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ACADEMIC DEGREES

2023	Professor in Sociology at Stockholm University
2014	Associate Professor (Docent) in Sociology at Stockholm University
2009	Ph.D. Summa cum laude, Political & Social Sciences, Pompeu Fabra Universitat Thesis supervisor: Gøsta Esping-Andersen <i>Casualties of Turbulent Economic Transition: Premature Mortality & Foregone Fertility in the Post-Communist Countries</i>
2006	M.Phil. (DEA); Political & Social Sciences, Pompeu Fabra Universitat
2003	B.A. Magna cum laude, Sociology, San Francisco State University

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

2019-	Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University
2016-2019	Biträdande Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University
2015-2016	Parental leave
2011-2015	Researcher, Demography Unit, Sociology Department, Stockholm University
2009- 2011	Postdoctoral Associate, Demography Unit, Sociology Department, Stockholm University
2005-2007	Research Assistant, Political & Social Sciences, Pompeu Fabra Universitat
2006	Research Assistant, EQUALSOC, Supervisor: Professor Chiara Saraceno

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024-2025	Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences II, Advanced level course for Master's students, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University, Co-Lecturer
2025	Systematic Reviews, Advanced level course for Master's students, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

2025	Tillämpad Samhällsanalys (Applied social research), Undergraduate level course, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University
2011-2017, 2022-2025	Introduction to Quantitative Data Management and Statistics, Multi-disciplinary Master's Program in Demography, Department of Sociology and the Demography Unit, Stockholm University
2016-2017	Introduction to Applied Social Research, Master's Program in Applied Social Research, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University
2014-2017	Family Dynamics in a Changing Europe, Multi-disciplinary Master's Program in Demography, Department of Sociology and the Demography Unit, Stockholm University
2012-2014, 2019	Population Development and Social Change, Multi-disciplinary Master's Program in Demography, Department of Sociology and the Demography Unit, Stockholm University, Co-Lecturer
2008	Labor Market Policies, Undergraduate course in the Department of Political and Social Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University, Co-Lecturer

PEDAGOGIC TRAINING

2022	Educational Development project, Stockholm University
2020	Professional Development Course 2: Teaching and Learning in the Human Science Academic Area, 7.5 ECTS
2018	Open Networked Learning, Stockholm University, 3 ECTS
2018	Research Supervision, Stockholm University, 3 ECTS
2013	University Pedagogics I, Stockholm University, 3 ECTS

SUPERVISION

Doctoral thesis	Elina Lindskog (co-supervisor), Stockholm, completed 2016 Kathrin Morosow (co-supervisor), Stockholm, completed 2019 Weiqian Xia (co-supervisor), Stockholm, completed 2021 Signe Svallfors, (main supervisor), Stockholm, completed 2021 Filip Wigselius (co-supervisor), Stockholm, completed 2022 Anna-Karin Nylin (co-supervisor), Stockholm, completed 2023 Maxim Kan (main supervisor), Stockholm, completed 2023 Konstantin Kazenin (co-supervisor), Stockholm, began 2021 Liliana Calderon Bernal (co-supervisor) Stockholm, began 2022
Master's thesis	Maxim Kan, Stockholm, completed 2012 Laure Doctrinal, Stockholm, completed 2012 Tamiru Eguale, Stockholm, completed 2014 Lukas Pashalidis, Stockholm, completed 2015 Nicholas Kofi Adjei, Stockholm, completed 2015 Maria Mazanova, Stockholm, completed 2016

Ragnar Sävfors, Stockholm, completed 2016
 Signe Svallfors, Stockholm, completed 2016
 Valeria Kopeykina, Stockholm, completed 2017
 Antonia Spath, Stockholm, completed 2018
 Marton Tischler, Stockholm, completed 2020
 Sofia Franck, Stockholm, completed 2021
 Maja Cederlund, Stockholm, completed 2021
 Noor Karim, Stockholm, completed 2022
 Sabiha Gulshan, Stockholm, completed 2022
 Norah Nyblaeus, Stockholm, completed 2022
 Carl Johan Meyer, Stockholm, completed 2022
 Yvonne Sall, Stockholm, completed 2023
 Ismaila Jarjusey, Stockholm, completed 2023
 Timothy Littlewood, Stockholm, completed 2025

