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EDUCATION

- 2005 Ph.D. in Sociology and Demography, University of Pennsylvania
Dissertation Title: Education and Family Change: a Comparative Study of Shifts in the Timing and Structure of Family Formation
- 2000 M.A in Demography, University of Pennsylvania
- 1995 B.A. in Sociology, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2007- Research Associate, Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
IPUMS-International and the North Atlantic Population Project
- 2005-2007 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2003-2004 Research Assistant, *American Sociological Review*.
- 1999-2001 Research Assistant, Philadelphia Education Longitudinal Study, University of Pennsylvania.
- 1995-1999 Research Assistant and Research Analyst, Abt Associates Inc., Cambridge, MA

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Demography; fertility; sociology of the family; inequality and economic well-being over the life course; transition to adulthood

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2012-2013 Univ. of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Childhood Hunger Grant, PI (\$74,389)
- 2012 Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality New Scholar Grant, PI (\$14,912)
- 2011 MPC Outstanding Research Award
- 2005 NIH Individual Kirschstein National Research Service Award (F32 Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1 F32 HD48063-01)
- 2005 Distinction for dissertation in demography
- 2003 Distinction for comprehensive exam in family
- 2000-2003 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 1999-2000 William Penn Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 1995 Herbert H. Hyman award for an outstanding sociology thesis, Wesleyan University
- 1995 Phi Beta Kappa, Wesleyan University

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Kennedy, Sheela and Catherine A. Fitch. 2012. "Measuring cohabitation and family structure in the U.S.: Assessing the impact of new data from the Current Population Survey." *Demography*.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Elizabeth Thomson. 2010. "Children's Experiences of Family Disruption in Sweden: Differentials by Parent Education over Three Decades." *Demographic Research* 23(17): 479-508.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Larry L. Bumpass. 2008. "Cohabitation and Children's Living Arrangements: New Estimates from the United States." *Demographic Research* 19(47): 1663-1692.

- Furstenberg, Frank F., Sheela Kennedy, Vonnie C. McLoyd, Rubén G. Rumbaut, and Richard A. Settersten. 2004. "Becoming an Adult: The Changing Nature of Early Adulthood." *Contexts* 3(3): 33-41.
Reprinted in *The Contexts Reader* (Goodwin and Jasper, eds), 2007, W.W. Norton;
Reprinted in *The Context Reader*, 2nd Edition (Hartmann and Uggen, eds.) 2011, W.W. Norton;
Reprinted in *Society in Question*, 6th Edition (Brym, ed.) 2011, Nelson Education;
Reprinted in *Spirit of Sociology* 3rd Edition (Matson, ed.) 2011 Pearson.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Thomson, Elizabeth, Maria Winkler-Dworak, and Sheela Kennedy. 2012. "Education and the Family Life Course." In Ann Evans and Janeen Baxter (eds.), *Negotiating the Life Course*. Springer.
Kennedy, Sheela. 2008. "Demographic Perspectives on Family Health." Pp. 238-240 in *Encyclopedia of Public Health* edited by W. Kirch. Springer.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Sobek, Matthew and Sheela Kennedy. 2011. "Identifying Family Interrelationships in the World's Largest Census Microdata Collection". *Proceedings of the 57th Session of the International Statistical Institute World Congress*.
Randall, Bonnie, Susan Bartlett, and Sheela Kennedy. 1998. *WIC Participant and Program Characteristics 1996*. Report to Congress. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Office of Analysis, Nutrition and Evaluation.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

- Kennedy, Sheela and Steven Ruggles. *Revise and Resubmit*. "Breaking Up Is Hard To Count: The Rise of Divorce and Union Instability in the United States, 1980-2010." MPC Working Paper No. 2013-01.
Kennedy, Sheela and Larry Bumpass. "Cohabitation and Trends in the Structure and Stability of Children's Lives."
Kennedy, Sheela and Catherine A. Fitch. "Children's economic well-being during the Great Recession: Variation by family structure, socioeconomic status, and race and ethnicity."
Kennedy, Sheela and Christopher Wimer. "Living Arrangements and Economic Well-Being of Young Adults."

