

# CV: EA HOPPE BLAABÆK

## ACADEMIC PROFILE

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My principal research interests revolve around applied micro-econometric methods, stratification and, intergenerational transmissions. In my Ph.D. project, I used econometric methods to analyze the relationship between family background, children's reading and their reading skills. In my postdoc project at UCPH, I use individual-level library data for the entire population of Denmark to study e.g. how libraries shape inequality of opportunity and children's home reading environments. In my role as Researcher at the Rockwool Foundation Research Unit, I study how health disadvantages due to injuries affect children and their families – e.g. how concussions affect crime risk and test scores or how gender gradients in taking leave with sick children affect labor market participation. In future work, I aim to study how institutions and interventions might moderate family inequalities – for example, how reading interventions might help at-risk children progress in schools, how gender and socioeconomic gradients in caring for sick family members shape labor market outcomes or how early interventions might help moderate intergenerational transmission of health, crime and educational disadvantages.

## EDUCATION

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- 2018 – 2021    **Ph.D. Fellow, University of Copenhagen, Department of Sociology.**  
Thesis title: Passing on the culture: Parents, cultural inputs and stratification in children's reading. Advisor: Prof. Mads Meier Jæger
- 2013 – 2016    **M.Sc. (Sociology), University of Copenhagen (UCPH)**
- 2010 – 2013    **B.Sc. (Sociology), University of Copenhagen**

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Current positions:

- 2023 – 2025    **Rockwool Foundation Research Unit**  
Researcher  
University of Copenhagen, Department of Sociology
- 2021 – 2024    Postdoc  
**Statistics Denmark**
- 2020 – 2024    Guest Researcher

Previous positions:

**University of Copenhagen, Department of Sociology**

2021 Research Assistant  
2018 – 2021 Ph.D. Fellow  
2016 Research Assistant  
2013 – 2016 Student Research Assistant

**Nuffield College, University of Oxford**

2019 (Oct-Dec) Junior Visiting Scholar

**PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)**

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**Blaabæk, Ea Hoppe.** 2023. “No Substitute for the Real Thing? Physical and Digital Cultural Participation in Denmark during the COVID-19 Pandemic”. *Acta Sociologica* [

**Blaabæk, Ea Hoppe.** 2023. “Stratification in Parents’ Selection of Developmentally Appropriate Books for Children: Register-based Evidence from Danish Public Libraries”. *European Societies* 25(1).

**Blaabæk, Ea Hoppe.** 2022. “Cultural Inputs and Accumulating Inequality in Children’s Reading: A Dynamic Approach”. *European Sociological Review* 38(3).

Jæger, Mads Meier and **Ea Hoppe Blaabæk.** 2021. “Local historical context and multigenerational socioeconomic attainment.” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 73.

Jæger, Mads Meier and **Ea Hoppe Blaabæk.** 2020. “Inequality in learning opportunities during Covid-19: Evidence from library takeout.” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 68.

**Blaabæk, Ea Hoppe.** 2020. “Reading when the Sun Does Not Shine: The Effect of Reading on Children’s Academic Performance.” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 67.

**Blaabæk, Ea Hoppe,** Mads Meier Jæger and Joseph Molitoris. 2019. “Family Size and Educational Attainment: Cousins, Contexts and Compensation”. *European Journal of Population* 36.

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

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**Blaabæk, Ea Hoppe,** Daniel Juhász Vigild, Felix Elwert, Peter Fallesen, and Lars H. Andersen. “The Effect of Mild Traumatic Brain Injuries in Childhood on Adolescent Criminal Justice Involvement: A Preregistered Population-Wide Study of Six Danish Birth Cohorts”

**Blaabæk, Ea Hoppe,** Peter Fallesen, and Lars H. Andersen. “From Unequal Health to Unequal Learning? Socioeconomic gradients in childhood concussions and their impact on academic performance”

**Blaabæk, Ea Hoppe,** Sam Friedman, Mads Meier Jæger and Aaron Reeves. “Do cultural tastes always depend on social position? Evidence from library use for the entire population of Denmark.”

