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1. First job? Lifeguard

2. First website you access in the morning? New York Times - before I get out of bed.


4. First music you ever bought? AC/DC’s “Back in Black” in 1980, when I was in 5th grade.

5. Current favorite vacation destination? Anywhere in Europe -- bicycling down the Dalmatian Coast in Croatia last summer was lovely.


7. What ticks you off? Whining and narcissism.

8. If you had a time machine, where and when would you visit? September 20, 1973, Houston, Texas. Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 in “The Battle of the Sexes.”

9. If you could have any three dinner companions? Hilary Clinton, Melinda Gates, Barbara Kingsolver.

10. If you could trade places with any person for a day? Serena Williams.

11. What super power would you like to have? Lie detection.

12. Life-changing moment? I ran a mile for the first time in my life in summer 2012; I haven’t stopped running since.


14. Mind you’d most like to read? Too scary.

15. Best award you ever won? Voted “Least Likely to Marry” by my high school classmates.

16. Memorable song lyric? “The opposite of love is indifference” (Lumineers, “Stubborn Love”)

17. Favorite room in home? Screened in porch and newly remodeled kitchen.


20. If you could choose another career? Architect, interior designer, or builder.

21. What do you like about your work? Stata output.

22. Where do you see yourself in ten years? Hmmm... Who knows? Life is very hard to predict!

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Jennifer Barber, came to PSC as a Mellon-funded postdoctoral fellow in 1997. When her fellowship ended in 2000, she stayed at Michigan, with affiliations at both PSC and SRC, and later the sociology department. In 2009, she was promoted to professor in the sociology department, and research professor at PSC and SRC. She is currently serving as the Associate Chair in sociology.

In 2007, she began an NICHD-funded project, “Relationship Dynamics and Social Life” (RDSL), to explore the types of attitudes, relationships, and contraceptive practices that produce unintended pregnancies. She, and colleagues from PSC and SRC, collected intensive longitudinal data from a cohort of 18- and 19-year-old women in Michigan. Beginning with a 50-minute face-to-face interview, respondents were interviewed weekly for 2.5 years.

Data collection also included semi-structured interviews, geocoding, and administrative data. The study resulted in nearly 3,000 variables in 58,000 weekly interviews with 1,003 young women. The young women reported 233 pregnancies, 114 “pregnancy scares”, and more than 2,500 unique relationships. Analyses are underway, and Jennifer is working closely with Yasamin Kusunoki (Co-Investigator on the study) and Heather Gatny (Project Director), as well as many PSC post-docs, graduate students, and undergraduates.

Jennifer’s work has taken a more practical turn in recent years. In 2011, she received a Distinguished Fellowship from the William T. Grant Foundation. The purpose of these fellowships is to give mid-career researchers the opportunity to immerse themselves in practice (or policy) settings. She spent a year working at a teen pregnancy prevention center in Detroit, and is currently working at Planned Parenthood. This practical immersion is intended to increase the extent to which her work addresses questions of interest to those who work “on-the-ground” to improve youth outcomes, such as unintended pregnancy. Jennifer is hoping to continue this more practical focus in her future research.
Altmetrics

New ways to measure the impact of research products
by Yan Fu, PSC Librarian

If you went to Christopher Monk’s PSC brown bag in February, “Neuroimaging and Population Science,” you may remember he mentioned the article in PNAS where he and his colleagues published their findings.

Viewing this article on the PNAS website, you find the expected abstract, full text, and supplemental materials. But you may be new to the metrics component, which aims to capture the article’s online impact and usage statistics.

These alternative article-level metrics, termed altmetrics, go beyond traditional citation counts, demonstrating an article’s impact and reach by collecting data on page views and downloads, bookmarks, blog postings, and mainstream/social media dissemination.

Publishers such as Springer, Elsevier, Wiley, Cambridge Journals, BMJ Journals, Nature Publishing Group and PNAS have all started to experiment with the use of alternative metrics. Although no standard practice has emerged so far, all use an altmetrics score—some along with traditional citation data. Currently, about 35% of biomedical papers and about 10% of social science papers have altmetrics scores.

