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### EMPLOYMENT

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- 2012- CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
Associate Professor of Policy Analysis and Management (2017-)  
Courtesy Appointment, Department of Sociology (2017-)  
Assistant Professor of Policy Analysis and Management (2012-2017)
- Director of Graduate Studies, Field of Policy Analysis & Management (2019-)  
Associate Director, Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research (2019-)  
Co-Director, [Cornell Project 2Gen](#) (2017-)
- Graduate Field Member:  
Policy Analysis & Management, Public Affairs, Sociology
- Faculty Affiliate:  
Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research  
Center for the Study of Inequality  
Cornell Population Center
- 2010-2012 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Postdoctoral Scholar  
Senior Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics

### EDUCATION

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- 2010 Ph.D. Sociology and Social Policy, Harvard University
- 2007 A.M. Sociology, Harvard University
- 2004 B.A. Sociology, Pennsylvania State University  
Schreyer Honors College  
Minors: Statistics, African American Studies

### RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Poverty, Inequality, & Stratification; Urban Sociology; Family Sociology; Social Policy;  
Social Demography; Mixed Methods

## PUBLICATIONS

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\* student coauthor

### Books & Edited Volumes

Tach, Laura, Rachel Dunifon, and Douglas Miller, Eds. 2020. *Confronting Inequality: How Policies and Practices Shape Children's Opportunities*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association Press.

Sarah Halpern-Meehin, Kathryn Edin, Laura Tach, and Jennifer Sykes McLaughlin. 2015. *It's Not Like I'm Poor: How Working Families Make Ends Meet in a Post-Welfare World*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

- Media Coverage: [New York Times](#), [Boston Globe](#), [Kansas City Star](#), [Providence Journal](#), [KERA](#) (Texas NPR Affiliate), [WPR](#) (Wisconsin NPR Affiliate), [Majority Report](#), [CNNMoney](#), [The Week](#), [The Hill](#), [Brookings Social Mobility Memos](#)
- Reviewed in: *Contemporary Sociology*, *Social Service Review*, *Harvard Educational Review*, *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, *Journal of Children & Poverty*, *Sociologie*

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Parker, Emily,\* Sharon Sassler, and Laura Tach. 2020. "[Fatherhood and Racial-Ethnic Differences in the Progression of Romantic Relationships](#)." *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Bischoff, Kendra and Laura Tach. 2020. "[School Choice, Neighborhood Change, and Racial Imbalance between Public Elementary Schools and Surrounding Neighborhoods](#)." *Sociological Science*, 7: 75-99.

Tach, Laura, Barrett Lee, Michael Martin\*, and Lauren Hannscoff\*. 2019. "[Fragmentation or Diversification? Ethno-Racial Change and the Social and Economic Heterogeneity of Places](#)." *Demography* 56(6): 2193-2227.

Amorim, Mariana\* and Laura Tach. 2019. "[Multiple-Partner Fertility and Cohort Change in the Prevalence of Half Siblings](#)." *Demography* 56(6): 2033-2061.

Tach, Laura, Sarah Halpern-Meehin, Kathryn Edin, and Mariana Amorim\*. 2019. "[As Good as Money in the Bank: Building a Personal Safety Net with the Earned Income Tax Credit](#)." *Social Problems* 66(2): 274-293.

Bischoff, Kendra and Laura Tach. 2018. "[The Racial Composition of Neighborhoods and Local Schools: The Role of Diversity, Inequality, and School Choice](#)." *City & Community* 17(3): 675-701.

Kimberlin, Sara, Laura Tach, and Christopher Wimer. 2018. "[A Renter's Tax Credit to Curtail the Affordable Housing Crisis](#)." *RSF: Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 4(2): 131-160.

- Tach, Laura and Allison Dwyer Emory\*. 2017. "[Public Housing Redevelopment, Neighborhood Change, and the Restructuring of Urban Inequality.](#)" *American Journal of Sociology* 123(3): 686-739.
- Tach, Laura and Kathryn Edin. 2017. "[The Social Safety Net after Welfare Reform: Recent Developments and Consequences for Household Dynamics.](#)" *Annual Review of Sociology* 43: 541-561.
- Jacoby, Sara F.\*, Laura Tach, Terry Guerra, Douglas J. Wiebe, and Therese S. Richmond. 2017. "[The Health Status of Low-Resource and Housing-Unstable Families Living in Violent Neighborhoods.](#)" *Health & Social Care in the Community* 25(2): 578-589.
- Eads, Alicia\* and Laura Tach. 2016. "[Wealth and the Stability of Romantic Relationships.](#)" *RSF: Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 2(6): 197-224.
- Hall, Matthew, Laura Tach and Barrett Lee. 2016. "[Trajectories of Ethnoracial Diversity in American Communities, 1980-2010.](#)" *Population and Development Review* 42(2): 271-297.
- Tach, Laura, Sara Jacoby\*, Douglas J. Wiebe, Therese Guerra, and Therese S. Richmond. 2016. "[The Effect of Microneighborhood Conditions on Adult Educational Attainment in a Subsidized Housing Intervention.](#)" *Housing Policy Debate* 26(2): 380-397.  
- Media Coverage: [The Atlantic](#), [New York Magazine](#), [How Housing Matters](#)
- Western, Bruce, Deirdre Bloome, Benjamin Sosnaud, and Laura Tach. 2016. "[Trends in Income Insecurity among U.S Children, 1984-2010.](#)" *Demography* 53(2): 419-447.
- Tach, Laura and Mariana Amorim\*. 2015. "[Constrained, Convenient & Symbolic Consumption: Neighborhood Food Environments and Economic Coping Strategies among the Urban Poor.](#)" *Journal of Urban Health* 92(5): 815-834.
- Tach, Laura and Benjamin Cornwell. 2015. "[Social Networks and Social Capital: New Directions for a Household Panel Survey.](#)" *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement* 40: 275-307.
- Tach, Laura and Alicia Eads\*. 2015. "[The Economic Consequences of Marital and Cohabitation Dissolution.](#)" *Demography* 52(2): 401-432.  
- Media Coverage: [NBC News](#)
- Aronowitz, Robert, Andrew Deener, Danya Keene, Jason Schnittker, and Laura Tach. 2015. "[Cultural Reflexivity in Health Research and Practice.](#)" *American Journal of Public Health* 105: 403-408.
- Tach, Laura. 2015. "[Social Mobility in an Era of Family Instability and Complexity.](#)" *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences* 657: 83-97.

