**Jonah Birch**

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**EDUCATION**

2018 New York University, Sociology, Ph.D.

*Dissertation Title:* “Work Less So More Can Work: France's 35 Hour Workweek and the Politics of Labor Market Reform.”

*Dissertation Committee:* Vivek Chibber, Jeff Goodwin, Jeff Manza, and Richard Lachmann

2014 New York University, Sociology, M.A.

2005 Columbia University, History, B.A.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2018- Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Appalachian State University.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

Political Sociology, Labor Markets, European Politics, Comparative Historical Sociology, Labor and Social Movements, Work and Employment, Welfare States, Comparative Political Economy

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**Peer Reviewed Publications**

Forthcoming Birch, Jonah. “The Rise of Socialism in the United States? American ‘Exceptionalism’ and the Left After 2016.” In Claes Brundenius, ed. *Reflections on Socialism in the Twenty-First Century: Confronting Neo-Liberalism, the Environmental Imperative and the Rise of the Extreme Right*. New York, NY: Springer. 2020.

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

Birch, Jonah. “Capitalism without Constraints? Wolfgang Streeck and the Death of Postwar Capitalism.” *Under Review*.

Birch, Jonah. “Institutionalism's Declining Returns: Crisis and Change in the Study of Contemporary Capitalism.” *Draft Available*.

Birch, Jonah. “Fascists for Democracy, Racists for Cultural Freedom: Explaining the Rise of Europe’s New Far Right Parties.” Invited Submission to *Sociological Inquiry*.

Birch, Jonah. “Work Less So More Can Work: France's 35 Hour Workweek and the Politics of Labor Market Reform.” *Book Manuscript in Preparation.*

Birch, Jonah. “Statutory Change, Collective Bargaining, and Work-Time Reduction: The French and Germen Experiences.”

Birch, Jonah. “Why Business Wants to Bargain: Employers & Social Dialogue in the Reform of the French Social Model.”

**SELECTED ESSAYS AND INTERVIEWS**

2019 Birch, Jonah. “What the Presidential Debate on Race is Really About.” *Jacobin Magazine*.

2016 Birch, Jonah. “A French Spring.” *Jacobin Magazine*.

2016 Birch, Jonah. “Social Democracy's Last Rounds.” Interview with Wolfgang Streeck, *Jacobin Magazine*.

2015 Birch Jonah. “The Many Lives François Mitterrand.” *Jacobin Magazine*.

2014 Birch, Jonah, and Paul Heideman. “The Poverty of Culture.” *Jacobin Magazine*.

2013 Birch, Jonah. “How Does the Subaltern Speak?” Interview with Vivek Chibber. *Jacobin Magazine*.

**RESEARCH AWARDS AND GRANTS**

2016 Travel Grant. Section on Poverty, Social Welfare, and Social Policy, International Sociological Association.

2016 New York University Global Research Initiative Fellowship. Paris, France.

2015 New York University Global Research Initiative Fellowship. Paris, France.

2007 Henry MacCracken Fellowship (Five-Year Award), New York University.

**RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS**

2012 Research Assistant to Vivek Chibber, New York University.

"Globalization" in Jeff Manza, Richard Arum, and Lynne Haney, *The Sociology Project*. New York: Pearson.

2010 Research Assistant to Patrick Sharkey, New York University.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Courses Taught**

2018- Appalachian State University

Social Movements

Wealth, Power, and Privilege

Social Diversity and Inequalities

Social Problems in America

The Sociological Perspective

2017 Brooklyn College, City University of New York

Race and Ethnicity

2014-2017 Lehman College, City University of New York

The Sociological Imagination

Social Inequality

Advanced Research Methods

2013-2015 New York University

Research Methods

Race and Ethnicity

**Teaching Assistantships**

2009-2018 New York University

Social Movements

Research Methods

Environment and Society

American Capitalism in Theory and Practice

Race and Ethnicity

Introduction to Sociology

**Independent Studies Supervised**

2019 Appalachian State University

Housing, Inequality, and Public Policy

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2019 “Institutionalism’s Declining Returns: Wolfgang Streeck and the Literature on Contemporary Capitalism.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

2019 “Work Time Reduction in France and Germany: Policy Change, Collective Bargaining and Labor Mobilization." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA.

2018 “Institutionalism’s Declining Returns.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, Phoenix, AZ.

2016 “The Power of Disorganization: France’s 35-Hour Work Week and the Politics of Employment.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Poverty, Social Welfare, and Social Policy section of the International Sociological Association, San Jose, Costa Rica.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

**To the Discipline**

2015- Contributing Editor, *Jacobin Magazine*.

2009-2011 Editorial Collective, *In Critical Sociology,* American Sociological Association Labor and Labor Movements Section Newsletter.

**To the Department**

2019- Faculty Development Committee, Appalachian State University.

2018-2019 Student Recruitment and Retention Committee, Appalachian State University.

2013 Conference Organizing Committee, Political Economy Conference, New York University.

**Journal Manuscript Referee**

*Sociological Theory, Historical Materialism*

**Professional Memberships**

American Sociological Association

Social Science History Association

International Sociological Association

**PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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