How does the leading provider, Altmetric, derive scores? Metrics for the “Cancer Immunotherapy” article in Science (shown above right) show a score of 350, which reflects three main factors: volume, sources, and authors.

The score rises as more people mention the article, but the algorithm also accounts for the sources, giving descending weight to newspaper articles, blog posts, and tweets, and factoring in the authoritativeness of the bloggers/tweeters and their intended audiences. So a subject specialist/sharing a link with other specialists gets a higher score than a Facebook mention by a lay person.

The visual representation—the Altmetric donut—is color coded by source type: dark blue for social media, turquoise for Twitter, yellow for blogs, and red for mainstream media sources. While traditional citations often take years to accrue, altmetrics provide an overview of an article’s online attention from the moment it is posted.

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Altmetric, owned by Macmillan Publishers, provides article-level metrics for researchers and publishers. Its website provides a list of data sources it tracks.

In addition to journal articles, Plum Analytics covers books, conference papers, datasets, web pages, and more. It provides a dashboard that summarizes online activities of researchers, groups, and institutions, categorizing metrics into five types: usage, captures, mentions, social media, and citations.

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Contact the PSC Library to find out more about managing your online presence and increasing visibility and dissemination of your research results.
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My motivation to join PSC was grounded in the desire to develop the research methods and the program of research requisite to answer key scientific questions on the consequences of rapid social change in non-western settings. Witnessing the persistent failure of policies and programs aimed at improving human well-being and environmental conditions in low-income places pushed me to make a major change in my career—from a development practitioner to a researcher.

Prior to joining PSC, I worked for a decade at CARE International in Nepal—a development and relief organization—first as a development agent working with farmers at the grass-roots level, then as a strategist responsible for formulating policy and designing, implementing, and evaluating the programs in Nepal. The longer I worked with CARE, the more I realized the need for rigorous scientific evaluation of the consequences of the development programs. My transition from a practitioner to a researcher would not have been possible had I not met Bill Axinn and landed at PSC.

Today I have the pleasure of co-directing with Bill the Population and Ecology Research Laboratory at PSC, a truly interdisciplinary and international program of research and training. Using our own experiences in Nepal along with PSC’s scientific expertise and resources, Bill and I have been able to establish a research and training program rooted in interdisciplinary collectivism.

My own research agenda has revolved around research on social change as it relates to family, on family as it relates to environment, and helping them to generate alternative ways of thinking about the research issues. As often as I've taken students to Chitwan, seeing them respond to this environment, and helping them to generate alternative ways to address the research issues. As often as I've taken students to Chitwan, I learn something new on each trip.

Mending the interplay between structural change in my career—from a practitioner to a researcher —from a practitioner to a researcher would not have been possible had I not met Bill Axinn and landed at PSC.

Moreover, my interdisciplinary interests and the collegiality of PSC have allowed me to extend the substantive topics of my research into other areas of keen interest in the developing world, such as migration, education, and health, the latter including gene-environment interactions. This synergy has yielded more than two dozen studies and generated a wide variety of new and rich data sets. I am particularly proud of the unique and high-quality data we have been able to make available to the scientific community.

A highly satisfying component of my work is training and mentoring. I provide hands-on training to PSC trainees and post-doctoral fellows on research methods specific to low-income contexts, and work with early scientists in international research capacity building.

Working with students and post-docs is energizing given the advancement of the scientific community. My transition from a practitioner to a researcher would not have been possible had I not met Bill Axinn and landed at PSC.

International research capacity building is a part of my work that I love from the bottom of my heart. With continuous support from PSC and Bill Axinn's leadership, we have been highly successful in developing institutional capability in Nepal via the Institute for Social and Environmental Research, Nepal (ISER-N), which I direct. Since its founding in 2001, ISER-N has become a premier research and training institute in the South Asia region, offering short courses on setting specific survey research methods and survey data analysis that have been widely popular among faculty, students, and research scholars from Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, and Afghanistan.

