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Fifth Annual Demography Graduate Student Methodology Workshop

Geographic Information Analysis

May 19, 1998
101 Kern, The Pennsylvania State University
 Organized by the PRI Graduate Students

Sponsored by
 The Population Research Institute (PRI) at Penn State University,
 and the Geographical Information Analysis and Statistical Cores at PRI

WORKSHOP SESSIONS:

8:30 a.m.	"Introduction to Geographic Information Analysis" Dr. Daniel Lichter, Professor of Sociology and director of The Population Research Institute, The Pennsylvania State University
9:00- 10:15 a.m.	"The Spatial Distribution of Income Inequality in the United States" Dr. Diane McLaughlin, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology and The Population Research Institute, The Pennsylvania State University
10:45- 12 noon	"Remote Sensing, GIS, and Sample Surveys: An Example from the Brazilian Amazon" Dr. Stephen McCracken, Department of Anthropology, Indiana University
1:30- 2:45 p.m.	"Spatial Econometric Analysis of Amazon Deforestation" Dr. Luc Anselin, Director, Burton Center for Development Studies and Professor of Economics, Geography and Political Economy, University of Texas at Dallas
3:15- 4:30 p.m.	"Identifying Areas of High Infant Mortality in U.S. Cities and Evaluating the Success of Interventions to Reduce IMR in High Rate Areas" Dr. Gerard Rushton, Professor, Department of Geography and Adjunct Professor, Department of Preventative Medicine, The University of Iowa

Sixth Annual Demography Graduate Student Methodology Workshop

Dyad Modeling

July 21, 1999

The Nittany Lion Inn

Ballroom C

The Pennsylvania State University

Organized by the PRI Graduate Students

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The Population Research Institute (PRI) at Penn State University,
and the Statistical Core at PRI

WORKSHOP SESSIONS:

9:00- 10:30 a.m.	"The Value of the Family: Some Examples", Dr. Sanders Korenman , School of Public Affairs, Baruch College, CUNY and Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research.
11:00- 12:30 noon	"Sibling Methods in Behavior Genetics" Dr. Karen Carver , Department of Sociology and The Population Research Institute, The Pennsylvania State University.
2:00-3:30 p.m.	"Two Approaches of Pair Data Analysis in Sociology and Social Demography", Dr. Daphne Kuo , Department of Sociology, The University of Washington.

Seventh Annual Demography Graduate Student Methodology Workshop

Linking Qualitative & Quantitative Data

June 21, 2000
406 Oswald Tower
The Pennsylvania State University
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Sponsored by
The Population Research Institute (PRI) at Penn State University,
and the Statistical Core at PRI

WORKSHOP SESSIONS:

9:00- 10:00 a.m.	"Multi-method Research in Demography: Observations from the Field", Dr. Stephen Matthews , Research Associate and Director, Geographical Information Analysis Core, Population Research Institute; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Geography and Demography, Pennsylvania State University
10:15- 11:15	"Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Methods: Making the Right Choices", Dr. David Morgan , Professor of Urban Studies, The Institute on Aging, College of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University
11:20- 12:30	"The Interplay of Qualitative and Quantitative Data", Dr. Gerald LeTendre , Assistant Professor of Education, Department of Education Policy Studies, Pennsylvania State University

Eighth Annual Demography Graduate Student Methodology Workshop

Beyond 'Panel' Models: Recent Advances in Analyzing Change

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Ballroom C, The Nittany Lion Inn, The Pennsylvania State University

Organized by the PRI Graduate Student Workshop Committee

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The Population Research Institute (PRI) at Penn State University,

Workshop Sessions:

