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Assistant Professor to Professor, Department of Family and Consumer Studies, University of Utah, 1998-present  
Assistant Adjunct Professor to Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Utah, 1999-present

**Education**

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 1998

Summer Fellow, Program in Quantitative Methods, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1995

M.A. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 1992

B.A. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 1990 (with honors)

**Research Interests**

Social Demography, Sociology of the Family, Religion, Higher Education, Stratification, Quantitative and Qualitative Methods

**Books**

Under contract. *The Changing Economics of Single Motherhood* (working title). New York: Oxford University Press (with M. McKeever).

2016. *Soul Mates: Religion, Sex, Love and Marriage among African Americans and Latinos*. New York: Oxford University Press (with W. B. Wilcox).

2013. *Do Babies Matter? Gender and Family in the Ivory Tower*. New Jersey: Rutgers University Press (with M. A. Mason and M. Goulden).

2005. *Understanding the Divorce Cycle: The Children of Divorce in Their Own Marriages*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

2005. *Fragile Families and the Marriage Agenda*. New York: Springer (edited, with L. Kowaleski-Jones).

**Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

2015. "One Nation, Divided: What Role Do Culture, Religion, and Civic Institutions Play in the Retreat from Marriage and the Marriage Divide in America?" *The Future of Children* 25:111-127 (with W. B. Wilcox and C. E. Stokes).

2013. "Attitudes toward Marriage, Divorce, Cohabitation, and Casual Sex among Working-Age Latinos: Does Religion Matter?" *Journal of Family Issues* 34:295-322 (with C. G. Ellison and A. I. Ramos-Wada).

2011. "Broken Boundaries or Broken Marriages? Racial Intermarriage and Divorce." *Social Science Quarterly* 92:1096-1117 (with V. K. Fu).

2011. "More Evidence for Trends in the Intergenerational Transmission of Divorce: A Completed Cohort Approach Using Data from the General Social Survey." *Demography* 48:581-592.

2011. "Thanks for Nothing: Income and Labor Force Participation for Never-Married Mothers since 1982." *Social Science Research* 40:63-76 (with M. McKeever).

2011. "Parental Divorce and Offspring Religious Behavior: Evidence from the General Social Survey." *Review of Religious Research* 53:85-103 (with H.-H. Lau).
2011. "Joint Physical Custody and Neighborhood Friendships in Middle Childhood." *Sociological Inquiry* 81:247-259 (with A. Prazen, L. Kowaleski-Jones, and C. Cahill).
2010. "Alone in the Ivory Tower." *Journal of Family Issues* 31:1652-1670 (with M. Goulden and M. A. Mason).
2009. "Bendito Amor ('Blessed Love'): Religion and Relationships among Married and Unmarried Latinos in Urban America." *The Journal of Latino-Latin American Studies* 3:171-188 (with W. B. Wilcox and E. I. Hernández).
2009. "'Stay in the Game': Gender, Family Formation, and Alternative Trajectories in the Academic Life Course." *Social Forces* 87:1591-1621 (with M. A. Mason and M. Goulden).
2008. "Happily Ever After? Religion, Marital Status, Gender, and Relationship Quality in Urban Families." *Social Forces* 86:1311-1337 (with W. B. Wilcox).
2008. "Family Structure and Voter Turnout." *Social Forces* 86:1513-1528 (with R. E. Wolfinger).
2008. "Problems in the Pipeline: Gender, Marriage, and Fertility in the Ivory Tower." *The Journal of Higher Education* 79:388-405 (with M. A. Mason and M. Goulden).
2008. "Living and Loving 'Decent': Religion and Relationship Quality among Urban Parents." *Social Science Research* 37:828-843 (with W. B. Wilcox).
2008. "Family Structure Transitions and Child Achievement." *Sociological Spectrum* 28:681-704 (with K. A. Shaff, L. Kowaleski-Jones, and K. Smith).
2007. "Then Comes Marriage? Religion and Marriage in Urban America." *Social Science Research* 36:569-589 (with W. B. Wilcox).
2007. "Does the Rebound Effect Exist? Time to Remarriage and Subsequent Union Stability." *Journal of Divorce & Remarriage* 46:9-20.
2004. "Double Impact: What Sibling Data Can Tell Us about the Negative Effects of Parental Divorce." *Social Biology* 50:58-76 (with L. Kowaleski-Jones and K. Smith).
2003. "Parental Divorce and Offspring Marriage: Early or Late?" *Social Forces* 82:337-353.
2003. "Family Structure Homogamy: The Effects of Parental Divorce on Partner Selection and Marital Stability." *Social Science Research* 32:80-97.
2002. "Stepparents: De Facto Parents or Legal Strangers?" *Journal of Family Issues* 23:507-522 (with M. A. Mason, S. H. Jay, and G. Messick-Svare).
2002. "On Writing Field Notes: Background Expectancies and Collection Strategies." *Qualitative Research* 2:85-95.  
 - Reprinted in *Representing Ethnography*, Volume 3, 2008, pp. 52-63, edited by P. A. Atkinson and S. Delamont. London: Sage.  
 - Reprinted in *Observation Methods*, 2013, edited by B. Smart, K. Peggs and J. Burridge. London: Sage.  
 - Reprinted in *Qualitative Research in Political Science*, 2016, edited by J. Blatter, M. Haverland, & M. van Hulst. New Delhi: Sage.
2001. "The Effects of Family Structure of Origin on Offspring Cohabitation Duration." *Sociological Inquiry* 71:293-313.
2001. "Reexamining the Economic Consequences of Marital Disruption for Women." *Social Science Quarterly* 82:202-217 (with M. McKeever).
2000. "Beyond the Intergenerational Transmission of Divorce: Do People Replicate the Patterns of Marital Instability They Grew Up With?" *Journal of Family Issues* 21:1061-1086.
1999. "Trends in the Intergenerational Transmission of Divorce." *Demography* 36:415-420.
1999. "The Different Voices of Helping: Gender Differences in Recounting Dilemmas." *Gender Issues* 17:70-86 (with J. Rabow and M. D. Newcomb).

