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Left Behind? Assessing the Role of Retention in Shaping Educational Inequalities in the United States" *Society for Prevention Science*, Washington DC.
- 2022 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Eliza Allen**, Jane Carson**, Devon Winn**, and Lear Burton**. By Your Bootstraps? Grit and Achievement Gaps in the United States, *American Educational Association of America*, San Diego, CA
- 2021 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** and Elizabeth Kenealey**. "The Academic Cost of Worry Among Disadvantaged Children" Demography Summit, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
- 2020 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Szilvia Biro**, Kayci Muirbrook*, Nick Andre*, and Rick Miller. "High Class Parenting: Has the Relationship between Social Class and Parenting Increased Over Time?" *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, **canceled**
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Thomas Leppard**, and Paula Sheppard.* "Parenting in the Era of the Coresident Grandparent", *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, **canceled**
- 2019 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** and Douglas B. Downey. "Why Does the Black/White Achievement Gap Emerge? The Role of Parenting" Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, New York City.
- 2018 Downey, Douglas B. and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Kids These Days: Have Face-to-Face Social Skills among American Children Declined?" Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 Cheng, Can*, Carol J. Ward, **Benjamin G. Gibbs**, Lance D. Erickson and Jonathan A. Jarvis. "The Multiracial Advantage? Asian-American Academic Achievement across Asian/White Households." Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, Montreal Canada.
- 2016 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Douglas B. Downey, Jonathan A. Jarvis, and Priyank Shah. "The Asian-American Advantage in Math among Young Children: The Complex Role of Parenting." Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, Seattle WA.
- Jeffrey, Wes** and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Age, Commitment to Neighborhood, and Perceptions of Collective Efficacy." Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, Seattle WA.
- Hutchison, Brent** and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "School-based Parental Involvement: Organizational Context and Perceptions of Involvement across Three Schools. Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, Seattle WA.
- 2015 Dahlin, Eric, **Benjamin G. Gibbs** and Dallan Flake. "Who's Winning Innovation? Institutional and Organizational Explanations of Patenting in the United States, 1963-2012." Presented at the *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics*, London UK.

- Dahlin, Eric, **Benjamin G. Gibbs** and Dallon Flake. "Who's Winning Innovation? Institutional and Organizational Explanations of Patenting in the United States, 1963-2012." Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, Chicago IL.
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, and Renata Forste. "Breastfeeding and Infant Attachment Behavior." Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, Chicago IL.
- Peacock, Ian**, and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Habitus and Social Capital in STEM Fields: Perspectives for Women's Major and Career Decisions." Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, Chicago IL.
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Jacob Mortensen**, Ian Peacock**, and Kyle Nelson**. "Trailblazing STEM? Gendered Expectations of Major Minorities on a Conservative Campus." Presented at the *American Educational Research Association*, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Miles Marsala**, Annie Neilson**, and Dustin Steinacker**. "Involved, but not in PTA: Comparing Conventional Measures of School-Based Parental Involvement with a Qualitative Approach" Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA.
- Currit, Alex* and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Getting By but Not Ahead? The Paradox of Social Capital for Understanding Rural Poverty in Iowa." Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA.
- Clark, Miriam*, **Benjamin G. Gibbs**, and Laura Mussman**. "School-based Parental Involvement among Latino(a) Parents and School Reception" Presented at the *Pacific Sociological Association*, Portland, OR.
- 2013 Downey, Douglas B., **Benjamin G. Gibbs**, and Joseph Workman*. "Is Resource Dilution Law? The Effect of Sibship Size Across Time and Group" Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, New York City, NY.
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, and Renata Forste. "Socioeconomic Status, Infant Feeding Practices, and Early Childhood Obesity" Presented at the *Population Association of America*, New Orleans, LA.
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Brent Hutchinson**, Bryce Kelly Hurst**, and Dustin Steinacker** [equal authorship]. "Administrative Perspectives of Parental Involvement in Schools: Asset or Burden?" Presented at the *Pacific Sociological Association*, Reno, NV.
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Ashley Larsen**, Ann Neilson**, and Miles Marsala** [equal authorship]. "Parental Involvement in Schools: Conceptualizing Active from Passive Types of Involvement" To be presented at the *Pacific Sociological Association*, Reno, NV.
- 2012 Harris*, Brian D., Charlie V. Morgan, and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Evidence of Political Moderation over Time: Utah's Immigration Debate On-Line" Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, Denver, Co.
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Lance D. Erickson, Aaron Robert Miles**, and Mikaela Dufur. "The Composition Effect within Schools: Rethinking the Link between Extracurricular Activities and Educational Outcomes" Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO.
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Miriam Clark*, and Craig Alder**. "Contextualizing Parental Involvement Across Measurements, Outcomes, and Immigration Backgrounds." Presented at the *American Educational Research Association*, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2011 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** and Charlie V. Morgan. "When does the Second Generation Advantage Emerge? Reconciling Parent- and Child-Centered Approaches" Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, Las Vegas, NV.