PRESENTATIONS

- Kennedy, Sheela and Frank F. Furstenberg. 2013. "The Changing Transition to Adulthood in the U.S.: Trends in Demographic Role Transitions and Age Norms since 2000." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 11-13, New Orleans, LA.
López-Gay, Antonio, Sheela Kennedy, Ron Lesthaeghe, Benoît Laplante, Julian López, Iñaki Permanyer, Anna Turu, Albert Esteve. 2013. "Unmarried Cohabitation in the Americas: Unveiling the Spatial Dimension." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 11-13, New Orleans, LA.
Kennedy, Sheela, Catherine Fitch, John Robert Warren, and Julia Rivera Drew. 2013. "Food Insecurity during Childhood: Understanding Persistence and Change Using Linked Current Population Survey Data." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 11-13, New Orleans, LA.
Wimer, Chris and Sheela Kennedy. 2012. "Understanding Trends in Young Adult Poverty during the Great Recession: The Role of the Safety Net and Intergenerational Living Arrangements." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 17-20, Denver, CO.
Kennedy, Sheela and Catherine A. Fitch. 2012. "Child Economic Well-Being, Family Structure, and the Family Safety Net during the Great Recession." Presented at a roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 17-20, Denver, CO.

- Kennedy, Sheela and Steven Ruggles. 2012. "Understanding Trends in Intergenerational Coresidence in Low- and Middle-Income Countries." Paper presented at the European Population Conference, June 13-16, Stockholm.
- Fitch, Catherine A., Sheela Kennedy, J. Michael Oakes, and Steven Ruggles. 2012. "Marriage Formation and Economic Opportunity in the United States: 1970-2000." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, May 3-5, San Francisco, CA.
- Kennedy, Sheela, and Christopher Wimer. 2012. "Living Arrangements and Poverty during the Transition to Adulthood." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, May 3-5, San Francisco, CA.
- Kennedy, Sheela, Robert McCaa, Matthew Sobek, Lara Cleveland. 2011. "The quality of constructed family and household relationships in African Censuses." Paper presented at the African Population Conference, Dec 5-9, Ouagadougou.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Catherine A. Fitch. 2011. "Children's Economic Well-Being during the Great Recession." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 20-23, Las Vegas, NV.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Steven Ruggles. 2011. "Trends in Union Instability in the United States." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 20-23, Las Vegas, NV.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Catherine A. Fitch. 2011. "Children's Economic Well-Being during the Great Recession: Variation by Family Structure, Socioeconomic Status, and Race and Ethnicity." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, March 31-April 2, Washington, DC.
- Sobek, Matthew and Sheela Kennedy. 2011. "Developing family interrelationship variables for international census data." Paper presented at the International Statistical Institute World Statistics Congresses, August, Dublin.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Larry Bumpass. 2011. "Cohabitation and Trends in the Structure and Stability of Children's Lives." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, March 31-April 2, Washington, DC.
- Fitch, Catherine A., Sheela Kennedy, Brian Lee, J. Michael Oakes, and Steven Ruggles. 2011. "Using Restricted-Access Census Data to Study Economic Opportunity and Marriage Formation." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, March 31-April 2, Washington, DC.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Steven Ruggles. 2010. "Trends in Divorce and Union Instability in the United States: 1980s-2000s." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 18-21, Chicago, IL.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Catherine Fitch. 2010. "Children's economic well-being in married, cohabiting, and single-parent families." Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, April 14-17, Dallas, TX. Winner, Best Poster, Session 6.
- Sobek, Matthew and Sheela Kennedy. 2010. "Developing family interrelationship variables for international census data." Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, April 14-17, Dallas, TX.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Catherine Fitch. 2010. "Children's economic well-being in married, cohabiting, and single-parent families." Presentation at the Noontime Forum of the Hennepin County-University Partnership.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Catherine Fitch. 2010. "Children's economic well-being in married, cohabiting, and single-parent families." Minnesota Population Center colloquium series.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Catherine Fitch. 2009. "Characteristics of U.S. Cohabiting Families: New Data from the Current Population Survey". Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 8-11, San Francisco, CA.

