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Elijah Anderson is the William K. Lanman, Jr. Professor of Sociology at Yale University. He is one of the leading urban ethnographers in the United States. His publications include *Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City* (1999), winner of the Komarovskiy Award from the Eastern Sociological Society; *Streetwise: Race, Class, and Change in an Urban Community* (1990), winner of the American Sociological Association's Robert E. Park Award for the best published book in the area of Urban Sociology; and the classic sociological work, *A Place on the Corner* (1978; 2nd ed., 2003). Anderson's most recent ethnographic work, *The Cosmopolitan Canopy: Race and Civility in Everyday Life*, was published by W. W. Norton in March 2012.

Dr. Anderson has served on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Political and Social Science and is formerly a vice-president of the American Sociological Association. He has served in an editorial capacity for a wide range of professional journals and special publications, including *Qualitative Sociology*, *Ethnography*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *City & Community*, *Annals of the Society of Political and Social Science*, and the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. He has also served as a consultant to a variety of government agencies, including the White House, the United States Congress, the National Academy of Science and the National Science Foundation. Additionally, he was a member of the National Research Council's Panel on the Understanding and Control of Violent Behavior.

Education:

B.A., 1969, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

M.A., 1972, University of Chicago, Department of Sociology

Ph.D., 1976, Northwestern University, Department of Sociology

Awards and Honors

Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching at the University of Pennsylvania, 1983.

Robert E. Park Award, American Sociological Association, 1991, for *Streetwise: Race, Class, and Change in an Urban Community*.

Faculty Award, Friars Senior Honor Society, University of Pennsylvania, 1997.

Robin M. Williams, Jr., Distinguished Lecturer, Eastern Sociological Association, 1999-2000.

Komarovsky Award, Eastern Sociological Society, 2000, for *Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City*.

Vice President, American Sociological Association, 2002.

Honorary Doctor of Science, Northwestern University, 2006.

Butler A. Jones Lectureship on Race and Society, Ohio Wesleyan University, 2007.

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Lycoming College, 2009.

Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award, American Sociological Association, 2013.

Graven Award, Wartburg College, Waverly Iowa, 3/21/2015

Honorary Degree, Wooster College, 5/16/2015

Induction to the South Bend Hall of Fame, 11/17/2015

Positions Held:

Appointed Assistant Professor of Sociology at Swarthmore College, 1973-75.

Offer of reappointment: Assistant Professor of Sociology at Swarthmore College, 1975-78.
Declined

Appointed: Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, 1975-79.

Reappointed: Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, 1979-82.

Promoted: to Associate Professor of Sociology with tenure at the University of Pennsylvania, 1982.

Promoted: to Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, 1988.

Appointed: to Max and Heidi Berry Term Chair in the Social Sciences, University of

Pennsylvania, 1989.

Appointed: to the Charles and William L. Day Chair in the Social Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, 1991.

Appointed: Charles and William L. Day Distinguished Professor in the Social Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2001.

Secondary appointment in Legal Studies, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 2005.

Appointed: William K. Lanman, Jr. Professor of Sociology, Yale University, 2007.

Publications

"Black Shadow Politics in Midwestville," in *Sociological Inquiry*, Vol. 42, No. 1, Winter, 1972.

Review of *The Great Fear: Race in the Mind of America* by Gary B. Nash and Richard Weiss, in *The American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 77, No. 4, January, 1972.

"Some Observations of Black Youth Employment" in Bernard Anderson and Isabel Sawhill (eds.), *Youth Employment and Public Policy*, Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1980. (The paper on which this chapter is based served as background reading for the 1979 American Assembly on Youth Employment, at Harriman, New York.)

"Racial and Class Boundaries" in *Society*, Vol. 21, No. 1, November/ December, 1983.

"Race and Neighborhood Transition" in *The New Urban Reality*, Paul Peterson (ed.), Washington, D.C.: The Brookings Institution, 1985.

"The Social Context of Youth Employment Programs" in Charles L. Betsey, Robinson G. Hollister, Jr., and Mary R. Papageorgiou (eds.), *Youth Employment and Training Programs: The Yedpa Years*, Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press, 1985. Programs, 1985.

"Sex Codes and Family Life among Poor Inner-City Youths" in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Special Editor: William Julius Wilson, *The Ghetto Underclass*, Vol. 501, January, 1989.

"Moral Leadership and Transitions in the Urban Black Community," in Harold J. Bershad (ed.), *Social Class and Democratic Leadership: Essays in Honor of E. Digby Baltzell*, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1989.

"Racial Tension, Cultural Conflicts, and Problems of Employment Training Programs," in Kai Erikson and Steven Peter Vallas (eds.), *The Nature of Work: Sociological Perspectives*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1990.

"Neighborhood Influences on Inner-City Teen Pregnancy," in Christopher Jencks and Paul E. Peterson (eds.), *The Urban Underclass*, Washington, D.C.: The Brookings Institution, 1991.

"The Story of John Turner," in Adele V. Harrell and George E. Peterson (eds.), *Drugs, Crime, and Social Isolation: Barriers to Urban Opportunity*. Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute

Press, 1992. A version of this case study was published in *The Public Interest*, Issue 108, Summer 1992.

"The Code of the Streets" in *The Atlantic Monthly*, Vol. 273, Issue 5, May 1994.

"Sex Codes among Inner-City Youth," in *Sexuality, Poverty, and the Inner City*, a monograph from *Sexuality and American Social Policy: A Seminar Series*, published by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Menlo Park, CA., 1994.