9:00 a.m.	Opening and Welcome, Dr. Glenn Firebaugh , Sociology Department Head, The Pennsylvania State University
9:15- 10:15 a.m.	"Pooled-Time Series for the Analysis of Multi-Wave Panel Data" Dr. David Johnson , Department of Sociology and Director of the Survey Research Center, The Pennsylvania State University
10:15- 10:35 a.m.	Refreshments
10:35- 11:35 a.m.	"Mixed Models for Longitudinal Categorical Outcomes" Dr. Donald Hedeker , Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago
11:35- 12:35 p.m.	"Commonalities in 'Different' Approaches to Longitudinal Data Analysis" Dr. Richard T. Campbell , Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago
12:35- 1:00 p.m.	Open Discussion
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Informal Luncheon with Speakers

Ninth Annual Demography Graduate Student Methodology Workshop

Causal Inferences in the Social Sciences

Monday, July 22, 2002

The Nittany Lion Inn, The Pennsylvania State University
Ballroom C

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David Warner, Zhenmei Zhang

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Workshop Sessions:

9:00 a.m.	Opening and Welcome,
9:05-10:05 a.m.	"What do Randomized Studies of Housing Mobility Reveal?" Dr. Michael Sobel , Professor of <u>Sociology at Columbia University</u>
10:05-10:20 a.m.	Refreshments
10:20-11:20 a.m.	"What Have We Discovered When We Discover Social Causes?" Dr. Paul Humphreys , Professor and Chairman of <u>Philosophy at the University of Virginia</u>
11:20-12:30 p.m.	Roundtable. Discussant: Dr. George Farkas
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Informal luncheon with the speakers
-----	Dr. Paul W. Holland has cancelled his participation

Missing Data: Theory and Applications

Monday, July 14, 2003
The Nittany Lion Inn, The Pennsylvania State University
Ballroom C

Organized by the PRI Graduate Student Workshop Committee

Latrica E. Best, Cristina Bradatan, Jacob Cheadle, Mira M. Hidajat, Tanya S. Kenkre, David Warner

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The Population Research Institute (PRI) at Pennsylvania State University

Workshop Sessions:

9:00 a.m.	Opening and Welcome: Dr. Leif Jensen, <i>Director of Population Research Institute at Pennsylvania State University</i>
9:05-10:05 a.m.	"Creating multiply-imputed data sets using incompatible but highly flexible distributions: Application to CDC anthrax vaccine trials," Dr. Donald B. Rubin, <i>Professor and Chair of Statistics at Harvard University</i>
10:05-10:20 a.m.	Refreshments
10:20-11:20 a.m.	"Missing-data methods for longitudinal research," Dr. Joseph L. Schafer, <i>Associate Professor of Statistics at Pennsylvania State University</i>
11:20-12:30 p.m.	"Analysis of coarsened longitudinal data using multiple imputation," Dr. Trivellore Raghunathan, <i>Associate Professor of Biostatistics and Senior Associate Research Scientist of the Institute for Social Research (ISR) at the University of Michigan</i>
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Informal luncheon with the speakers

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National Symposium on Family Issues

Each year at Penn State, the [College of the Liberal Arts](#), the [College of Health and Human Development](#), and the [Population Research Institute](#) hold a two-day symposium on a key problem focusing on families. Past symposia have focused on such questions as: What are the implications of parental conflict for the development of young children? How do neighborhoods enhance or interfere with families' abilities to monitor teenagers? What are the origins of cohabitation unions, and how do such unions affect the likelihood of divorce? Sixteen of the top scholars in the field of family research convene to present and critique research on the focal topic and to consider their implications for effective programs and public policy. The proceedings of each symposium are published in book form. [More about the Symposium Series...](#)

Books Resulting from Past Symposia

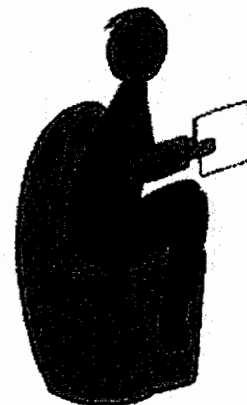
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- * [Men in Families: When Do They Get Involved? What Difference Does It Make?](#)
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- * [Family-School Links: How Do They Affect Educational Outcomes?](#)
- * [Stepfamilies: Who Benefits? Who Does Not?](#)