1998. "The Effects of Parental Divorce on Adult Tobacco and Alcohol Consumption." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 39:254-270.
1997. "The Different Voices of Gender: Social Recognition." *Current Research in Social Psychology* 2:50-65 (with J. Rabow).
1995. "Passing Moments: Some Social Dynamics of Pedestrian Interaction." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 24:323-340.
1994. "Reexamining Personal and Situational Factors in Drunk Driving Interventions." *Journal of Applied Social Psychology* 24:1627-1639 (with J. Rabow and M. D. Newcomb).

### Other Publications

Short pieces in the *Academe Blog*, *Atlantic*, *Deseret News*, *Family Studies Blog*, *First Things*, *Huffington Post*, *National Review*, *Pacific Standard*, *Quillette*, *Report of the National Council on Family Relations*, *Salt Lake Tribune*, & *Wall Street Journal*.

Book reviews: Cohen, P.N. 2018. *Enduring Bonds: Inequality, Marriage, Parenting, and Everything Else That Makes Families Great and Terrible* (reviewed for *Social Forces*); Cahn, N.R., Carbone, J., DeRose, L.F. & Wilcox, W.B. eds. 2018. *Unequal Family Lives: Causes and Consequences in Europe and the Americas* (reviewed for *Contemporary Sociology*); Clarke-Stewart, A. & Brentano, C. 2006. *Divorce: Causes and Consequences*, by A. Clarke-Stewart and C. Brentano (reviewed for *Contemporary Sociology*).

Forthcoming. "Family Change in the Context of Social Changes in the U.S." *International Handbook of Family Policy: A Life-Course Perspective*, edited by Mary Daly, Birgit Pfau-Effinger, Doug Besharov and Neil Gilbert. Oxford University Press.

2012. "Over the Long Haul: The Persistent Economic Consequences of Single Motherhood." Pp. 1-39 in *Economic Stress and the Family*, edited by S. L. Blair. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing (with M. McKeever).

2011. "Marriage and Divorce." *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Sociology*, edited by J. Manza. New York: Oxford University Press.

2009. "The Intergenerational Transmission of Divorce." Pp. 878-881 in *Encyclopedia of Human Relationships*, edited by H. T. Reis and S. K. Sprecher. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

2006. "Babies Matter: Pushing the Gender Equity Revolution Forward." Pp. 9-30 in *The Balancing Act: Gendered Perspectives in Faculty Roles and Work Lives*, edited by S. J. Bracken et al. Sterling, VA: Stylus (with M. A. Mason and M. Goulden).

2006. "Marriage and Divorce in Utah and the United States: Convergence or Continued Divergence?" Pp. 34-43 in *Utah at the Beginning of the Millennium: A Demographic Perspective*, edited by K. R. Smith and C. Zick. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah Press (with V. K. Fu).

2005. "Shifting Fortunes in a Changing Economy: Trends in the Economic Well-Being of Divorced Women." Pp. 127-157 in *Fragile Families and the Marriage Agenda*, edited by L. Kowaleski-Jones and N. H. Wolfinger. New York: Springer (with M. McKeever).