"Introduction," in *The Philadelphia Negro*, W.E.B. DuBois, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1996.

"The Black Inner-City Grandmother: Transition of a Heroic Type?" in Thomas R. Swartz and Kathleen Maas Weigert (eds.), *America's Working Poor*, Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1996.

Review of *Speak My Name*, in *The New York Times Book Review*, March 3, 1996.

"The Precarious Balance: Race Man or Sellout?" in Ellis Cose (ed.), *The Darden Dilemma: 12 Black Writers on Justice, Race, and Conflicting Loyalties*, New York: Harper Collins, 1997.

Violence and the Inner-City Street Code, in Joan McCord (ed.), *Violence and Childhood in the Inner City*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997.

The Social Ecology of Youth Violence, in *Youth Violence*, special issue of *Crime and Justice*, Vol. 24, 1998.

Drugs and Violence in the Inner City, in Michael B. Katz and Thomas J. Sugrue (eds.), *W.E.B. DuBois, Race, and the City: The Philadelphia Negro and Its Legacy*, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1998.

The Social Situation of the Black Executive: Black and White Identities in the Corporate World, in Michele Lamont (ed.), *The Cultural Territories of Race: Black and White Boundaries*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1999.

The Emerging Philadelphia African American Class Structure, in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Special Editors: Elijah Anderson and Tukurfu Zuberi, *The Study of African American Problems: W.E.B. Du Bois's Agenda, Then and Now*, Volume 568, March 2000.

"Urban Ethnography," in *The International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, (Elsevier, 2001).

"Delinquent and Criminal Subcultures," with James Short, *Encyclopedia of Crime & Justice* (New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2002).

“Going Straight: The Story of a Young Inner-City Ex-Convict,” *Punishment and Society*, 3(1): 135-52.

“The Code of the Street Inventory: Developing a Quantitative Measure of Street Orientation?” with Nancy B. Hirschinger, et al., *Sociological Viewpoints*, Volume 18 (2002).

“The Social Situation of the Black Executive: Black and White Identities in the Corporate World,” in *Problem of the Century: Racial Stratification in the United States*, ed. Elijah Anderson and Douglas Massey (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2001).

“The Ideologically Driven Critique,” *American Journal of Sociology*, Volume 107, Number 6 (May 2002), 1533-50.

“Jelly’s Place: An Ethnographic Memoir (Distinguished Lecture),” *Symbolic Interaction*, Volume 26, Number 2 (2003), 217-37.

“A Case-Control Study of Female-to-Female Nonintimate Violence in an Urban Area,” with Nancy B. Hirschinger, et al., *The American Journal of Public Health*, Volume 93, Number 7 (July 2003), 1098-1103.

“The Cosmopolitan Canopy,” *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Volume 595, September 2004.

“Ethnography,” with Faye Allard, *Encyclopedia of Social Measurement*, Volume 1 (Elsevier Inc., 2004), 833-43.

“Inadequate Responses, Limited Expectations,” in *Rebuilding Urban Places After Disaster: Lessons From Hurricane Katrina*, ed. Eugenie Birch and Susan Wachter (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006).

“Urban Underclass,” with Jamie Fader, *Sage Encyclopedia of Social Problems*, 2008.

“The Iconic Ghetto,” in *Bringing Fieldwork Back In: Contemporary Urban Ethnographic Research*, (eds.) Elijah Anderson, Dana Asbury, Duke W. Austin, Esther Chihye Kim, and Vani Kulkarni Vol. 642, June 2012, Sage Press. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

“The Legacy of Racial Caste,” in *Bringing Fieldwork Back In: Contemporary Urban Ethnographic Research*, (eds.) Elijah Anderson, Dana Asbury, Duke W. Austin, Esther Chihye Kim, and Vani Kulkarni Vol. 642, June 2012, Sage Press. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

“Reflections on the ‘Black-White Achievement Gap’” in *Journal of School Psychology* 50, pp. 593-597, October, 2012.

“Emmett and Trayvon: How Racial Prejudice Has Changed Over the Past Sixty Years,” *Washington Monthly*, January/February 2013.

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“For Inner Cities, a Challenge Beyond the N.R.A. on Gun Control,” *The New York Times*, October, 2015.

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Books

A Place on the Corner: A Study of Black Street Corner Men, 2nd edition, including a new preface and appendix, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, (1978) 2nd edition, 2003.

Streetwise: Race, Class, and Change in an Urban Community, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990.

Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City, New York: W.W. Norton, 1999.

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Problem of the Century: Racial Stratification in the United States, ed., with Douglas Massey (Sage Publications, 2001).

Being Here and Being There: Fieldwork Encounters and Ethnographic Discoveries. (eds.) Anderson, Elijah, Scott N. Brooks, Raymond Gunn, and Nikki Jones. Volume 595 September 2004 *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* Sage Press.

Against the Wall: Poor, Young, Black, and Male, (ed.), Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008.

Urban Ethnography: Its Traditions And Its Future. (ed.) Elijah Anderson. Sage Press. December 2009, Volume 10, No. 4. Ethnography, Special Double Issue.

The Cosmopolitan Canopy: Race and Civility in Everyday Life, New York: W.W. Norton, 2011.

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Research Interests:

- Methods and Practice of Fieldwork
- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Deviant Behavior, Crime, and Social Control
- Social Interaction
- Urban Ethnography
- Sociology of Culture
- Inequality