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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology Rutgers University	Fall 2011-present
Faculty Affiliate Institute of Health, Health Care Policy, & Aging Research Rutgers University	Fall 2011-present
Research Associate, Center for Research on Child Well-Being Princeton University	2012-present
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research Harvard University	2009-2011

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Princeton University, 2009
Dissertation: *Social Fathers in Fragile Families: Prevalence, Characteristics & Influence*
Committee: Sara McLanahan (Chair), 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

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Family sociology, medical sociology, child well-being, family demography, health and health care, inequality and poverty

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Bzostek, Sharon and Lawrence Berger. Forthcoming. "Family Structure Experiences and Child Socioemotional Development during the First Nine Years of Life: Examining Heterogeneity by Family Structure at Birth." *Demography*.

Bzostek, Sharon and Christine Percheski. Forthcoming. "Children's Exposure to Uninsured Family Members: Differences by Family Structure." *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Bzostek, Sharon, Narayan Sastry, Noreen Goldman, Anne Pebley and Denise Duffy. 2016. "Using Vignettes to Rethink Latino-White Disparities in Self-Rated Health." *Social Science and Medicine* 149: 46-65.

Berger, Lawrence and Sharon Bzostek. 2014. "Adults' Roles as Partners and Parents in a Context of Family Complexity." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and*

- Social Science* 654: 87-109.
- Percheski, Christine and Sharon Bzostek. 2013. "Health Insurance Coverage within Sibships: Prevalence of Mixed Coverage and Associations with Health Care Utilization." *Social Science and Medicine* 90: 1-10.
- Bzostek, Sharon, Sara McLanahan and Marcia Carlson. 2012. "Mothers' Repartnering After a Nonmarital Birth." *Social Forces* 90: 817-841.
- Bzostek, Sharon and Audrey Beck. 2011. "Familial Instability and Young Children's Physical Health." *Social Science and Medicine* 73: 282-292.
- Bzostek, Sharon. 2008. "Social Fathers and Child Wellbeing." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 70: 950-961.
- 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: 625-639.
- Kimbro, Rachel, Sharon Bzostek, Noreen Goldman and German Rodriguez. 2008. "Racial and Ethnic Variation in Health Inequalities in the U.S." *Health Affairs* 27: 361-372.
- Bzostek, Sharon, Noreen Goldman and Anne Pebley. 2007. "Why Do Hispanics in the USA Report Poor Health?" *Social Science and Medicine* 65: 990-1003.
- [Reprinted in *The Ilan Stavans Library of Latino Civilization: Health Care*. 2010. (pp. 1-24), edited by Ilan Stavans. Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood.]

WORK UNDER REVIEW

- Percheski, Christine and Sharon Bzostek. "The Consequences of Childhood Uninsurance: A Sibling-Level Fixed Effects Analysis."

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Bzostek, Sharon. 2013. "Considering Social Factors and Potential Moderation Effects in Children's Health Research." *Journal of Applied Research on Children: Informing Policy for Children at Risk*: Vol. 4: Iss. 1, Article 14. Invited review of peer-reviewed article included in issue.
- Bzostek, Sharon. 2010. "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.
- Brown, Brett, Kristin Moore and Sharon Bzostek. 2004. *A Portrait of Well-Being in Early Adulthood*. Child Trends DataBank CrossCurrents, Issue 2. Child Trends: Washington, DC.
- Brown, Brett and Sharon Bzostek. 2003. *Violence in the Lives of Children*. Child Trends DataBank CrossCurrents, Issue 1. Child Trends: Washington, DC.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Bzostek, Sharon. "Understanding Parental Ratings of Children's Health Status."

Bzostek, Sharon. "When Does Repartnering Pay Off? Mothers' Changes in Financial Well-Being After Moving in With a New Partner."

Bzostek, Sharon. "Who's In Charge? Financial Resource Pooling and Decision-Making in Unwed Mothers' Partnerships."

