FAMDEM: Family Analysts Meeting to Discuss Emerging Manuscripts

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 RLP 2.706 (PRC Conference room) via zoom.

If you would like to join FAMDEM or if you are a member who would like to present send an email to kelly.raley@austin.utexas.edu

Upcoming presentations.

February 3 – Responding to an R&R by Diane Coffey

March 3 – “Transnational marriages: A test of competing explanations” by Inbar Weiss. Discussant: Jeffrey Swindle


March 24 – “Unraveling Mate Selection Processes Through Conjoint Survey Experiments” by Kara Joyner

April 7 – “Excess neonatal mortality among private facility births in rural India: a demographic analysis of a nationally representative survey” by Diane Coffey. Discussant: Shannon Cavanagh

April 21 – open

Recent presentations


September 30. “Gender norms, sexual scripts, and emotional responses to sexual encounters in young adulthood: A survey vignette experiment” by Michelle Eilers

September 16. A Research Note on Divorce Rates in the New Millennium by Kimberly McErlean. Discussant: Inbar Weiss


March 25. Kathleen Broussard “Religion and Health Seeking Behaviors of Women in Rural Malawi” (informal)


January 22. M. Carolina Aragao “Interracial Unions and Division of Housework in Brazilian Households.” Informal.

November 20. Kelly Raley. ”Using Macros in stata.”

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 Aragao

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"

Select Publications


Rachel Donnelly, Debra Umberson, and Tetyana Pudrovskaja. 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, Associate Professor Arkansas State University
Yujin Kim, Assistant Professor, Kangwon University
Rhiannon Kroeger, Assistant Professor Louisiana State University
Janet Kuo, Assistant Professor National Taiwan University
Danya Lagos
David McClendon, Principal, January Advisors
Cate McNamee, Lecturer (tenure track) Queen’s University Belfast
David Pedulla, Assistant Professor, Stanford University
Joanna Pepin, Assistant Professor
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

Aida Villanueva
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