

FAMILY DEMOGRAPHY
SOC 6560
FALL 2016
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2:30-5:15 Friday

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Family demography focuses on the patterns, composition, and structure of families and households along with an emphasis on family change. The seminar offers the opportunity to learn about trends in family behavior, theories of family change, and analytic techniques to study families from a demographic perspective. In the seminar we will consider many of the substantive issues that are of concern to family demographers, including family formation and dissolution trends, such as the retreat from marriage and the rise of cohabitation; trends in divorce and repartnering; patterns of nest-leaving; the effects of family structure and instability on child outcomes; same-sex couple families; family complexity; and household intergenerational relationships. A fundamental goal of the seminar is to familiarize students with new developments and debates in family demography.

Required Readings:

Most of the readings are available online and you should be able to access electronically via the library or electronic databases. I will provide you with pdfs of other documents. Canvas will be used for course announcements and weekly essay questions. All readings should be completed prior our class meeting. Optional readings are indicated by a ‘*.’

Course Requirements and Grading:

Your grade will be determined by discussion leadership (15%), discussion participation (15%), research proposal (35%), research proposal presentation (5%), discussant comments (5%), and exam (30%).

1) Participation:

- a) It is essential that everyone come to class prepared. Your participation should be ongoing and active. If you do not attend, you cannot participate. Personal vacation and travel should be planned around the class schedule.
- b) Each student will prepare two questions (in writing) that crosscut the readings or are about a specific reading. These questions will be turned in before class.

c) Each week there will be two or three student leaders. The leaders will present the major points of the assigned readings, facilitate discussion of how the readings are interrelated, present controversial features of the readings, and critically evaluate the readings. Leading class discussion involves more than just summarizing the readings. Each student will co-lead class discussion 3 times (5% each time, total=15%). Discussion assignments will occur on the first day of class.

2) **Research Proposal:**

a) Your research proposal (maximum 15 pages) will give you the opportunity to examine a topic related to the demographic study of families. I must approve your topic proposal. You should define the research question, provide a rationale for the study, review the relevant research literature, and describe the data, methods and analyses that will be used to address the research question. Model your proposals on the journal articles we read this semester. You will have an opportunity to revise your proposal before you turn in the final version. I hope this project can be used to develop a dissertation or thesis proposal, journal article, or conference paper.

b) Each student will make a 10-12 minute in-class oral presentation of their research proposal.

c) Each student will also serve as a reviewer of the proposal for one other student in the seminar. You will read through a classmate's research proposal draft and produce a 1-2 page written document with suggestions, critiques, and questions for your classmate. We are going to follow the pattern of "single blind" reviews. You will know whose paper you are reading, but they will not know who write their review. Your goal is to provide constructive criticism so your classmates can improve their proposal, both the theoretical and methodological aspects.

Deadlines:

a. Each student will submit a brief (1-2 page) research proposal that describes your research question and rationale no later than **September 30**. Please meet with me beforehand to discuss your topic.

b. A first draft of your proposal is due on **November 14** (peer review).

c. Critiques of paper **November 22**.

d. Students should revise their research proposal with the comments of the instructor and peer review. The final version is due by 6:00 on **November 30**.

e. On **December 2 and 9** each student will make a 15 minute in class oral presentation of their research proposal. Each presentation will be peer reviewed.

3) **Exam**

A comprehensive final exam will be given during final exam week. The exam should help you prepare for prelims. The exam is scheduled for **12/15 from 3:30-5:30**.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

The Academic Honesty policy prohibits cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, and plagiarism. I treat this policy very seriously. Students who violate this policy will receive a failing grade for the course and will be reported to their academic dean for disciplinary action. The following is copied from the Graduate College Handbook.

Academic honesty is the central value of an academic community. It is expected that graduate students will neither engage in nor facilitate cheating (using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids), fabrication (falsification or invention of any information or citation), or plagiarism (representing the words or ideas of others as one's own) in their academic work. The Academic Honesty Policy can be found at the following web address:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/studentdiscipline/index.html>.

The Academic Honesty Policy contains strict sanctions, including expulsion, for all forms of academic dishonesty. Students found guilty of violating other University regulations, such as engaging in moral and ethical misconduct, or in actions that are injurious to others or threaten the orderliness and wellbeing of the campus, are subject to equally strict sanctions in accordance with the provisions set forth in those regulations.

TOPIC SCHEDULE AND COURSE OUTLINE

AUGUST 26 (week 1)

What is Family Demography?

Sweet, James. 1977. Demography and the Family. *Annual Review of Sociology* 3: 363-405.

Manning, Wendy D., Susan L. Brown, and Krista K. Payne. 2014. "Two decades of stability and change in age at first union formation." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 76: 247-260.