Bzostek, Sharon, Colleen Nugent, Jane Miller and Louise Russell. "Disparities in Caregiver Time Burden by Family Structure for Children with Special Health Care Needs."

Berger, Lawrence and Sharon Bzostek. "Maternal Repartnering and Parenting Behaviors."

Berger, Lawrence, Sharon Bzostek, and Marcia Carlson. "Social Fathers' Characteristics, Parenting Quality, and Family Stability."

Kato, Kelly and Sharon Bzostek. "Latino Children's Self-Rated Health: Origins of the 'Double Paradox?'"

Pristavec, Teja and Bzostek, Sharon. "What Do the Kids Think? Children's Self-Reported Relationships with Social and Biological Fathers at Nine Years."

Sastry, Narayan, Anne Pebley, Sharon Bzostek and Noreen Goldman. "Using Anchoring Vignettes to Re-estimate Self-Rated Health."

GRANTS, PRIZES, AND FELLOWSHIPS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE

2015-2016. Rutgers University Institute for Research on Women Seminar Fellow.

2015. Rutgers University School of Arts and Sciences Award for Distinguished Contribution to Undergraduate Education.

2012-2013. University of Wisconsin-Madison's Institute for Research on Poverty's Emerging Scholars Small Grant. "Maternal Repartnering & Trajectories of Financial Well-Being Following a Non-marital Birth."

2012. Rutgers University Sociology Department Faculty Research Seed Grant. "Maternal Repartnering and Economic Well-Being in Fragile Families."

2004 – 2008. National Institutes of Health Pre-doctoral Traineeship, Princeton University

2004 – 2008. Princeton University Graduate School Summer Research Grants.

2006. Westoff Best Demography Student Paper Award, Office of Population Research, Princeton University. "Individual and Neighborhood Correlates of Self-Rated Health among Hispanic Americans."

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Bzostek, Sharon. 2016. "What Do the Kids Say? Issues in Comparing Parental and Child

June 2016

Reports of Family Dynamics." Invited presenter at Northwestern University Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop.

Bzostek, Sharon. 2015. "Unmarried Mothers' Financial Well-Being After Repartnering." Presented at Rutgers IRW 2016 Fellowship Seminar Series.

Bzostek, Sharon. 2014. Panelist for Rutgers University Douglass Project for Women in STEM Annual Health Science Research Symposium. New Brunswick, NJ.

Berger, Lawrence and Sharon Bzostek. 2013. "Complexity in Unions and Parenting." Presented at University of Wisconsin-Madison's Institute for Research on Poverty Family Complexity, Poverty and Public Policy Conference. Madison, WI.

Bzostek, Sharon. 2012. "'Involvement by Mothers' New Romantic Partners in the Fragile Families Dataset." Presented at Fragile Families Data Workshop. Columbia University, New York, NY.

Bzostek, Sharon. 2012. "Measures of Child Health in the Fragile Families Dataset." Presented at Fragile Families Data Workshop. Columbia University, New York, NY.

Bzostek, Sharon. 2012. "Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL) in the Fragile Families Dataset." Presented at Fragile Families Data Workshop. Columbia University, New York, NY.

Bzostek, Sharon. 2012. "Maternal Repartnering, Parenting Behaviors, and Child Well-Being in Fragile Families." Rutgers Sociology Departmental Colloquium, New Brunswick, NJ.

Bzostek, Sharon. 2010. "Mothers' Repartnering after a Nonmarital Birth." Boston University's School of Social Work Social Inequality Colloquium, Boston, MA.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Bzostek, Sharon. "Financial Management Strategies in Unmarried Mothers' Romantic Partnerships." Poster presented at APPAM 2015 Fall Research Conference. Miami, FL.

Berger, Lawrence, Sharon Bzostek and Marcia Carlson. "Social Fathers' Characteristics, Parenting Quality, and Family Stability." Presented at PAA 2015 annual meeting. San Diego, CA.

