

ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course



News From The Chair



Dear SALC Members,

Happy Summer to you all! Our meeting in Montréal is just around the corner and we have an exciting line-up of SALC sessions. Our Section day is Sunday, August 13, but please note that one of our SALC sessions is actually occurring on Monday, August 14. See the full schedule on pages 8-9.

Our annual Awards and Mentoring Dinner will be Sunday evening. We need to have an accurate count for the dinner, so please order your ticket as soon as possible. The announcement and ordering information is available on page 4. We are able to provide a low-cost ticket price for students in part thanks to generous donations from individuals and departments. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Madonna Harrington Meyer. We will showcase the names of the donors in the dinner program and at the business meeting.

I want to call your attention to one matter, which is our Section membership drive. ASA has changed the rules for gift memberships. If you want to sponsor a membership for someone, you must do it before July 31 in order to count toward our drive to 600. Although we have until September 30 to make the goal of 600, after July 31, people must join themselves. If you plan to gift a membership to a student or colleague, do not delay! Do it today! We have conveniently provided instructions for gift memberships on page 3.

As we close in on the annual meeting and the end of my term as Chair of SALC, I want to thank Council, the communications team, the mentoring dinner committee, and all of those willing to serve on awards committees this year. It has been an honor to see so many people working hard to keep our Section vibrant.

Please take a few moments to peruse our newsletter, brought to you by out-going Newsletter Editor Kristen Schultz Lee and in-coming Editor Stephanie Ureña. See you in August!

Jessica
Jessica Kelley, SALC Chair, 2016-2017

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Join us in thanking our outgoing section officers for their diligent work, time commitment, and dedication to our section:

- Council Members: Jennifer Karas Montez & Kristen Schultz Lee
- Student Council Member: Adriana Reyes
- Newsletter Editor: Kristen Schultz Lee
- Book Raffle Chair: Jennifer Ailshire

Election Results

Warm congratulations to our newly elected SALC officers!
Our Section is in excellent hands.



Chair-Elect
(1-year term begins in 2018)

Elizabeth Cooksey,
Ohio State University



Council Member
(3-year term begins in 2017)

Jennifer Ailshire,
University of Southern California



Council Member
(3-year term begins in 2017)

Richard Miech,
University of Michigan



Student Representative
(2-year term begins in 2017)

Stephanie Ureña,
Florida State University

Thanks to the nominating committee: Jeylan Mortimer (Chair), Janel Benson, Dale Dannefer, and Joseph Hermanowicz for their diligent work. Special thanks to everyone who agreed to be on the ballot.

Cheers,

Jessica Kelley, SALC Chair

News & Announcements

SALC Award Winners

Our awardees for the *Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award*, *Outstanding Publication Award*, and *Graduate Student Paper Award*, will be announced and recognized at the SALC business meeting in Montréal on Sunday, August 13 at 3:30 p.m. **Please join us in celebrating their accomplishments! A sincere “thank you” to the award committees for their careful deliberation and difficult choices, and to the section members who took the time and care to nominate candidates for the awards.**

Section Membership Drive

Give a Gift of Section Membership to a Student or Colleague!

Visit <http://asa.enoah.com/Home/My-ASA/Gift-Section> (log in using your ASA user name and password). **Select the section for the gift, then search for your recipient’s name in the ASA database. Section membership for 2017 requires current ASA membership, but you can purchase several gifts at the same time and then pay online. Each recipient will receive an e-mail immediately after your payment notifying them of the section gift. Please note that ASA has changed the rules for gift memberships. If you want to sponsor a membership for someone, you must do it before July 31 in order to count toward our drive to 600. Although we have until September 30 to make the goal of 600, after July 31, people must join themselves. Increasing section membership early in the year provides the maximum benefit to the gift recipient and also helps the section avoid last minute crunches at the September 30 deadline for **determining the number of sessions each section will receive at next year’s Annual Meeting.****

Journal Showcase

Each newsletter issue features a brief introduction to journals that SALC members may find as appropriate venues for their work. Please suggest journals that you would like to see featured in future issues!