- Tach, Laura. 2014. "[Diversity, Inequality, and Microsegregation: Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion in a Racially and Economically Diverse Community.](#)" *Cityscape* 16(3): 13-45.  
- Media Coverage: [Urban Land](#), [How Housing Matters](#)
- Tach, Laura, Kathryn Edin, Hope Harvey\*, and Brielle Bryan\*. 2014. "[The Family-Go-Round: Family Complexity and Father Involvement from a Father's Perspective.](#)" *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences* 654(1): 169-184.
- Tach, Laura and Sarah Halpern-Meekin. 2014. "[Tax Code Knowledge and Behavioral Responses among EITC Recipients: Policy Insights from Qualitative Data.](#)" *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 33(2): 413-439.  
- Media Coverage: [National Review](#), [Science Daily](#)
- Tach, Laura and Sara Sternberg Greene\*. 2014. "[Robbing Peter to Pay Paul: Economic and Cultural Explanations for How Lower-Income Families Manage Debt.](#)" *Social Problems* 61(1): 1-21.
- Tach, Laura and Kathryn Edin. 2013. "[The Compositional and Institutional Sources of Union Dissolution among Married and Unmarried Parents.](#)" *Demography* 50: 1789-1818.  
- Media Coverage: [The New Yorker](#), [Center for American Progress](#), [The Economist](#)
- McLanahan, Sara, Laura Tach, and Daniel Schneider. 2013. "[The Causal Effect of Father Absence.](#)" *Annual Review of Sociology* 39: 399-427.  
- Media Coverage: [New York Times](#), [Huffington Post](#)
- Halpern-Meekin, Sarah and Laura Tach. 2013. "[Discordance in Couples' Reporting of Courtship Stages: Implications for Measurement and Marital Quality.](#)" *Social Science Research* 42(4): 1143-1155.  
- Media Coverage: [Men's Health](#), [Woman's Day](#)
- Mendenhall, Ruby, Kathryn Edin, Jeff Kling, Jennifer Sykes, Laura Tach, and Katrin Kris. 2012. "[The Role of the EITC in the Budgets of Low Income Families.](#)" *Social Service Review* 86(3): 327-400.
- Western, Bruce, Deirdre Bloome\*, Benjamin Sosnaud\*, and Laura Tach. 2012. "[Economic Insecurity among American Families.](#)" *Annual Review of Sociology* 38: 341-359.
- Tach, Laura and Sarah Halpern-Meekin. 2012. "[Marital Quality and Divorce Decisions: How do Premarital Cohabitation and Nonmarital Childbearing Matter?](#)" *Family Relations* 61(4): 571-585.
- Tach, Laura and Kathryn Edin. 2011. "[The Relationship Contexts of Young Disadvantaged Men.](#)" *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences* 635(May): 56-75.

