

Topics and Reading List

Historical Geographies of Childhood: Mapping American Childhoods from 1850-1950

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Topic	Readings
Introduction: The social construction of childhood	<p>Holloway, S. & Valentine, G. 2000. "Children's Geographies and the New Social Studies of Childhood", in Holloway, S. & Valentine, G. (eds.) <i>Children's Geographies: Playing, Living, Learning</i>. London: Routledge, pp. 1-26.</p> <p>Hopkins, P. 2010. <i>Young People, Place and Identity</i> (introduction), London: Routledge.</p>
Overviews of historical US childhoods	<p>Fass, P. & Mason, M.A. 2010. "Childhood in America Past and Present", in Sternheimer, K. (ed.) <i>Childhood in American Society</i>, Boston: Allyn & Bacon, pp. 45-60.</p> <p>Macleod, D. 1998. "Childhood: Settings and Contexts", Ch. 1 in <i>The Age of the Child: Children in America, 1890-1920</i>, London: Prentice Hall, pp. 1-31.</p> <p>Mintz, S. <i>NotEvenPast</i> blog https://notevenpast.org/childhood-has-a-history/</p> <p>Yarrow, A. 2009. History of US Children's Policy, 1900-Present. Report in <i>First Focus: Making Children & Families the Priority</i>. https://firstfocus.org/resources/report/history-u-s-childrens-policy</p>
Spaces of play	<p>Gagen, E. 2000. An example to us all: child development and identity construction in early 20th century playgrounds. <i>Environment and Planning A</i>, 32, pp. 599-616.</p> <p>Gaster, S. 1991. Urban Children's Access to their Neighborhood: Changes over three generations, <i>Environment and Behavior</i> (23), pp. 70-85.</p> <p>Marsh, M. 1989. From Separation to Togetherness: The Social Construction of Domestic Space in American Suburbs, 1840-1915. <i>The Journal of American History</i>, 76(2), pp. 506-527.</p> <p>Valentine, D. 2014. "Playing Progressively? Race, Reform, and Playful Pedagogies in the Origins of Philadelphia's Starr Garden Recreation Park, 1857-1904", in Marten, J. (ed.) <i>Children and Youth during the Gilded Age and Progressive Era</i>. New York: NYU Press, pp. 19-41.</p> <p>Wridt, P. 2004. An Historical Analysis of Young People's Use of Public Space, Parks, and Playgrounds in New York City, <i>Children, Youth and Environments</i> (14), pp. 86-106.</p>
Spaces of work and child labor	<p>Alphonso, G. 2014. "Of Families or Individuals? Southern Child Workers and the Progressive Crusade for Child Labor Regulation, 1899-1920", in Marten, J. (ed.) <i>Children and Youth during the Gilded Age and Progressive Era</i>. New York: NYU Press, pp. 59-80.</p> <p>Clopper, E.N. 1908 "Children on the Streets of Cincinnati". Reprinted in Marten, J. (ed.) 2005, <i>Childhood and Child Welfare in the Progressive Era</i>. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's Press.</p> <p><i>Keating-Owen Child Labor Act of 1916</i> (skim) https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=59</p> <p>Onion, R. 2014. <i>Maps Show How States Handled Child Labor Laws Before Federal Regulation</i>; http://www.slate.com/blogs/the_vault/2014/01/06/child_labor_history_maps_showing_regulation_of_kids_work_in_the_1930s.html</p> <p>United States. Children's Bureau #197. 1933 (revised). <i>Child Labor: Facts and Figures</i>. Washington: U.S. G.P.O. (skim) https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039714764;view=1up;seq=1;size=75</p>
Institutionalization of children & childhood	<p>Bates, J. 2016, The Role of Race in Legitimizing Institutionalization: A Comparative Analysis of Early Child Welfare Initiatives in the United States, <i>The Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth</i> (9) pp. 15-28.</p> <p>Mintz, S. 2004. "Save the Child" Ch. 8 in <i>Huck's Raft: A History of American Childhood</i>, Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press/Harvard; pp. 154-184.</p> <p>Ploszajska, T. 1994. Moral landscapes and manipulated spaces: Gender, class, and space in Victorian reformatory schools, <i>Journal of Historical Geography</i> (20), pp. 413-429.</p>
Racialized childhoods	<p>Adams, D. W. 1988. Fundamental Considerations: The Deep Meaning of Native American Schooling, 1880-1900, <i>Harvard Educational Review</i> (58), pp. 1-28.</p> <p>Carlisle Indian School Digital Resource Center, http://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu/</p>