Innovation in Aging

Innovation in Aging is an open access journal of The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) that publishes conceptually sound, methodologically rigorous research studies that describe innovative theories, research methods, interventions, evaluations, and policies relevant to aging and the life course. Journal content reflects the wide-ranging research interests of GSA members. Types of studies may include: (a) validation of novel conceptual or theoretical models; (b) evaluation of interventions, approaches, or policies; (c) implementation of innovative research methods including new techniques, devices, or evaluation methods; (d) interdisciplinary research that transfers concepts, methodologies, and interventions from other fields to studies of aging and the life course; and (e) modeling and simulations that describe factors and processes that affect outcomes during aging and the life course. Contributions are welcome from scholars in many fields, including technology, engineering, architecture, economics, business, law, political science and public policy, education, public health, social and psychological sciences, biomedical and health sciences, and the arts and humanities.

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ANNUAL AWARD AND MENTORING DINNER

WHEN

August 13, 2017
6:30pm

WHERE

**Intercontinental
Montréal**

360 Rue Saint Antoine Ouest, Montréal, QC H2Y3X4, Canada
(The hotel is a block from Palais des Congrès where all of the Annual Meeting programming will occur.)

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

We are able to provide a low-cost ticket price for students in part thanks to generous donations from individuals and departments. If you would like to make a donation, please contact **Madonna Harrington Meyer** at mhm@maxwell.syr.edu or (315) 443-3114.

**SEE YOU IN
MONTREAL!****TICKETS**

Faculty.....\$35 US
Post docs.....\$35 US
Graduate students.....\$10 US

When you arrive at the restaurant, your reservation will be checked and you will receive a ticket for a free drink. You may purchase additional drinks from the cash bar.

TO ORDER

To order tickets, mail a check, made out to "American Sociological Association, SALC," to Madonna Harrington Meyer, 302 Maxwell Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244.

PROGRAM

This dinner provides opportunities for mentoring graduate students and celebrating our section award winners, including our Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar.

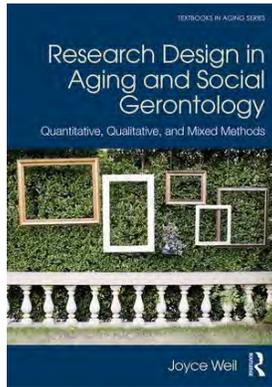
The dinner also includes a brief mentoring program.

This year, "Getting Published," will include presentations by Professors Deborah Carr and Tyson Brown.

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Books & Articles by SALC Members

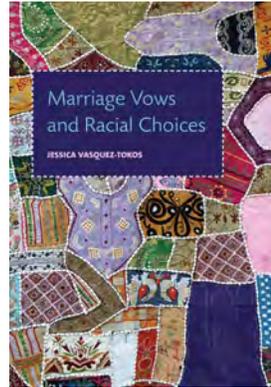
By Joyce Weil,
Univ. of Northern Colorado:



Research Design in Aging and Social Gerontology provides a review of methodological approaches and data-collection methods commonly used with older adults in real-life settings. It addresses the role of normative age-related sensory, cognitive, and functional changes, as well as the influence of generational cohort (age-period-cohort) upon each design. It discusses the role of older adults as true co-researchers; issues uniquely related to studies of persons residing in community-based, assisted, skilled, and memory-care settings; and ethical concerns related to cognitive status changes. The text concludes with detailed guidelines for improving existing data collection methods for older persons and selecting the best fitting methodologies for use in planning research on aging. It is intended for upper-level undergraduates and masters students in aging and gerontology as well as students in human development, applied anthropology, psychology, public health, sociology, and social-work settings. Health care professionals, social workers, and care managers who work with older adults will also find this text a valuable resource.

