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TIMOTHY B. ELDER

academic positions

Postdoctoral Research Associate, The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy &
Clinical Practice, Dartmouth College, 2024-2026

education

PhD, Sociology, University of Chicago, 2024.
Dissertation: *Winning at a Losing Game - Divergent Ontologies and Shared Practices in Medicine*.
MA, Sociology, University of Chicago, 2018.
BA, *Cum Laude*, Philosophy and Sociology, Kent State University, 2016.

books

Winning at a Losing Game: Medicine's Challenge in Caring for the Dying
In Preparation
*Introduction to PlainText for Research & Writing: Open Workflows for Reproducible
Scholarship*
In Preparation

papers

Timothy B. Elder and Austin C. Kozlowski (Apr. 2025). "Status and Subfield: The
Distribution of Sociological Specializations across Departments." *Poetics* 109,
p. 101973. ISSN: 0304422X. DOI: [10.1016/j.poetic.2025.101973](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2025.101973)
Timothy B. Elder "The Operation was Successful and the Patient Died: Good
Practice and Bad Results in the Care of the Dying"
Forthcoming at *Qualitative Sociology*
Timothy B. Elder "Ambiguity at the End of Life: The Breakdown of Clinical
Heuristics in Serious Illness"
Under Review at *Sociology of Health and Illness*

working papers

Timothy B. Elder "Discourse of Data and Talk of Values: Integrating
Patient-Clinician Decision-Making in End-of-Life Care"

teaching

Dartmouth College

Lecturer, Medical Sociology. Winter 2026.

University of Chicago

Teaching Assistant, Invitation to Sociology. Spring 2022.

Teaching Assistant, Maverick Markets. Spring 2020.

Teaching Assistant, Social, Structure, and Change. Winter 2020.

Teaching Assistant, Urban Policy Analysis. Autumn 2019.

Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Human Sexuality. Spring 2020.

Teaching Intern, Power, Identity, and Resistance. Autumn and Winter 2018-2019.

research

University of Chicago

Research Assistant, Ensago-Networks Project, Summer and Autumn 2021.

Course Development, Invitation to Sociology, 2018-2019.

Kent State University

Research Assistant, Group Processes EEG Laboratory, 2015-2016.

invited
talks

“From Talk to Action: The Role of Interactional Style in Tumor Board Decision-Making”, *University of Vermont*, 2025. Burlington, VT. Vermont Conversation Lab.

“The Operation Was Successful and the Patient Died: Success and Failure in the Care of the Dying”, *University of Chicago*, 2025. Chicago, IL. Aging Crossroads Lecture Series, Department of Medicine, Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Care.

“The Operation Was Successful and the Patient Died: Success and Failure in the Care of the Dying”, *Northwestern University*, 2024. Chicago, IL. Department of Medicine, Section of Palliative Care.

presentations

“The Operation was Successful and the Patient Died: Success in the Care of the Dying”, *ASA Annual Meeting*, 2024. Montreal, CA. Regular Session Medical Sociology.

“The Ratlines — Clandestine Networks and Nazi Fugitives at the End of the Second World War”, *ASA Annual Meeting*, 2023. Philadelphia, PA. Regular Session Historical Sociology.

“Intra-Professional Collaboration in the Hospital”, *Chicago Ethnography Conference, Loyola University*, 2023. Chicago, IL. .

“Intra-Professional Collaboration in Acute Hospital Settings”, *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference*, 2023. Minneapolis, MN. .

“Intra-Professional Collaboration in Medicine: Applying Ecological Concepts to Hospice and Palliative Medicine”, *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference*, 2023. Baltimore, MD. .

“Status and Subfield: The Distribution of Sociological Specializations across Departments”, *ASA Annual Meeting*, 2022. Los Angeles, CA. Regular Session History of Sociology and Social Thought.

service

Creator and Coordinator, PlainText Working Group. Winter and Spring 2023.

Book Review Board, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2021-2022.

Manuscript Board, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2018-2019.

Student Coordinator, *Social Theory and Evidence Workshop*, 2018-2019.

Student Coordinator, *UChicago Sociology Colloquium*, 2018-2019.

Co-Chair, *Society for Social Research*, 2018-2019.

Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sexuality & Culture*, *Journal of Public Health and Community Medicine*

professional membership

Eastern Sociological Society. 2022-Present.

Midwest Sociological Society. 2019-2022.

American Sociological Association. 2015-Present.

programming languages

python

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git

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research interests

Sociology of Medicine
Computational Methods
Organizations

Qualitative Methods
Health Services Research
Death and Dying

references

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