- Tach, Laura, Ronald Mincy, and Kathryn Edin. 2010. "[Parenting as a Package Deal: Relationships, Fertility, and Nonresident Father Involvement among Unmarried Parents.](#)" *Demography*. 47(1): 181-204.  
- Media Coverage: [Los Angeles Times](#), [Mother Jones](#), [Huffington Post](#)
- Tach, Laura. 2009. "[More than Bricks and Mortar: Neighborhood Frames, Social Processes, and the Mixed-Income Redevelopment of a Public Housing Project.](#)" *City & Community* 8(3): 273-303.  
- ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section Outstanding Graduate Student Paper (2009)  
- Media Coverage: [Harvard Magazine](#), [Pathways Magazine](#)
- Odgers, Candice, Terrie Moffitt, Laura Tach, Robert Sampson. 2009. "[The Protective Effects of Neighborhood Collective Efficacy on Children Growing Up in Deprivation: A Developmental Analysis.](#)" *Developmental Psychology* 45(4): 942-957.  
- Media Coverage: [Science News](#)
- Tach, Laura and Sarah Halpern-Meehin\*. 2009. "[How Does Premarital Cohabitation Affect Trajectories of Marital Quality?](#)" *Journal of Marriage and Family* 71: 298-317.  
- Featured in: [Contexts Magazine](#)
- Edin, Kathryn, Laura Tach, and Ronald Mincy. 2009. "[Claiming Fatherhood: Race and the Dynamics of Paternal Involvement among Unmarried Fathers.](#)" *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 621: 149-177.
- Halpern-Meehin\*, Sarah and Laura Tach. 2008. "[Heterogeneity in Two-Parent Families and Adolescent Well-Being.](#)" *Journal of Marriage and Family* 70: 435-451.  
- ASA Family Section Outstanding Graduate Student Paper (2008)
- Tach, Laura and George Farkas. 2006. "[Ability Grouping and Educational Stratification in the Early School Years.](#)" *Social Science Research* 35: 1048-1079.

### **Book Chapters, Book Reviews, and Reports**

- Tach, Laura. 2017. "[Research Perspectives on Fragile Families.](#)" Pp. 90-102 in B. van Eeden-Moorefield & S. Browning (Eds.) *Contemporary Families: Translating Research into Practice*. Routledge.
- Tach, Laura, Christopher Wimer, and Allison Dwyer Emory\*. 2015. "[The Power of Place: Evaluating Policies to Transform Distressed Urban Neighborhoods.](#)" Report Prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cities Initiative, Johns Hopkins University.
- Edin, Kathryn, Laura Tach, and Timothy Nelson. 2014. "[The Diverging Destinies of Fathers and What it Means for Children's Lives.](#)" Pp. 213-222 in P.R. Amato, A. Booth, S. McHale, & J. Van Hook. (Eds.) *Families in an Era of Increasing Inequality: Diverging Destinies*. New York: Springer.

- Tach, Laura, Sarah Halpern-Meehin, and Kathryn Edin. 2014. "Incompatible Pathways to Upward Mobility? The Earned Income Tax Credit and Higher Education." Prepared for the Building Human Capital and Economic Potential Initiative. Madison, WI.
- Tach, Laura and Benjamin Cornwell. 2014. "Social Networks and Social Capital: New Directions for a Household Panel Survey." Prepared for the National Science Foundation Conference on Assessing the Need for a New National Household Panel Survey. Washington, DC.
- Tach, Laura, Rolf Pendall, and Alexandra Derian. 2014. "[Income Mixing Across Scales: Rationale, Research, and Practice for More Inclusive Neighborhoods and Metropolitan Areas.](#)" Washington DC: Urban Institute.
- Tach, Laura. 2013. "[Social Mobility in an Era of Family Instability and Complexity.](#)" Prepared for the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Population.
- Tach, Laura. 2013. Review of *Getting Ahead: Social Mobility, Public Housing, and Immigrant Networks*. *City & Community* 12(1): 82-84.
- Jacoby, Sara, Terry Guerra, Laura Tach, Douglas Wiebe, and Therese S. Richmond. 2013. "The Health and Well-Being of Housing Unstable, Single Parent Families Living In Philadelphia." *Nursing Research* 62(2): E57.
- Firebaugh, Glenn and Laura Tach. 2012. "Income, Age, and Happiness in America." In P. V. Marsden (Ed.) *Trends in the United States, 1972-2006: Evidence from the General Social Survey*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.  
- Media Coverage: [LA Times](#), [New York Times](#), Philadelphia Inquirer, [Harvard Crimson](#)
- Edin, Kathryn and Laura Tach. 2012. "Becoming a Parent: The Social Contexts of Fertility During Young Adulthood." P.p. 185-207 in A. Booth & N. Landale (Eds.) *Early Adulthood in a Family Context*. New York: Springer.
- Tach, Laura. 2012. Review of *Moving to Opportunity: The Story of an American Experiment to Fight Ghetto Poverty*. *Contemporary Sociology* 41(4): 475-477.
- Tach, Laura. 2011. Review of *Happiness around the World: The Paradox of Happy Peasants and Miserable Millionaires*. *Contemporary Sociology* 40: 38-39.
- Tach, Laura. 2010. Review of *From Despair to Hope: Hope VI and the New Promise of Public Housing in America's Cities*. *Journal of Children and Poverty* 16(1): 85-86.
- Briggs, Xavier de Souza, Greg Duncan, Kathryn Edin, Mark Joseph, Robert Mare, John Mollenkopf, Mary Pattillo, Lincoln Quillian, Robert Sampson, Claudia Solari, Laura Tach, and Sudhir Venkatesh. 2009. "[Research Designs for the Study of Mixed-Income Housing.](#)" Social Science Research Council/John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Report.

Tach, Laura, Tom Sander, and Bruce Western. 2009. "Increasing Opportunity in an Age of Inequality: Trends and Patterns." Prepared for the Pocantico Conference on Increasing Opportunity in an Age of Inequality. Mt. Pleasant, NY.