<https://www.routledge.com/Research-Design-in-Aging-and-Social-Gerontology-Quantitative-Qualitative-Weil/p/book/9781138690264>

By Jessica Vasquez-Tokos,
University of Oregon:



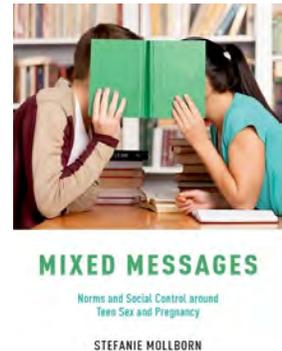
Choosing whom to marry involves more than emotion, as racial politics, cultural mores, and local demographics all shape romantic choices. In *Marriage Vows and Racial Choices*, sociologist Jessica Vasquez-Tokos explores the decisions of Latinos who marry either within or outside of their racial and ethnic groups. Drawing from in-depth interviews with nearly fifty couples, she examines their marital choices and how these unions influence their identities as Americans. As interracial marriages become more common, *Marriage Vows and Racial Choices* shows how race, gender, and class influence our marital choices and personal lives.

Articles also by Jessica Vasquez-Tokos:

Vasquez-Tokos, J. (2017). "If I Can Offer You Some Advice": Rapport and Data Collection in Interviews Between Adults of Different Ages. *Symbolic Interaction*. doi: 10.1002/symb.305

Vasquez-Tokos, Jessica, and Kathryn Norton-Smith. (2017). Talking Back to Controlling Images: Latinos' Changing Responses to Racism over the Life Course. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 40(6): 912-30.

By Stefanie Mollborn,
University of Boulder Colorado:



Sex is bad. Unprotected sex is a problem. Having a baby would be a disaster. Abortion is a sin. Teenagers in the United States hear conflicting messages about sex from everyone around them. How do teens understand these messages? In *Mixed Messages: Norms and Social Control around Teen Sex and Pregnancy*, Stefanie Mollborn examines how social norms and social control work through in-depth interviews with college students and teen mothers and fathers, revealing the tough conversations teenagers just can't have with adults. Delving into teenagers' complicated social worlds Mollborn argues that by creating informal social sanctions like gossip and exclusion and formal communication such as sex education, families, peers, schools, and communities strategize to gain control over teens' behaviors. However, while teens strategize to keep control, they resist the constraints of the norms, revealing the variety of outcomes that occur beyond compliance or deviance. By showing that the norms existing today around teen sex are ineffective, failing to regulate sexual behavior, and instead punishing teens that violate them, Mollborn calls for a more thoughtful and consistent dialogue between teens and adults, emphasizing messages that will lead to more positive health outcomes.

News & Announcements

Member Honors

Congratulations to our SALC members!



Jay Gubrium (University of Missouri):

Jay Gubrium received an honorary doctorate in June from the Faculty of Social Science at Lund University in Sweden.



Miles G. Taylor (Florida State University):

Miles Taylor, Associate Professor of Sociology and Associate of Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, is receiving the 2017 Busse Research Award this July, which recognizes significant contributions to gerontology and geriatrics among junior and midcareer scholars. The award, given to one social/behavioral and one biomedical scientist every four years, is supported by an endowment made by Gerontology International in honor of Ewald Busse, past president of the International Association of Gerontology and the Gerontological Society of America. Dr. Taylor will give a talk

about her research and receive the award at the 21st World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics in San Francisco on July 25, 2017.

NEW EDITOR SEARCH FOR PRPR

Search for New Editor of Population Research and Policy Review

The SDA Publications Committee seeks applications for the position of Co-Editor of Population Research and Policy Review (PRPR) published by Springer. The incoming Co-Editor will begin working with continuing Co-Editor Lynne Cossman in January 2018 and will serve three years as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the 2018-2020 volumes of the journal. Lynne Cossman's term as Co-Editor will conclude in 2018 so the Committee also welcomes applications for the position of Co-Editor beginning in January 2019.

Applicants are asked to submit their CV and plans for editing PRPR by August 1, 2017. Plans should specify support contributions from the applicant's home institution and a brief (1-2 pages) statement of the applicant's editorial goals and philosophy. All plans will be considered, but please be aware that our current and preferred arrangement is to have two co-editors with staggered terms to maintain continuity and greater breadth of expertise. Applications may be for either one of the two openings (one beginning 2018 the other in 2019) or may be for a "team" of two that will fill the sequence of terms.

Interested applicants should email the Chair of the Publications Committee to express preliminary interest and seek additional information. Potential applications are also encouraged to consult with recent editors of the journal about any and all aspects of editorial responsibilities. The SDA Board will review and recommend proposals and then coordinate with Springer in making the final selection.

