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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology and Demography. Princeton University, November 2002.  
B.A., Sociology. University of Notre Dame, May 1992.

## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 2004-present.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research, University of California, Berkeley, 2002-2004.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES (\*indicates refereed publication)

- \*2009 Turney, Kristin, and Kristen Harknett. "Neighborhood Socioeconomic Disadvantage and Perceptions of Social Support among New Parents." (forthcoming, *Journal of Family Issues*)
- \*2009 Haxton, Clarisse and Kristen Harknett. "Racial and Gender Differences in Kin Support: A Mixed Methods Study of African American and Hispanic couples." *Journal of Family Issues*. 30: 1019-1040.
- \*2009 Harknett, Kristen. "Why are Children with Married Parents Healthier? The Case of Pediatric Asthma." *Population Research and Policy Review*. 28: 347-365.
- \*2008 Harknett, Kristen. "Mate Availability and Unmarried Parent Relationships." *Demography*. 45(3): 555-571.
- \*2007 Harknett, Kristen, and Jean Tansey Knab. "More Kin, Less Support: Multipartnered Fertility and Kin Support among New Mothers" *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. 69(1): 237-253.  
  
2007 (September) Reprinted as a digest in *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*. 39(3) 181-182.
- \*2006 Harknett, Kristen. "Does Receiving an Earnings Supplement affect Union Formation?: Estimating Effects for Program Participants using Propensity Score Matching" *Evaluation Review*. 30(6): 741-778.
- \*2006 Goldstein, Joshua, and Kristen Harknett. "Parenting across Racial and Class Lines: Assortative Mating Patterns of New Parents Who Are Married, Cohabiting, Dating, and No Longer Romantically Involved." *Social Forces*. 85(1): 121-143.

- \*2006 Harknett, Kristen. "The Relationship Between Private Safety Nets and Economic Outcomes Among Single Mothers." *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. 68(1): 172-191.
- \*2005 Harknett, Kristen, Irwin Garfinkel, Jay Bainbridge, Timothy Smeeding, Nancy Folbre, and Sara McLanahan. "Are Public Expenditures Associated with Better Child Outcomes in the U.S.? A Comparison Across 50 States." *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*. 5(1): 103-125.
- \*2004 Harknett, Kristen, and Sara McLanahan. "Explaining Racial and Ethnic Differences in Marriage among New, Unwed Parents." *American Sociological Review*. 69(6): 790-811.
- \*2003 Harknett, Kristen, and Lisa A. Gennetian. "How an Earnings Supplement Can Affect Union Formation Among Low-Income Single Mothers." *Demography*. 40(3): 451-478.
- \*2001 Harknett, Kristen. "Working and Leaving Welfare: Does Race or Ethnicity Matter?" *Social Service Review*. 75(3): 359-385.
- 2001 Harknett, Kristen, Laura Hardman, Irwin Garfinkel, and Sara S. McLanahan. "The Fragile Families Study: Social Policies and Labor Markets in Seven Cities." *Children and Youth Services Review*. 23(6-7): 537-555.
- \*1998 Brock, Thomas, and Kristen Harknett. "A Comparison of Two Welfare-to-Work Case Management Models." *Social Service Review*. 72(4): 493-520.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- "Revisiting Premarital Conception and the Risk of Divorce." (with Jean Tansey Knab)
- "Educational Attainment and Transitions to Marriage Following a Nonmarital Birth" (with Arielle Kuperberg)
- "Parenting and Personal Safety Nets: Examining Child Characteristics and Perceived Instrumental Support" (with Caroline Sten Hartnett)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "How Does Gender Composition of Schools Influence Romantic Relationships?" (with Carla Medalia)
- "Parental Stressors and Maternal Depression" (with Kristin Turney)
- "Intentions for a Second or Higher Order Child in Europe: The Importance of Partner, Family, and Institutional Supports for Children" (with Francesco Billari and Carla Medalia)

## INVITED TALKS (\*) AND SELECTED PAPERS PRESENTED

- \*2008 "Social Support for Mothers and Maternal Depression: Evidence from the Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study" Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University.
  
- \*2008 "Social Support for Unmarried Mothers and Well-being" West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington.
  
- \*2008 "How Do Children Affect Exchange Relationships?: Family Size, Child Age, and Social Support" Center for Family and Demographic Research, Bowling Green State University.
  
- 2006 "Does the Timing of Marriage Matter? Marital Stability among Couples who Married Before a Pregnancy, During a Pregnancy, or After a Birth" Annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Madison, Wisconsin.
  
- \*2006 "More Kin, Less Support: Multipartnered Fertility and Kin Support Among New Mothers" University of Wisconsin, Madison (invited talk), and Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Los Angeles.
  
- 2006 "How the Sequencing of Marriage and Childbearing is associated with Marital Stability" Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal.
  
- \*2006 "Mate Availability and the Quality of Male Childbearing Partners" University of Pennsylvania, Population Studies Center.
  