Speakers

Many notable speakers have participated in the National Symposium on Family Issues. [View complete listing of past speakers](#)

2003 Symposium (October 9-10, 2003)

The 2003 Family Issues Symposium is entitled "Creating the Next Generation: Social, Economic, and Psychological Processes Underlying Fertility in Developed Countries." [View Schedule and Registration Form](#)



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Does It Take a Village? Community Effects on Children, Adolescents, and Families



The chapters in this volume are based on the presentations and discussions from the sixth annual National Symposium on Family Issues, held at the Pennsylvania State University November 5-6, 1998.

Citation

Booth, Alan and Ann C. Crouter (2001). *Does It Take a Village? Community Effects on Children, Adolescents, and Families*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

From the Preface

"It takes a village to raise a child" is a saying seemingly imbued with wisdom that cuts across time and place. Indeed, studies from a variety of disciplines have found evidence that community and neighborhood factors play a role in people's decisions to marry and have children (in or out of marriage), family stability, childrearing strategies, and children's psychosocial functioning and educational achievement. As studies have become more sophisticated, however, there has been increasing debate about community and neighborhood effects; indeed, some studies have found little evidence that they make an independent contribution, net of residents' own personal characteristics. Given this ambiguity in findings, and the important policy and program ramifications of this area of research, the time is right to bring together a talented, interdisciplinary group of researchers and program experts to consider what is known about how communities and neighborhood make their mark on families, children, and adolescents.

Key Topics

1. How Do Communities Undergird or Undermine Human Development? What Are the Relevant Contexts and What Mechanisms Are at Work?

Lead Speaker: Robert Sampson, University of Chicago

Discussants:

- * James Connell, Institute for Research and Reform in Education
- * Barry Lee, Pennsylvania State University
- * Douglas Massey, University of Pennsylvania

2. How Do Neighborhoods Enhance or Interfere with Families' Abilities to Raise Children?

Lead Speaker: Margaret Spencer, University of Pennsylvania

Discussants:

- * Jill Korbin, Case Western Reserve University
- * Scott South, SUNY-Albany

- Mercer Sullivan, Vera Institute of Justice

3. How Do Neighborhoods Affect the Development of Adolescent Problem Behavior?

Lead Speaker: Greg Duncan, Northwestern University

Discussants:

- John Billy, Battelle Institute
- Linda Burton, Pennsylvania State University
- Stephen Small, University of Wisconsin

4. What Policies Can Strengthen Neighborhoods as Contexts for Child and Adolescent Well-Being?

Lead Speaker: James Connell, Institute for Research and Reform in Education

Discussants:

- Ralph Taylor, Temple University
- Mark Greenberg, Pennsylvania State University
- Dale Blyth, Search Institute

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Couples in Conflict



The chapters in this volume are based on the presentations and discussions from the seventh annual National Symposium on Family Issues, held at the Pennsylvania State University November 1-2, 1999.

Citation

Booth, Alan, Ann C. Crouter, and Mari Clements (2001). *Couples in Conflict*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

From the Preface

Couple conflict is an important antecedent of domestic violence, ineffective parenting, and marital dissolution, phenomena that threaten the strong functioning of contemporary families and the adults and children living in families. As such, couple conflict is a topic of critical importance to family scholars and those charged with developing policies and programs in this area. Not all couple conflict is damaging, however. Indeed, a thread running through this volume is that constructive conflict and negotiation is beneficial for relationships. Together, the chapters in this volume provide a foundation for thinking about creative ways in which our society can work to prevent or minimize destructive couple conflict and to enhance couples' abilities to constructively handle their differences.

