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CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Current:

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (Since Fall 2011)
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Affiliate, Institute of Health, Health Care Policy, & Aging Research (Since Fall 2011)
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Research Associate, Center for Research on Child Well-Being (Since Summer 2012)
Princeton University

Previous:

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research (2009-2011)
Harvard University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Princeton University, June 2009
Dissertation: *Social Fathers in Fragile Families: Prevalence, Characteristics, and Influence*
Committee Members: Sara McLanahan, Noreen Goldman, Elizabeth Armstrong, Scott Lynch

M.A. in Sociology, Princeton University, 2006
General Examinations: Sociology of Family, Demography, Sociology of Poverty

B.A. in Sociology and Policy Studies, Rice University, 2001
Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Child well-being, family demography, health, poverty, race and ethnicity

PUBLICATIONS

2012. Bzostek, Sharon, Sara McLanahan and Marcia Carlson. "Mothers' Repartnering After a Nonmarital Birth." *Social Forces* 90(3).

2011. Bzostek, Sharon and Audrey Beck. "Familial Instability and Young Children's Physical Health." *Social Science and Medicine* 73.

2010. Bzostek, Sharon. "Review of Funding and Training Resources in Mixed-Methods Family Research." Commissioned background paper for National Academies of

Science Workshop on the Science of Family Research.

2008. Bzostek, Sharon. "Social Fathers and Child Wellbeing." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 70.
2008. Berger, Lawrence, Marcia Carlson, Sharon Bzostek and Cynthia Osborne. 2008. "Parenting Practices of Resident Fathers: The Role of Marital and Biological Ties." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 70.
2008. Kimbro, Rachel, Sharon Bzostek, Noreen Goldman and German Rodriguez. "Racial and Ethnic Variation in Health Inequalities in the U.S." *Health Affairs* 27(2).
2007. Bzostek, Sharon, Noreen Goldman and Anne Pebley. "Why Do Hispanics Report Poor Health?" *Social Science and Medicine* 65(5).
2004. Brown, Brett, Kristin Moore and Sharon Bzostek. *A Portrait of Well-Being in Early Adulthood*. Child Trends DataBank CrossCurrents, Issue 2. Child Trends: Washington, DC.
2003. Brown, Brett and Sharon Bzostek. *Violence in the Lives of Children*. Child Trends DataBank CrossCurrents, Issue 1. Child Trends: Washington, DC.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Percheski, Christine and Sharon Bzostek. "Family Complexity, Children's Health Insurance and Usual Source of Care." Revise and Resubmit.
- Bzostek, Sharon. "Maternal Repartnering and Trajectories of Financial Well-Being." In progress.
- Bzostek, Sharon and Lonnie Berger. "Maternal Repartnering and Child Development during the First Nine Years of Life." In progress.
- Bzostek, Sharon. "Understanding Parental Ratings of Children's Health Status." In progress.
- Bzostek, Sharon, Narayan Sastry, Anne Pebley and Noreen Goldman. "Using Vignettes Data to Understand Differences in Hispanics' and Whites' Self-Rated Health." In progress.
- Berger, Lonnie and Sharon Bzostek. "Maternal Repartnering and Parenting Behaviors." In progress.
- Sastry, Narayan, Anne Pebley, Sharon Bzostek and Noreen Goldman. "Using Anchoring Vignettes to Re-estimate Self-Rated Health." In progress.
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GRANTS, PRIZES, AND FELLOWSHIPS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE

University of Wisconsin's Institute for Research on Poverty's Emerging Scholars Small Grant, 2012-2013

Rutgers University Sociology Department "Undergraduate Teaching Honor Roll," Spring 2012

Rutgers University Sociology Department Faculty Research Seed Grant, Spring 2012

Marvin Bressler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, June 2007

National Institutes of Health Pre-doctoral Traineeship, Fall 2004 – Summer 2008

Westoff Best Demography Student Paper Award, Office of Population Research, May 2006

Princeton University Graduate School Summer Research Grants, 2004 – 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2012

Sociology 227, Population and Society

Sociology 542, Analysis of Sociological Data II

Spring 2012

Sociology 227, Population and Society

Sociology 570, Demography and Population Research

Fall 2011

Sociology 227, Population and Society

Spring 2007 & 2006

Teaching assistant for Professor Elizabeth Armstrong, Sociology 364: Sociology of Medicine

Fall 2005

Teaching assistant for Professor Paul Starr, Sociology 201: American Society & Politics

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Bzostek, Sharon and Lawrence Berger. "Maternal Repartnering and Child Wellbeing."
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2012.

Bzostek, Sharon. Invited speaker for Project L/EARN summer internship seminar series,
August 2012.

Bzostek, Sharon. Invited panelist for sessions on child health, father involvement, and child behaviors and cognitive development at 2012 Fragile Families Data Workshop, Columbia University. July 2012.

Bzostek, Sharon. "Maternal Repartnering, Parenting Behaviors, and Child Well-Being in Fragile Families." Invited presentation in Rutgers Sociology Departmental

Colloquium series. March 2012.