Cherlin, Andrew J. 2004. "The Deinstitutionalization of American Marriage." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 66:848-861.

NCFMR Family Profiles:

Lamidi, E. (2015). Marriage in the U.S.: Twenty-five Years of Change, 1989-2014 (FP-15-17). National Center for Family & Marriage Research. Retrieved from:

<https://www.bgsu.edu/content/dam/BGSU/college-of-arts-and-sciences/NCFMR/documents/FP/lamidi-25yr-change-marriage-fp-15-17.pdf>

(Supplemental Readings—we will not discuss these articles)

Hofferth, Sandra L. 2005. "Secondary Data Analysis in Family Research." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 67:891-907.

McFalls, Joseph A. Jr. 2007. "Population: A Lively Introduction." *Population Bulletin* 62(1). Washington, DC: Population Reference Bureau.

White, Lynn. 2005. "Writes of Passage: Writing an Empirical Journal Article." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 67:791-798.

September 2 (week 2) [Kasey and Paul]

Interpretations of Changing Family Patterns

Bumpass, Larry. 1990. "What's Happening to the Family?" *Demography* 27:483- 93.

McLanahan, S. 2004. Diverging Destinies: How Children Are Faring Under the Second Demographic Transition. *Demography*, 41: 607-627.

Goldscheider, Frances, Eva Bernhardt, and Trude Tappeward. 2015. The Gender Revolution: A framework for Understanding Changing Family and Demographic Behavior. *Population and Development Review* 41: 207-239.

Lesthaeghe, Ron J. and Lisa Neidert. 2006. "The 'Second Demographic Transition' in the US: Exception or Textbook Example?" *Population and Development Review* 32:669-698.

Liefbroer, Aart C. and Edith Dourleijn. 2006. "Unmarried Cohabitation and Union Stability:

Testing the Role of Diffusion Using Data from 16 European Countries.” *Demography* 43:203-221.

* Bachrach, C. A. 2014. Culture and demography: From reluctant bedfellows to committed partners. *Demography*, 51(1), 3-25.

* Cherlin, Andrew J. 2012. “Goode’s World Revolution and Family Patterns: A Reconsideration at Fifty Years.” *Population and Development Review* 38:577-607.

*Bianchi, Suzanne M. and Lynne M. Casper. 2005. “Explanations of Family Change: A Family Demographic Perspective.” Pp. 93-107 in *Sourcebook of Family Theory & Research*, edited by Vern L. Bengtson, et al. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

September 9 (week 3) [Cassie and Marisa] Historical Change

Coontz, S. 2004. The World Historical Transformation of Marriage. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. Nov; 66(4):974-979.

Cherlin, A. 2009. *The Marriage-Go-Round*— Chapters 2, 3, and 4

September 16 (week 4) [Lydia and Xiaoli] Transition to Adulthood and Nest-leaving

Rindfuss, Ronald, R. 1991. “The Young Adult Years: Diversity, Structural Change, and Fertility” *Demography* 28:493-512

South, Scott J., and Lei Lei. 2015. "Failures-to-launch and boomerang kids: Contemporary determinants of leaving and returning to the parental home." *Social Forces* 94: 863-890.

Settersten Jr, R. A. 2012. The contemporary context of young adulthood in the USA: From demography to development, from private troubles to public issues. In *Early Adulthood in a Family Context* (pp. 3-26). Springer New York.

Sironi, M., & Furstenberg, F. F. 2012. Trends in the economic independence of young adults in the United States: 1973-2007. *Population and Development Review* 609-630.

Seltzer, J. A., & Bianchi, S. M. 2013. Demographic change and parent-child relationships in adulthood. *Annual Review of Sociology* 39: 275-290.

*Fry. 2016. For First Time in Modern Era ...” Pew Report.

<http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2016/05/24/for-first-time-in-modern-era-living-with-parents-edges-out-other-living-arrangements-for-18-to-34-year-olds/>

*Payne, Krista. 2016. Young Adults in the Parental Home, 2007-2015.
<https://www.bgsu.edu/ncfmr/resources/data/family-profiles/payne-young-adults-parental-home-2007-2015-fp-16-16.html>

September 23 (week 5) [Paul and Maurice] Marriage

Goldstein, J.R., Kenney, C. T., 2001. Marriage delayed or marriage forgone? New cohort forecasts of first marriage for U.S. women. *American Sociological Review*. 664,506-519.

Sweeney, M. M. 2002. Two decades of family change: The shifting economic foundations of marriage. *American Sociological Review*, 67,132-147.

Dixon, Ruth B. 1978 "Late Marriage and Non-Marriage as Demographic Responses: Are They Similar?" *Population Studies* 32: 449-466.

Oppenheimer, Valerie K. 1988. "A Theory of Marriage Timing." *American Journal of Sociology* 94:563-591.

