

SOC 6580 Sociology of Aging

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Sociology of Aging is applying scientific methods to understanding the interdependence between human lives and changing social structures. This course will focus on families in later life and provide an overview of the recent theoretical and empirical developments in the area. We will consider many of the substantive issues that are of concern to family gerontologists, including marriage in later life, marital dissolution and repartnering, parent-child relationships, intergenerational transfer, grandparent-grandchild relationships, union transition and intergenerational relationships, stepfamily, aging alone, and sibling relationships. Although it would be interesting to examine these topics across different cultures and societies, this course mainly focuses on U.S. families. At the conclusion of the semester, students are expected to be familiar with current research about aging families.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Weekly Discussion Questions and Class Participation. The weekly required readings are available on Canvas. Be sure that you have read assigned readings carefully and critically and come prepared to discuss them. The class will follow a seminar format, with two or three students leading the discussion during each class meeting. Everyone except discussion leaders must submit **at least two questions** on Canvas (through the “Discussions” tab) by **5 pm Thursday** prior to the class. Discussion leaders will organize these questions and pose thoughtful, provocative questions to engage the class in an analysis of key concepts that stem from the readings. Other students are expected to actively participate in class discussion. Attendance at all class meetings is expected.

A helpful discussion question is based on critical reflection of the readings that addresses any of the following:

- Theoretical argument strengths and weaknesses
- Conceptualization of theoretical constructs
- Data and measures
- Research designs
- Analytic strategies
- Empirical findings
- Policy implications
- Future directions

To be an effective discussion leader, I expect you to:

- Be well prepared and organized
- Use class time effectively
- Help the class comprehend key issues or concepts
- Encourage the class to connect the readings and discuss broader research questions
- Engage everyone in class

Critique Paper. You will have the opportunity to explore a topic about aging families that is of interest to you through a written critique paper (topic must be approved by the instructor). The paper will be turned in piecemeal to get feedback from the instructor with the following due dates:

February 15	A topic (no more than 1 page)
March 1	Statistics for the topic (no more than 2 pages, excluding references)
March 15	Key research questions for the topic (no more than 2 pages, excluding references)
March 29	A summary of key articles for the chosen question (no more than 5 pages, excluding references)
April 19	Critique of key articles for the chosen question (no more than 10 pages, excluding references)
April 26	Written peer review (no more than 2 pages)
May 3/10	Presentation of the revised critique paper
May 10	Final revision of the critique paper (no more than 10 pages, excluding references)

In-class Exam. There will be a comprehensive closed-book, closed-note exam during final exam week. The exam will be structured in a manner similar to prelims. Old exam questions are available on Canvas. A computer lab will be reserved and announced by the end of the semester.

Grading. Course grades will be determined by the following activities:

Weekly discussion questions and participation	20%
Discussion leader (twice)	20%
Critique Paper presentation and feedback	10%
Written peer review	10%
Critique Paper	20%
In-class exam	20%

Codes of Academic Conduct. Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarly activity free from fraud and deception. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, forgery, bribery/threats, fabrication, plagiarism, and facilitating academic dishonesty. Violations of academic integrity will be penalized with an F in the class and prosecution at the University level (for more detailed information, see Student Handbook).

Writing Assistance. To clearly express your idea in writing requires constant practice. Bear in mind that the quality of a first draft is usually significantly lower than the quality of any later draft. The Learning Commons located on the first floor of the William T. Jerome Library (<http://www.bgsu.edu/learning-commons/writing.html>) is a resource available on campus to assist your writing.

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COURSE OUTLINE

* indicates supplemental readings

Week 1 (February 1) Graying of America

Ortman, Jennifer M., Victoria A. Velkoff, and Howard Hogan. 2014. *An Aging Nation: The Older Population in the United States* (Current Population Reports, P25-1140). Washington, DC: U.S. Government.

U.S. Bureau of the Census. 2016. *Older Americans 2016: Key Indicators of Well-Being*. Washington, DC: U.S. Government.

Week 2 (February 8) Marriage

Rendall, Michael S., Margaret M. Weden, Melissa M. Favreault, and Hilary Waldron. 2011. "The Protective Effect of Marriage for Survival: A Review and Update." *Demography* 48(2):481-506.

VanLaningham, Jody, David R. Johnson, and Paul Amato. 2001. "Marital Happiness, Marital Duration, and the U-Shaped Curve: Evidence from a Five-Wave Panel Study." *Social Forces* 79(4):1313-1341.

