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Vita Highlights, full version on request
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Education

- 2014 PH.D. RURAL SOCIOLOGY OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Presidential Fellow
Dissertation: *Theoretical Implications of the Amish-Mennonites*
- 2008 M.A. URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
H. Douglas Wilder School Fellow
Thesis: *Causative Factors of Crashes between a Motor Vehicle and the Amish and Old Order Mennonite Horse & Buggy*
- 2006 B.S. GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCE JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY
URBAN & REGIONAL STUDIES / MUSIC
Honors thesis: *The Diffusion of Amish-Mennonite Congregations in the U.S. South*

Positions

- NIH-NICHD POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW IN SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS AND POPULATION HEALTH
Population Research Institute, University Park, PA Aug. 2020 - current
Pennsylvania State University
- ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY (VISITING)
Truman State University Kirksville, MO Aug. 2015 - Aug. 2018
- SENIOR LECTURER OF SOCIOLOGY AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
University of Akron, Ohio State University, Ashland College Aug. 2014 - Aug. 2020 (intermittently)

Research Interests

Populations (ethnicity, culture, religion), theory, demography (fertility/migration), population health, rural studies, sociology of dress, international development, social network analysis, institutions

Publications

- ANDERSON, CORY, and L. Potts. "Physical Health Conditions of the Amish and Intervening Social Mechanisms: An Exhaustive Narrative Review." *Ethnicity & Health*. [Forthcoming]
- Wasao, S., CORY ANDERSON, and C. Mpodoy. 2021. "A Re-study of Parity among the Amish in the Greater Holmes County, Ohio Settlement." *Population Studies*. 75(3):477-86.
- ANDERSON, CORY, and L. Potts. 2021. "Research Trends in Amish Population Health, a Growing Literature about a Growing Rural Population." *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*. 36(1):Article 6.
- ANDERSON, CORY, and L. Potts. 2020. "The Amish Health Culture and Culturally Sensitive Health Services: An Exhaustive Narrative Review." *Social Science & Medicine*. 265:113466.

- ANDERSON, CORY, and L. Decker. 2020. "Evaluation and Revision of an Instrument Measuring Attitudes toward the Amish." *Journal of Applied Social Science*. 14(2):195-211.
- ANDERSON, CORY and J. Anderson. 2020. "The 'Evangelization by Colonization' Movement and the Amish-Mennonite Migration to Costa Rica." *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 94(2):175-217.
- ANDERSON, CORY, J. Donnermeyer, J. Longhofer, and S. Reschly. 2019. "A Critical Appraisal of Amish Studies' De Facto Paradigm, 'Negotiating with Modernity'." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 58(3):725-42.
- ANDERSON, CORY, and J. Anderson. 2017. "Sanctifying Leisure: International Tourism among America's Amish-Mennonites." *American Studies Journal* 63(1):e1-e37.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2016. "Religious Seekers' Attraction to the Plain Mennonites and Amish." *Rev. of Religious Research* 58(1):125-47.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2016. "Religiously Motivated Migration." *The Sociological Quarterly* 57(3):387-414.
- ANDERSON, CORY, and L. Kenda. 2015. "What Kinds of Places Attract and Sustain Amish Populations?" *Rural Sociology* 80(4):483-511.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2011. "Retracing the Blurred Boundaries of the Twentieth-Century 'Amish Mennonite' Identity." *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 85(3):361-412.

Media Coverage of Research

New York Times, Associated Press, CCTV (China's "PBS"), Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, St. Louis Today, Atlas Obscura, Elkhart Truth (Indiana), The Repository (Akron, OH), Daily Record (Wooster, OH), Courier Newsroom (Maine), Press Herald (Maine), Kennebec Journal (Maine), MinnPost (Minnesota), Owen Sound Sun Times (Ontario), Association of Religion Data Archives, Mennonite World Review. Many articles have been republished in national news sources.

Grants and Fellowships

The Amish Population: Exponential Growth, Heterogenous Health Profiles, and Persistent Migration (PI)

- 2021: [Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging](#)—Amish population data (\$15,000)
- 2019: [U.S. Religion Census 2020](#)—Census of 103 Amish, Mennonite, and related denominations (\$23,350)
- 2011: [U.S. Religion Census 2010](#)—Census of 8 Amish-Mennonite denominations (\$2,000)

Healthcare, Hate Crimes, Horse Droppings, and More: Toward an Empirically-Grounded Amish Policy Handbook for Practitioners (PI)

- 2019: [Jacquet Research Award, Religious Research Association](#)—\$4,000 (2019)
- 2018: Early Career Award, Rural Sociological Society—\$5,000 (2018)