Raymo, J. M., Park, H., Xie, Y., & Yeung, W. J. J. 2015. Marriage and family in East Asia: Continuity and change. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 41, 471-492.

*Allendorf, K. and R. Pandian. 2016. The Decline of Arranged Marriage? *Population and Development Review*.

*Martin, S. N. Astone, and E. Peters. 2014. Fewer Marriages, More Divergence: Marriage Projections for Millennials to Age 40. Urban Institute.
<http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/alfresco/publication-pdfs/413110-Fewer-Marriages-More-Divergence-Marriage-Projections-for-Millennials-to-Age-.PDF>

September 30 (week 6) [Xiaoli and Lindsey ☺] Cohabitation

Bumpass, Larry L., James A. Sweet and Andrew Cherlin. 1991. "The Role of Cohabitation in Declining Rates of Marriage." *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 53:913-27.

Manning, W. D. and Smock, P. J. 2005. Measuring and Modeling Cohabitation: New Perspectives From Qualitative Data. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. 67(4):989-1002.

Kuo, J. C. L., & Raley, R. K. (2016). Diverging Patterns of Union Transition Among Cohabitators by Race/Ethnicity and Education: Trends and Marital Intentions in the United States. *Demography*, 1-15.

Perelli-Harris and Lyons-Amos. 2015. Changes in partnership patterns across the life course: An examination of 14 counties in Europe and the US. *Demographic Research*. 33:145-178.

Liefbroer, A. A. Poortman, J. Seltzer. 2014. Why do intimate partners live apart? Evidence on LAT relationships across Europe. *Demographic Research*. 32:251-286.

*Duncan, Simon and Miranda Phillips. 2011. "People who Live Apart Together (LATs): New Family Form or Just a Stage?" *International Review of Sociology* 21:513-532.

October 7 (week 7)

Union Formation Differentials [Diego and Marissa]

Lichter, Daniel T., Diane K. McLaughlin, George Kephart, and David J. Landry. 1992. "Race and the Retreat from Marriage: A Shortage of Marriageable Men?" *American Sociological Review* 57:781-799.

Raley, Sweeney and Wondra. 2015. The Growing Racial and Ethnic Divide in U.S. Marriage Patterns. *Future of Children*. 25(2):89-109.

Schwartz, C. 2013. Trends and Variation in Assortative Mating: Causes and Consequences. *Annual Review of Sociology*. 39:451-70.

Schneider, Daniel. "Wealth and the Marital Divide." *American Journal of Sociology* 117(2): 627-667.

Oropesa, R. S., Lichter, D. T., & Anderson, R. N. (1994). Marriage markets and the paradox of Mexican American nuptiality. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 889-907.

*Lloyd, Kim M. 2006. "Latinas' Transition to First Marriage: An Examination of Four Theoretical Perspectives." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 68:993-1014.

*Lundberg, S. and R. Pollak. 2016. Family Inequality: Diverging Patterns in Marriage, Cohabitation, and Childbearing. *J Econ Perspectives*.

*McClintock, Elizabeth Aura. 2014. Beauty and Status: The Illusion of Exchange in Partner Selection. *American Sociological Review* 79: 575-604.

October 14 (week 8) [Lydia and Diego]

Dissolution

Kennedy, S and S. Ruggles. 2014. Breaking Up is Hard to Count: The Rise of Divorce in the United States, 1980-2010. *Demography* 51:587-598.

Teachman, Jay D. 2002. Stability Across Cohorts in Divorce Risk Factors. *Demography* 39(2):331-352.

Brown, Susan L., and I-Fen Lin. 2014. "The Gray Divorce Revolution: Rising Divorce among Middle-Aged and Older Adults, 1990–2010." *The Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 67: 731-741.

Schwartz, Christine R. and Hongyun Han. 2014. The Reversal of the Gender Gap in Education and Trends in Marital Dissolution. *American Sociological Review* 79:605-629.

Manning, Wendy D. and Jessica A. Cohen. 2012. Premarital Cohabitation and Marital Dissolution: An Examination of Recent Marriages. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 74:377-387.

Killewald, Alexandra. 2016. "Money, Work, and Marital Stability: Assessing Change in the Gendered Determinants of Divorce". *American Sociological Review* 81:696-719.

*Tach, L. and Eads, A. 2015. Trends in Economic Consequences of Marital and Cohabitation Dissolution in the United States. *Demography*. 52:401-432.

*Martin, SP. 2006. Trends in marital dissolution by women's education in the United States. *Demographic Research* 15: 537-559.

October 20 [Thursday] 6-9 in CFDR (week 9) [Cassie and Marissa ☺] Repartnering

Bzotstek, Sharon H., Sara S. McLanahan, and Marcia J. Carlson. 2012. "Mothers' Repartnering after a Nonmarital Birth." *Social Forces* 90:817-841.

