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## Employment

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**NICHD T32 Population Health Research Postdoctoral Fellowship** July 2023 -  
Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota  
Mentors: Dr. Claire Kamp Dush (Sociology), Dr. Kristen Mark (UMN Medicine)

## Education

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**Ph.D. Sociology**, University of Texas at Austin 2023  
Dean's Distinguished Ph.D. Graduate Award, College of Liberal Arts  
Dissertation: *Predictors of Young Adult Sexual and Reproductive Behaviors Amidst Conflicting Norms*  
Committee: Dr. Abigail Weitzman, Chair; Dr. Kelly Raley, Dr. Stefanie Mollborn, Dr. Kari White

Visiting Scholar, Minnesota Population Center 2022-23

**M.S. Demography and Health**, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine 2015

**B.A. Anthropology, Community Health**, Tufts University *magna cum laude* 2010

## Peer-Review Publications

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**Eilers, Michelle A.** 2022. "What a (Young) Woman Wants: Concurrent Effects of Desire to Avoid Pregnancy and Desire for Sex on Sexual Intercourse and Contraceptive Use." *Demography* 59(6): 2271-93. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-10295826>.

- *Honorable Mention, 2023 Graduate Student Paper Competition, Midwest Sociological Society*
- *W. Parker Frisbie Outstanding Graduate Student Publication Award, UT Austin Population Research Center*

Behrman, Julia A., **Michelle A. Eilers**, Isabel McLoughlin-Brooks, Abigail Weitzman. 2022. "International Migration and Modern Contraceptive Use: A Research Note on African Migrants to France." *Demography* 59(1):27-36. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-9611478>.

Hopkins, Kristine, Courtney Remington, **Michelle A. Eilers**, Saul D. Rivas, Christina Wallace Huff, L. David Moore, R. Moss Hampton, and Tony Ogburn. 2022. "Obtaining Buy-in for Immediate Postpartum Long-acting Reversible Contraception Programs in Texas Hospitals: A Qualitative Study." *Contraception* 108:32-36. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.contraception.2021.10.016>.

**Eilers, Michelle A.**, C. Emily Hendrick, Rafael Pérez-Escamilla, Daniel A. Powers, Joseph E. Potter. 2020. "Breast-feeding Initiation, Duration, and Supplementation Among Mexican-Origin Women in Texas." *Pediatrics* 145(4): e20192742 <https://doi.org/10.1542%2Fpeds.2019-2742>.

Goldberg, Rachel E., Marta Tienda, **Michelle A. Eilers**, Sara McLanahan. 2019. "Adolescent Relationship Quality: Is there an Intergenerational Link?" *Journal of Marriage and Family* 81(4):812-29 <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12578>.

Sedgh, Gilda, Lawrence Finer, Akinrinola Bankole, **Michelle A. Eilers**, Susheela Singh. 2015. "Adolescent pregnancy, abortion, and birth rates across countries: a cross-sectional review and assessment of recent trends." *Journal of Adolescent Health* 56(2):223-230 <https://doi.org/10.1016%2Fj.jadohealth.2014.09.007>.

Japuntich, Sandra, **Michelle A. Eilers**, Sharon Shenhav, Elyse Park, Jonathan Winickoff, Yuchiaio Chang, Michele Reyen, Neal Benowitz, Nancy Rigotti. 2015. "Secondhand tobacco smoke exposure among hospitalized nonsmokers with coronary heart disease." *JAMA Internal Medicine* 175(1):133-136 <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamainternmed.2014.5476>.

Sedgh, Gilda, Susheela Singh, Akinrinola Bankole, **Michelle A. Eilers**. 2012. "Legal abortion levels and trends by woman's age at termination."

- *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 45(1):13-22 <https://doi.org/10.1363/4501313>.
- *International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 38(3):143-153 <https://doi.org/10.1363/3814312>.

### Papers Under Review

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**Eilers, Michelle A.** and Abigail Weitzman. "When Attitudes and Desires Compete: Young Women's Sexual Behavior and Contraceptive Use Amidst Conflicting Desires and Morals." *Revise and resubmit, American Journal of Sociology*.

- *Best Paper Award, 2021 Norval Glenn Graduate Student Paper Competition, UT Austin Sociology Department*

**Eilers, Michelle A.** "Social Norms and Behavior Feedback Loops for Premarital Sex." *Under review*.

- *Best Paper Award, 2023 Sexual Behavior, Communities, and Politics Division Graduate Student Paper Competition, Society for the Study of Social Problems*

### Papers in Progress

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**Eilers, Michelle A.** "The Bedroom Shift? Gendered Expectations in Intimate Spaces in a National Survey Experiment."