Loretto, Wendy and Sarah Vickerstaff. 2012. "The Domestic and Gendered Context for Retirement." *Human Relations* 66(1):65-86.

Thomeer, Mieke Beth, Corinne Reczek, and Debra Umberson. 2015. "Gendered Emotion Work around Physical Health Problems in Mid- and Later-Life Marriages." *Journal of Aging Studies* 32(1):12-22.

Zhang, Zhenmei, Hui Liu, and Yan-Liang Yu. 2016. "Marital Biography and Health in Middle and Late Life." Pp. 199-218 in *Couple Relationships in the Middle and Later Years: Their Nature, Complexity, and Role in Health and Illness*, edited by J. Bookwala. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

* Liu, Hui and Debra J. Umberson. 2008. "The Times They Are a Changin': Marital Status and Health Differentials from 1972 and 2003." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 49(3):239-253.

* Umberson, Debra, Kristi Williams, Daniel A. Powers, Meichu D. Chen, and Anna M. Campbell. 2005. "As Good as It Gets? A Life Course Perspective on Marital Quality." *Social Forces* 84(1):493-511.

* Zissimopoulos, Julie M., Benjamin R. Karney, and Amy J. Rauer. 2015. "Marriage and Economic Well Being at Older Ages." *Review of Economic Household* 13:1-35.

* Lin, I-Fen, Holly R. Fee, and Hsueh-Sheng Wu. 2012. "Negative and Positive Caregiving Experiences: A Closer Look at the Intersection of Gender and Relationship." *Family Relations* 61(2):343-358.

* Manning, Wendy D. and Susan L. Brown. 2011. "The Demography of Unions among Older Americans, 1980-Present: A Family Change Approach." Pp. 193-210 in *Handbook of Sociology of Aging*, edited by R. A. Settersten, Jr. and J. L. Angel. New York, NY: Springer.

Week 3 (February 15) Marital Dissolution: Widowhood and Divorce

Carr, Deborah. 2004. "Gender, Preloss Marital Dependence, and Older Adults' Adjustment to Widowhood." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 66(1):220-235.

Sasson, Isaac and Debra J. Umberson. 2014. "Widowhood and Depression: New Light on Gender Differences, Selection, and Psychological Adjustment." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 69(1):135-145.

Kennedy, Sheela and Steven Ruggles. 2014. "Breaking Up Is Hard to Count: The Rise of Divorce in the United States, 1980-2010." *Demography* 51(2):587-598.

Lin, I-Fen, Susan L. Brown, Matthew R. Wright, and Anna M. Hammersmith. 2018. "Antecedents of Gray Divorce: A Life Course Perspective." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 73(6):1022-1031.

Lin, I-Fen, Susan L. Brown, and Anna M. Hammersmith. 2017. "Marital Biography, Social Security Receipt, and Poverty." *Research on Aging* 39(1):86-110.

* Carr, Deborah, James S. House, Camille Wortman, Randolph Nesse, and Ronald C. Kessler. 2001. "Psychological Adjustment to Sudden and Anticipated Spousal Loss among Older Widowed Persons." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 56(4):S237-S248.

* Lee, Gary R. and Alfred DeMaris. 2007. "Widowhood, Gender, and Depression: A Longitudinal Analysis." *Research on Aging* 29(1):56-72.

* Ha, Jung-Hwa. 2008. "Changes in Support from Confidants, Children, and Friends Following Widowhood." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 70(2):306-318.

* Brown, Susan L. and I-Fen Lin. 2012. "The Gray Divorce Revolution: Rising Divorce among Middle-Aged and Older Adults, 1990-010." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 67(6):731-741.

* Karraker, Amelia and Kenzie Latham. 2015. "In Sickness and in Health? Physical Illness as a Risk Factor for Marital Dissolution in Later Life." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 56(1):59-73.

Week 4 (February 22) Repartnering after Dissolution: Remarriage, Cohabitation, LAT, and Dating

Carr, Deborah. 2004. "The Desire to Date and Remarry among Older Widows and Widowers." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 66(4):1051-1068.

Brown, Susan L., Jennifer Roebuck Bulanda, and Gary R. Lee. 2012. "Transitions Into and Out of Cohabitation in Later Life." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 74(4):774-793.

