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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Current	Syracuse University
2021-Present	University Professor of Sociology
2018-Present	Professor, Department of Sociology
2018-Present	Co-Director of the Policy, Place, and Population Health (P3H) Lab
2016-Present	Gerald B. Cramer Faculty Scholar in Aging Studies
2020-2026	Director, Center for Aging and Policy Studies
2015-2018	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
2013–2015	Case Western Reserve University Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology Core Research Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies Program
2011–2013	Harvard University Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2018—	Faulty Affiliate, Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion and Population Health, Syracuse U.
2015—	Faculty Associate, Aging Studies Institute, Syracuse University
2015—	Senior Research Affiliate, Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University

EDUCATION

2011	Ph.D., Sociology (Demography specialization), University of Texas at Austin
2004	M.A., Sociology, University of Houston
1994	M.S., Statistics, Purdue University
1992	B.S., Mathematics, Purdue University

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

General:	Social demography; political economy and population health; life course and aging
Specific:	Inequalities in health at the intersection of gender, education, and geography; trends and geographic patterns in U.S. health; U.S. state policies and health; women's health

PUBLICATIONS (students and postdocs underlined)

In press	Iliya Gutin, Jennifer Karas Montez , Shannon Monnat, Emily Wiemers, and Douglas Wolf. "U.S. State Policy Contexts, County Economic Contexts, and Working-Age Mortality." <i>Demography</i> .
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- In press Douglas A. Wolf, Shannon M. Monnat, Iliya Gutin, Emily E. Wiemers, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, and Qiyu Deng. "Long COVID and Subjective Wellbeing among U.S. Working-Age Adults." *BMC Public Health*.
- In press Courtnee Melton-Fant,[†] **Jennifer Karas Montez**,[†] and Jennifer Pomeranz.[†] "Curtailing Public Health Authority through Preemption Laws." Chapter in *Backlash: The War on Public Health*. Edited by Amy Fairchild, Marian Moser Jones, Ronald Bayer, Cheryl Heaton, and Georges Benjamin. Oxford University Press
[†]Authors listed alphabetically.
- In press **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Shannon Monnat, Iliya Gutin, Emily E. Wiemers, and Douglas A. Wolf. "U.S. State and County Contributors to Growing Geographic Disparities in Working-age Mortality." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* on Moving Beyond Deaths of Despair: Understanding Rising Mortality and Morbidity among Americans without College Degrees, edited by Anne Case, Andrew J. Cherlin, Angus Deaton
- 2026 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Iliya Gutin, Julia M. Finan, Anna Zajacova, and Scott D. Landes. "Changes in the Education-Health Gradient within U.S. States, 1993-2019." *Population Research and Policy Review* 45:37.
- 2026 Douglas A. Wolf, Emily Wiemers, Iliya Gutin, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, and Shannon Monnat. "COVID-19 mitigation policies were associated with increased gun violence during 2020-2021." *American Journal of Epidemiology* 195(5):1484-1487.
- 2026 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Iliya Gutin, and Shannon M. Monnat. "U.S. State Policy Index for Population Health Analyses." *The Milbank Quarterly* 104(2):0427.
- 2026 Iliya Gutin, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Emily Wiemers, Shannon Monnat, and Douglas A. Wolf. "U.S. State Policy Contexts and Mental Health among Working-Age Adults." *The Milbank Quarterly* 104(2):0309
- 2025 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Shannon M. Monnat, Emily Wiemers, Douglas A. Wolf, and Xue Zhang. "Stability and Volatility in the Contextual Predictors of Working-age Mortality in the United States." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 66(3):278-298.
- 2025 Xue Zhang, Iliya Gutin, Shannon Monnat, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Changes in the Association between County Industrial Composition and Working-age Mortality from 2000 to 2022." *SSM – Population Health* 31:101849.
- 2025 Douglas A. Wolf and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Heterogeneity in Disability-Free Life Expectancy: A Discrete Mixture Model." Chapter 16 in *Advances in Social Demography: The Latest on Fertility, Family, Demographic Change, and Population Growth*, Edited by Robert Shoen. Springer.