ISER-N also has served as a training venue for researchers and students from PSC and other US collaborating universities. ISRN’s researchers and staff in Nepal have been instrumental in carrying out field-level training and research activities.

My interest in understanding the causes and consequences of social change have led me to a wonderful network of both methodologists and family sociologists at PSC and SRC. Collaborations have resulted in methodological innovations in the measurement of contextual change (neighborhood history calendar), the measurement of ideational change over time (panel measurement of ideational factors) and psychiatric disorders (validation of World Mental Health Instrument for Nepal), and in tracking respondents who migrate around the world (Nepali migrants study).

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Witnessing the persistent failure of policies and programs to address the research issues, she helped conduct the final evidence review, is lead author of the report, and presented results to UN member states Feb 12, 2014. The release of this report was covered extensively in the media, including in the New York Times, Huffington Post, and Time Magazine.

See report Snow’s presentation of ICPD Report findings.
New Affiliates

Paula Fomby joined the Center as an Associate Research Scientist in September 2013. She earned her PhD in sociology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Her research focuses on how family instability affects child well-being, including how parents’ choices and behaviors influence those of their children.

Susan Jekielek joined the Center as an Assistant Research Scientist in February 2013. She received her PhD in sociology from Ohio State University. She is currently the director of Education and Child Care Data Archives at ICPSR. Her research interests lie in work and family, family policy, and child well-being.

Lisa Neidert became a Research Scientist at the Center in September 2013. She has a PhD in sociology from University of Texas, Austin. Her research interests include spatial analyses of demographic change and the associations between familial/social shifts and ideational ones. Her applied interests (as director of PSC's Data Services) include data access, quality, and confidentiality.

Hongwei Xu joined the Center as a Research Investigator in February 2013. He obtained his PhD in sociology from Brown University. His research interests include nutrition transitions, segregation. His methodological interests include spatial statistics, Bayesian inference, and survival analysis.

Former Affiliates

David Harding left the University of Michigan in June 2013 to become an Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. He is also an affiliate of the UC Berkeley Population Center, and a faculty member at the Institute for the Study of Societal Issues. Dave retains an off-campus affiliation with PSC.

Lauren Nicholas left the University of Michigan in August 2013 to accept an Assistant Professor position in the Department of Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Lauren retains an off-campus affiliation with PSC.

New Trainees

Anne Clark First year, Sociology Research Interests: housing instability, gender and sexuality, adulthood, stratification, mixed methods PSC Mentor: Jennifer Barber

Michael Fang First year, Public Policy and Sociology Research Interests: Social stratification, educational disparities, demography PSC Mentor: Yu Xie

Damian White First year, Sociology Research Interests: fatherhood and masculinity, family complexity, social inequality. PSC Mentor: Pam Smock

Data Services & Survey Software

Let us show you how to become your own survey manager

Data Services staff now provide support for the university’s license with the online survey software Qualtrics.

Qualtrics allows users to create and distribute online surveys, store data, and analyze findings. Simple surveys can be created quickly. More complex surveys involving randomization and embedded and longitudinal data are also possible.

We have helped researchers develop questionnaires for review by the IRB, and currently one of our trainees is using the software to collect data on a small sample of U-M undergraduates via the registrar.

While the software does not have all the bells and whistles that ISR’s Survey Research Operations provides, it has more capabilities than one might expect. And of course it is a cheap and quick way to develop a survey.

PSC Small Fund Support

Small funds at the Population Studies Center support a range of research projects and related activities among research affiliates, trainees, and alumni.