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Recent Previous Co-Editors-in-Chief of PRPR : Lloyd Potter, lloyd.potter@utsa.edu Stephanie Bohon, sbohon@utk.edu Bridget Gorman, bkgorman@rice.edu

Please copy inquiries and send applications to: m-fossett@tamu.edu

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Save the Date for the Premiere Conference on Latino Health and Aging Social Research

2017 International Conference on Aging in the Americas

Space, Time and Place: Effects on the Older Latino Population
macro political factors, social determinants, and built environment associations with health and elder lifestyles



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September 20-22, 2017
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Sponsors: NIH/NIA, UT Austin, USC, UTMB, and UCLA
Conference series website: <http://lbjschool.austin.utexas.edu/caa>

USC Social Work
Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging
<https://roybal.usc.edu>



2017 Annual Meeting Program for the Section on Aging and the Life Course

SALC Council Meeting

7 a.m.-8:15 a.m.

Roundtables

Palais des congrès de Montréal, 516C

8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

Session Organizers:

Hui (Cathy) Liu and Tyson Brown

Details of the 11 tables included in this session can be found in the online preliminary program: <http://www.asanet.org/annual-meeting-2017/program-information>

Session 215. Life Course Processes in Global Context

Palais des congrès de Montréal, 514B

10:30 a.m. - 12:10 a.m.

Organizer & Presider: Merrill Silverstein

Discussant: Jacqueline Angel

"Aging in Place: Living Arrangement Transitions in the United States, England, and Europe." Jane Banaszak-Holl, Sheela Kennedy, Emily Joy Nicklett, Jacques Wels, Elizabeth West, Sandra Zwakhalen

"Doing Gendered Age: Childcare Negotiations in Chinese Immigrant Families." Xuemei Cao

"Heterogeneity in U.S. Immigration Policy Regimes and Mexican American Functional Limitation Trajectories." Collin William Mueller, Bryce J. Bartlett.

"State Level Policies as a Family Resource to Reduce Family-to-Work Conflict among European Families with Aging Parents." Elizangela Storelli, Shannon N. Davis

Session 252. Intergenerational Relations in the Era of Inequality

Palais des congrès de Montréal, 513D

12:30 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Organizer & Presider: Jill Suito

"Changing Perceptions of Intergenerational Responsibility for Later Life Support in Singapore." Debra Street, Yulin Yang

"Received Support and Later-Life Functional Limitations among the Elderly in the United States and China." Zhangjun Zhou

"The Time-Squeeze on Elder Caregivers: Influences on Daily Time Use, Physical Health, and Wellbeing." Liana C. Sayer, Joan R. Kahn, Rose Malinowski Weingartner

"Precarity, Inequality and the Myth of Agency in the Study of the Life Course." Dale Dannefer, Wenxuan Huang

"The Ripple Effects of War." Daniel Nicholas Ramirez Smith

Matilda White Riley Award Lecture

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Palais des congrès de Montréal, 514B

The Matilda White Riley annual award honors a scholar in the field of aging and the life course who has shown exceptional achievement in research, theory, policy analysis, or knowledge of aging and the life course. The 2016 Matilda White Riley Award recipient was Madonna Harrington Meyer, Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor for Teaching Excellence and Faculty Affiliate, Aging Studies Institute at Syracuse University. Dr. Harrington Meyer will deliver her address, which will be **followed by the Section's business meeting**. We will have a celebratory dinner in honor of Dr. Harrington Meyer and our other section award winners on Sunday night at The Intercontinental Montréal! The 2017 Matilda White Riley Award recipient will be honored at the business meeting.



Section Business Meeting

3:30 p.m.-4:10 p.m.

Palais des congrès de Montréal, 514B

~Refreshments Served~

Please attend the section's business meeting. All are welcome! It is a great way to connect with others, learn about section activities, get involved, and enjoy face-to-face contact with those virtual SALC friends you made on Facebook!

2017 Annual Meeting Program for the Section on Aging and the Life Course



Join us at the SALC
Mentoring Dinner!