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION OPPONENT

Dissertation committee	Lesia Nedoluzhko, 2012 Björn Ottosson (suppleant), 2017 Sara Kjellson, 2018 Jonna Olsson (suppleant), 2019 Ari Klængur Jónsson, 2020 Andrea Monti, 2020 Sebastian Sirén, 2023
Final seminar	Lesia Nedoluzhko, 2012 Ari Klængur Jónsson, 2020 Andrea Monti, 2020 Sebastian Sirén, 2022 Erik Carlsson, 2023 Benson John, 2023
Half-time seminar	Johan Dahlberg, 2012 Linus Andersson, 2017 Ida Viklund, 2017 Miska Simanainen, 2023 Mimmi Lounela, 2025

AWARDS, GRANTS AND DISTINCTIONS

2023-2026	Principal Investigator, Swedish Council for Health, Labor and Welfare (FORTE), 4 041 000 SEK (approx. 370,000 euro), Research project: Intensive parenting norms in Sweden: Prevalence and implications for childbearing, well-being and work trajectories. Additional funding awarded by Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet), declined.
2021-2023	Co-applicant, the Swedish research Council (Vetenskapsrådet), 4 473 000 sek (approx. 440 000 euro), Research project: Fertility intentions, fertility considerations, and Swedish fertility decline. With Gerda Neyer, Gunnar Andersson, Sofi Ohlsson Wijk, Livia Oláh, and Johan Dahlberg.
2021-2023	Co-applicant, Swedish Council for Health, Labor and Welfare (FORTE), 4 300 000 (approx. 424 000 euro), Research project: Rising social inequalities and

	Swedish fertility decline. With Gerda Neyer, Gunnar Andersson, Johan Dahlberg, Martin Kolk, Helen Eriksson, and Sofi Ohlsson Wijk.
2021-2023	Co-applicant, Riksbanken Jubileum, 3 487 000 (approx. 344 000 euro), Research project: Fertility intentions and fertility decline in Sweden. With Gerda Neyer, Gunnar Andersson, Johan Dahlberg, and Sofi Ohlsson Wijk.
2020	Principal Investigator, Stockholm University Fund for Collaboration within the Profile Area of Human Sciences, 100,000 sek (approx. 10,000 euro) Research project: Temperature increase and maternal, reproductive and child health in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. With Kathryn Grace.
2018	Jan M. Hoem Award for Social Policy and Family Demography
2016-2018	Co-applicant, Swedish Council for Health, Labor and Welfare (FORTE) and the Swedish research Council (Vetenskapsrådet), 3 600 000 SEK (approx. 385,000 euro), Research project: His and her earnings following parenthood and implications for social inequality: Cohort and cross-national comparisons. With Ann-Zofie Duvander, Marie Evertsson and Kelly Musick
2013-2016	Principal Investigator, Swedish Council for Health, Labor and Welfare (FORTE), 2 850 000 SEK (approx. 320,000 euro), Research project: The demographic imprint of social mobility: Fertility and mortality in Sweden
2013	Stockholm Centre on Health of Societies in Transition (SCOHST) grant to construct and direct the Changing Life Course Regimes in Eastern Europe (CliCR) database, 415 000 SEK (46 500 euro)
2010	Co-winner of the Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists by the International Sociological Association
2009	DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Research Grant for Young Academics and Scientists: scholarship to conduct research at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, January – July, 8 000 EURO
2008	Principal Investigator, Macro International Inc., Demographic & Health Surveys research Grant, 5 000 USD (3 700 euro)
2007-2009	Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Visiting Researcher at the Population & Policy Laboratory, September-December 2007, April-July 2008 and January-June 2009
2004-2008	Catalan Government (Generalitat de Catalunya) Scholarship for Doctoral Studies, 45 000 EURO