Connidis, Ingrid Arnet, Klas Borell, and Sofie Ghazanfaraeon Karlsson. 2017. "Ambivalence and Living Apart Together in Later Life: A Critical Research Proposal." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 79(5):1404-1418.

McWilliams, Summer and Anne E. Barrett. 2014. "Online Dating in Middle and Later Life: Gendered Expectations and Experiences." *Journal of Family Issues* 35(3):411-436.

de Jong Gierveld, Jenny and Eva-Maria Merz. 2013. "Parents' Partnership Decision Making after Divorce or Widowhood: The Role of (Step)Children." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 75(5):1098-1113.

* Brown, Susan L. and Matthew R. Wright. 2016. "Older Adults' Attitudes toward Cohabitation: Two Decades of Change." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 71(4):755-764.

* Brown, Susan L., I-Fen Lin, Anna M. Hammersmith, and Matthew R. Wright. 2018. "Later Life Marital

Dissolution and Repartnership Status: A National Portrait.” *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 73(6):1032-1042.

- * Clarke, Laura Hurd. 2005. “Remarriage in Later Life: Older Women’s Negotiation of Power, Resources and Domestic Labor.” *Journal of Women & Aging* 17(4):21-41.
- * Noël-Miller, Claire M. 2011. “Partner Caregiving in Older Cohabiting Couples.” *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 66(3):341-353.
- * Watson, Wendy K. and Charlie Stelle. 2011. “Dating for Older Women: Experiences and Meanings of Dating in Later Life.” *Journal of Women & Aging* 23:263-275.

Week 5 (March 1) Parent-Child Relationships

Deane, Glenn, Glenna Spitze, Russell A. Ward, and Yue (Angela) Zhuo. 2016. “Close To You? How Parent-Adult Child Contact Is Influenced by Family Patterns.” *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 71(2):344-357.

Zhang, Yiduo, Michal Engelman, and Emily M. Agree. 2012. “Moving Considerations: A Longitudinal Analysis of Parent-Child Residential Proximity for Older Americans.” *Research on Aging* 35(6):663-687.

Birditt, Kira S., Laura M. Miller, Karen L. Fingerman, and Eva S. Lefkowitz. 2009. “Tensions in the Parent and Adult Child Relationship: Links to Solidarity and Ambivalence.” *Psychology of Aging* 24(2):287-295.

Gilligan, Megan, J. Jill Sutor, Scott Feld, and Karl Pillemer. 2015. “Do Positive Feelings Hurt? Disaggregating Positive and Negative Components of Intergenerational Ambivalence.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 77(1):261-276.

Fingerman, Karen L., Yen-Pi Cheng, Kira Birditt, and Steven Zarit. 2012. “Only as Happy as the Least Happy Child: Multiple Grown Children’s Problems and Successes and Middle-Aged Parents’ Well-being.” *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 67(2):184-193.

* Bengtson, Vern L. and Petrice S. Oyama. 2010. “Intergenerational Solidarity and Conflict: What Does It Mean and What Are the Big Issues?” Pp. 35-52 in *Intergenerational Solidarity: Strengthening Economic and Social Ties*, edited by M. A. Cruz-Saco and S. Zelenev. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

* Bengtson, Vern, Roseann Giarrusso, J. Beth Mabry, and Merrill Silverstein. 2002. “Solidarity, Conflict, and Ambivalence: Complementary or Competing Perspectives on Intergenerational Relationships?” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 64(4):568-576.

* Connidis, Ingrid Arnet. 2012. “Theoretical Directions for Studying Family Ties and Aging.” Pp. 35-60 in *Handbook of Families and Aging*, edited by R. Blieszner and V. H. Bedford. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.

* Connidis, Ingrid Arnet. 2015. “Exploring Ambivalence in Family Ties: Progress and Prospects.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 77(1):77-95.

- * Peters, Cheryl L., Karen Hooker, and Anisa M. Zvonkovic. 2006. "Older Parents' Perceptions of Ambivalence in Relationships with Their Children." *Family Relations* 55(5):539-551.
- * Lin, I-Fen and Hsueh-Sheng Wu. 2018. "Intergenerational Transfer and Reporting Bias: An Application of the MIMIC Model." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 73(1):19-29.