- 2025 Emily E. Wiemers, Shannon M. Monnat, Douglas A. Wolf, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Joshua Grove, Iliya Gutin, and Elyse Grossman. "States' COVID-19 Policy Contexts and Suicide Rates among U.S. Working-Age Adults." *Health Affairs Scholar* 3(3):qxaf024.
- 2024 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Erin M. Bisesti. "Widening Educational Disparities in Health and Longevity." *Annual Review of Sociology* 50:547-564.
- 2024 Douglas A. Wolf, Shannon M. Monnat, Emily E. Wiemers, Yue Sun, Xue Zhang, Elyse R. Grossman, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "States COVID-19 Policies and Drug Overdose Mortality among Working-Age Adults in the United States, 2020." *American Journal of Public Health* 114(7):714-722.
- 2023 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Kent Jason Cheng, and Jacob M. Grumbach. "Electoral Democracy and Working-age Mortality." *The Milbank Quarterly* 101(3):700-730.
- 2023 Pinka Chatterji, Hanna Glenn, Sara Markowitz, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansion and Maternal Morbidity." *Health Economics* 32(10):2334-2352.
- 2023 Shannon M. Monnat, David C. Wheeler, Emily Wiemers, Yue Sun, Xinxin Sun, Douglas A. Wolf, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Associations between U.S. States' COVID-19 Physical Distancing Policies and Working-Age Adult Mental Health Outcomes." *Preventive Medicine Reports* 35:102370.
- 2023 Michael McFarland, Terrance Hill, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Income Inequality and Population Health: Examining the Role of Social Policy." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 64(1):2-20.
- 2023 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Jacob M. Grumbach. "U.S. State Policy Contexts and Population Health." *The Milbank Quarterly* 101(S1):196-223.
- 2022 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Nader Mehri, Shannon M. Monnat, Jason Beckfield, Derek Chapman, Jacob M. Grumbach, Mark D. Hayward, Steven H. Woolf, and Anna Zajacova. "U.S. State Policy Contexts and Mortality of Working-age Adults." *PLOS ONE* 17(10): e0275466.
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0275466>
- *Covered by 70+ news outlets including NBC, Washington Post, The Hill, and USA Today
- 2022 Douglas A. Wolf, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, and Shannon M. Monnat. "U.S. State Preemption Laws and Working-Age Mortality." *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 63(5):681-688.
- *Covered by 60+ news outlets including CBS, NBC, Fortune, and US News
- 2022 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Kent Jason Cheng. "Educational Disparities in Adult Health across U.S. States: Larger Disparities Reflect Economic Factors." *Frontiers in Public Health* 10:966434. doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2022.966434