Jencks, Christopher and Laura Tach. 2006. "Would Equal Opportunity Mean More Mobility?" P.p. 23-58 in S. Morgan & D. Grusky (Eds.) *Mobility and Inequality: Frontiers of Research from Sociology and Economics*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.  
- Media Coverage: [Huffington Post](#), [Harvard Alumni Magazine](#), [Vox](#)

Pranton, Kimberly, Melissa Curry, Bridget Truyol, and Laura Tach. 2002. "One + One: Film and Video Review." *Teaching Sociology* 30(4): 358-359.

### **Publications for Public and Policy Audiences**

Edin, Kathryn, H. Luke Shaefer, and Laura Tach. 2017. "[A New Anti-Poverty Litmus Test.](#)" *Pathways Magazine (Spring)*: [Bold Visions-Blueprints for Ending Poverty](#).

Tach, Laura and Christopher Wimer. 2017. "[Evaluating Policies to Transform Distressed Urban Neighborhoods.](#)" US Partnership on Mobility from Poverty.

Kimberlin, Sara, Laura Tach, and Christopher Wimer. 2017. "[Anti-Poverty Initiatives for the United States: A Renter's Tax Credit.](#)" *Focus*, Institute for Research on Poverty. University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Halpern-Meehin, Sarah, Laura Tach, Kathryn Edin, and Jennifer Sykes. 2016. "[A Hand Up for Lower-Income Families.](#)" *Contexts Magazine*.

Tach, Laura and Kathryn Edin. 2015. "[When Taxes Aren't A Drag.](#)" *New York Times* Op-Ed.

Eldridge, Jamie and Laura Tach. 2015. "[Big Moment for Working Parents.](#)" *Sentinel & Enterprise* Op-Ed.

Tach, Laura. 2014. "[How Low-Income Americans Understand and React to the Earned Income Tax Credit.](#)" Policy Brief, *Scholar Strategy Network*.

Tach, Laura. 2013. "[Mixed-Income Community Dynamics: Five Insights from Ethnography.](#)" *Evidence Matters*. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Tach, Laura and Alicia Eads. 2013. "[The Cost of Breaking Up.](#)" *Focus*, Institute for Research on Poverty. University of Wisconsin-Madison.

### **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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**Active**



**External**

- 2019-2021 “Disconnected Men: Work and Family in the Lives of Prime-Age Men”  
Smith Richardson Foundation. \$60,000.  
Role: Co-I (PI: Sarah Halpern-Meekin, University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- 2018-2021 “Protecting Vulnerable Families and Children in the Crosshairs of the Opioid Epidemic: A Research-Practice Partnership in Upstate NY.”  
William T. Grant Foundation, Institutional Challenge Grant. \$650,000.  
Role: Co-I (PI: Rachel Dunifon, Cornell University).  
Media Coverage: [Ithaca Journal](#), [WRVO Public Media](#), [Stanford Social Innovation Review](#), [Inside Philanthropy](#), [Capitol Pressroom](#)
- 2016-2020 “Assessing the Impact of Place-Based and Place-Conscious Interventions on Economic Mobility.”  
Gates Foundation. \$500,000.  
Role: Co-I (PI: Kathryn Edin, Johns Hopkins University).
- 2015-2020 “Adolescent Well-being in an Era of Family Instability and Complexity.”  
William T. Grant Foundation Scholars Program. \$350,000. Role: PI.

**Internal**

- 2019-2020 “Building Community Awareness around Adverse Childhood Experiences.”  
Engaged Cornell. \$5,000. Role: PI.
- 2018-2020 “Assessing the Impact of Place-Based Interventions on Economic Mobility.”  
Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality. \$54,287. Role: PI.
- 2017-2020 “How Housing and Labor Markets Influence the Progression of Romantic Relationships.”  
Institute for Social Sciences Small Grant Program. \$8,400. Role: PI.

**Completed**

- 2016-2018 William T. Grant Foundation Scholars Program Mentoring Award. \$60,000.  
Role: Mentor (Advisee: Mariana Amorim)
- 2017-2018 “The Opioid Epidemic and Child Maltreatment: A University-Community Partnership to Support Vulnerable Parents and Children.” Engaged Cornell.  
\$5,000. Role: PI.
- 2017-2018 “Bridging the Gap: Connecting Research and Policy in the New York State Legislature” Engaged Cornell. \$2,750. Role: Co-I.