Sunday, August 13
6:30 p.m.
Intercontinental Montréal
360 rue Saint-Antoine Ouest

Monday, August 14
Section Paper Sessions

Session 326. International Perspectives on Social Inclusion and Exclusion of Older Adults

Palais des congrès de Montréal, 513B
8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

Organizer: Dale Dannefer

"Pathways from Exclusion to Inclusion in Later Life: Developing New Forms of Solidarity in Urban Environments." Chris Phillipson

"The Role of Health in Late Life Social Inclusion and Exclusion." Markus H. Schafer

"Queering Aging: LGBTQ Families and Health in an Aging Context." Corinne Reczek, Mieke Beth Thomeer

"Living Apart Together, Living Together Apart: Interpersonal Ties and the Clustering of Diabetes among Sibling Pairs and Couples." Jielu Lin

Emerging Scholar Profiles

In this newsletter, we feature three emerging scholars: Taylor Hargrove, Ph.D., Phillip Cantu, and Shannon Shen

Taylor W. Hargrove, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Department of Sociology, Carolina Population Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Currently, I am a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the Department of Sociology and Carolina Population Center (CPC). I plan to pursue a tenure-track position in sociology at a research intensive university. My primary areas of interest include race/ethnicity, life course and aging, population health, and medical sociology. My program of research seeks to uncover how and why multiple disadvantaged statuses influence health throughout the life course.



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My graduate training was completed in the Department of Sociology at Vanderbilt University. As a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Health Policy Fellow, I received extensive substantive and methodological training in stratification and life course perspectives on health. This resulted in my early interests in the joint consequences of social statuses (namely race/ethnicity, skin color, gender, and social class) and psychosocial factors on health inequality across the life course as well as publications in the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Ethnicity & Disease*, and *Demography*.

My current research examines the multilevel influences on the burden of disease among racial/ethnic minorities by taking into account the interplay of social statuses, spatial contexts, psychosocial factors, and biological processes underlying health. For example, in a forthcoming publication in the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, I investigate the joint consequences of race/ethnicity, gender, social class, and age on trajectories of BMI between adolescence and young adulthood. Results from this study present a more nuanced picture of health inequality that renders visible the disproportionate burden of poor health experienced by marginalized groups.

I am extending my program of research to integrate social contexts and biomedical perspectives into the study of health inequality. For example, I am the lead author of a paper that explores individual- (e.g., skin color, socioeconomic resources) and contextual-level (e.g., neighborhood disadvantage) influences on the risks of preterm birth among African American women. This project highlights complexities and nuances around racial and skin color stratification within the black community that are consequential for preterm birth—an antecedent of subsequent biological development and poor health outcomes throughout the life course. Furthermore, I recently submitted an R21 proposal to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The proposed study seeks to examine the physiological consequences of upward social mobility among racial/ethnic minorities. In particular, this project will investigate the extent to which biological and social factors—measured by biological markers of inflammation and immune function and incongruence in neighborhood and educational contexts, respectively—shape the relationship between upward mobility and health among young adults. **This line of research seeks to pinpoint the specific biosocial pathways through which the social “gets under the skin.”**

My future research will continue this line of work by investigating how social statuses and contexts jointly combine to shape the functioning and advanced dysregulation of bodily systems. I will draw on multiple sources of data to investigate these relationships at varying stages of the life course, including the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health), the Health and Retirement Study (HRS), and the Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults (CARDIA) Study. Furthermore, my work will explore the sources and consequences of intragroup heterogeneity in the pathways underlying health and aging. Examining differences within groups challenges the assumed universal pathway to health among members of broadly defined social groups and is therefore essential for understanding the nature and extent of health inequality. This work will investigate how understudied axes of inequality shape the relationships between biopsychosocial factors and health among different social groups.

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Phillip Cantu
PhD Candidate
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The University of Texas at Austin

I am a PhD student in sociology at The University of Texas at Austin and a trainee for the Population Research Center. My research focuses on aging populations, measurements of disability, and caregiving for aging families. The goal of my research is to contextualize the lived experience of older Americans with regards to extended lifespans compared to previous generations. I ask questions regarding how the longer lives of Americans have changed the ways in which families approach old age.

