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.

September 15 Kim McErlean (informal presentation)
September 29 Inbar Weiss (informal presentation) "The Social Determinants of Transnational Marriage: Ethnic Cohesion, Global Economic Inequality, or Gender Norm?"
October 13 - Jordan Conwell formal presentation "Women’s Household Income Returns to College Quality: Racial Disparities Across Two Cohorts" student discussant Carolina Aragao.
October 27 Abigail Weitzman. informal presentation, "Family Changes and Instability Among the Recent Venezuelan Diaspora."


Recent presentations

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
March 24 “Unraveling Mate Selection Processes Through Conjoint Survey Experiments” by Kara Joyner
March 3 "Transnational marriages: A test of competing explanations" by Inbar Weiss. Discussant: Jeffrey Swindle

February 3 Responding to an R&R by Diane Coffey

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

Select Publications


Members (updated September 3, 2021)

M. Carolina Aragao, Graduate Student
Kathleen Brousard, Graduate Student
Kristen Burke, Graduate Student
Christina Caramanis, Graduate Student
Shannon Cavanagh, Professor

Hyungmin Cha, Graduate Student
Jordan Conwell, Professor
Robert Crosnoe, Professor
Diane Coffey, Professor
Michelle Eilers, Graduate Student
Michael Garcia, Graduate Student
Lauren Gaydosh, Professor
Jennifer Glass, Professor
Jaime Feng-Yuan Hsu, Graduate Student

Kara Joyner, Professor (UTSA)
Kim McErlean, Graduate Student
Isabel McLoughlin Brooks, Graduate Student

Amanda Nagle, Graduate Student
Taylor Orth, Postdoc
Narea Park, Postdoc
Kelly Raley, Professor

Asya Saydam, Graduate Student
Jefferey Swindle, Postdoc

Inbar Weiss, Graduate Student

Kimberly Waldrep, Graduate Student
Abigail Weitzman, Professor
Kathryn Wiley, Graduate Student
Brooke Whitfield, Graduate Student

Past Participants currently in academic or research positions

Yahirun, Jenjira and Erika Arenas. 2018. "Offspring Migration and Parents' Emotional and Psychological Well-being in Mexico." *Journal of Marriage and Family*


Olson, Julie Skalameraand 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*