- Heaton, Tim and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Who Drops out of School in Mexico?" Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, Las Vegas, NV.
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.** and Lance Erickson "The Twin Peaks of Immobility High and Low Achievement from School-Entry to Eighth Grade" Presented at the *Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility*, Iowa City, IA.
- Payne, Michelle**, Robby Meldau**, Miriam Walther** and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "Explaining the Hispanic Achievement Gap" Presented at the *Pacific Sociology Association*, Seattle, WA.
- Peterson, Brett** and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "The Role of Religiosity on Achievement in Religious and Non-religious Schools" Presented at the *Pacific Sociology Association*, Seattle, WA.
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Aaron Woodall** and Michael Rutkowski*. "Transforming the Classroom with Film: Experiential Learning through Student-Created 'Mini-Documentaries.'" Presented at the *Pacific Sociology Association*, Seattle, WA.
- Woodall, Aaron** and **Benjamin G. Gibbs**. "The Great Recession: Assessing its Potential Impact on Children's Cognitive Skill Development." Presented at the *Pacific Sociology Association*, Seattle, WA.
- 2010 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** "The Twin Peaks of Intragenerational Mobility" *American Sociological Association*, Atlanta GA.
- Gibbs, Benjamin G.**, Brett Petersen**, Tiffany "Nikki" Wright**, and Robby Meldau**. "Before the Bell: Assessing the Role of Non-School Factors on 8th Grade Outcomes" Presented at the *Pacific Sociological Association*, Oakland, CA.
- 2009 **Gibbs, Benjamin G.** "Much Ado About Nothing? Gender Gaps in Cognitive Skill throughout Childhood." Presented at the *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Social Problems 112	F'09, W'10, S'10, F'10, F'11, F'16, W'17, F'22, F'23
Class Inequality 322	W'12, S'12, F'12, F'13, F'14, F'15, W'16, W'17, F'17, F'18, F'19, W'20, W'21, W'22, W'23, W'24, F'24
Urban Sociology 370	W'11, W'12, F'23
Society and Inequality 422	W'11, F'11, F'12, W'13, F'13, W'14, F'14, W'15, F'15, F'16, S'17, W'19, W'20, F'20, F'21, F'22, W'24
Sociology of Education 326	W'10, F'17, W'19
Social Stratification 622	F'09, W'15, W'16, W'17, F'18, F'19, F'20, F'22
Sociology of Rural Communities 528	F'13
Professionalization Seminar 598R	F'18, W'19, F'19, W'20, F'20, W'21, F'21, W'22
Explorations Course	W'23, F'24

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Discipline Service

Reviewer

Sociology of Education, Demography, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Social Science Research, Social Problems, Journal of Marriage and Family, The Sociological Quarterly, Sociological Perspectives, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, International Review for the Sociology of Sport, Pediatrics, Pediatric Obesity, Maternal and Child Nutrition, National Science Foundation, and other journals.