I am advised by a great team of scholars including Ron and Jacqui Angel as well as Mark Hayward. Each one of my advisors push me to think about aging



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and the life course in unique and challenging ways. In my work with the Angels, I have looked at aging Mexican Americans using the Hispanic Established Population for the Epidemiologic Study of the Elderly (HEPESE). Specifically, we have focused on how aging Mexican Americans experience of high rates of disability have not translated into high rates of admission into long term care facilities. Instead, we find that these families are pooling shared resources with their adult children to help allow them to age in place at home despite deteriorating physical conditions. With Dr. Hayward, my research focuses on changes in healthy life expectancy in the U.S using the Health and Retirement Survey. We find that evidence that over a 10 year period stratification in healthy life expectancy has increased by education, with the least educated losing years of healthy life expectancy and the most educated gaining years of healthy life expectancy. Furthermore, the decreases in healthy life expectancy are related to increase in disability at younger ages, suggesting that people are experience poorer health earlier than in the past.

Understanding how individuals experience health across the life course and how families as a collective respond to health will continue to guide my research moving forward. I hope to develop a research agenda that will allow me to combine my demographic and sociology training into a body of research that will explore the consequences of demographic trends in aging.

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Michigan State University



I am a Ph.D. candidate in Sociology at Michigan State University. My research areas include family, health, aging, and sexuality. My dissertation examines how chronic diseases are related to the sexuality of older adults. Using data from the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP), I employ a summary index of the total number of chronic diseases a person has as a measure of their chronic disease burden. I begin by examining how the chronic disease burden of partnered older adults impacts their sexual activity and dysfunction, with a comparison by gender. Next, I investigate how marital quality plays a role in the link between chronic disease burden and sexual activity and dysfunction for older men and women who have at least one chronic disease. Finally, I focus on marital dyads to explore how chronic disease burden is **associated with sexual frequency of the couple and, in turn, how it relates to husbands' and wives' sexual satisfaction.**

I was recently awarded the Pearl Aldrich Award from MSU's College of Human Medicine to help support my dissertation research. My preliminary results indicate that the relationship between chronic disease burden and sexuality is largely gendered, but not in every way I expected. I found that a greater number of chronic diseases is negatively associated with sexual frequency only for older men, while an increasing chronic disease burden is related to a greater risk of sexual dysfunction only for older women. Further, regarding **married couples and their sexual satisfaction, I found that a husband's chronic disease burden is associated with his own and his wife's sexual satisfaction, via their frequency of intercourse, but that a wife's chronic disease burden is not related to her husband's sexual satisfaction, nor does her own chronic disease burden have any effect on her or her spouse's sexual frequency.** These early findings are intriguing, and they are important for aging adults who hope to maintain their sex lives and are curious as to how they can enjoy their partnered sexuality in their later years.

In addition to my research on disease burden, I also work with biomarker data. My other projects investigated the relationships between sexuality and biomarkers of cardiovascular disease, as well as how diabetes biomarkers are linked to marital quality. Additionally, I have examined how health statuses vary for same-sex and different-sex couples across race and gender, and how age at first marriage plays an **important role in several of men's, but not women's, health outcomes.** My work can be found in *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, and *Sociological Perspectives*.

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Five Questions For ...

Richard Miech

Research Professor

Survey Research
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Jennifer Ailshire

Assistant Professor of
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Gerontology

University of Southern
California



Hometown?

Venice Beach, California. Home of Muscle Beach, and an unusual mix of \$10 million dollars homes adjacent to public housing.

Proudest Accomplishment?

I am certainly proud to be Principal Investigator of Monitoring the Future, although I have just started out in this position and credit for its many accomplishments to date go to its founders. I am also proud of my time as Chair of the Department of Health and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Colorado - Denver. When I arrived the department was at risk of being disbanded, but the faculty and I rolled up our sleeves, developed innovative ideas, and in just a few years turned it into one of the strongest departments in the University.

My first-ever job?

In 12th grade I worked for a mom-and-pop cookie store and delivered cookies throughout Los Angeles. Inventory was lax... many ended up in my mouth.

A surprising fact about yourself?