- Kennedy, Sheela and Christopher Wimer. 2009. "Managing the Transition to Adulthood: Living Arrangements and Economic Well-Being of Young Adults, 1994-2007. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 8-11, San Francisco, CA.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Catherine Fitch. 2009. "A portrait of U.S. cohabiting families: New data from the Current Population Survey." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, April 30-May 2, Detroit, MI.
- Fitch, Catherine, Sheela Kennedy, J. Michael Oakes, and Steven Ruggles. 2009. "Marriage Formation and Economic Opportunity in the United States." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, April 30-May 2, Detroit, MI.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Larry L. Bumpass. 2007. "Cohabitation and Children's Living Arrangements: New Estimates from the U.S." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, March 28-31, New York, NY.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Larry L. Bumpass. 2006. "Cohabitation and Children's Living Arrangements: New Estimates from the U.S." Paper presented at the National Survey of Family Growth Users Conference, October 19-20, 2006.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Elizabeth Thomson. 2006. "Children's Living Arrangements: New Estimates from Sweden and the United States." Paper presented at the International Conference on Children and Divorce, Norwich, England.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Elizabeth Thomson. 2006. "Children's Living Arrangements and Experiences of Family Disruption in Sweden, 1973-2000." Paper presented at the European Population Conference, Liverpool.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Elizabeth Thomson. 2006. Children's Living Arrangements and Experiences of Family Disruption in Sweden, 1975-2000. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, March 30-April 1, Los Angeles, CA.
- Thomson, Elizabeth, and Sheela Kennedy. 2006. "Swedish Children's Experience of Family Change: Differentials by Parental Education." Statistics Sweden Workshop, Stockholm, February 6-7.
- Kennedy, Sheela, and Elizabeth Thomson. 2006. "Children's Living Arrangements and Experiences of Family Disruption in Sweden, 1970s-1990s." Workshop on Economic Resources, Family Structure, and Children's Living Conditions, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden, May 22-23.
- Kennedy, Sheela. 2005. "Cohabitation in Comparative Perspective: Educational Differences in the Characteristics of Consensual Unions." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 13-16, Philadelphia, PA.
- Kennedy, Sheela. 2005. "Shifts in Cohabitation in Six Nations." Presented at the 37th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Stockholm Sweden, July 5-9.
- Kennedy, Sheela. 2004. "Education and the Timing of Marriage and Childbearing: a Comparative Study." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, April 1-3, Boston, MA.
- Kennedy, Sheela. 2004. "Education and the Formation of New Families: A Comparative Study of Cohabitation and Nonmarital Fertility in Western Nations." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, April 1-3, Boston, MA.
- Kennedy, Sheela. 2003. "Converging Patterns of Family Divergence? A Comparative Study of Education Differentials in the Delay of Marriage and Childbearing and in the Rise of Non-Marital Fertility." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Kennedy, Sheela and Frank F. Furstenberg, Jr. 2003. "Does Divorce Make You Happy? A Reconsideration of the Evidence." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, May 1-3, Minneapolis, MN.
- Kennedy, Sheela, Jennifer McKnight, and Ruth Curran Neild. 2001. "Teacher Qualifications in Philadelphia: A Multilevel Analysis of the Effects of Teacher Certification on High School Achievement." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA.
- Kennedy, Sheela. 2000. "The Formation of Parent Networks and Their Impact on Student Outcomes." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Population Methods and Issues in the U.S. and the Third World, University of Minnesota, Fall 2011.
Population Methods and Issues in the U.S. and the Global South, University of Minnesota, Spring 2013.
Writing Fellow (2003) for Discrimination: Racial and Sexual Conflict, University of Pennsylvania.
Guest lecturer (2006, 2007) on Divorce, Marriage and the Family, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Urban Education Semester (1994). Interned at Salomé Ureña Middle Academy in New York City,
graduate coursework at Bank Street School of Education.

COMMITTEE SERVICE

Population Studies Minor Curriculum Oversight Committee: 9/11-present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America
Association service: session discussant (PAA 2005, 2006, 2010)
Demographic Research Scientific Review Board, 2011-present
Occasional reviewer, *Demography*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Social Forces*, *Journal of Family
Issues*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Social Science Quarterly*