- Berger, Lawrence and Sharon Bzostek. "Maternal Repartnering and Parenting Behaviors in Fragile Families." Paper presented at 2012 Population Association of America Meeting, May 2012.
- Bzostek, Sharon and Lawrence Berger. "Maternal Repartnering and Child Wellbeing Across the First Nine Years." Paper presented at 2011 APPAM Annual Meeting, November 2012.
- Bzostek, Sharon. "Familial Instability and Young Children's Health." Paper presented at 2011 Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Annual Meeting.
- Bzostek, Sharon. "Understanding Parent-Reported Child Health." Presentation for Harvard University Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholars Spring 2011 Seminar Series.
- Percheski, Christine and Sharon Bzostek. "The Role of Mixed Health Insurance in Children's Health Care Access and Utilization." Paper presented at 2010 APPAM Annual Meeting.
- Percheski, Christine and Sharon Bzostek. "Mixed Health Insurance within Families and Child Health Care Access and Utilization." Paper presented at 2010 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Bzostek, Sharon. "Using Vignette Data to Understand Racial/Ethnic Differences in Self-Rated Health." Presentation at 2010 Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meeting.
- Bzostek, Sharon. "Using Vignette Data to Understand Racial/Ethnic Differences in Self-Rated Health." Presentation for Harvard University Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholars Spring 2010 Seminar Series.
- Bzostek, Sharon. Invited discussant for panel on multi-partnered fertility, complicated families, and child wellbeing. Population of Association 2010 Annual Meeting.
- Bzostek, Sharon. "Mothers' Repartnering after a Nonmarital Birth." Invited seminar at Boston University's School of Social Work Social Inequality Colloquium, Winter 2010.
- Bzostek, Sharon and Audrey Beck. "Family Structure and Child Health in Fragile Families." Paper presented at 2009 APPAM Annual Meeting.
- Bzostek, Sharon. "Parental Ratings of Child Health Status." Paper presented at 2009 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Bzostek, Sharon. "Family Structure and Child Health in Fragile Families." Paper

- presented at 2008 Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- Kimbrow, Rachel, Sharon Bzostek, Noreen Goldman and German Rodriguez. "Racial and Ethnic Variation in Health Inequalities in the U.S. Paper presented at 2008 Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- Bzostek, Sharon. "Father Involvement and Child Wellbeing in Social Father Families." Paper presented at roundtable session at 2007 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Bzostek, Sharon. "Father Involvement and Child Wellbeing in Social Father Families." Paper presented at 2007 Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- Bzostek, Carlson & McLanahan. "Does Mother Know Best? A Comparison of Social and Biological Fathers in Fragile Families." Paper presented at 2006 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Bzostek, Goldman & Pebley. "Why Do Hispanics Report Poor Health?" Los Angeles Family and Neighborhood Survey Working Group presentation, February 2006
- Bzostek, Sharon. "Why Do Hispanics Report Poor Health?" Poster presented at 2006 Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- Bzostek & McLanahan. "Does Mother Know Best? A Comparison of Social and Biological Fathers in Fragile Families." Poster presented at 2006 Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- Bzostek, Carlson & McLanahan. "Comparing biological and social father families in Fragile Families." Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study Working Group presentation, August 2005.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fall 2004 – Spring 2009

Graduate Research Assistant, Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Princeton University

Summer 2006 – Spring 2009

Graduate Research Assistant, Hispanic Health Paradox Project (PI: Goldman)

Summer – Fall 2006

Graduate Research Assistant, Media Coverage of Diseases Project (PI: Armstrong)

December 2001 – August 2004

Research Assistant and Project Analyst, Child Trends

Fall 2001

Intern, Children's Defense Fund

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Journals

Editorial Board, *Journal of Marriage and Family* (9/2011 – present)

Peer Reviewer, *American Journal of Public Health*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, *International Journal of Public Health*, *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Preventing Chronic Disease*, *Pediatrics*, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Forum*, *Social Problems*, *Social Service Review*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *The Sociological Quarterly*

Service

Rutgers University Department of Sociology Executive Committee (Elected), 2012-2013

Rutgers University Department of Sociology Undergraduate Committee, 2012-2013

Rutgers University Department of Sociology First-Year Graduate Advisor, 2012-2013

Advisory Committee, Rutgers Institute for Women's Leadership's Initiative on Women and Health, 2012-2013

Rutgers Jack Riley and Matilda White-Riley Term Paper Award Committee, Fall 2011

Rutgers University Department of Sociology Colloquium Committee, 2011-2012

ASA Sociology of the Family Section Bylaws Committee, 2010-2011

ESS Rose Laub Coser Dissertation Prospectus Award Committee, Spring 2011

Midwestern Sociological Association Student Paper Award Committee, Spring 2011

Princeton University Graduate School Community Associate, 2007-2009

Office of Population Research Student Social Committee Co-Chair, 2006-2007

Office of Population Research Sociology Student Liaison to Faculty, 2006-2007

Princeton University Judicial Committee Graduate Student Representative, 2006-2007

Office of Population Research Student Professional Development Co-Chair, 2005-2006

Department of Sociology Graduate Student Governing Committee, 2004-2005

Professional Association Memberships

American Sociological Association

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Population Association of America

Society for Research on Child Development