- 2022 Blakelee Kemp, Jacob M. Grumbach, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "State Policy Contexts and Physical Health among Midlife Adults" *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 8:1-14.
- 2022 Connor Sheehan, Anna Zajacova, Dylan Connor, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "State-level Variation in the Association between Educational Attainment and Sleep." *Population Research and Policy Review* 41:1137-1160.
- 2021 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Mark D. Hayward, and Anna Zajacova. "Trends in US Population Health: The Central Role of Policies, Politics, and Profits." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 62(3): 286–301. PMID: PMC8454055.
- 2021 Mateo Farina, Anna Zajacova, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, and Mark D. Hayward. "US State Disparities in Life Expectancy, Disability-Free Life Expectancy, and Disabled Life Expectancy Among Adults Aged 25-89." *American Journal of Public Health* 111(4):708-171. PMC7958042
- 2021 Douglas A. Wolf, Shannon M. Monnat, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Effects of US State Preemption Laws on Infant Mortality." *Preventive Medicine* 145:106417. PMC7956067
- *Covered by EurekaAlert!, Yahoo Lifestyle, Fatherly, Medical Xpress, and more.
- 2021 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Mateo Farina. "Do Liberal State Policies Maximize Life Expectancy?" *Public Policy & Aging Report* 31(1):7-13.
- *Editor's Choice article
- 2021 Sarah Burgard, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Jennifer Ailshire, Robert A. Hummer. "Aging Policy from a Multilayered Geographic and Life Course Perspective." *Public Policy & Aging Report* 31(1):3-6.
- 2021 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Jennifer D. Brooks. "Educational Attainment and Adult Health." Chapter 6 in the 9th Edition of *Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences*, Eds. Ferraro & Carr.
- 2020 **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "US State Polarization, Policymaking Power, and Population Health." *The Milbank Quarterly* 98(4):1033-1052.
- 2020 **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Policy Polarization and Death in the United States." *Temple Law Review* 92(4):889-916.
- 2020 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Jason Beckfield, Julene Kemp Cooney, Jacob M. Grumbach, Mark D. Hayward, Huseyin Zeyd Koytak, Steven H. Woolf, & Anna Zajacova. "US State Policies, Politics, and Life Expectancy." *The Milbank Quarterly* 98(3):668-699.
- *Honorable Mention: 2021 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population Award of the American Sociological Association Section on Population
- *Covered in 50+ news outlets, including NPR and LA Times.
- 2020 Blakelee Kemp and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Why Does the Importance of Education for Health Differ Across the United States?" *Socius* 6:1-16. PMID: PMC7088460

- 2020 Derek Carr, Sabrina Adler, Benjamin D. Winig, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Equity-First: A Normative Framework for Assessing the Role of Preemption in Public Health." *The Milbank Quarterly* 98(1): 131-149. PMCID: PMC7077775
- 2020 **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Examining Population Health Across US States Using Secondary Data, Logistic Regression, and Graphics." *SAGE Research Methods Cases: Medicine and Health*. DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781529735994>
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- 2019 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Mark D. Hayward, and Anna Zajacova. "Educational Disparities in U.S. Adult Health: U.S. States as Institutional Actors on the Association." *Socius*: 5:1-14. PMCID: PMC6640858
- 2019 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Amy Ellen Schwartz. "Education." Chapter 11 in *Urban Health*, Eds. Sandro Galea, Catherine Ettman, and David Vlahov. Oxford University Press.
- 2018 Anna Zajacova and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Explaining the Increasing Disability Prevalence among Midlife U.S. Adults, 2002-2016." *Social Science & Medicine* 211:1-8.
- 2018 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Wencheng Zhang, Anna Zajacova, and Tod G. Hamilton. "Does College Major Matter for Women's and Men's Health in Midlife? Examining the Horizontal Dimensions of Educational Attainment." *Social Science & Medicine* 198:130-138.
- *Featured in the Pacific Standard Magazine and NPR affiliate KJZZ
- 2018 Connor Sheehan, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, and Isaac Sasson. "Does the Functional Form of the Association Between Education and Mortality Differ by U.S. Region?" *Biodemography and Social Biology* 64(1):63-81. PMCID: PMC5994609
- 2017 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Anna Zajacova, and Mark D. Hayward. "Disparities in Disability by Educational Attainment across U.S. States." *American Journal of Public Health* 107(7):1101-1108. PMCID: PMC5463211
- 2017 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Mark D. Hayward, and Douglas A. Wolf. "Do U.S. States' Socioeconomic and Policy Contexts Shape Adult Disability?" *Social Science & Medicine* 178:115-126. PMCID: PMC5388855
- 2017 **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Deregulation, Devolution, and State Preemption Laws' Impact on U.S. Mortality Trends." *American Journal of Public Health* 107(11):1749-1750.
- 2017 Anna Zajacova and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Macro-level Perspective for Reversing Recent Mortality Increases." *The Lancet* 389(10073):991-992. (Invited commentary)