2005. "The Mixed Blessings of No-Fault Divorce." *Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy* 4:407-430.

2001. "Cohort Analysis." Pp. 2189-2194 in *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, edited by N. J. Smelser and P. B. Baltes. Amsterdam: Elsevier Science (with W. M. Mason).

### Google Scholar Citation Count

5,022

### Invited Presentations

National Association of Scholars (5/28/20), University of Virginia (3/25/19, 2/25/05), Association for the Sociology of Religion (8/14/17), Southern Sociological Society (3/31/17), University of California, Santa Cruz (8/14/16), Manhattan Institute (4/14/16), American Enterprise Institute (1/19/16), Office of Family Assistance (12/2/15), Princeton University (10/24/14), American Sociological Association (8/19/14), Work and Family Researchers Network (6/20/14), Eastern Sociological Society (2/22/14), National Council on Family Relations (10/31/12), UC Irvine (10/5/12), Columbia University (9/27/12), Lund University (6/4/10), University of Antwerp (6/25/09), National Science Foundation (10/12/07), University of Michigan (6/8/07), Cornell University (10/18/05), Northeastern University (9/29/05), Mount Holyoke College (10/13/04), Brigham Young University (10/8/04), Pomona College (3/23/04), Rice University (10/4/01)

**Presentations at Professional Meetings**

American Sociological Association: 20

Pacific Sociological Association: 7

Population Association of America: 8

**Grants**

2016-2017. "Religion, Marriage, Divorce, and Beyond." Institute for Family Studies (\$56,703).

2011. "Family Formation and Women's Advancement in Academia." Faculty Fellow Award, University of Utah (\$7,500).

2008-2009. "Mid Career and Beyond in Academia." Association of Institutional Researchers (\$40,000).

2008. "Religion and Relationships in Urban America." John Randolph Foundation (subcontract; \$14,960).

2004-2006. "Family Formation and Professional Advancement in Academia." Alfred P. Sloan Foundation (\$44,920).

2004-2006. "Trends in the Incomes of Never-Married Mothers." William T. Grant Foundation (\$61,629).

2004-2005. "Spiritual Transformation and Marriage in Urban America." John Templeton Foundation (subcontract; \$19,305).

2003-2005. "A Family-Friendly Package for Ladder-Rank Faculty at the University of California." Alfred P. Sloan Foundation (subcontract; \$16,824).

1999-2002. "The Effects of Divorce on Adult Well-Being." Bireley Foundation (\$95,000).

**Professional Service**Editorial Board/Associate Editor, *Journal of Family Issues* (2003-), *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (2004-2007), *Social Forces* (2011-2013), *Social Science Research* (2011-), *Demography* (2014-2016), *Journal of Marriage and Family* (2017-)

Discussant, annual meetings of the Population Association of America (2005, 2008, 2011), Pacific Sociological Association (2003), American Sociological Association (2002, 2005, 2012)

Session organizer/reviewer, annual meetings of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2015), American Sociological Association (2007, 2009, 2012), Population Association of America (2012), Society for the Study of Social Problems (1997)

Tenure &amp; promotion reviewer, Miami University (2010), Washington State University (2011), University of South Carolina (2019), Rutgers University-Camden (2020)

Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Guidance and Counselling*, *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, *Current Sociology*, *Demography*, *Developmental Psychology*, *Environment & Behavior*, *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*, *European Psychologist*, *Gender & Society*, *Industrial Relations*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Higher Education*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Journal of Personal and Social Relationships*, *Journal of Population Research*, *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, *Journal of Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering*, *Journal of Women*, *Nature Human Behavior*, *Pediatrics*, *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, *PLOS One*, *Politics & Policy*, *Political Behavior*, *Population Studies*, *Qualitative Research*, *Race and Social Problems*, *Research Policy*, *Review of Religious Research*, *SAGE Open*, *Scandinavian Journal of Social Medicine*, *Social Currents*, *Social Forces*, *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *The Social Science Journal*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Service Review*, *Societies*, *Sociological Focus*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Theory*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*, and *Urban Studies*; Columbia University Press, Edward Elgar Publishing, Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, McGraw-Hill, Oxford University Press, Rutgers University Press, Sage Publications, Springer, University of Chicago Press, University of Toronto Press, W. W. Norton & Company, and Wiley-Blackwell; Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Institute for the Promotion of Innovation by Science and Technology in Flanders, National Science Foundation, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Swiss National Science Foundation.