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- 2001 *Markets, or the Market for Institutions? Central Banks, Bankruptcy Law, and (eds.). The Rise of Neoliberalism and Institutional Analysis.* Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- 1998 Babb, Sarah. "Los profesionistas en el gobierno y el problema de la tecnocracia: el caso de los economistas en México." *Estudios Sociológicos* 16(48): 661-88.
- 1997 Babb, Sarah. "Instituciones, profesiones y política económica en México." *Economía Informa*, Facultad de Economía, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México 257: 13-19.
- 1996 Babb, Sarah. "A True American System of Finance: Frame Resonance in the U.S. Labor Movement, 1866-1896." *American Sociological Review* 61(6): 1033-52.  
 \*\* Co-winner, 1996 Reinhard Bendix Best Graduate Student Paper, Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology," American Sociological Association.
- Carruthers, Bruce and Sarah Babb. "The Color of Money and the Nature of Value: Greenbacks and Gold in Postbellum America." *American Journal of Sociology* 101(6): 1556-91.

**In Process:**

An Exploration of U.S. Job Listing Occupations. The Internal Controllers:  
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The era of neoliberal globalization is conventionally traced back to the market fundamentalism of the Reagan Revolution. This book argues against this conventional wisdom. Drawing on over 10,000 declassified internal documents from the U.S. and U.K. Treasuries, we show how market

ideologues in the U.S. government significantly hindered the project of exporting free markets around the world. Behind these misadventures were an innate resistance to compromising with wealthy industrialized allies, and an unwillingness to support international institutions—especially the IMF and World Bank—with the capacity to pry open developing economies. This book

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### **Book Reviews and Other:**

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2013 Babb, Sarah. Review of *Markets in the Name of Socialism*, by Johanna Bockman. *American Journal of Sociology* 118 (4).

2012 Babb, Sarah. Ritzer, George (ed.). *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization*.

2011 Babb, Sarah. Review of *Challenging Neoliberalism in Latin America*, by Eduardo Silva. *Contemporary Sociology* 40 (4).



- Presentation for the

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**Teaching, 1998-present:**

Undergraduate:

The American Dream  
Global Sociology  
Race, Class, and Gender  
Social Research Methods  
The Sociology of Revolutions

Graduate:

Complex Organizations  
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Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Boston College, June 2018-present.

Interim Chairperson, Department of Sociology, Boston College, May-June 2023.

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Member, College of Arts and Sciences Executive Board of Chairs, Boston College September 2012-August 2013; September 2014-present.

Member, Boston College Institutional Review Board (IRB), August 2009-July 2012.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Boston College, July 2007-June 2011.

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**Fields of Interest:**

Economic sociology, global and transnational sociology, historical sociology, organizations, political sociology, professions, regulation, Latin America.

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English: native

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