**Eilers, Michelle A.**, Karen Guzzo, Wendy Manning, and Claire Kamp Dush. "Life Satisfaction and Fertility Intentions among LGBTQ+ Adults in the United States."

**Eilers, Michelle A.** "Do Gender Norms Reduce the Protective Effect of Intimacy on Stress for Same-Gender and Mixed-Gender Couples?"

Potter, Joseph E., Kristen L. Burke, **Michelle A. Eilers**, and Daniel A. Powers. "Meeting Contraceptive Preferences: A Counterfactual Analysis."

Weitzman, Abigail, Justin Heinze, Allen Mallory, and **Michelle A. Eilers**. "Does Violence Beget Violence? The Effects of Neighborhood Homicides on Intimate Partner Violence Among Young Adults."

## Fellowships and Awards

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- 2023**      NICHD T32 Interdisciplinary Population Health Science Training Postdoctoral Fellowship, Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota (\$55,000)  
Dean's Distinguished Graduate, UT Austin College of Liberal Arts  
American Sociological Association Student Travel Award  
Policy Presentation Award for the 2023 PAA Meeting, Population Research Bureau (\$1,000)  
Professional Development Award, UT Austin and Population Research Center (\$900)  
Graduate School Supplemental Fellowship, UT Austin (\$1,000)  
Midwest Sociological Society Student Travel Award
- 2022**      Graduate Student Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, UT Austin (\$5,000)  
Graduate School Supplemental Fellowship, UT Austin (\$1,000)  
Graduate School Professional Development Award, UT Austin (\$500)
- 2021**      University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin (\$46,000 + tuition)  
Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) National Scholar Award (\$20,000)  
American Sociological Association Student Travel Award
- 2019**      NICHD Ruth L. Kirchstein National Research Service Award Training Fellowship, UT Austin Population Research Center (\$21,000 + tuition)  
Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UT Austin (\$5,000)
- 2018**      Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UT Austin (\$5,000)
- 2017**      Recruitment Fellowship, Texas Policy Evaluation Project, UT Austin (\$10,750)
- 2014**      Recruitment Fellowship, North American Friends Alumni Organization, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (£10,000)
- 2013**      Bixby Fellowship for Professional Development, Ethiopia fieldwork, Guttmacher Institute
- 2010**      Ellen C. Myers Memorial Prize, Tufts University (\$3,000)
- 2009**      Alice Rowan Swanson Fellowship, School for International Training (\$2,700)
- 2008**      Gilman Scholarship, U.S. Department of State (\$8,000)

## Conference Presentations

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- Eilers, Michelle A.** "Gendered Expectations to Perform Oral Sex in a National Survey Experiment."
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (ASA), Philadelphia, PA, August 2023.
  - Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA), New Orleans, LA, April 2023.
  - Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (MSS), Minneapolis, MN, March 2023.

**Eilers, Michelle A.** “Social Norms and Behavior Feedback Loops for Premarital Sex.”

- Society for Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (SSSP), Philadelphia, PA, August 2023.
- Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (MSS), Minneapolis, MN, March 2023.
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA), Atlanta, GA, April 2022 (Poster).
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (ASA). Virtual, August 2020.

**Eilers, Michelle A.** “What a (Young) Woman Wants: Concurrent Effects of Desire to Avoid Pregnancy and Desire for Sex on Sexual Intercourse Contraceptive Use.”

- Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA), Virtual, May 2021.
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (ASA), Virtual, August 2021.
- British Society for Population Studies Annual Meeting (BSPS), Virtual, September 2021.

**Eilers, Michelle A.** “Designing a Survey Experiment on Sexual Expectations using Vignettes.”

- Annual Psychosocial Workshop, Virtual, April 2021.

**Eilers, Michelle A.** and Abigail Weitzman. “Young Women’s Sexual Behavior and Contraceptive Use Amidst Conflicting Desires and Morals.”

- Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA). Austin, TX, May 2019.

**Eilers, Michelle A.** “Women’s Experiences in Pregnancy Resource Centers in Texas.”

- Annual Psychosocial Workshop. Denver, CO, April 2018.

**Eilers, Michelle A.,** Sandra Japuntich, Sharon Shenhav, Michele Reyen, Jonathan Winickoff, Elyse Park, Nancy Rigotti. “Secondhand Smoke Exposure Patterns among Patients Hospitalized with Coronary Heart Disease.”

- Society of Research on Nicotine and Tobacco Annual Meeting. Toronto, February 2011.

**Invited Presentations** \_\_\_\_\_

“Social Norms and Behavior Feedback Loops for Premarital Sex.” November 2023. Sociology Department Colloquium Series, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.

“US Adult Fertility Preferences Alongside Social and Economic Constraints.” 2022. Population Wellbeing Initiative Fertility Preferences Conference. University of Texas at Austin.