A deacon in Wisconsin and myself are the only two people in the world with the name "Richard Miech," to my knowledge.

Best piece of professional advice I've ever received?

Pursue what really interests you. If you do it well you'll find a way to make a living at it.

Hometown?

I grew up in the Valley of the Sun in the Phoenix-Metro area, where airlines recently grounded flights because it was so hot.

Proudest Accomplishment?

I was the first person in my immediate, and extended, family to graduate from a four-year university. On my graduation day I could see in their **faces what this meant to them and I've never** forgotten the resulting feeling of pride in myself I experienced that day.

My first-ever job?

My first job was at Baskin-Robbins, where I learned how to make the perfect milkshake (in my opinion) **and decorate ice cream cakes. I've been an ice cream addict ever since.**

A surprising fact about yourself?

I have a PhD, but I never took the SATs. Instead, I attended community college for a year to fulfill course requirements necessary to transfer to a four-year university. My path to academia was somewhat atypical and I sometimes I feel like I snuck in **through a side door to get to this party, but I'm so glad I did because I'm having a blast!**

Best piece of professional advice I've ever received?

Not sure this counts as advice, but my grad advisor often wrote this one word on papers or **emails he returned to me: Onward! I've really** internalized this over the years — I try not to dwell on prior mistakes and mishaps or conference, paper, and grant rejections. With every success and failure, I always return to this one thought — Onward! — and I keep moving forward!

Other Sessions of Interest to Aging and Life Course Scholars

Saturday, August 12, 2017

8:30 to 10:10am

Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 514B

Regular Session. Diverse and Disparate Aging

Session Organizer: *Corey M. Abramson, University of Arizona*

Everything is Falling Apart: Perceptions of Economic Status by LGBT Older Adults. *Anna Muraco, Loyola Marymount University; Karen Fredriksen-Goldsen, University of Washington; Charles A. Emlert, University of Washington*

Racial Disparities in Disablement in the Time Before Death. *Miles G. Taylor, Florida State University; Keshia Reid, Florida Department of Health; Stella Min, Florida State University*

Spousal Network Embeddedness and Social Isolation in Later Life. *Rachel Leigh Behler, Cornell University; Alyssa W. Goldman, Cornell University*

Optimistic Positivity and Pessimistic Negativity Among American Adults: Effects of Birth-Cohort, Age, Gender, and Race. *William Magee, University of Toronto; Philippa J. Clarke, University of Michigan; Marilyn Sinkewicz, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan; Michael R. Elliott, Department of Epidemiology, University of Michigan*

Discussant: *Stacy Torres, University at Albany, SUNY*

10:30am to 12:10pm

Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 515A

Regular Session. Children/Youth/Adolescents: Institutions and the State

Session Organizer: *Sarah M. Ovink, Virginia Tech*

President: *Ashley Brooke Barr, State University of New York, Buffalo*

Coping with Stigma: Experiences and Trajectories of Former Youth in Care. *Christine Carey, McMaster University*

Only Child, Never Child: Vulnerability and Definitions of Rights in Post-Release Services for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children. *Breanne L. Grace, University of South Carolina; Benjamin Roth, University of South Carolina*

The Struggle is Real: Conflict as a Social Mobility Mechanism in Schools. *Laura M. Callejas, Rutgers University*

Barring Progress: The Influence of Paternal Incarceration on Families' Neighborhood Attainment. *Christine Leibbrand, University of Washington; Erin Carll, University of Washington; Angela Bruns, University of Washington; Hedwig Eugenie Lee, University of Washington*

Neighborhood Inequality and the Concentration of Child Welfare Contact During Childhood. *Kelley Fong, Harvard University*

4:30 to 6:10pm

Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 512D

Regular Session. Aging and Urbanism

Session Organizer: *Corey M. Abramson, University of Arizona*

President: *Corey M. Abramson, University of Arizona*

Age Segregation in American Metropolitan Areas, 1940-2014. *John W. Sullivan, University of California-Los Angeles*

Exposure to High-Crime and High-Policing Areas in the Activity Spaces of Older Adults. *Emily Anne Parker, Cornell University; Erin York Cornwell, Cornell University*