Editorship

Finalist for *Sociology Compass-Reviews Co-Editor*

Editorial Boards

American Journal of Sociology (consulting editor) 2023-2026

Social Science Research 2021-2024

Sociology Compass 2022-2023

Special Issue Editor

Social Sciences "Social Stratification and Schooling" Fall Issue 2020

Sociology of Education

Treasurer, Sociology of Education Association (2025-2027)

Chair, Sociology of Education Association Meetings (2021)

Board Member, Sociology of Education Association Meetings (2019-2021)

Sociology of Education Bourdieu Book Award (2020)

Sociology of Education Blogger (2014-2018)

Sociology of Education Section Mentor (2014, 2015)

Sociology of Education ASA Submission Reader (2008, 2014)

Sociology of Education Nomination Committee (2013)

Sociology of Education Stevenson Award Committee (2012)

Brigham Young University Service

University Committees

FHSS Rank and Status Committee (2022-2023, 2024)

First-Generation Student Organization Faculty Adviser [founder] (2019-2022, 2023)

First-Generation Research Committee (2020-2022)

Faculty Advisement Council (2017-2020)

National Advisory Council Department Representative (2015-2018)

Research and Evaluation Committee (2009-2017)

Learning Suite Committee (2011-2012)

Committee to Evaluate Key Leaders at Ohio State University (2009)

Graduate Associate Teaching Award Committee (2009)

Department Committees

Recruitment 2022

Annual Evaluation Chair 2023-

Graduate Coordinator 2018-2022

Brownbag Committee (2009-2018)

Community Service

Consultant (Pro Bono)

Department of Workforce Services

Intergenerational Poverty Welfare Reform Commission, Advisory Committee

Member [appointed] (2015-2020; 2020-2022)

Intergenerational Poverty Welfare Reform Commission, Research Advisory Subcommittee, Department of Workforce Services, Salt Lake City, Utah (2014-2022)

Weber Prosperity Center of Excellence (2019-present)

Circles-Utah (2016-2020)

Trauma-Informed Utah (2020-2022)

Utah State Legislature, Expert Testimony (2014, 2022)

Envision Utah Policy Report, Child Poverty Expert (2021-2022)

United Way of Salt Lake (2017-present)

Granite School District (2018, 2022)

Office of 1st Year Experience Consultant (2023-)

Poverty Conference Co-Chair

“Informing the IGP Vision through Research Collaborations” March 27th 2015 at the
Hinckley Institute, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

Affiliations

American Sociological Association, 2002 – present

Sociology of Education Association, 2014 – present

MENTORING AT BYU

Masters Committees

Jane Carson Smith 2024, Lorres Kwan Jensen 2024, Taylor Topham 2022 [PhD Northwestern], Claudia Soto 2021, Alex Andre 2020 [PhD Baylor], Jared Thorpe 2020 [PhD UT Austin], Mandy Pershing 2019, Wes Jeffrey (advisor) 2018 [PhD Irvine], Carolina Otero (advisor) [PhD USC] 2018, Can Cheng 2016, Miles Marsala 2015 [PhD Duke], Matthew McKnight 2014, Lauren Checketts 2013, Brady (Alex) Currit 2013 [PhD Cornell], Elizabeth Warnick 2013, Leila Nielsen 2012, Trish Gaither 2012, Chelsea Mazar 2012, Brianne Burr 2012, John Muir 2012 [PhD OSU], Miriam Clark 2012 [PhD Oregon], Collin Flake 2011, Brian Harris (co-advisor) 2011, Ramon Castillo 2011, Grant Adamz 2011.

Other Committees

Josie Zenger 2024 (Honors Thesis), Abigail Wells 2016 (Honors Thesis, Advisor), Ian Peacock 2015 (Honors Thesis, Advisor) [PhD UCLA], Bryan Hutchison 2012 (Honors Thesis, Committee Member), Brett Peterson 2011 (Honors Thesis, Advisor), Mark Simpson (Doctoral Student).