- 2015-2018 “Adolescent Well-being in an Era of Family Instability and Complexity.” Faculty Fellows Program. Cornell Institute for Social Sciences, Cornell University. \$10,000. Role: PI.
- 2015-2017 “The Effect of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Financial Investments in Children.” UC-Davis Center for Poverty Research Small Grants Competition. \$32,472. Role: PI.
- 2013-2017 “Racial and Ethnic Diversity in American Communities, 1980-2010.” Eunice Kennedy Schriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. \$740,617. Role: Co-I (PI: Barrett Lee, Penn State University).
- 2013-2017 “A Pilot Study of Parent-Child Relationship Dynamics within Blended Families.” Bronfenbrenner Center Innovative Pilot Studies Program, Cornell University. \$11,993. Role: PI.
- 2013-2017 “Changes in Family Structure and Children’s Exposure to Economic Instability.” President’s Council of Cornell Women, Cornell University. \$5,000. Role: PI.
- 2013-2017 “Choosing Neighborhoods, Choosing Schools: A Pilot Study of the Association Between Neighborhood and School Composition.” Institute for Social Sciences Small Grant Program, Cornell University. \$10,814. Role: Co-PI (Co-PI: Kendra Bischoff).
- 2013 “Micro-Environments and Daily Routines of Housing-Unstable Children and Parents.” University of Pennsylvania Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program Research Grant in Population Health. \$20,000. Role: Co-I (PI: Therese S. Richmond, University of Pennsylvania).
- 2012-2013 “Changes in Family Structure and Income Instability among American Families.” Emerging Scholars Small Grants Competition. University of Wisconsin Institute for Research on Poverty. \$19,923. Role: PI.
- 2011-2012 “The Effect of Relationship Instability and Multiple-Partner Fertility on Father Well-being.” National Center for Family and Marriage Research Small Grants Competition. \$19,976. Role: PI.
- 2011-2012 “The Contribution of the Built Environment and Social Interventions to Reduce Violence and Enhance Health in Low Income At-Risk Urban Families.” Center for Public Health Initiatives, University of Pennsylvania. \$9,982. Role: Co-I (PI: Therese S. Richmond, University of Pennsylvania).
- 2010-2012 “Investigating the Effect of Public Housing Redevelopment on Neighborhood Health Environments.” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program Research Grant in Population Health. \$39,848. Role: PI.

- 2010-2011 “Chicago Data Collaboration: An Integrated Approach to Studying Contextual Influences on Health” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program Research Grant in Population Health. \$31,201. Role: Co-PI (Co-PI: Michael Bader, University of Pennsylvania).
- 2009-2010 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$7,500)
- 2009-2010 Eliot Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University (\$25,000)
- 2009 Center for American Political Studies Travel Grant, Harvard University (\$1,200)
- 2008-2009 Justice, Welfare, & Economics Fellowship, Harvard University (\$21,000)
- 2008 Taubman Center for State & Local Government Research Grant (\$2,500)
- 2008 Real Estate Academic Initiative Research Grant, Harvard University (\$8,500)
- 2007 European Network on Inequality Fellowship (\$7,000)  
Visiting Fellow, Fondation National des Sciences Politiques (Sciences Po)
- 2007-2008 National Science Foundation IGERT Training Fellowship (\$30,000)  
Multidisciplinary Program on Inequality, Harvard University
- 2004-2007 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$90,000)
- 2005-2006 Early Doctoral Research Grant, Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (\$8,000)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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\* Indicates Invited

### **Academic Presentations**

- “The Place-Based Turn in Federal Policy & Implications for Urban Inequality.”  
Institute for Research on Poverty Seminar. University of Wisconsin-Madison (2020)\*  
Penn State School of Public Policy (2020)\*  
IRP Poverty & Place Workshop. University of Michigan. (2019)\*  
Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association. Los Angeles, CA (2019)  
Annual Meeting of the Association for Policy Analysis and Management. Denver, CO (2019)  
Sociology of Housing Conference, Georgetown University (2019)\*  
[Reinventing Our Communities Conference](#), Federal Reserve Bank. Baltimore, MD (2018)\*  
Notestein Seminar. Princeton University (2019)\*
- “Historical Redlining and Contemporary Federal Place-based Policy: A Case of Compensatory or Compounding Neighborhood Inequality?”  
APPAM International Conference. Barcelona, Spain (2019)

- Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY (2019)
- “How Housing and Labor Markets Shape the Progression of Romantic Relationships.”  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Austin, TX (2019)
- “How Cash Transfers Shape Investments in Children: The Case of the EITC.”  
Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality Conference. Ithaca, NY (2017)\*  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Chicago, IL (2017)
- “HOPE or Harm? Restructuring Inequality & Opportunity through Mixed-Income Development.”  
Geography of Poverty Forum, US Dept of Health and Human Services ASPE.  
Washington, DC (2017)\*
- “It’s Not Like I’m Poor: How Working Families Make Ends Meet in a Post-Welfare World.”  
West Coast Poverty Center, Asset Building Roundtable. Seattle, WA (2016)\*  
[Chat in the Stacks](#), Mann Library, Cornell University. Ithaca, NY (2015)\*
- “The Spillover Effects of HOPE VI: Population Dynamics and Neighborhood Change.”  
Johns Hopkins University, Seminar on Inequality and Social Policy. Baltimore, MA (2018)\*  
West Coast Poverty Center, Housing and Poverty Roundtable. Seattle, WA (2016)\*  
Metropolitan Policy Center, American University. Washington, DC (2016)\*  
Science of Health Disparities Panel. RWJF Foundation. New Orleans, LA (2016)\*  
Department of Public Policy, University of Connecticut (2016)\*  
Department of City & Regional Planning, Cornell University (2016)\*  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL (2015)  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. San Diego, CA (2015)
- “Social Mobility in an Era of Family Instability and Complexity.”  
American Opportunity Study. National Academy of Sciences. Washington, DC (2016)\*  
[Inequality of Opportunity](#). OECD/Gulbenkian Foundation. Paris, France (2015)\*  
Family Working Group. UCLA. Los Angeles, CA (2015)\*  
Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research. Ithaca, NY (2015)\*  
Annual Meeting of the RC28 Committee on Social Stratification. Philadelphia, PA (2015)  
[Workshop on Social Mobility](#). National Research Council of the National Academies of Science. Committee on Population. Washington, DC (2013)\*
- “Trends in Income Insecurity among U.S. Children.”  
Annual Meeting of the Council for European Studies (2016)  
Annual Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (2013)
- “A Renter’s Tax Credit to Curtail the Affordable Housing Crisis.”  
Anti-Poverty Policy Innovations Conference. Russell Sage Foundation. NYC (2016)
- “Demographic Divergence, School Choice, and the Changing Relationship between Neighborhoods and Schools.”