**Blaabæk, Ea Hoppe** and Mads Meier Jæger. “A Tale of Scale: Local levels of Cultural and Economic Inequality”

**Blaabæk, Ea Hoppe.** “Nudging parental investments in children’s home learning environments: The impact of a library book giveaway program” (Preprint: <https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/fv3un/>)

Jæger, Mads Meier, Stine Møllegaard and **Ea Hoppe Blaabæk.** “Heritability of Literary Tastes: Evidence from Twins’ Library Takeout”.

**Blaabæk, Ea Hoppe** and Jæger, Mads Meier: “Inter Vivos Transfers, Multigenerational Educational Attainment, and Inequality”

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Copenhagen, MA/BA in Sociology

- 2020 (fall) Kill your darlings - A critical review of classical theories and concepts in sociology
- 2020 (spring) Kill your darlings - A critical review of classical theories and concepts in sociology
- 2020 (spring) (TA) New statistical analyses strategies (Nyere Statistiske Analysestrategier)
- 2019 (fall) Supervision of 4 BA thesis

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023, Apr “Culture, the library and the social challenge”. Presentation with Mads M. Jæger at Det Bibliotekspolitiske Topmøde 2023 [Library Politics Summit 2023)
- 2022, Nov “Do more people read when literature becomes digital?”. Discussion panel at Bogforum 2022
- 2022, June “A new type of collaboration about research on culture and inequality”. Professional event at Statistics Denmark.
- 2021, Nov “Inequality in learning opportunities during Covid-19: Evidence from library takeout.” Fall conference of E-Reolen.
- 2020, Oct “Inequality in learning opportunities during Covid-19: Evidence from library takeout.” Quarterly library managers meeting.
- 2020, June “Quantity and Quality of Learning Opportunities. Socioeconomic advantage from libraries”. University College London, Centre for Education Policy and Equalizing Opportunities (CEPEO)
- 2019, Jan “Advantaged Readers: How Unequal Cultural Inputs and Returns Increase Inequality in Children’s Reading”. Danish Network of Research on Families.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023, Sep “Nudging parental investments in children’s home learning environments: The impact of a library book giveaway program.” European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR), Prague
- 2023, June “Nudging parental investments in children’s home learning environments: The impact of a library book giveaway program.” ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne.
- 2023, Apr “The Effect of Mild Traumatic Brain Injuries in Childhood on Adolescent Criminal Justice Involvement: A Preregistered Population-Wide Study of Six Danish Birth Cohorts” [Poster]. Population Association of America (PAA), New Orleans
- 2022, Aug “A Tale of Scale: Spatial Correlations between Cultural and Economic Inequality.” Nordic Sociological Association (NSA), Reykjavik
- 2022, Apr “Do cultural tastes always depend on social position? Evidence from library use for the entire population of Denmark.” Spring meeting of the Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), London.

- 2021, Aug “Libraries, Learning and Leisure: Stratification in Quantity and Quality of takeout of children’s books”. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (ASA), online.
- 2021, June “Libraries, Learning and Leisure: Stratification in Quantity and Quality of takeout of children’s books”. Spring meeting of the Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), Turku.
- 2019, Mar “Advantaged Readers: How Unequal Cultural Inputs and Returns Increase Inequality in Children’s Reading”. Spring meeting of the Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), Frankfurt.
- 2018, Oct “Inter Vivos Transfers, Multigenerational Educational Attainment, and Inequality”. European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR), Paris.

### Professional activities

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- 2023- Organizer for the Quantitative Methods Club
- 2020-2021 Organizer for the Quantitative Methods Club
- 2018-2020 Member of the advisory board for developing new individual-level library registry data at Statistics Denmark

### Refereeing

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I have reviewed papers for *American Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *European Sociological Review*, *Acta Sociologica*, *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, *European Societies*, and *Social Science Research*.

### Software

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Stata, R, SAS, MPlus (limited experience).

### Languages

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Danish (Native Proficiency), English (Full Professional Proficiency)