Key Topics

1. What Are the Societal and Bio-Evolutionary Underpinnings of Couple Conflict?

Lead Speakers: Martin Daly and Margo Wilson, McMaster University

Discussants:

- * Jay Belsky, Pennsylvania State University
- * Frances Goldscheider, Brown University
- * Rena Repetti, University of California, Los Angeles

2. What Are the Interpersonal Roots of Couple Conflict? What Are Consequences for Individuals and Couples?

Lead Speaker: Thomas Bradbury, University of California, Los Angeles

Discussants:

- * Steven Beach, University of Georgia, Athens
- * Michael Johnson, Pennsylvania State University
- * James Cordova, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

3. What Effects Does Couple Conflict Have on Children? How Do Individual Differences in Children Moderate These Effects?

Lead Speaker: Mark Cummings, University of Notre Dame

Discussants:

- * Christy Miller Buchanan, Wake Forest University
- * Rand Conger, Iowa State University
- * John Grych, Marquette University

4. What Policies and Programs Influence Couple Conflict? What Works? What Doesn't Work? Where Do We Go from Here?

Lead Speaker: Matt Sanders, Queensland University, Australia

Discussants:

- * Richard Gelles, University of Pennsylvania
- * Theodora Ooms, Family Impact Seminar
- * Robert Emery, University of Virginia

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Just Living Together: Implications of Cohabitation for Children, Families, and Social Policy

The chapters in this volume are based on the presentations and discussions from the eighth annual National Symposium on Family Issues, held at the Pennsylvania State University October 30-31, 2000.

Citation

Booth, Alan and Ann C. Crouter (2002). *Just Living Together: Implications of Cohabitation for Children, Families, and Social Policy*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

From the Preface

Forty-one percent of all women between the ages of 15 and 44 have cohabited and 7% are cohabiting now. For some it is a prelude to marriage. For others, it is a post-marital arrangement which may last a few months or several years. For still others it is a coupling that is a substitute for formal marriage and may involve having children. The practice of cohabitation varies greatly by economic circumstances as well as racial and ethnic background. Here we examine the origins of informal unions and how they are linked to the economy and prevailing attitudes and values. Also explored are the consequences of cohabitation for family relationships and for the well-being of children who live with adults in such unions, as well as a look at policy issues and legal rights and obligations.

Key Topics

1. What Are the Historical and Cross-Cultural Foundations of Cohabitation?

Lead Speaker: Kathleen Kiernan, London School of Economics and Political Science

Discussants:

- * Nancy Landale, Pennsylvania State University
- * Andrea Hunter, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- * Julie Brines, University of Washington

2. What Is the Role of Cohabitation in Contemporary North American Family Structure?

Lead Speaker: Pamela Smock, University of Michigan

Discussants:

- * Rukmalie Jayakody, Pennsylvania State University
- * Rebekah Levine Coley, Harvard University
- * Celine Le Bourdais, University of Montreal

3. What Is the Long- and Short-Term Impact of Cohabitation on Child Well-Being?

Lead Speaker: Wendy Manning, Bowling Green State University

Discussants:

- * Ariel Kalil, University of Chicago
- * Bruce Ellis, University of Canterbury, New Zealand

- Susan Brown, Bowling Green State University

4. How Are Cohabiting Couples and Their Children Affected by Current Policies? What Policies Are Needed for These Individuals?

Lead Speaker: Wendell Primus, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Discussants:

- Ron Haskins, Subcommittee on Human Resources, Committee on Ways and Means
- Anne Winkler, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- Margaret Mahoney, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

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Children's Influence on Family Dynamics: The Neglected Side of Family Relationships

The chapters in this volume are based on the presentations and discussions from the ninth annual National Symposium on Family Issues, held at the Pennsylvania State University December 6-7, 2001.

Citation

Crouter, Ann C. and Alan Booth (forthcoming). *Children's Influence on Family Dynamics: The Neglected Side of Family Relationships*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

From the Preface

Any parent who has raised more than one child is likely to be keenly aware of subtle or even striking differences among their offspring. Although siblings raised together in the same family often differ markedly in terms of gender, temperament, abilities, interests, personality, choices of friends and activities, and so on, all too often family researchers have ignored individual differences in children. The central premise of this volume is that children bring personal qualities to their relationships with other family members that help shape family interaction, family relationships, and even family processes that family researchers have called "parenting". Here we address ways in which children's personal qualities make their mark on families in ways that may in turn influence children's subsequent development.