POPULAR SCIENCE AND EDUCATION-RELATED ARTICLES

Billingsley, S. (2024). Incorporating Climate and Reproductive History Data: Understanding the challenges when using longitudinal data with DHS surveys. *Climate Change and Health Research Hub*, IPUMS DHS. <https://tech.popdata.org/dhs-research-hub/posts/2024-06-11-climate-reproduction/>

PUBLICATIONS

- Svallfors, S., Billingsley, S., Østby, G., & Aradhya, S. (2025) Armed conflict and birthweight: The role of organized violence and anti-coca fumigation in Colombia. *Social Science & Medicine*, 381.
- Mollborn, S., & Billingsley, S. (2025). Intensive Parenting in a Dual-Earner, Dual-Carer Society Integrating Role Conflict into Gendered Attitudes toward Parenting. Stockholm Research Reports in Demography, 2025(5).
- Billingsley, S., Mollborn, S., & Neyer, G. (2025). Are intensive parenting attitudes a deterrent to childbearing? Stockholm Research Reports in Demography, 2025(1).
- Nylin, AK., Mollborn, S., & Billingsley, S. (2025). Does Intensive Parenting Come at the Expense of Parents' Health? Evidence from Sweden. Stockholm Research Reports in Demography, 2025(7).
Revise and resubmit to *Social Science & Medicine*.
- Mollborn, S., & Billingsley, S. (2025). Are Intensive Parenting Attitudes Internationally Generalizable? The Case of Sweden. *Journal of Family Issues*, 46(6): 1079-1108
- Billingsley, S., Grace, K., & Bakhtsiyarava, M. (2025). Climate Change and Getting Pregnant: Weather Exposure and a Full Accounting of Conceptions in Armenia and Tajikistan. *Popul Environ*, 47(24).
- Billingsley, S., Gonalons-Pons, P., & Duvander, A. (2024). How family dynamics shape income inequality between families with young children: The case of Sweden, 1995-2018. *Population and Development Review*, 50(4): 1181-1208.
- Kazenin, K., Zakharov, S., Billingsley, S. (2024). Demographic momentum and fertility responses to pronatalist policies: The case of ethnic minorities in Russia. Stockholm Research Reports in Demography, 2024(48).
- Mussino, E., Drefahl, S., Wallace, M., Billingsley, S., Aradhya, S., Andersson, G. (2024). Lives saved, lives lost, and under-reported Covid-19 deaths. Excess and non-excess mortality in relation to cause-specific mortality during the Covid-19 pandemic in Sweden. *Demographic Research*, 50(1): 1-40.
- Billingsley, S., Härkönen, J., & Hornung, M. (2023). The Sensitivity of Family-Related Behaviors to Economic and Social Turbulence in Post-Socialist Countries, 1970-2010. *Comparative Population Studies*, 48: 493-522.
- Billingsley, S., Neyer, G., & Wesolowski, K. (2022). Social Investment Policies and Childbearing Across 20 Countries: Longitudinal and Micro-Level Analyses. *European Journal of Population*, 38: 951-974.
- Eriksson, H., Billingsley, S., & Brandén, M. (2022). Parental leave within the workplace: A re-assessment of opposite educational gradients for women and men. *Sociology*, 56(5): 1032-1044.
- Wesolowski, K., Billingsley, S. (2022). Family policies: How do they differ around the world? In J. May and J. Goldstone (Eds.), *International handbook of population policies* (pp. 383-396). Switzerland: Springer Nature.
- Billingsley, S., & Oláh, L. (2022). Patterns of Co-residential Relationships across Cohorts in Post-socialist Countries. Less time for childbearing? *Social Inclusion*, 10(3): 87-99.
- Billingsley, S., Brandén, M., Aradhya, S., Drefahl, S., Andersson, G., & Mussino, E. (2022). COVID-19 mortality across occupations and secondary risks for elderly individuals in the household: A population register-based study. *Scand J Work Environ Health*, 48(1): 52-60.
<https://doi:10.5271/sjweh.3992>