Recent Recipients

Jennifer Barber  Yasamin Kasunoki
Jay Borchert   Qing Lai
Elizabeth Bruch   Katherine Lin
Jamie Budnick    Emily Ann Marshall
Siwei Cheng     Colter Mitchell
Ellen Compernolle  Jeffrey Morenoff
Linnea Evans    Javier Rodriguez
Dirgha Ghimire   Nelson Saldana
David Harding    Narayan Sastry
Amelia Karraker    Robert Schoeni
Jason Kerwin    Sarah Seelye

Information on all PSC small funds

http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/research/small-fund-support.html

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Pam Smock

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### 2014 PAA Annual Meeting

The Population Association of America’s 2014 Annual Meeting will be held May 1-3 in Boston. Many PSC researchers, post-docs, and students are participating at PAA, as outlined below.

#### Total Researchers Post-docs Students

| Author of paper | 34 | 25 | 2 | 7 |
| Author of poster | 13 | 7 | 3 |
| Session discussant | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Session chair | 7 | 0 | 0 |

### PSC Library: New Book Acquisitions

Arne L. Kalleberg
Library Catalog Record
Publisher Information

**Applied Multiple Regression/Correlation Analysis for the Behavioral Sciences**
Jacob Cohen, Patricia Cohen, Stephen G. West, and Leona S. Aiken
Library Catalog Record
Publisher Information

**Global Aging: Comparative Perspectives on Aging and the Life Course**
Suzanne R. Kunzel, J. Scott Brown, and Frank J. Wenzel
Library Catalog Record
Publisher Information

**Recent Papers by PSC Affiliates**

**Marriage at the Crossroads: Law, Policy, and the Brave New World of Twenty-First-Century Families**
Marsha Garrison and Elizabeth S. Scott
Library Catalog Record
Publisher Information

**New Directions in the Sociology of Aging**
Jennifer S. Barber, Kristi R. Jenkins, and Kenzie Latham
Library Catalog Record
Publisher Information

**The Aging Population in Vietnam: Current Status, Prognosis, and Possible Policy Responses**
United Nations Population Fund
Library Catalog Record
Publisher Information

### Construction Updates

Progress on the new Wing 4 is moving along, with occupancy to occur sometime around the end of April. We anticipate that PSC faculty will begin moving into the new Wing 4 space in early summer. Subsequent moves into legacy offices will occur after that. Please watch for email updates.

Renovations on the 2116 Bay, where the PSC directors’ staff offices will relocate, are underway and scheduled to be complete in May.
Linda Waite
Lucy Flower Professor of Sociology
Director, Center on the Demography and Economics of Aging
University of Chicago

Linda Waite was a trainee at the Pop Center from 1970 to 1973. Her advisors were Ron Freedman, Karen Mason, Paul Siegel, and Malcolm Cohen. After earning her Ph.D. in sociology in 1975 Linda worked at the Census Bureau in the Education and Social Statistics Branch, then was assistant to associate professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Illinois, then Senior Behavioral Scientist in the Labor and Population Program at RAND. Whew.

After so much moving, Linda went to the University of Chicago's Sociology Department, where she finally settled down and has worked happily since 1991.

Linda is the principal investigator for the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP), supported by a MERIT Award from the National Institute on Aging. NSHAP is a longitudinal study of older adults, examining mechanisms by which social factors (e.g., intimate relationships and social networks) affect and are affected by health. In 2013, the NSHAP team received funding to conduct a third wave of data collection in 2015-16. Linda is also the PI for an NIA training grant administered by the University of Chicago and Chair of the Committee on Demographic Teaching, which directs the training program.

In 2012, Linda received the Matilda White Riley Award from NIH Office of the Director, Center on the Demography and Economics of Aging, for her contributions to the field, including her work on the importance of marriage, the life course, and social factors in health. Linda is co-author, with Frances Goldscheider, of New Families, No Families?: Marriage and Family Change in America (University of Chicago Press, 1991), winner of the Duncan Award from the American Sociological Association. Her current research focuses on social connections and aging at older ages, as well as a collaborative book project, tentatively titled, Rethinking How We Think About Health.

