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.


February 23: "Family Migration Context and Adolescent Family Formation Expectations: Comparative Evidence from Three High-Migration Settings" Sarah Hayford

March 9: Why Are So Many U.S. Mothers Becoming Their Family's Primary Economic Support presented by Kim McErlean

April 20: Moral Attitudes and Sexual Behavior in the Transition to Adulthood: Is there a Reciprocal Relationship for Young Women? by Michelle Eilers

May 4: reserved

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


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


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
Jeffrey Swindle, Postdoc
Inbar Weiss, Graduate Student
Kerry Waldrep, Graduate Student
Brooke Whitfield, Graduate Student

Past Participants currently in academic or research positions
Select Publications


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 Professor, University of Massachusetts Amherst. Jenjira Yahirun, Assistant Professor, Bowling Green State University.