Helpfulness and Safety of Neighborhoods: Social Capital and Self-Reported Health of Older Adults. *Cindy L. Cain, University of California, Los Angeles; Steven P. Wallace, Univ of California Los-Angeles; Ninez Ponce, University of California, Los Angeles*

Neighborhood Characteristics and Cognitive Functioning at Older Ages. *Kieron James Barclay, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research; Kathleen A. Cagney, University of Chicago; Irma T. Elo, University of Pennsylvania*

Discussant: *Corey M. Abramson, University of Arizona*

Sunday, August 13, 2017

2:30 to 4:10pm

Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 518B

Regular Session. Lives in Sociology: Decision Making over the Lifecourse

Session Organizer: *Rosalyn Benjamin Darling, Indiana University of Pennsylvania*

President: *Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld, Arizona State University*

Three Lives in Two Americas. *Robert Perrucci, Purdue University*

The Last of Life for which the First was Made. *Debra Kaufman*

Decision Making in a Non-traditional Sociological Career. *Elinore E. Lurie*

Turning Points in a Latina Academic Career. *Maxine Baca Zinn, Michigan State University*

Discussant: *Rosalyn Benjamin Darling, Indiana University of Pennsylvania*

Monday, August 14, 2017

10:30am to 12:10pm

Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 514C

Section on Sociology of Population. Health and Inequality across the Life Course

Session Organizer: *Margot Jackson, Brown University*

Coming of Age in an Unequal State: The Life Course Effects of Economic Inequality on Health. *Beth Truesdale, Harvard University*

Early Parental Investment and Child Development Trajectories. *Lingxin Hao, Johns Hopkins University*

The Health Costs of Upward Mobility. *Lauren M. Gaydos, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Kathleen Mullan Harris, University of North Carolina; Kristen M. Schorpp, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Towards Understanding Young Adults' Socioeconomic Circumstances in Health Inequality Research: Smoking as a Case Example. *Thierry Gagné, Université de Montréal; Katherine L. Frohlich, Université de Montréal*

Discussant: *Patricia Ann Homan, Duke University*

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

8:30 to 10:10am

Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 513A

Section on the Sociology of the Family. Family Relationships across the Life Course

Session Organizer: *Jenjira Yahirun, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa*

President: *Sung S. Park, University of California, Los Angeles*

Why are Parents so Unhappy? The Impact of Conflicts on Parents' Relationship Satisfaction. *Björn Huß, Matthias Pollmann-Schult, Bielefeld University*

Stepfamily Formation and Changes in Mothers' Relationships with Children. *Valarie King, Penn State University*

Backup Parents, Playmates, Friends: Grandparenting Roles by Family Structure and Child Age. *Christopher Near, Cornell University; Rachel Dunifon*

Parents' Valuation of Approving a Child's Spouse in a Context of Marital Change. *Keera Allendorf, Indiana University*

Discussant: *Jenjira Yahirun, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa*

2:30 to 4:10pm

Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 514C

Regular Session. Life Course Insecurities: Individuals and Cohorts in Transition

Session Organizer: *Richard A. Settersten, Oregon State University*

President: *Miles G. Taylor, Florida State University*

Changing Times and Places: First Homeleaving Among Late Baby Boomers and Early Millennials. *Sung S. Park, University of California, Los Angeles*

The Impact of Insecure Work on Young Adults: The Experiences of Two Generations in Australia. *Dan Woodman, University of Melbourne*

Body Size Reference Norms and Subjective Weight Status: A Gender and Life Course Approach. *Robbee Wedow, University of Colorado at Boulder; Ryan K. Masters, University of Colorado-Boulder; Stefanie Mollborn, University of Colorado Boulder; Jason D. Boardman, University of Colorado-Boulder*

Trajectories of Work Disability and Economic Insecurity Approaching Retirement. *Kim Shuey, University of Western Ontario; Andrea E. Willson, University of Western Ontario*

A Sequence Analysis of the De-standardization and Stratification in the Retirement Sequences of Older Americans. *Esteban Calvo, UDP / Columbia University; Ignacio Madero-Cabib, Universidad Diego Portales; Ursula M. Staudinger, Columbia University*

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