2013. Presented at Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management annual meeting, Washington, DC.

Kato, Kelly and Sharon Bzostek. "Latino Children's Self-Rated Health: Origins of the 'Double Paradox?'" ASA 2015 annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

Bzostek, Sharon. 2014. "When Does Repartnering Pay Off? Mothers' Changes in Financial Well-Being After Moving in with a New Partner." Population Association of America annual meeting, Boston, MA.

June 2016

2013. Presented at U. Wisconsin Institute for Poverty Research Small Grants Mentoring Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

Percheski, Christine and Sharon Bzostek. 2013. "Children's Exposure to Uninsured Family Members: Differences by Family Structure." American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY.

Bzostek, Sharon and Lawrence Berger. 2013. "Trajectories of Maternal Repartnering and Child Development." Population Association of America annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Bzostek, Sharon, Narayan Sastry, Noreen Goldman and Anne Pebley. 2013. "Using Vignette Data to Understand Racial/Ethnic Differences in Self-Rated Health." Population Association of America annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

2010. Presented at Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research annual meeting, La Jolla, CA.

2010. Presented at Harvard University Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Seminar Series, Boston, MA.

Berger, Lawrence and Sharon Bzostek. 2012. "Maternal Repartnering and Parenting Behaviors in Fragile Families." Population Association of America annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Bzostek, Sharon and Lawrence Berger. 2011. "Maternal Repartnering and Child Wellbeing Across the First Nine Years." Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Meeting, Washington, DC.

Bzostek, Sharon and Audrey Beck. 2011. "Familial Instability and Young Children's Health." Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

Percheski, Christine and Sharon Bzostek. 2010. "The Role of Mixed Health Insurance in Children's Health Care Access and Utilization." Association for Public Policy and Analysis annual meeting, Boston, MA.

2010. Presented at American Sociological Association annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Bzostek, Sharon and Audrey Beck. 2009. "Family Structure and Child Health in Fragile Families." Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management annual meeting, Washington, DC.

2008. Presented at Population Association of America annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Bzostek, Sharon. 2009. "Parental Ratings of Child Health Status." American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Kimbro, Rachel, Sharon Bzostek, Noreen Goldman and German Rodriguez. 2008. "Racial and Ethnic Variation in Health Inequalities in the U.S." Population Association of America annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Bzostek, Sharon. 2007. "Father Involvement and Child Wellbeing in Social Father Families." American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY.
2007. Presented at Population Association of America annual meeting, New York, NY.

Bzostek, Sharon, Marcia Carlson and Sara McLanahan. 2006. "Does Mother Know Best? A Comparison of Social and Biological Fathers in Fragile Families." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Montreal, Canada.

2006. Presented at Population Association of America annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Bzostek, Sharon, Noreen Goldman and Anne Pebley. 2006. "Why Do Hispanics Report Poor Health?" Population Association of America annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

2006. Presented at Los Angeles Family and Neighborhood Survey Working Group, Los Angeles, CA.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Bzostek, Sharon. 2013. "Financial Security in Social Father Families." Fragile Families Working Group, Princeton University. Princeton, NJ.

Bzostek, Sharon. 2011. "Understanding Parent-Reported Child Health." Harvard University Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Seminar Series. Cambridge, MA.

Bzostek, Sharon, Marcia Carlson and Sara McLanahan. 2005. "Comparing Biological and Social Father Families in Fragile Families." Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study Working Group, Princeton University. Princeton, NJ.