- Wesolowski, K., Billingsley, S., & Neyer, G. (2021). Family policy support for the earner-carer and traditional-family models in Lithuania and Sweden. In J. Aidukaite, S. Hart, & S. Kuhnle (Eds.), *Challenges to the welfare-state: Family and pension policies in the Baltic and Nordic countries* (pp. 72-93). Edward Elgar.
- Nylin, A., Musick, K., Billingsley, S., Duvander, A., & Evertsson, M. (2021). Trends in women's relative earnings within couples across the transition to parenthood in Sweden, 1987-2007. *European Sociological Review*, 37(3): 349-364. <https://doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcaa056>.
- Wesolowski, L., Billingsley, S., & Neyer, G. (2020). Disentangling the complexity of family policies: SPIN data with an application to Lithuania and Sweden, 1995-2015. *Demographic Research*, 43(42): 1235-1262.
- Grace, K., Billingsley, S., Riper, D.V. (2020). Building an interdisciplinary framework to advance conceptual and technical aspects of population-environment research focused on women's and children's health. *Social Science & Medicine* 250: 112857.
- Härkönen, J., Billingsley, S., Hornung, M. (2020). Divorce trends in seven countries over the long transition from state socialism: 1981-2004. In D. Mortelmans (Ed.) *Divorce in Europe* (pp. 63-89). Springer, Cham. doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-25838-2
- Billingsley, S. (2020). Sick leave absence and the relationship between intragenerational social mobility and mortality: Health selection in Sweden. *BMC Public Health* 20(8): doi:10.1186/s12889-019-8103-4
- Billingsley, S. (2019). Intragenerational social mobility and cause-specific premature mortality. *PLoS ONE* 14(2): e0211977. doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0211977
- Svallfors, S., & Billingsley, S. (2019). Conflict and Contraception in Colombia. *Studies in Family Planning*, 15(2): 87-112.
- Billingsley, S., Drefahl, S., & Ghilagaber, G. (2018). An application of Diagonal Reference Models and time-varying covariates in social mobility research on mortality and fertility. *Social Science Research*, 75:73-82.
- Ugglä, C., & Billingsley, S. (2018). Unemployment, intragenerational social mobility and mortality in Finland: Heterogeneity by age and economic context. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, 72(11):1003-1008.
- Billingsley, S., & Matysiak, A. (2018). Social mobility and family expansion in Poland and Russia during socialism and capitalism. *Advances in Life Course Research*, 36: 80-91.
- Billingsley, S. (2018). Women's career mobility and childbearing in Sweden. Evidence of a tradeoff? *Stockholm Research Reports in Demography* 2018:06.
- Permyakova, N., & Billingsley, S. (2018). Men's health and co-residence with older generations in Russia: better or worse? *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, 72: 179-184.
- Adjei, N.K., & Billingsley, S. (2017). Population policy and childbearing behavior in Ghana since the late 1960s. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 36(2): 251-271.
- Billingsley, S., & Duntava, A. (2017). Putting the pieces together: Fertility trends across 40 years of birth cohorts in 19 post-socialist countries. *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 33(5): 389-410.
- Sinyavskaya, O., & Billingsley, S. (2015). The Importance of Job Characteristics to Women's Fertility Intentions and Behavior in Russia. *Genus* 71(1): 23-59.