- \*2005 "Beggars Can't Be Choosers?: The Quality of Male Partners in Weak Marriage Markets" University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Columbia University videoconference.
  
- 2005 "The Relationship Between Private Safety Nets and Economic Outcomes Among Single Mothers" Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Philadelphia.
  
- 2005 "Asthma Management among Very Young Children: Are Two Parents better than One?" Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Philadelphia.
  
- \*2004 "Explaining Racial and Ethnic Differences in Marriage among New, Unwed Parents." University of California, Berkeley, Demography Brown Bag Seminar.
  
- 2003 "Explaining Racial and Ethnic Differences in Marriage among New, Unwed Parents." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta.
  
- 2003 "Did Education Expenditures Improve Adolescent Outcomes Across the U.S. States in the 1990s?" Annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington DC.

- \*2003 “Do Private Safety Nets Reduce Welfare Receipt and Increase Employment?” U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Washington DC.
  
- 2003 “Parenting across Racial and Class Lines.” Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Minneapolis.
  
- \*2002 “Unwed Parents: What Do We Know? Survey and Qualitative Research Findings from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study.” University of Washington Research Forum on Marriage, Public Policy, and Children, Seattle.
  
- 2002 “Returns on Investments? Expenditures on Children and Child Outcomes in Fifty U.S. States.” Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Atlanta.
  
- 2001 “Why New Parents Choose Not to Marry: Evidence from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study in 20 US Cities.” Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington DC.
  
- \*2001 “How an Earnings Supplement Can Affect the Marital Behavior of Welfare Recipients: Evidence from the Canadian Self-Sufficiency Project.” Columbia University, Faculty Consortium on Child Wellbeing, New York.

#### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- PARC/Boettner Center/NICHHD Pilot Project grant, (2006-2008)
- Research Foundation grant, University of Pennsylvania. (2005-2007)
- Center for Teaching and Learning grant, University of Pennsylvania. (2005-2006)
- Instructional Technology grant, University of Pennsylvania. (2005-2006)
- Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Program. (2002-2004)
- University of Wisconsin’s Institute for Research on Poverty and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Young Scholars Small Grants Program. (2002-2003)
- MacArthur Network on Family and the Economy, Predoctoral grant. (2001-2002)
- Princeton University, Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars. (2000-2002)

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Sociology of the Family
- Seminar in Demographic Research
- Population Processes II: Fertility and Family Demography
- Research Practicum in Mixed Methods Analysis
- Introduction to Sociological Research
- Poverty and Social Exclusion seminar

#### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Critical Writing Advisory Board, 2008-9.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National Science Foundation, grant reviewer.  
Marchionne Foundation, grant reviewer.  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*.  
Robert Wood Johnson, Health and Societies, Grant proposal review committee.  
Nominations Committee, American Sociological Association, Family Section.  
Referee, *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*,  
*Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Social Service Review*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Population Studies*.

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Family/Gender workshop organizer, 2009.  
Sociology Search Committee, 2007-8.  
Sociology Undergraduate Committee, 2005-6, 2007-8, 2008-9.  
Sociology Computing Committee, 2005-6.  
Sociology Executive Committee, 2004-5, 2008-9.  
Sociology Colloquium Organizer, 2004-5, 2006-7.  
Demography Admissions committee, 2006-7.  
Demography Masters or Ph.D. exam committees, 2004-9.  
Organizer, Fragile Families videoconference series with Princeton and Columbia Universities, 2005-7.

## ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation, New York, NY.  
*Research Associate (1997)*, *Research Analyst (1996)*, *Research Assistant (1992-1995)*

Data manager for the Self-Sufficiency Project, a \$70 million welfare research and demonstration project testing the effectiveness of a temporary earnings subsidy in helping long-term welfare recipients to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Analyzed and managed multiple administrative records and survey databases covering thousands of sample members.

Impact analyst for the National Evaluation of Welfare-to-Work Strategies, a long-term evaluation of eleven employment and training programs involving 55,000 sample members. Conducted training seminars and supervised research assistants. Interviewed program administrators and reviewed welfare case files during several site visits.

## RESEARCH REPORTS

Harknett, Kristen, and Lisa Gennetian. 2001. *How an Earnings Supplement Can Affect the Marital Behaviour of Welfare Recipients: Evidence from the Canadian Self-Sufficiency Project*.

Michalopoulos, Charles, David Card, Lisa A. Gennetian, Kristen Harknett, and Philip K. Robins. 2000. *The Self-Sufficiency Project at 36 months: Effects of a Financial Work Incentive on Employment and Income*.

Lin, Winston, Philip K. Robins, David Card, Kristen Harknett, and Susanna Lui-Gurr. 1998. *When Financial Incentives Encourage Work: Complete 18-Month Findings from the Self-Sufficiency Project*.

Hamilton, Gayle, Thomas Brock, Mary Farrell, Daniel Friedlander, Kristen Harknett. 1997. *The JOBS Evaluation: Program Implementation and Two-Year Participation Patterns, Costs, and Impacts in Three Sites*.