Week 6 (March 7) Intergenerational Transfer

- Fingerman, Karen L., Lindsay M. Pitzer, Wai Chan, Kira Birditt, Melissa M. Franks, and Steven Zarit. 2011. "Who Gets What and Why? Help Middle-Aged Adults Provide to Parents and Grown Children." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 66(1):87-98.
- Fingerman, Karen L., Yen-Pi Cheng, Eric D. Wesselmann, Steven Zarit, Frank Furstenberg, and Kira S. Birditt. 2012. "Helicopter Parents and Landing Pad Kids: Intense Parental Support of Grown Children." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 74(4):880-896.
- Leopold, Thomas, Marcel Raab, and Henriette Engelhardt. 2014. "The Transition to Parent Care: Costs, Commitments, and Caregiver Selection among Children." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 76(2):300-318.
- Djundeva, Maja, Melinda Mills, Rafael Wittek, and Nardi Steverink. 2015. "Receiving Instrumental Support in Late Parent-Child Relationships and Parental Depression." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 70(6):981-994.
- Kong, Jooyoung and Sara M. Moorman. 2015. "Caring for My Abuser: Childhood Maltreatment and Caregiver Depression." *The Gerontologist* 55(4):656-666.
- * Hammersmith, Anna M. and I-Fen Lin. 2019. "Evaluative and Experienced Well-being of Caregivers of Parents and Caregivers of Children." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 74(2):339-352.
 - * Fingerman, Karen L., Kyungmin Kim, Eden M. Davis, Frank F. Furstenberg Jr., Kira S. Birditt, and Steven H. Zarit. 2015. "I'll Give You the World': Socioeconomic Differences in Parental Support of Adult Children." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 77(4):844-865.
 - * Henretta, John C., Beth J. Soldo, and Matthew F. van Voorhis. 2011. "Why Do Families Differ? Children's Care for an Unmarried Mother." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 73(2):383-395.
 - * Pezzin, Liliana E., Robert A. Pollak, and Barbara S. Schone. 2015. "Bargaining Power, Parental Caregiving, and Intergenerational Coresidence." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 70(6):969-980.
 - * Shuey, Kim and Melissa A. Hardy. 2003. "Assistance to Aging Parents and Parents-In-Law: Does Lineage Affect Family Allocation Decision?" *Journal of Marriage and Family* 65(2):418-431.
 - * Cahill, Eileen, Lisa M. Lewis, Frances K. Barg, and Hillary R. Bogner. 2009. "You Don't Want to Burden Them': Older Adults' Views on Family Involvement in Care." *Journal of Family Nursing* 15(3):295-317.

Week 7 (March 15) Grandparent-Grandchild Relationships

Leopold, Thomas and Jan Skopek. 2015. "The Demography of Grandparenthood: An International Profile." *Social Forces* 94(2):801-832.

May, Vanessa, Jennifer Mason, and Lynda Clarke. 2012. "Being There Yet Not Interfering: The Paradoxes of Grandparenting." Pp. 139-158 in *Contemporary Grandparenting: Changing Family Relationships in Global Contexts*, edited by S. Arber and V. Timonen. Chicago, IL: Policy Press.

Luo, Ye, Tracey A. LaPierre, Mary Elizabeth Huges, and Linda J. Waite. 2012. "Grandparents Providing Care to Grandchildren: A Population-Based Study of Continuity and Change." *Journal of Family Issues* 33(9):1143-1167.

Chen, Feinian, Christine A. Mair, Luoman Bao, and Yang Claire Yang. 2015. "Race/Ethnic Differentials in the Health Consequences of Caring for Grandchildren for Grandparents." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 70(5):793-802.

Fruhauf, Christine A., Shannon E. Jarrott, and Katherine R. Allen. 2006. "Grandchildren's Perceptions of Caring for Grandparents." *Journal of Family Issues* 27(7):887-911.

* Margolis, Rachel. 2016. "The Changing Demography of Grandparenthood." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 78(3):610-622.

* Mahne, Katharina and Oliver Huxhold. 2012. "Social Contact between Grandparents and Older Grandchildren: A Three-Generational Perspective." Pp. 225-246 in *Contemporary Grandparenting: Changing Family Relationships in Global Contexts*, edited by S. Arber and V. Timonen. Chicago, IL: Policy Press.

* Meyer, Madonna Harrington. 2012. "Grandmothers Juggling Work and Grandchildren in the United States." Pp. 71-89 in *Contemporary Grandparenting: Changing Family Relationships in Global Contexts*, edited by S. Arber and V. Timonen. Chicago, IL: Policy Press.