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	<p>Simmons, L. 2015. "‘Suppose they don’t want us here?’: Mental mapping of Jim Crow New Orleans", Ch. 1 in <i>Crescent City Girls: The Lives of Young Black Women in Segregated New Orleans</i>. Chapel Hill: UNC Press.</p> <p>Tong, B. 2004. Race, Culture and Citizenship among Japanese American Children and Adolescents during the Internment Era, <i>Journal of American Ethnic History</i>, (23) pp. 3-40.</p> <p>Vanderbeck, R. 2008. Inner-city children, country summers: narrating American childhood and the geographies of whiteness, <i>Environment and Planning A</i> (40), pp. 1132-1150.</p> <p>Wilkerson, I. 2010. <i>The Warmth of Other Suns: The epic story of America’s Great Migration</i> (selections). New York: Random House.</p> <p>Wright, R. 1937, "My Jim Crow Education" http://newdeal.feri.org/fwp/fwp03.htm</p>
Gendered childhoods and the "Ideal (American) Boy & Girl"	<p>Gagen, E. 2004. Making America Flesh: Physicality and nationhood in early twentieth-century physical education reform, <i>Cultural Geographies</i> (11), pp. 417-442.</p> <p>Linehan, M. 2014. "Sex, Abortion, and Prostitution in the Lives of Gilded Age Chicago Girls", Ch. 8 in Marten, J. (ed.) <i>Children and Youth during the Gilded Age and Progressive Era</i>. New York: NYU Press, pp. 166-186.</p> <p>Mills, S. 2013. 'An instruction in good citizenship': Scouting and the historical geographies of citizenship education, <i>Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers</i> (38), pp. 120-134.</p>
Urbanization and Migration	<p>Diamond, A. 2009. "Between School and Work in the Interwar Years", Ch. 2 in <i>Mean Streets: Chicago Youths and the Everyday Struggle for Empowerment in the Multiracial City, 1908-1969</i>, pp. 65-118.</p> <p>Mills, S. 2014. Youth on streets and Bob-a-Job Week: Urban geographies of masculinity, risk, and home in postwar Britain, <i>Environment and Planning A</i> (46), pp. 112-128.</p> <p>Mintz, S. 2004. "New to the Promised Land", Ch. 10 in <i>Huck’s Raft: A History of American Childhood</i>, Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press/Harvard; pp. 200-212.</p>
Child Health and Death	<p>Apple, R. 1995. Constructing Mothers: Scientific Motherhood in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, <i>Social History of Medicine</i> (8), pp. 161-178.</p> <p>Hoekelman, R. & Pless, I.B. 1988. Decline in Mortality Among Young Americans During the 20th Century, <i>Pediatrics</i> (82), pp. 582-595.</p> <p>Preston, S. & Haines, M. 1991. <i>Fatal Years: Child Mortality in Late Nineteenth-Century America</i> (selections), Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.</p> <p>Zelizer, V. 1985. "From Mobs to Memorials: The Sacralization of Child Life", Ch. 1 in <i>Pricing the Priceless Child: The Changing Social Value of Children</i>, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, pp. 22-55.</p>
Material Cultures and Rituals of Childhood	<p>Bernstein, R. 2011. "The Scripts of Black Dolls", Ch. 5 in <i>Racial Innocence: Performing American Childhood from Slavery to Civil Rights</i>. New York: NYU Press.</p> <p>Croswell, T. S. 1899. Amusements of Worcester School Children, <i>Pedagogical Seminary</i>, (6) pp. 314-371. (Accessed from Hathi Trust https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=loc.ark:/13960/t9z03kv3s;view=1up;seq=8)</p> <p>Jacobson, L. 2004. "Big Sales from Little Folks: The development of juvenile advertising", Ch. 1 in <i>Raising Consumers: Children and the American Mass Market in the early 20th C</i>. New York: Columbia University Press.</p> <p>Kraftl, Peter. 2006. Building an Idea: The Material Construction of an Ideal Childhood, <i>Transactions of the Institute for British Geographers</i>, NS 31: 488-504.</p> <p>McGhee, Z. 1900. A Study in the Play Life of Some South Carolina Children, <i>Pedagogical Seminary</i>, (7) pp. 459-478. (Accessed from Hathi Trust https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.b3969600;view=1up;seq=477)</p> <p>Sugarman, S. 2005. "Playing the Game: Rituals in Children’s Games", Ch. 8 in Jackson, K. M. (ed.) <i>Rituals and Patterns in Children’s Lives</i>. Madison, WI: Univ. of Wisconsin Press, pp. 124-138.</p>

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<p>Researching Historical Geographies of Childhood</p>	<p>Gagen, E. A. 2001. Too good to be true? Representing children's agency in the archives of playground reform. <i>Historical Geography</i>, (29) pp. 53–64.</p> <p>Gagen, E. A., Lorimer, H., & Vasudevan, A. (eds.). 2007. Practising the archive: Reflections on methods and practice in historical geography (<i>Historical Geography Research Series</i>). London: Royal Geographical Society 40.</p> <p>Lorimer, H. 2009. Caught in the nick of time: Archives and fieldwork. In D. DeLyser, S. Aitken, M. A. Crang, S. Herbert, & L. McDowell (Eds.), <i>The SAGE handbook of qualitative research in human geography</i>. London: Sage, pp. 248–273</p> <p>Mills, S. 2012. Young ghosts: Ethical and methodological issues of archival research in children's geographies. <i>Children's Geographies</i>, (10), pp. 357–363.</p> <p>Mills, S. 2013. Cultural-historical geographies of the archive: Fragments, objects and ghosts. <i>Geography Compass</i>, (7) pp. 701–713.</p> <p>Mills, S. 2017. "Archival Fieldwork and Children's Geographies", in Evans, R., Holt, L., and Skelton, T. (eds.) <i>Methodological Approaches: Geographies of Children and Young People</i>, Heidelberg: Springer.</p> <p>Philo, C. 2003. 'To go back up the side hill': Memories, imaginations and reveries of childhood. <i>Children's Geographies</i>, (1) pp. 7–23.</p> <p>Sanchez-Eppler, K. 2013. "In the Archives of Childhood" in Duane, A.M. (ed.) <i>The Children's Table: Childhood Studies and the Humanities</i>, Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press.</p>
<p>Additional Readers</p>	<p>Austin, J. & Willard, M.N. (eds.) 1998. <i>Generations of Youth: Youth Cultures and History in Twentieth-Century America</i>. New York: NYU Press.</p> <p>Illick, J. 2002. <i>American Childhoods</i>, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.</p> <p>Levander, C. & Singly, C. (eds.) 2003. <i>The American Child: A Cultural Studies Reader</i>, New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.</p> <p>West, E. 1996. <i>Growing Up in Twentieth-Century America: A History and Reference Guide</i>. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.</p>