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.

January 22. M. Carolina Aragão "Interracial Unions and Division of Housework in Brazilian Households."

February 5

February 19.

March 4.

March 18.

April 1.

April 15.

April 29

May 13

Recent presentations


November 6. Joanna Pepin. "Gender Flexibility, But Not Equality: Young Adult’s Division of Labor Preferences"

October 23. Christina Caramanis. "The Long-term Effect of Bullying Victimization on Adolescents' Self-rated Health: Mental Health as a Mediator and Gender as a Moderator." Discussant: Carolina Aragão

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

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


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 Pudrovskaya. 2018. “Family Member Death and Subjective Life Expectancy Among Black and White Older Adults.” Journal of Aging & Health


Past Participants currently in academic or research positions

Liz Ackert, Assistant Professor of Geography, University of California Santa Barbara.

Jennifer Augustine, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina

Kimberly Daniels, Associate Service Fellow at National Center for Health Statistics

Rachel Donnelly, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Vanderbilt University

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

Carol Johnston, Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Science, East Carolina University

Sarah Kendig, Assistant Professor Arkansas State University

Yujin Kim, Assistant Professor, Kangwon University

Rhiannon 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

Goleen Samari, Assistant Professor, Columbia University, Population and Family Health

Chuck Stokes, Associate Professor, Samford University

Kate Sullivan, Senior Researcher, American Institutes for Research

Jeremy Uecker, Associate Professor Baylor University

Jenjira Yahirun, Assistant Professor, Bowling Green State University