* Drew, Linda M. and Merrill Silverstein. 2007. "Grandparents' Psychological Well-Being after Loss of Contact With Their Grandchildren." *Journal of Family Psychology* 21(3):372-379.

Week 8 (March 22) No Class (Spring Break)

Week 9 (March 29) Union Transition and Intergenerational Relationships

Kalmijn, Matthijs. 2015. "Relationships between Fathers and Adult Children: The Cumulative Effects of Divorce and Repartnering." *Journal of Family Issues* 36(6):737-759.

Kalmijn, Matthijs. 2016. Children's Divorce and Parent-Child Contact: A Within-Family Analysis of Older European parents. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 71(2):332-343.

King, Valarie. 2003. "The Legacy of a Grandparent's Divorce: Consequences for Ties between Grandparents and Grandchildren." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 65(1):170-183.

Doyle, Martha, Ciara O'Dwyer, and Virpi Timonen. 2010. "'How Can You Just Cut Off a Whole Side of the Family and Say Move On?' The Reshaping of Paternal Grandparent-Grandchild Relationships

Following Divorce or Separation in the Middle Generation.” *Family Relations* 59(5):587-598.

Noël-Miller, Claire M. 2013. “Repartnering Following Divorce: Implications for Older Fathers’ Relations with Their Adult Children.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 75(3):697-712.

* Lin, I-Fen. 2008. “Consequences of Parental Divorce for Adult Children’s Support of Their Frail Parents.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 70(1):113-128.

* Kalmijn, Matthijs. 2013. “Adult Children’s Relationships with Married Parents, Divorced Parents, and Stepparents: Biology, Marriage, or Residence?” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 75(5):1181-1193.

* Shapiro, Adam and R. Corey Remle. 2011. “Generational Jeopardy? Parents’ Marital Transitions and the Provision of Financial Transfers to Adult Children.” *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 66(1):99-108.

* Jappens, Maaïke and Jan van Bavel. 2016. “Parental Divorce, Residence Arrangements, and Contact between Grandchildren and Grandparents.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 78(2):451-467.

* Clark, Shelley and Catherine Kenney. 2010. “Is the United States Experiencing a ‘Matrilineal Tilt?’: Gender, Family Structures and Financial Transfers to Adult Children.” *Social Forces* 88(4):1753-1776.

Week 10 (April 5) Stepfamily

Schmeeckle, Maria, Roseann Giarrusso, Du Feng, and Vern L. Bengtson. 2006. “What Makes Someone Family? Adult Children’s Perceptions of Current and Former Stepparents.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 68(3):595-610.

Sherman, Carey Wexler, Noah J. Webster, and Toni C. Antonucci. 2013. “Dementia Caregiving in the Context of Late-Life Remarriage: Support Networks, Relationship Quality, and Well-Being.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 75(5):1149-1163.

Wiemers, Emily E., Judith A. Seltzer, Robert F. Schoeni, and V. Joseph Hotz. In press. “Stepfamily Structure and Transfers between Generations in U.S. Families.” *Demography*.

Noël-Miller, Claire M. 2013. “Former Stepparents’ Contact with Their Stepchildren after Midlife.” *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 68(3):409-419.

Chapman, Ashton, Caroline Sanner, Lawrence Ganong, Marilyn Coleman, Luke Russell, Youngjin Kang, and Sarah Mitchell. 2016. “Exploring the Complexity of Stepparent-Stepchildren Relation.” Pp. 101-130 in *Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research*, Vol. 10, edited by G. Gianesini and S. L. Blair. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing.

* Lin, I-Fen, Susan L. Brown, and Cassandra Jean Cupka. 2018. “A National Portrait of Stepfamilies in Later Life.” *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 73(6):1043-1054.

* Ganong, Lawrence and Marilyn Coleman. 2006. “Obligations to Stepparents Acquired in Later Life: Relationship Quality and Acuity of Needs.” *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 61(2):S80-S88.

- * Seltzer, Judith A., Jenjira J. Yahirun, and Suzanne M. Bianchi. 2013. "Coresidence and Geographic Proximity of Mothers and Adult Children in Stepfamilies." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 75(5): 1164-1180.
- * Hans, Jason D., Lawrence H. Ganong, and Marilyn Coleman. 2009. "Financial Responsibilities toward Older Parents and Stepparents Following Divorce and Remarriage." *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* 30(1):55-66.
- * Chapman, Ashton, Marilyn Coleman, and Lawrence Ganong. 2016. "'Like My Grandparent, But Not': A Qualitative Investigation of Skip-Generation Stepgrandchild-Stepgrandparent Relationships." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 78(3):634-643.