TEACHING

Teaching Awards Not Listed Elsewhere

Rutgers University Sociology Department "Undergraduate Teaching Honor Roll"
Fall 2012, Spring 2012, 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015

Marvin Bressler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
Princeton University Department of Sociology, June 2007

Courses Taught

Rutgers University, Fall 2011 – present:

Undergraduate courses

Sociology 227, Population and Society

Sociology 335, Health Inequalities (new course developed for Spring 2014)

June 2016

Graduate courses

Sociology 542, Analysis of Sociological Data II
Sociology 570, Demography and Population Research

MENTORING

Doctoral Student Qualifying Paper Committees

Committee Chair

Aghil Daghighaleh, "Voting and Nonvoting as Political Strategies: How Socioeconomic Status and Social Context Shape Electoral Turnout." Defended 12/2013.

Kelly Kato, "Investigating the Double Paradox in Mental Health among Mexican Americans: Testing the Role of Social Comparison." Defended 12/2013.

Committee Member

Julia Flagg
Tsai-Yen Han
Elizabeth Luth
Lauren Murphy
Teja Pristavec
Theresa Simpson
Virginia Tangel

Doctoral Student Dissertation Committees

Committee Member

Alexis Merdjanoff

Committee Co-Chair

Kelly Kato
Teja Pristavec

External Examiner

Yi Shi (Fordham University)

Doctoral Student First Year Advising

Mario Mercado Diaz, 2015-2016
Teja Pristavec, 2012-2015

Advanced Doctoral Student Advising

Kelly Kato
Teja Pristavec

Undergraduate Honors Theses

2012-2013: Kristen Hagemann (co-mentor with Lauren Krivo)

Project L/EARN Mentor

Summer 2013: A-Nam Nguyen

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE

June 2016

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, Juvenile Justice Division. Washington, D.C.

SERVICE

Editorial Activities

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

Peer Reviewer, *American Journal of Public Health*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Child Development*, *Demography*, *Developmental Psychology*, *International Journal of Public Health*, *Journal of Applied Research on Children: Informing Policy for Children at Risk*, *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Preventing Chronic Disease*, *Pediatrics*, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Forum*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Service Review*, *The Sociological Quarterly*

National Service

2014. Discussant for panel on Father-Child Relationships in Diverse Settings at Population Association of America annual meeting, Boston, MA.

2014. Discussant for panel on Family Composition, Instability & Household Measurements at Population Association of America annual meeting, Boston, MA.

2012-2013. American Sociological Association Children & Youth Section Outstanding Graduate Paper Award Committee.

2011. Eastern Sociological Society Rose Laub Coser Dissertation Prospectus Award Committee.

2011. Midwestern Sociological Association Student Paper Award Committee.

2010-2011. American Sociological Association Section on Sociology of the Family Section Bylaws Committee.

2010. Discussant for panel on Multi-Partnered Fertility, Complicated Families, and Child Wellbeing. Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Dallas, TX.

University Service

June 2016

Rutgers University

2016. Invited member (only representative from SAS) on 5-person team representing Rutgers in the CIC Health Equity initiative.

2015-2016. Co-organizer, Department of Sociology Quantitative Analysis Seminar.

2015-2016. Department of Sociology Executive Committee (Elected).

2014-2015. Department of Sociology Colloquium Committee.

2014. Department of Sociology Undergraduate Honors Awards Committee.

2013-2014. Co-organizer, Department of Sociology Quantitative Analysis Seminar.

2013. Department of Sociology Jack Riley and Matilda White Riley Best Published Article Award Committee.

2012-2014. Department of Sociology Executive Committee (Elected).

2012-2014. Department of Sociology Undergraduate Committee.

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

Fall 2011. Department of Sociology Jack Riley and Matilda White-Riley Term Paper Award Committee.

2011-2012. Department of Sociology Colloquium Committee.

Princeton University

2007-2009. Graduate School Community Associate.

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

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

2006-2007. University Judicial Committee Graduate Student Representative.

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

2004-2005. Department of Sociology Graduate Student Governing Committee.

Professional Association Memberships

2009-present. Member, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management.

2004-present. Member, Population Association of America.

2004-present. Member, American Sociological Association (Sections: Children & Youth; Family; Medical Sociology; Sociology of Population; Inequality, Poverty & Mobility).