Cancian, Maria, and Daniel R. Meyer. 2014. "Testing the Economic Independence Hypothesis: The Effect of an Exogenous Increase in Child Support on Subsequent Marriage and Cohabitation." *Demography* 51: 857-880.

Cherlin, Andrew J. 1978. "Remarriage as an Incomplete Institution." *American Journal of Sociology* 84:634-650.

Shafer, Kevin and Spencer James. 2013. Gender and Socioeconomic Status Differences in First and Second Marriage Formation. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 75: 544-564.

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: 1098-1113.

*McNamee, Catherine B. and R. Kelly Raley. 2011. "A Note on Race, Ethnicity, and Nativity Differentials in Remarriage in the United States." *Demographic Research* 24:293-312.

October 27 [Thursday] – 9-12 in CFDR (week 10) [Kasey and Maurice] Separation of Marriage and Childbearing

England, P. L. Wu, and E F Shafer. 2013. "Cohort Trends in Premarital First Births: What Role for the Retreat From Marriage? *Demography* 50: 2075-2104.

Gibson-Davis C. and H. Rackin. 2014. "Marriage or Carriage? Trends in Union Context and Birth Type by Education. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 76:506-519.

Hayford, Sarah R., Karen Benjamin Guzzo, and Pamela J. Smock. 2014. "The Decoupling of Marriage and Parenthood? Trends in the Timing of Marital First Births, 1945–2002." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 76: 520-538.

Guzzo, K. and C. Dorius. 2016. Challenges in Measuring and Studying Multipartnered Fertility in American Survey Data. *Population Research and Policy Review*. 1-27.

Lichter, D. T., Sassler, S., & Turner, R. N. 2014. Cohabitation, post-conception unions, and the rise in nonmarital fertility. *Social Science Research*, 47, 134-147.

Nov 4

Family Structure and Instability (week 11) [Marisa and Lindsey]

Fomby, P. and A. Cherlin. Family Instability and Child Well-Being. *American Sociological Review*. 72:181-204.

Brown, S. L., Stykes, J. B., & Manning, W. D. 2016. Trends in Children's Family Instability, 1995–2010. *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Cancian, Maria, Daniel R. Meyer, Patricia R. Brown, and Steven T. Cook. 2014. Who Gets Custody Now? Dramatic Changes in Children's Living Arrangements after Divorce. *Demography* 51: 1-16.

Lichter, D. T., Michelmore, K., Turner, R. N., & Sassler, S. (2016). Pathways to a Stable Union? Pregnancy and Childbearing Among Cohabiting and Married Couples. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 1-23.

Musick, K. and K. Michelmore. 2015. Change in the Stability of Marital and Cohabiting Unions Following the Birth of the Child. *Demography* 52:1463-1485.

Nov 11 (Veterans' Day, no class)

Nov 14 Paper Due for Peer Review

Nov 18

Same-Sex Couples and Families (week 12) [Lindsey and Marissa]

Gates, G. J. (2015). Marriage and family: LGBT individuals and same-sex couples. *The Future of Children*, 26: 67-87.

Manning, Wendy D., Susan L. Brown, and Bart Stykes. 2016. "Same-Sex and Different-Sex Cohabiting Couple Relationship Stability." *Demography*.

Andersson, G. & Noack, T. (2011). Legal advances and demographic developments of same-sex unions in Scandinavia. *Zeitschrift für Familienforschung (Journal of Family Research)*, Sonderheft, 2010, 87–101.

Kurdek, L. A. Are Gay and Lesbian Cohabiting Couples Really Different From Heterosexual Married Couples? *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. 2004 Nov; 66(4):880-900.

Brewster, K. L., Tillman, K. H., & Jokinen-Gordon, H. (2014). Demographic characteristics of lesbian parents in the United States. *Population research and policy review*, 33(4), 503-526.

*Manning, W.D., Fetto, M.N., & Lamidi, E. (2014). Child well-being in same-sex parent families: Review of research prepared for American Sociological Association amicus brief. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 33(4), 479-484.

*Schwartz, C. R., & Graf, N. L. (2009). Assortative mating among same-sex and different-Sex Couples in the United States, 1990-2000. *Demographic Research*, 21, 843-78

*Moore, Mignon R. and Michael Stambolis-Ruhstorfer. 2013. "LGBT Sexuality and Families and the Start of the Twenty-First Century" Annual Review of Sociology 39: 491-507.

November 22 Critique Due

Nov 25 (Thanksgiving break)

November 30 Final Paper to Dr. Manning

December 2 Class Presentations

December 9 Class Presentations

December 15 Final Exam 3:30-5:30