An American System of Separatism in a Non-American Context: Amish-Mennonites across the Globe (PI)

- 2014: [Jack Shand Research Grant](#)—\$5,000 (2014)
- 2013: [Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student Research Grant](#)—\$2,500 (2013)
- 2012: Mennonite Historical Society Open Research Grant—\$2,000 (2012)
- 2011: School of Environment and Natural Resources (Ohio State), Mini-Grant—\$100

GRADUATE AND POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

2012-13	Presidential Fellowship (university-wide, highly competitive)	Ohio State University Graduate School
2011-12	OARDC Director's Associateship (school-wide)	OSU Ohio Agricultural Research & Development Center
2010-11	Environmental Graduate Research Fellow (school-wide)	OSU School of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sci.
2009-10	Graduate Fellow (university-wide)	OSU Graduate School
2006-07	L. Douglas Wilder Graduate Scholars (school-wide)	Virginia Commonwealth University

Awards

PAPERS AND POSTERS

- 2021: “American, Religious, and Growing, Growing, Growing! Demographic Trends from a Near-Census of the Amish.”—Poster Award. Population Association of America.
- 2013: “A Monoculture in Rural Sociology?” with N. Garcia and M. Bukky—Honorable Mention. The Rural Sociological Society’s Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award.
- 2011: “The Beachy Amish-Mennonite Bishop Committee and the Conflict between Congregational Autonomy and Affiliation Criteria”—Second Place. The Mennonite Historical Society’s John Horsch Mennonite History Essay Contest.
- 2006: “The Diffusion of Amish-Mennonite Congregations in the U.S. South.”—First Place. [Sider Institute](#)’s Anabaptist Research Paper Competition (Messiah College).

Other Publications (selected)

JOURNAL OF AMISH AND PLAIN ANABAPTIST STUDIES (PEER REVIEWED, NOT BLINDED)

* *Indicates undergraduate co-author.*

† *Indicates a ground-breaking JAPAS publication with extensive empirical work and/or substantial theoretical contributions;*
‡ *also indicates a top ten accessed paper*

- ANDERSON, CORY. 2019. “Can a New Layer of Leadership Save Sectarian Practice? A Decentralized Denomination’s Experiment with a Central Committee.” *JAPAS* 7(1):54-99.
- ‡‡ ANDERSON, CORY. 2018. “A Socio-Religious Introduction to the Apostolic Churches in North America.” *JAPAS* 6(1):26-60.
- † ANDERSON, CORY. 2017. “The Undistinguished Scholar of the Amish, Werner Enninger, -or- Has the Time Yet Come for Rigorous Theory in Amish Studies?” *JAPAS* 5(2):196-238.
- † Colyer, C., CORY ANDERSON, R. Stein, J. Donnermeyer, and S. Wasao. 2017. “Reviving the Demographic Study of the Amish.” *JAPAS* 5(1):96-119.
- ‡‡ ANDERSON, CORY. 2017. “Seventy-Five Years of Amish Studies, 1942 to 2017: A Critical Review of Scholarship Trends (with an Extensive Bibliography).” *JAPAS* 5(1):1-65.
- ANDERSON, CORY, and J. Anderson. 2016. “The Amish Settlement in Honduras, 1968-1978: A (Half) Failed Attempt to Develop an Amish Understanding of Mission.” *JAPAS* 4(1):1-50.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2015. “Amish Education: A Synthesis.” *JAPAS* 3(1):1-24.
- Anderson, J., and CORY ANDERSON. 2014. “Conservative Mennonite Storybooks and the Construction of Evangelical Separatism.” *JAPAS* 2(2):245-77.
- ‡‡ ANDERSON, CORY. 2014. “Common Crash Scenarios between a Motor Vehicle and the Amish / Old Order Mennonite Horse and Buggy.” *JAPAS* 2(1):79-99.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2014. “Overstretching the Slow-Moving Vehicle Emblem’s Abilities: Lessons from the Swartzentruber Amish.” *JAPAS* 2(1):100-15.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2014. “Low Illumination and the Sun’s Glare in Crashes between Motor Vehicles and Amish / Old Order Mennonite Horse and Buggies.” *JAPAS* 2(1):116-24.
- ‡‡ Donnermeyer, J., CORY ANDERSON, and E. Cooksey. 2013. “The Amish Population: County Estimates and Settlement Patterns.” *JAPAS* 1(1):72-109.
- ‡‡ ANDERSON, CORY. 2013. “Who Are the Plain Anabaptists? What Are the Plain Anabaptists?” *JAPAS* 1(1):26-71.
- † ANDERSON, CORY, and J. Donnermeyer. 2013. “Where Are the Plain Anabaptists?” *JAPAS* 1(1):1-25.

