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.

September 11. Kick-off meeting. Inbar Weiss presents 2 paper abstracts for submission to PAA.

September 25. Diane Coffey. "Measurement of population mental health: Lessons from a mobile phone survey in India" (informal)

October 23. TBA

November 6.

November 20.

December 4.

December 18.

Recent presentations


May 15. Jennifer Glass. "Estimates of U.S. Mothers’ Lifetime Risk of Becoming a Primary Breadwinner" (informal)


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 30. Kelly Musick. "Occupational Inflexibility and Women’s Employment During the Transition to Parenthood" Discussant: Aida Villanueva

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

Select Publications


Rachel Donnelly, Debra Umberson, and Tetyana Pudrovskia. 2018. "Family Member Death and Subjective Life Expectancy Among Black and White Older Adults." Journal of Aging & Health


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 currently in academic or research positions**

Jennifer Augustine, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina
Kimberly Daniels, Associate Service Fellow at National Center for Health Statistics
Shih-Yi Chao, Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Southampton
Michelle Frisco, Associate Professor of Sociology and Demography, Penn State University
Conrad Hackett, Associate Director, Senior Demographer, Pew Research Center
Sarah Kendig, Assistant Professor Arkansas State University
Yujin Kim, Assistant Professor, Kangwon University
Rhianne Kroeger, Assistant Professor Louisiana State University
Janet Kuo, Assistant Professor National Taiwan University
David McClendon, Principal, January Advisors
Cate McNamee, Lecturer (tenure track) Queen’s University Belfast
David Pedulla, Assistant Professor, Stanford University
Kate Prickett, Director of the Roy McKenzie Centre for the Study of Families and Children and a senior lecturer in the School of Government at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand
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