- 2017 Joyce T. Bromberger, Laura Schott, Karen A. Matthews, Howard M. Kravitz, Sioban Harlow, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Childhood Socioeconomic Circumstances and Depressive Symptom Burden Across 15 Years of Follow up During Midlife: Study of Women's Health Across the Nation (SWAN)" *Archives of Women's Mental Health* 20(4):495-504. PMCID: PMC5575748
- 2017 Anna Zajacova and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Physical Functioning Trends among US Women and Men Age 45-64 by Education Level." *Biodemography and Social Biology* 63(1):21-30. PMCID: PMC5494255
- 2017 Anna Zajacova and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. 2017. "The Health Penalty of the GED: Testing the Role of Noncognitive Skills, Health Behaviors, and Economic Factors." *Social Science Quarterly* 98(1):1-15.
- *Lead article
- 2016 Richard G. Rogers, Elizabeth M. Lawrence, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. 2016. "Alcohol's Collateral Damage: Childhood Exposure to Problem Drinking and Subsequent Adult Mortality Risk." *Social Forces* 95(2):809-836. PMCID: PMC5381656
- 2016 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Joyce Bromberger, Karen Matthews, Sioban Harlow, and Howard Kravitz. "Life Course Socioeconomic Status and Metabolic Syndrome among Midlife Women." *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 71(6):1097-1107. PMCID: PMC5067946.
- *"Editor's Choice" article
- 2016 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Isaac Sasson, and Mark D. Hayward. "Declining US Life Expectancy, 1990-2010." *Health Affairs* 35(3):550.
- 2016 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Anna Zajacova, and Mark D. Hayward. "Explaining Inequalities in Women's Mortality between U.S. States." *SSM - Population Health* 2:561-571. PMCID: PMC5049881.
- *Covered in the New York Times (8-22-16) "New clues in the mystery of women's lagging life expectancy"
- 2016 Karen A. Matthews, Yuefang Chang, Joyce T. Bromberger, Carrie Karvonen-Gutierrez, Howard M. Kravitz, Rebecca C. Thurston, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. 2016. "Childhood Socioeconomic Circumstances, Inflammation, and Hemostasis among Midlife Women: Study of Women's Health across the Nation." *Psychosomatic Medicine* 78(3):311-318. PMCID: PMC4844772
- 2016 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Kaitlyn Barnes. "The Benefits of Educational Attainment for U.S. Adult Mortality: Are they Contingent on the Broader Environment?" *Population Research and Policy Review* 35(1):73-100.

- 2015 Esther Friedman,[†] **Jennifer Karas Montez**,[†] Connor McDevitt Sheehan,[†] Tara L. Gruenewald, and Teresa E. Seeman. "Childhood Adversities and Adult Cardiometabolic Health: Do Quantity, Timing, and Type of Adversity Matter?" *Journal of Aging and Health* 27(8):1311-1338. PMCID: PMC4618269
[†]authors contributed equally and listed alphabetically
- 2015 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Esther M. Friedman. "Educational Attainment and Health: Under What Conditions is the Association Causal?" *Social Science & Medicine* 127:1-7.
- 2015 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Pekka Martikainen, Hanna Remes, and Mauricio Avendano. "Work-Family Context and the Longevity Disadvantage of U.S. Women." *Social Forces* 93(4):1567-1597. PMCID: PMC5070483
- 2014 Anna Zajacova, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, and Pamela Herd. "Socioeconomic Disparities in Health among Older Adults and the Implications for the Retirement Age Debate: A Brief Report." *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 69(6):973-978.
- 2014 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Erika Sabbath, M. Maria Glymour, and Lisa F. Berkman. "Trends in Work-Family Context among U.S. Women by Education Level, 1976 to 2011." *Population Research and Policy Review* 33(5):629-648. PMCID: PMC5215053
- 2014 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Mark D. Hayward. "Cumulative Childhood Adversity, Educational Attainment, and Active Life Expectancy among U.S. Adults." *Demography* 51(2):413-435. PMCID: PMC4465758
- 2014 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Anna Zajacova. "Why is Life Expectancy Declining among Low-Educated Women in the United States?" *American Journal of Public Health* 104(1):e5-e7. PMCID: PMC4167117.
- 2014 Invited rejoinder, "Montez and Zajacova Respond." *American Journal of Public Health* 105(1)e1-e2. PMCID: PMC4265901.
- 2014 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Lisa F. Berkman. "Trends in the Educational Gradient in Mortality among U.S. Adults from 1986 to 2006: Bringing Regional Context into the Explanation." *American Journal of Public Health* 104(1):e82-e90. PMCID: PMC3865154
- 2013 **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "The Socioeconomic Origins of Physical Functioning among Older U.S. Adults." *Advances in Life Course Research* 18(4):244-256.