Linda lives in Highland Park Illinois with her husband, Larry Charme, and with her daughter, Nava Stolzenberg. She spends as much time as she can in Israel with her other daughter, Shoshana Rubinschneider, and her son-in-law and her grandchildren (pictures on request).

John Casterline
Lazarus Professor in Population Studies
Director, Institute for Population Research
Ohio State University

John Casterline was a trainee at PSC 1975 to 1979, receiving his PhD in Sociology in 1980. His PSC advisors were Al Herman (advisement chair), Ron Freedman, Eva Mueller, John Knodel, and Ron Farley.

John's career has oscillated between academic and non-academic appointments, an option available to demographers. John's first post-PSC position was with the World Fertility Survey in London, where he conducted comparative analyses of WFS data, 1980-84. His first academic appointment was Assistant/Associate Professor of Sociology at Brown University, 1984–1994. Two years of this period were spent on leave from Brown as a visiting researcher at PSC, while his wife, Lauralee Thompson, completed her PhD in medical sociology at UM and their son Benjamin (then ages 3-5) completed preschool, so the entire family has Ann Arbor roots.

Over the years John has primarily conducted research on fertility in developing countries, although in the late 1980s and early 1990s he was an investigator in Al Hererman's multi-country project on aging in Asia. Topics to which he has made contributions include contextual effects on fertility (in collaboration with Al Hererman and Barbara Ermish), diffusion models of fertility change (in collaboration with fellow PSC alumn Mark Montgomery), and causes of unmet need for family planning (in collaboration with PSC post-doc Ann Bodo). Of late he has been conducting research on unintended fertility: estimation, causes, and consequences. Over the years, John has engaged in primary data collection in a range of settings, including the Philippines, Pakistan, Egypt, and Ghana.

John is married to Lauralee Thompson (PSC trainee 1977-79). They attend the UMSOSU game in Columbus every second November and root silently for the Wolverines. They have one son, Benjamin, who completed his B.S. at the University of Chicago in 2011 and is now enrolled in an MD/PhD program at the University of Chicago with the aim of becoming a biomedical researcher. Attending the PSC 50th anniversary celebration was memorable and satisfying – it is always amazing to reflect on the talents at PSC in the late 1970s, among both faculty and graduate students.

Suzanne Duryea
Principal Research Economist
Inter-American Development Bank

Suzanne Duryea was a trainee at PSC from 1990-1996. Her advisors were David Lam, Yu Xie, Charlie Brown and George Johnson. She spent parts of 1992 and 1993 at PEAL, a government research institute in Rio de Janeiro financed by a Social Science Research Council International Post-doctoral Fellowship and the Mellon Foundation Grant.

After leaving PSC and completing her Ph.D. in economics from Michigan, Suzanne joined the Research Department of the Inter-American Development Bank where her policy-oriented research has focused on the topics of human capital investment and family labor supply. Many subsequent publications reflect collaborations first initiated in Ann Arbor, including articles with PSC colleagues that examine the effects of economic fluctuations on children’s school and labor outcomes. Her articles have been published in a variety of economic and development publications including American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Development Economics, World Development, Journal of Human Resources, and the Journal of Family and Economic Issues.

In 2010 Suzanne moved to the Social Sector of the IDE where she leads the research agenda and policy dialogue on youth. She is currently evaluating the impact of programs for vulnerable youth in Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela. Rather than conducting ex-post analysis of secondary data, the research project typically involve extensive field work, including meetings to understand a program’s theory of change, dialogue with counterparts to negotiate rigorous evaluation designs, and the development and oversight of study protocols. Suzanne is a member of JED’s technical experts on impact evaluation and was recently elected to the Executive Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), an international association of economists with common research interests in Latin America.

Suzanne has married to Tim Waldmann whom she met at Michigan during the collegial days of the PSC shared computer room. He is currently a Senior Fellow at the Urban Institute. They have two daughters, 15 and 18, and enjoy keeping up with PSC and Michigan alumni in the DC area.