FAMDEM

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. We have yet to schedule presentations for the spring semester. If you see an open date that you’d like to take, let me know.

Upcoming presentations.

- December 1: End of semester party
- January 26: open
- February 9: open
- February 23: open
- March 9: open
- March 23: open
- April 6: PAA
- April 20: open
- May 4: open

Recent presentations

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

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
- Jeffery Swindle, Postdoc
- Inbar Weiss, Graduate Student
- Kenny Waldrep, Graduate Student
- Abigail Weitzman, Professor
- Kathryn Wiley, Graduate Student
- Brooke Whitfield, Graduate Student

Past Participants currently in academic or research positions
September 16. A Research Note on Divorce Rates in the New Millennium by Kimberly McEerlean. Discussant: Inbar Weiss

Select Publications


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


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 Dany Lago, Assistant Professor, UC Berkeley David McClendon, Principal, January Advisors Cate McNamee, Lecturer (tenure track) Queens University Belfast David Pedulla, Professor, Harvard University Joanna Pepin, Assistant Professor Kate Pickett, 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, Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts-Amherst Jenjira Yahirun, Assistant Professor, Bowling Green State University