Annual Meeting of the International Sociological Association, RC28 Committee on Social Stratification. Philadelphia, PA (2015)

Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Washington, DC (2015)

“Wealth Inequality and the Stability of Romantic Relationships.”

Conference on Wealth Inequality. Russell Sage Foundation. New York, NY (2015)\*

“The Effect of the EITC on the Living Arrangements of Single Mothers.”

Annual Meeting of the Association for Policy Analysis & Management. Miami, FL (2015)

“Trajectories of Ethnoracial Diversity in American Communities, 1980-2010.”

Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. San Diego, CA (2015)

“Social Networks and Social Capital: New Directions for a Household Panel Survey.”

Conference on Assessing the Need for a New National Household Panel Survey. National Science Foundation. Washington, DC (2014)\*

Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. San Diego, CA (2015)\*

“Getting Ahead versus Getting By with the Earned Income Tax Credit.”

Building Human Capital and Economic Potential Initiative. Madison, WI (2014)\*

Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA (2014)

Annual Meeting of the Association for Policy Analysis & Management. Albuquerque (2014)

“Trends in the Economic Consequences of Marital and Cohabitation Dissolution.”

Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Boston, MA (2014)

Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA (2014)

“Why They Cohabit: Couples’ Reasons for Cohabitation and Relationship Quality.”

Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Boston, MA (2014)

“The Family Go-Round: Family Complexity and Father Involvement from a Father’s Perspective.”

Conference on Family Complexity, Poverty, and Public Policy. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI (2013)\*

Annual Meeting of the Association for Policy Analysis & Management. Washington, DC (2013)

Family and Gender Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA (2011)\*

“Imagined Communities, Contested Realities: How Stakeholders Understand and Negotiate Space in Mixed-Income Developments.”

Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY (2013)

Public Housing and the Right to the City. Urban Affairs Association. New Orleans, LA (2011)\*

Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association. Chicago, IL (2009)

- “Tax Code Knowledge and Behavioral Responses among EITC Recipients: Policy Insights from Qualitative Data.”  
Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Washington, DC (2013)
- “Retail Inequality: How Neighborhood Context Shapes Retail Investment Dynamics.”  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY (2013)  
Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Washington, DC (2013)
- “The Form and Function of Premarital Courtship Trajectories.”  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA (2013)
- “Deconcentrating the Poor: How Public Housing Demolition Influences Health Environments and Health Behaviors.”  
Conference on Community Disruption and HIV Risk, American University. Washington, DC (2012)\*  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Annual Meeting of the Health and Society Scholars Program. Bethesda, MD (2012)\*
- “Mixed-Income Neighborhoods in the US: Key Facts and Research Directions.”  
Conference on Neighborhood Social Mixing in Europe and the US. University of Amsterdam. Amsterdam, Netherlands (2012)\*  
Sociology Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University. University Park, PA (2009)\*
- “Family Complexity and the Well-being of Disadvantaged Fathers.”  
Fathers and Fathering Grantee Workshop. National Center for Marriage and Family Research. Bethesda, MD (2012)\*  
Conference on Place, Race, and Poverty: Strong Predictors of Birth Outcomes. Office of Minority Health. Nashville, TN (2011)\*
- “Couple Disagreement in Reporting Courtship Events: Implications for Measurement and Marital Outcomes.”  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. San Francisco, CA (2012)
- “Relationship Instability, Multiple-Partner Fertility, and Family Well-being: Which Transitions Matter?”  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Washington, DC (2011)  
Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Washington, DC (2011)
- “Cohabitation: A Binary Variable Problem?”  
Pilot Data Conference: Married and Cohabiting Couples. National Center for Family and Marriage Research. Bowling Green, OH (2011)\*
- “The Effect of Welfare and Employment on Relationships between Unmarried Parents.”

Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NV (2011)  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. New York, NY (2007)

“Economic Segregation and the Stability of Mixed-Income Neighborhoods.”  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Detroit, MI (2010)  
Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Washington, DC (2009)  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA (2009)  
Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. New York, NY (2008)

“Social Dynamics in Mixed-Income Neighborhoods.”  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA (2010)  
Harvard-Manchester Workshop on Inequality and Social Change. Manchester, UK (2010)\*  
Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA (2007)

“Sources of Union Instability for Married and Unmarried Parents.”  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Detroit, MI (2010)  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA (2010)

“Becoming a Parent: The Social Contexts of Fertility during Young Adulthood.”  
Penn State Symposium on Family Issues. University Park, PA (2010)\*

“The Earned Income Tax Credit: Implications for Inequality and Insecurity among Families.”  
Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA (2010)

“Low-Income Men as Partners.”  
Conference on Young Disadvantaged Men: Fathers, Families, Poverty, and Policy. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI (2009)\*

“How Does Cohabitation Affect Trajectories of Marital Quality?”  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Boston, MA (2008)  
Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. New York, NY (2008)

“Differential Responses to Marital Quality: The Divorce Decisions of Premarital Parents and Cohabitators.”  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA (2008)

“Parenting as a Package Deal: Trajectories of Child Involvement among Unmarried Fathers.”  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA (2008)  
Conference on The Moynihan Report Revisited. Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA (2007)\*

Heterogeneity in Two-Parent Families and Child Well-Being.”  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Quebec (2006)

“Ability Grouping and Educational Stratification in the Early School Years.”

Aage Sorensen Memorial Conference. Stockholm, Sweden (2006)\*  
 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA (2003)

“Characteristics of Non-Respondents to the Question on Race in Census 2000.”  
 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Boston, MA (2004)

“The Sociological Theory of Relativity: Frog Ponds, Social Comparison, and Happiness.”  
 Invited session honoring James A. Davis. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA (2003)\*

### **Invited Presentations for Policymakers and Practitioners**

“The Opioid Epidemic and Child Well-being: Two Generations at Risk.”  
 Legislative Briefing “Supporting Vulnerable Families in NY.” Albany, NY (2018)

“Building an Evidence Base for Two-Generation Policy and Practice.”  
[Cornell Cooperative Extension, Youth Development Research Update](#) (2018)  
 Cornell Cooperative Extension, Increasing Financial Security In-Service (2018)  
 Housing Options for Homeless Youth Panel, NY Office of Family and Children’s Services.  
 Albany, NY (2019)  
 Cornell Alumni Reunion Panel (2019)

“Mobility from Poverty: The Role of the Family.”  
 Forum on Mobility from Poverty, Aspen Institute. Cleveland, OH (2017)

“How Working Families Make Ends Meet in a Post-Welfare World.”  
[No Jargon](#) podcast. Scholar Strategy Network (2015)  
[Center for Financial Security Webinar Series](#). Institute for Research on Poverty. University  
 of Wisconsin-Madison (2015)  
[Webinar](#). Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce (2015)

“Adolescent Wellbeing in an Era of Family Instability and Complexity.”  
 Parenting In-Service Guest Speaker. Cornell Cooperative Extension. Ithaca, NY (2015)

“Mixed-Income Community Dynamics: Insights from Ethnography.”  
 Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services. Ithaca, NY (2016)  
 Boston Bar Association. Boston, MA (2013)  
 Department of Housing and Urban Development. Washington, DC (2013)

## **TEACHING AND ADVISING**

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### **Cornell Teaching**

PAM 3150: Social Welfare Policy in the United States  
 Sp 2013, Sp 2014, Sp 2015, Fa 2015, Fa 2016, Fa 2017



PAM 3250: Neighborhoods & Housing Policy  
 Fa 2012, Fa 2013, Fa 2015, Fa2016, Fa 2017, Fa 2019, Fa 2020

PAM 4190: Poverty, Policy and Child Wellbeing  
 Fa 2014

PAM 3620: Population and Policy in Comparative Perspective (Turin, Italy)  
 Su 2014, Su 2015, Su 2017, Su 2018, Su 2019

### **Other Instruction**

Undergraduate Independent Research Study Supervisor (Cornell University)

Sp 20: 5 students

Fa 19: 8 students

Sp 19: 2 students

Sp 18: 4 students

Fa 19: 2 students

Guest Lectures

Bridging Research & Policy (Cornell University)

City & Regional Planning (Cornell University)

Seminar in Translational Research: Evidence-Based Programs (Cornell University)

Demography Proseminar (Cornell University)

The Black Family (Harvard University)

Communities and Crime (Temple University)

Health and Societies (University of Pennsylvania)

### **PhD Placements** (\* Denotes Chair)

Mariana Amorim\* (Assistant Professor of Sociology, Washington State University)

Megan Doherty Bea (Assistant Professor of Consumer Science, UW – Madison)

Theresa Rocha Beardall (Assistant Professor of Sociology, Virginia Tech)

Bridget Brew\* (Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Mary Washington)

Allison Dwyer Emory (Assistant Professor of Sociology, SUNY-Buffalo)

Alicia Eads (Lecturer, Dept of Sociology, University of Toronto)

Daniel Kuhlmann (Asst Prof of Community and Economic Development, Iowa State)

Brina Lo (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Boston College)

Paul Muniz\* (Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Bucknell University)

### **Current Students** (\* Denotes Chair)

Alexandra Cooperstock (Sociology)

Yoselinda Mendoza\* (Sociology)