Key Topics

1. What Features of Children Shape Family Relationship and How?

President: Elizabeth Susman, The Pennsylvania State University

Lead Speaker: David Reiss, George Washington University

Discussants:

- * Kathlene McCartney, Harvard University
- * Xiaojia Ge, University of California- Davis
- * J. Richard Udry, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

2. What Role Does Infant and Early Childhood Temperament Play in the Development of Relationship with Parents?

President: Leann Birch, The Pennsylvania State University

Lead Speaker: Susan Crockenberg, University of Vermont

Discussants:

- * Cynthia Stifter, Pennsylvania State University
- * James McHale, Clark University
- * Pamela Cole, Pennsylvania State University

3. What Role Do Adolescents Play in Actively Shaping Their Relationships with Parents, Siblings, and Friends/Peers?

President: Karen Bierman, The Pennsylvania State University

Lead Speaker: Hökan Stattin, Örebro University

Discussants:

- * Elizabeth Menaghan, Ohio State University
- * Gene Brody, University of Georgia
- * Deborah Capaldi, Oregon Social Learning Center

4. How Do Children Affect Parents' Marriage and Other Family Relationships?

President: Lynn Liben, The Pennsylvania State University

Lead Speaker: Eleanor Maccoby, Stanford University

Discussants:

- * Susan McHale, Pennsylvania State University
- * Margaret Kerr, Örebro University
- * Nicki Crick, University of Minnesota

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Work-Family Challenges for Low-Income Parents and Their Children

The chapters in this volume are based on the presentations and discussions from the tenth annual National Symposium on Family Issues, held at the Pennsylvania State University October 10-11, 2002.

Citation

Crouter, Ann C. and Alan Booth (forthcoming). *Work-Family Challenges for Low-Income Parents and Their Children*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Over the last two decades, family scholars have become increasingly interested in the interconnections between paid work and family life. Much of this research, however, has focused on the lives of middle class and professional families and has ignored low-income families and the working poor. This oversight is particularly troubling given recent welfare legislation that has pushed many single mothers into the paid labor force. Here we focus on issues faced by parents struggling to gain a foothold on the economic ladder.

Key Topics

1. How has the availability, content, and stability of the jobs available for the working poor changed in recent decades? How do work circumstances for low-income families vary as a function of gender, family structure, race, ethnicity, and geography? What implication do these change have for the widening inequality between the haves and have-nots?

Lead Speaker: Jared Bernstein, Economic Policy Institute

Discussants:

- Paula England, Northwestern University
- Leif Jensen, The Pennsylvania State University
- Lynne Casper, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

2. What features of work timing matter for families? What do we know about the impacts of shift work, long hours, seasonal work, and temporary work on employees, their family relationships, and their children's development?

Lead Speaker: Harriet Presser, University of Maryland

Discussants:

- Maureen Perry-Jenkins, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- Kerry Daly, University of Guelph
- David Almeida, University of Arizona

3. How are the child care needs of low-income families being met? What challenges do these families face with regard to child-care, and how can child-care services be strengthened to support parents and to enhance child development?

Lead Speaker: Aletha Huston, University of Texas-Austin

Discussants:

- * Barrie Thorne University of California-Berkeley
- * Cybele Raver, University of Chicago
- * Martha Zaslow, Child Trends

4. How are the challenges of managing work and family experienced by low-income men and women? What are the implications of employment circumstance for men and women's relationships with each other, their children, other family members, and friends?

Lead Speakers: Kathryn Edin, Northwestern University, and Susan Clampet-Lundquist, University of Pennsylvania

Discussants:

- * Benjamin Karney, University of Florida
- * Lynne Bond, University of Vermont
- * Andrew Cherlin, Johns Hopkins University

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