

Cory Anderson

Education

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

Positions

NIH-NICHD POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW IN SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS AND POPULATION HEALTH		
Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University	University Park, PA	Aug. 2020 - July 2023 Aug. 2023 - present [external affiliate]
SENIOR INSTRUCTOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES		
University of Akron	Akron, OH	Aug. 2018 - Aug. 2020
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY (VISITING)		
Truman State University	Kirksville, MO	Aug. 2015 - Aug. 2018

Research Interests

I use statistical, spatial, and qualitative methods to analyze population dynamics among North America's ethnic sectarians, including Amish and Mennonites, which are growing rapidly in rural areas. Specifically, I focus on demographic processes, population health, cultural change, and the impacts of public perceptions and policy. I work pragmatically at the intersection of cross-disciplinary collaboration, community participatory engagement, and development of new knowledge networks.

Refereed Journal Articles

* Indicates student co-author.

ANDERSON, CORY, and L. Potts*. 2023. "The Cultural and Religious Complexities of Amish-Focused Mental Health Conditions Research: Insights from an Exhaustive Narrative Review and Case Study of Counseling Controversies." *Mental Health, Religion & Culture*. 26(9):908-924.

ANDERSON, CORY, and J. Anderson. 2023. "North America's Amish-Mennonites Adopt Abroad: The Religious Values and Socio-Political Contexts that Cracked the Homogeneity of an Ethnic Sect." *Social Compass*. 70(3):403-27.

ANDERSON, CORY, S. Zhou*, and G. Chi. 2023. "Amish Populated Counties Are Associated with Low COVID-19 Vaccination Rates, Suggesting Population-Wide Vaccine Hesitancy." *Population Research & Policy Review*. 42(4):70.

ANDERSON, CORY, and L. Potts*. 2022. "Physical Health Conditions of the Amish and Intervening Social Mechanisms: An Exhaustive

- Narrative Review.” *Ethnicity & Health*. 27(8):1952-78.
- Wasao, S., CORY ANDERSON, and C. Mpody*. 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 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, 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, 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.

Edited Volumes

Editor, *Journal of Amish & Plain Anabaptist Studies*, Vols 1-11 (20 issues). 2013-present.

Books

- 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, 95% sold.

Other Publications

BOOK CHAPTERS (EDITOR REVIEWED)

- 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.

BOOK REVIEWS

- ANDERSON, CORY, and J. Anderson. 2023. *American Shtetl: The Making of Kiryas Joel, a Hasidic Village in Upstate New York* by Nomi Stolzenberg and David N. Myers. Review of Religios Research. Forthcoming.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2013. *Selling the Amish: The Tourism of Nostalgia* by Susan Trollinger. *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 87(1):108-11.

ENCYCLOPEDIA (EDITOR REVIEWED)

- ANDERSON, CORY. 2020. “Amish” and “Anabaptist.” *The Sage Encyclopedia for the Sociology of Religion*, edited by A. Possamai: Sage.
- ANDERSON, CORY. 2012. “Ambassadors Amish-Mennonite”; “Beachy Amish-Mennonite”; “Berea Amish-Mennonite”; “Maranatha Amish-Mennonite”; “Mennonite Christian Fellowship”; “Midwest Beachy Amish-Mennonite.” *Global Anabaptist-Mennonite Encyclopedia*

Online, edited by S. Steiner.

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

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.

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. †

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. 2015. "Amish Education: A Synthesis." *JAPAS* 3(1):1-24.

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.

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 (Canton, 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

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

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)

GRADUTE AND POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

2012-13 [Presidential Fellow](#) (university-wide)

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

Course Record

Introduction to Rural Sociology*	Demography†
Introduction to Sociology*	Dress and Self-Image†
Introduction to Geography†	Sociology of Religion†
Geographic Information Systems†	Rural Sociology (advanced)*
Amish Culture and Peoplehood†	Amish History & Popular Culture*
Technology and Society*	Independent research (undergrad)

†Traditional classroom design *Web-based design

Community Engagement and 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, montly videoconference guest lecture series, member and non-member email lists, plain people outreach email list (2,600+ subscribers), and website; around 100 dues-paying members; registered as a 501(c)3, with a board of directors and three subcommittees.

INVITED SPEAKER: PROFESSIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Workshop: Health Units Working with Amish and Mennonite Schools in Ontario
Sept. 2022: Private Schools Community of Practice, Ontario Health Units—Regional Workshop

Workshop: Cultural Insights to Help Practitioners Work with Plain Populations
May 2023: Perth East, Ontario, Cultural Awareness Committee—Regional Workshop
Aug. 2019: Holmes County, Ohio, Board for Developmental Disabilities—Staff In-Service Training
Oct. 2018: Perth East, Ontario, Cultural Awareness Committee—Regional Workshop

Workshop Plenary: Theory Working for Practice, Practice Working for Theory
Aug. 2019: Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies Association (Millersburg, OH)

Workshop Plenary: Addressing the Health Care Needs of Amish and Plain Communities
June 2017: Amish Health Care Conference (Loudonville, OH)
April 2015: Amish Health Care Conference (Loudonville, OH)