BOOKS (NOT PEER REVIEWED)

- ANDERSON, CORY and J. Anderson. 2019. *Amish-Mennonites across the Globe*. Millersburg, OH: Acorn Publishing. 324pp. \$45. 5,000 printed, 50% sold.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2012. *Amish-Mennonites of North America*. Medina, NY: Ridgeway Publishing. 304pp. \$35. 5,000 printed, 90% sold.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND BULLETIN ARTICLES

- ANDERSON, CORY. 2019. "Amish Language Research: A Review." Pp. 939-61 in *Handbook of the Changing World Language Map*, edited by S.D. Brunn and R. Kehrein. Springer International Publishing.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2013. "An Evangelical Reorientation: The Contribution of Beachy Amish-Mennonite Mothers." Pp. 236-55 in *Mothering Mennonite*, edited by Rachel Epp Buller and Kerry Fast. Bradford, ON: Demeter Press.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2011. "Congregation or Conference? The Development of Beachy Amish Polity and Identity." *Mennonite Historical Bulletin* 72(1):12-15.

ENCYCLOPEDIA

- ANDERSON, CORY. 2020. "Amish." *The Sage Encyclopedia for the Sociology of Religion*, edited by A. Possamai: Sage.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2020. "Anabaptist." *The Sage Encyclopedia for the Sociology of Religion*, edited by A. Possamai: Sage.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2012. "Beachy Amish-Mennonite." *Global Anabaptist-Mennonite Encyclopedia Online*, edited by S. Steiner. [five related entries all linked from this page]

Teaching

Numbers = multiple sections

	Ohio St.		Truman State Univ.					U Akron/Ashland U					Penn State U.				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022		
	Sp	Au	Sp	Au	Sp	Su	Au	Sp	Su	Au	Sp	Su	Au	Sp	Su		
Introduction to Rural Sociology*	2																
Introduction to Sociology†			2	2	2		2	2		3		4	3				
Introduction to Geography†				2		2											
Geographic Information Systems†																	
Amish Culture and Peoplehood†																	
Demography†																	
Dress and Self-Image†																	
Sociology of Religion†																	
Rural Sociology (advanced)*																	
Amish History & Popular Culture*																	
Technology and Human Values†*																	
Independent research (undergrad)							2	3									

No teaching responsibilities

†Traditional classroom design *Web-based design Sp=Spring; Su=Summer; Au=Autumn

Service

JOURNAL OF AMISH AND PLAIN ANABAPTIST STUDIES

Co-founder (2013) and Editor-in-Chief (2013-present)

The first journal addressing Amish/plain Anabaptist populations; peer reviewed, two issues a year of ~60,000 words each, 18-member editorial board and 24-member book review panel consisting entirely of plain Anabaptist adherents; open access at the University of Akron IdeaExchange.

AMISH AND PLAIN ANABAPTIST STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Founder (2017) and Executive Director (2018-present)

Annual conference (attendance ~60), service provider discussion group, monthly videoconference guest lecture series, member and non-member email lists, plain people outreach email list (3,000+ subscribers), and website; around 100 dues-paying members; registered as a 501(c)3, with a board of directors and three subcommittees.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Religious Research Association

Nominating Committee, January 2022 - December 2023 [elected]

Program Chair for the Annual Conference, November 2021 - October 2023 [appointed]

Rural Sociological Society

Publications Committee, July 2017 - August 2021 [appointed]

Awards and Endowment Committee, August 2021 - August 2023 [appointed]

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Population Association of America
- [Environmental Demography Network](#)
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- Religious Research Association
- Rural Sociological Society
- Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging
- Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies Association

Presentations

INVITED GUEST SPEAKER: UNIVERSITY COURSES

Since 2011, I have been an invited speaker for 36 presentations in undergraduate classrooms and faculty forums at Kenyon College, Ohio State University, Truman State University, University of Missouri, University of Kentucky, Pennsylvania State University, and Illinois State University. A typical talk introduced social dimensions of the Amish, while specific talks addressed Amish health, food, dress, gender dynamics, folk culture, migration, safety, history, or subgroups.

INVITED SPEAKER: AMISH/MENNONITE AUDIENCES

Since 2006, I have been an invited speaker for Amish and Mennonite audiences, in Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, New York, Florida, Kansas, Virginia, Ontario, and Costa Rica. Topics focused on history and cultural-symbolic changes and are informed by my research.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SUMMARY BY TOPIC)

Demography & Population Health: 29 conference presentations
Applied Research: 6 conference presentations and 5 professional workshops
Theory, Culture, and Religion: 12 conference presentations
Amish Studies as a Research Area: 6 conference presentations
Other Subjects: 8 conference presentations