Meaghan Mingo (Sociology)

Mary Beth Morrissey\* (Sociology)

Emily Parker\* (PAM)  
Remy Stewart\* (Sociology)

## **HONORS & DISTINCTIONS**

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- 2019-2021     Evalyn Milman Fellow. Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research.
- 2018             William Julius Wilson Early Career Award  
Inequality, Poverty, Mobility Section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2015-2016     Cornell Institute for the Social Sciences, Faculty Fellow
- 2013             Outstanding Young Alumni Award, Pennsylvania State University
- 2009             Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, ASA Community and Urban Sociology  
Section
- 2008             Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, ASA Sociology of the Family Section
- 2004             College Student Marshal, Penn State University
- 2004             Student Paper Competition Winner, Alpha Kappa Delta
- 2003             Junior Fellow, American Academy of Political and Social Science
- 2003             Research Award, American Academy of Political and Social Science

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **Cornell Service**

Cornell School of Public Policy Implementation Committee (2020-)  
Ad Hoc Tenure & Promotion Committee, College of Human Ecology (2020)  
Director of Graduate Studies, Policy Analysis and Management (2019-)  
Cornell Executive Committee Member, Policy Analysis and Management (2019-)  
Committee Member, Cornell Social Sciences Implementation Committee (2019)  
Co-Organizer, 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial [Bronfenbrenner Conference](#) (2018)  
Co-Director, [Cornell Project 2Gen](#) (2017-)  
Graduate Admissions Committee, PAM (2018)  
PAM Dept Chair Recruitment Committee (2017-2018)  
Keynote Speaker, Cornell Sociology Graduate Student Symposium (2017)  
Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Masters Degree Programs (2016-2017)  
CIPA/PAM Curriculum Sub-Committee (2016-2017)  
Faculty Research Panel, Association for Students of Color (2016-2017)

Policy Analysis and Management Seminar Series Co-Organizer (2013-2018)  
 College of Human Ecology Peer Partnership Program, Faculty Mentor (2015-2017)  
 Graduate Admissions Committee, Sociology (2016)  
 Government Regulation and Public Policy Search Committee (2014-2015)  
 Child Health Search Committee (2012-2013)  
 Lunchtime Engagement Speaker, Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (2012)

### **External Service**

Committee, ASA Section on Inequality, Poverty, Mobility Book Award (2019)  
 Elected Council Member, ASA Section on Children and Youth (2017-2020)  
 Committee, ASA Section on Inequality, Poverty, Mobility Student Paper Award (2017)  
 Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Association for Policy Analysis & Management (2016)  
 Session Organizer, Population Association of America (2015-2016)  
 Committee, ASA Section on Sociology of the Family Student Paper Award (2015)  
 Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (2015)  
 Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Association for Policy Analysis & Management (2104)  
 Discussant, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (2104)  
 Organizer, Children & Youth Roundtables. American Sociological Association (2014)  
 Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (2014)  
 Publications Committee, City & Community (2013-2015)  
 Editorial Board, Sociology of Education (2012-2014)  
 Discussant, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (2013)  
 Session Organizer, Population Association of America (2011-2012)  
 Program Committee, Population Association of America (2011-2012)  
 Mentor, Summer Undergraduate Minority Research Program University of Pennsylvania (2011)  
 Submission Reviewer, International Conference on Urban Health (2011)  
 Poster Session Judge, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (2010)  
 Conference Co-Organizer, Aage Sorensen Memorial Conference (2008)  
 Member, Harvard Sociology Committee on Professional Development (2007)  
 Co-founder and Organizer, Harvard Research Workshop on Families and Children (2006-2007)  
 Student Representative, Harvard Graduate Student Council (2005-2006)  
 Committee Member, ASA Student Forum Advisory Board (2003-2005)

### **Other Professional Activities**

Member, Poverty and Geography Network, U.S. Collaborative of National Poverty Centers (2017-)  
 Regional Leader, Finger Lakes Branch [Scholars Strategy Network](#) (2014 - )  
 Roundtable on Housing Policy Levers to Promote Economic Mobility. Urban Institute and MacArthur Foundation. Chicago, IL (2015)  
 Consultant, Urban Institute Metropolitan Division. What Works Collaborative. (2013-2014)  
 Researcher, Abt Associates. National Evaluation of NCLB Reading First. (2005)  
 Researcher, U.S Census Bureau. Branch of Racial Statistics (2002-2003)

### **Ad Hoc Reviewer**

*Journals and Books: American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, Demography, Social Science Research, The Sociological Quarterly, Sociological Forum, City & Community, Sociology of Education, American Journal of Community Psychology, American Educational Research Journal, Journal of Urban Affairs, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Policy Analysis & Management, Fathering, Social Service Review, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Comparative Family Studies, Social Science Quarterly, Housing Studies, Journal of Urban Health, Demographic Research, Population Research & Policy Review, Research on Social Stratification & Mobility, Pediatrics, Housing Policy Debate, University of Chicago Press*

Grants: Russell Sage Foundation, William T. Grant Foundation, Washington Center for Equitable Growth

### **Association Memberships**

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Urban Affairs Association