- Billingsley, S., & Duntava, A. (2015). The “Transition Generation’s” entrance to parenthood: Postponement across 19 post-socialist countries. *Stockholm Research Reports in Demography* 2015:10.
- Billingsley, S., Sakkeus, L., & Puur, A. (2014). Jobs, Careers, and Becoming a Parent under State Socialist and Free Market Conditions. *Demographic Research*, 30(64): 1733-1768.
- Billingsley, S., & Ferrarini, T. (2014). Family Policy and Fertility Intentions in 21 European Countries. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 76(2): 428-445.
- Duntava, A., & Billingsley, S. (2013). Changing Life Course Regimes (CLiCR) Data: Harmonization Manual. *Social Policy and Family Dynamics in Europe Working Paper* 2013:12.
- Billingsley, S. (2012). Intragenerational mobility and mortality in Russia: Short and longer-term effects. *Social Science & Medicine*, 75: 2326-2336.
- Billingsley, S. (2011). Second and third births in Armenia and Moldova: An economic perspective of recent behaviour and current preferences. *European Journal of Population*, 27(2): 125-155.
- Billingsley, S. (2011). Exploring the conditions for a mortality crisis: Bringing context back into the debate. *Population, Space and Place*, 17: 267-289.
- Billingsley, S. (2011). Economic crisis and recovery: Changes in second birth rates within occupational classes and educational groups. *Demographic Research*, 24(16): 375-406.
- Billingsley, S. (2010). The post-communist fertility puzzle. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 29(2): 193-231.
- Billingsley, S. (2009). Casualties of Turbulent Economic Transition: Premature Mortality and Foregone Fertility in the Post-Communist Countries. Doctoral Dissertation, <http://tdx.cesca.cat/bitstream/handle/10803/38107/tsb.pdf?sequence=1>
- Sarasa, S., & Billingsley, S. (2008). Personal care giving from adult children to parents and social stratification. A comparative perspective. In C. Saraceno (Ed.), *Families, Ageing and Social Policy: Generational Solidarity in European Welfare States*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

- 2024 Data visualization. SINGS school (Swedish interdisciplinary graduate school in register-based research), Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, November 2024.
- 2024 Discrete-time event history analysis using micro and macro data. Trento School of Applied Quantitative Research 2024, Social policies: Meanings, measures and effects on individuals’ behavior, Trento, October 2024.
- 2019 Demographic trends in post-socialist countries. Keynote Speech delivered at the Generations and Gender Survey User’s Conference, Paris, October 24.
- 2016 Fertility patterns and trends in post-socialist countries’ recent history. Presented at Sociology Seminar at Södertörn University, October 5.

- 2013 Fertility Differentials across Post-Socialist Countries. Presented at “Low fertility and low mortality: Observable reality and visions of the future”, 25th Anniversary conference for the Institute of Demography, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, October 31.
- 2011 Red Belt Fertility: Regional Variation in Second Birth Rates in Russia. Presented at "Life course dynamics and the mechanisms of social inequality" Workshop at Turku Center for Welfare Research, September 2.
- Russian Demographic Trends: Fertility and mortality dynamics during the transition from communism. Presented at the Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo, February.
- 2010 Interview given as a recipient of the International Sociological Association’s Junior Sociologist Competition winner. Published in *International Sociology* (2011), Words from writers. 26(2).
- 2009 Downward social mobility and fertility decisions in Russia. Presented at the Challenges in Family and Fertility Development in Russia and Germany DiaDem Conference, Berlin, December.
- 2007 Intergenerational relations and elder care: Personal care giving from adult children to parents and social stratification. Paper co-authored with S. Sarasa. Seminar given at the Centre for Research on Ageing Seminar Series, Southampton University, March 22.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editorial Board of *Social Science Research*, 2019-present; BMC Public Health, 2024-2025

Population Europe Council of Advisors, 2012-2014

Scientific Editor, Population Europe: The European Population Partnership, 2011-2012

Member: American Sociological Association, European Association for Population Studies, International Sociological Association, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Population Association of America, Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility

Project evaluator: Estonian Research Council, German Research Foundation, Hungarian Scientific Research Fund, Polish National Science Centre, Czech Science Foundation, Icelandic Research Fund

Referee:

- Advances in Life Course Research
- American Journal of Sociology
- American Sociological Review
- Asian Population Studies
- Bulletin of Geography: Socio-economic Series
- BMJ
- Comparative Population Studies
- Demographic Research
- Demography
- European Journal of Population
- European Sociological Review
- Gender & Society
- Genus
- International Journal of Population Research
- International Journal of Social Welfare
- International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Journal of Demographic Economics
- Journal of Marriage and Family

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Journal of Social Policy
Population
Population and Development Review
Population Research and Policy Review
Population Studies
Social Forces
Social Politics
Social Research
Social Science Research
Vienna Yearbook of Population Research