FAMDEM, originated in Fall 2008, is a friendly, informal group for students, faculty, and postdocs to present early results from (and get feedback on) their research on Family Demography. Families are central to many social processes at the macro and micro levels. Marriage and childcare continue to be highly gendered, with implications for stratification in the workplace. Changes in work and social policy over the past century have had profound implications for social expectations about marriage, fertility, and intergenerational relationships. Families continue to link the opportunities of children to those of their parents and thus families are still central to (re)production of the next generation. These are some of the topics of research FAMDEM members discuss at meetings.

We meet from 1-2 Wednesdays in CLA 2.706 (PRC Conference room)

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Upcoming presentations.


May 1. Jennifer Glass. "Estimates of U.S. Mothers’ Lifetime Risk of Becoming a Primary Breadwinner"

May 15

Recent presentations

March 27. Rachel Donnelly. "Precarious Work and Marital Dissolution among Mid- and Later-Life Adults."

March 27. Hyungmin Cha. "Socioeconomic Disadvantage, Life Course Dynamics, and Sexual Efficacy During the Transition to Adulthood"


January 23. Shih-Yi Chao "Gender Inequality in Housework and Heterosexual Unions in the 2000s" Discussant: Joanna Pepin

December 12. Michelle Eilers and Abigail Weitzman. “Young Women’s Sexual Behavior and Contraceptive Use Amidst Conflicting Desires and Morals”


October 31. Haley Stritzel "Predictors of Family Preservation Over Time: Evidence from the NLSY79 and NLSY97” Discussant: Rob Crosnoe.


May 23: Kelly Raley "Estimating Children’s Household Instability between Birth and Age 16 Using Longitudinal Household Roster Data (SIPP)"

April 18: Carol Johnston. “Pathways of Partnership and Parenting among American Women”

April 4: Aida Villanueva and Carolina Aragao. "Girls' Domestic and Care Work in Brazil: Educational Consequences and Connections to Mothers' Work"


Select Publications


Olson, Julie Skalamera and Robert Crosnoe. 2017. “Are You Still Bringing Me Down? Romantic Involvement and Depressive Symptoms from Adolescence to Young Adulthood.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*


Past Participants

Jennifer Augustine, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina
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Elizabeth Cozzolino, Indeed
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