“Understanding Women’s Experiences at Crisis Pregnancy Centers in the Context of the 2021 Texas Legislative Session.” 2020. Advocacy Workshop on the Alternatives to Abortion Program. Texas Policy Evaluation Project, Avow Texas, and the Texas Pregnancy Care Network.

“Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study Introduction and Research Opportunities.” 2016. Guttmacher Institute. New York, NY.

**Invited Workshop Participant** \_\_\_\_\_

Inclusive Classrooms Leadership Certificate Seminar, University of Texas at Austin, 2022

Population Research Bureau Health Policy Communication Workshop and Fellowship, 2020-21

Berkeley Formal Demography Workshop, 2018

## Teaching and Mentoring

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Teaching Assistant, UT Austin

**2023** Population and Society, undergraduate Sociology course, Spring

**2022** Fundamentals of Research Methods, PhD-level Sociology required course, Fall

Guest Lecturer, UT Austin

**2022** Fertility and Reproduction, Spring

**2021** Intro to Social Demography, Spring

Love, Sex, and Relationships, Spring

Pentacell Initiative Facilitator, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

**2021** Met weekly with 5 Demography and Health Master's students to discuss strategies for remote learning and maintaining health and well-being

Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU), UT Austin

**2019** Mentored a student developing research questions, data analyses, and presentations

## Research Experience

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*Affiliated Researcher*, Population Wellbeing Initiative (PWI), UT Austin (2022 - )

Developing a survey experiment of fertility preferences relative to other constraints across the reproductive life course, with PWI collaborators.

*Research Scientist Intern*, Demography and Survey Science Team, Meta, New York (2022)

Analyzed survey data and designed a survey with a randomized experiment in 5 markets. Presented findings and implications to the research team and stakeholders.

*Graduate Research Assistant*, Population Research Center, UT Austin (2020-21)

Constructed a harmonized, longitudinal dataset of intimate partner violence from the 2000-2018 waves of the National Crime Victimization Surveys.

*Graduate Research Assistant*, Texas Policy Evaluation Project (TxPEP), UT Austin (2017-20)

Led longitudinal data analyses of breastfeeding trajectories and demographic differentials; demographic predictors of rapid repeat births. Wrote and fielded survey and interview guide of experiences of women who visited crisis pregnancy centers prior to abortion.

*Research Specialist II*, Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Princeton University (2015-17)

Led data processing of the Year 15 wave of the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing study. Managed operations and five staff for the mDiary Study of Adolescent Relationships.

*Research Assistant II*, Guttmacher Institute, New York (2011-14)

Supported data entry, data management, research trainings, and field work with study partners on Ethiopia Abortion Incidence study.

*Research Assistant*, Tobacco Research Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston (2010-11)

Collected and analyzed data of secondhand smoke exposure among cardiac inpatients.

## Leadership

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Steering Committee Member, IUSSP Scientific Panel on Early Career Perspectives, 2022-25

Public Testifier, Sexual Health Education Curriculum Revision Hearing, Texas State Board of Education, 2020

Conference Organizer, 44th Psychosocial Workshop at PAA, Austin TX, 2019

Student Representative, Demography and Health Master's Course, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 2014-15

## Service to the Profession

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**2024** Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA), April

- Session Organizer, Sex

**2023** American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (ASA), August

- Session Presider, Reproductive Power and Control

Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA), April

- Session Discussant, Methodological Innovations: Fertility Intentions
- Session Chair, Assessing the Quality of Abortion Care
- Poster Judge, Fertility, Family Planning, and Reproductive Health: Gender and Sexuality

Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting (MSS), March

- Session Presider, Gender as a Social Problem and Source of Social Change

**2022** Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA), April

- Session Discussant, Sexual Negotiation and Sexual Coercion
- Session Chair, Importance of Context on Contraceptive Use and Fertility Desires

**2021** American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (ASA), August

- Roundtable Presider, Early Family Formation and Partner Selection

**2020** American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (ASA), August

- Roundtable Presider, Sexual Behaviors

**2019** American Psychological Foundation Henry P. David Grant for International Travel

- Grant Proposal Reviewer, Human Reproductive Behavior and Population Studies Award

**Ad hoc reviewer**, *American Sociological Review*, *Demographic Research*, *Socius*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare*, *Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care*

## **Association Memberships**

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American Sociological Association (ASA)  
Population Association of America (PAA)  
Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS)  
Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)  
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)  
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

## **Technical Skills and Languages**

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Stata, R, R Markdown, Qualtrics, SQL, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MPlus, NVivo, ResearchMatch, Prolific  
Languages: English (Native), Spanish (Proficient)