Week 11 (April 12) No Class (PAA Meetings)

Week 12 (April 19) Aging Alone

- Zhang, Zhenmei and Mark D. Hayward. 2001. "Childlessness and the Psychological Well-Being of Older Persons." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 56(5):S311-S320.
- Plonick, Robert D. 2009. "Childlessness and the Economic Well-Being of Older Americans." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 64(6):S767-S776.
- Margolis, Rachel and Ashton M. Verdery. 2017. "Older Adults without Close Kin in the United States." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 72(4):688-693.
- Umberson, Debra. 2017. "Black Deaths Matter: Race, Relationship Loss, and Effects on Survivors." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 58(4):405-420.
- Djudeva, Maja, Pearl A. Dykstra, and Tineke Fokkema. In press. "Is Living Alone 'Aging Alone'? Solitary Living, Network Types, and Well-Being." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*.
- * Wenger, G. Clare, Anne Scott, and Nerys Patterson. 2000. "How Important Is Parenthood? Childlessness and Support in Old Age in England." *Ageing and Society* 20:161-182.
- * Abma, Joyce C. and Gladys M. Martinez. 2006. "Childlessness among Older Women in the United States: Trends and Profiles." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 68(4):1045-1056.
- * Hagestad, Gunhild and Vaughn, R. A. Call. 2007. "Pathways to Childlessness: A Life Course Perspective." *Journal of Family Issues* 28(10):1338-1361.
- * Verdery, Ashton M., and Rachel Margolis. 2017. "Projections of White and Black Older Adults without Living Kin in the United States, 2015 to 2060." *PNAS* 114(4):11109-11114.
- * Verdery, Ashton M., Rachel Margolis, Zhangjun Zhou, Xiangnan Chai, and Jongjit Rittirong. In press. "Kinlessness Around the World." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*.
- * Daw, Jonathan, Ashton M. Verdery, and Rachel Margolis. 2016. "Kin Count(s): Educational and Racial Differences in Extended Kinship in the United States." *Population and Development Review*

42(3):491-517.

Week 13 (April 26) Sibling Relationships

Steinbach Anja and Karsten Hank. 2018. "Full-, Half-, and Step-Sibling Relations in Young and Middle Adulthood." *Journal of Family Issues* 39(9):2639-2658.

Spitze, Glenna D. and Katherine Trent. 2018. "Changes in Individual Sibling Relationships in Response to Life Events." *Journal of Family Issues* 39(2):503-526.

Tolkacheva, Natalia, Marjolein Broese, van Groenou, and Theo van Tilburg. 2014. "Sibling Similarities and Sharing the Care of Older Parents." *Journal of Family Issues* 35(3):312-330.

Sutor, J. Jill, Megan Gilligan, Kaitlin Johnson, and Karl Pillemer. 2013. "Caregiving, Perceptions of Maternal Favoritism, and Tension among Siblings." *The Gerontologist* 54(4):580-588.

Kalmijn, Matthijs and Thomas Leopold. 2019. "Changing Sibling Relationships after Parents' Death: The Role of Solidarity and Kinkeeping." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 81(1):99-114.

* White, Lynn. 1998. "Who's Counting? Quasi-Facts and Stepfamilies in Reports of Number of Sibling." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 60(3):725-733.

* Bedford, Victoria Hilkevitch and Paula Smith Avioli. 2012. "Sibling Relationships from Midlife to Old Age." Pp. 125-152 in *Handbook of Sociology of Aging*, edited by R. Blieszner and V. H. Bedford. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.

* Spitze, Glenna, Russell Ward, Glenn Deane, and Yue Zhuo. 2012. "Cross-Sibling Effects in Parent-Adult Child Exchanges of Socioemotional Support." *Research on Aging* 34(2):197-221.

* Ingersoll-Dayton, Berit, Margaret B. Neal, Jung-Hwa Ha, and Leslie B. Hammer. 2003. "Redressing Inequality in Parent Care among Siblings." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 65(1):201-212.

* Eriksen, Shelley and Naomi Gerstel. 2002. "A Labor of Love or Labor Itself: Care Work among Adult Brothers and Sisters." *Journal of Family Issues* 23(7):836-856.

Week 14 (May 3) Student Presentations

Week 15 (May 10) Student Presentations