**Awarded the 2013 Senior Service America Junior Scholar Award of the Gerontological Society of America.*

- 2013 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Anna Zajacova. "Explaining the Widening Education Gap in Mortality among U.S. White Women." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 54(2):165-181. PMCID: PMC3747639.
- *Awarded the 2012 Senior Service America Junior Scholar Award of the Gerontological Society of America and the 2013 IPUMS Research Award.
- *Covered in New York Times (5-30-13) "Joblessness shortens life span of least educated white women, research says."
- 2013 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Anna Zajacova. "Trends in Mortality Risk by Education Level and Cause of Death among White Women in the United States from 1986 to 2006." *American Journal of Public Health* 103(3):473-479. PMCID: PMC3673510
- 2012 Dustin C. Brown, Mark D. Hayward, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Robert A. Hummer, Chi-Tsun Chiu, and Mira M. Hidajat. "The Significance of Education for Mortality Compression in the United States." *Demography* 49(3):819-840. PMCID: PMC3500099
- 2012 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Robert A. Hummer, and Mark D. Hayward. "Educational Attainment and Adult Mortality in the United States: A Systematic Analysis of Functional Form." *Demography* 49(1):315-336. PMCID: PMC3290920
- 2011 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Robert A. Hummer, Mark D. Hayward, Hyeyoung Woo, and Richard G. Rogers. "Trends in the Educational Gradient of U.S. Adult Mortality from 1986 through 2006 by Race, Gender, and Age Group." *Research on Aging* 33(2):145-171. PMCID: PMC3166515
- 2011 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Mark D. Hayward. "Early Life Conditions and Later Life Mortality." Chapter 9 in the *International Handbook of Adult Mortality*, Eds. RG Rogers and EM Crimmins. Springer Publishers.
- 2011 Jacqueline L. Angel, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, and Ronald J. Angel. "A Window of Vulnerability: Health Insurance Coverage among Women 55 to 64 Years of Age." *Women's Health Issues* 21(1):6-11.
- *Awarded the Charles E. Gibbs Leadership Prize for the best paper published in *Women's Health Issues* in 2011 and the 2010 Senior Service America Scholar Award of the Gerontological Society of America.
- 2010 Debra J. Umberson and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. 2010. "Social Relationships and Health: A Flashpoint for Health Policy." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 51(suppl):54-66. PMCID: PMC3150158.
- *New York Times (6-12-17) "Social interaction is critical for mental and physical health."
- 2009 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Mark D. Hayward, Dustin C. Brown, and Robert A. Hummer. "Why is the Educational Gradient in Mortality Steeper for Men?" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 64(5):625-634. PMCID: PMC2728089

- 2009 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Jacqueline L. Angel, and Ronald J. Angel. "Employment, Marriage, and the Inequality in Health Insurance among Mexican-Origin Women." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 50(2):132-148. PMCID: PMC2700956
- 2009 Ronald J. Angel, Jacqueline L. Angel, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "The Work/Health Insurance Nexus: The Weak Link for Mexican-Origin Men." *Social Science Quarterly* 90(5):1112-1133. PMCID: PMC2867344
- 2008 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Karl Eschbach. "Country of Birth and Language are Uniquely Associated with Intakes of Fat, Fiber, and Fruits and Vegetables Among Mexican-American Women in the United States." *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* 108(3):473-480.
- 2005 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Tracy X. Karner. "Understanding The Diabetic Body-Self." *Qualitative Health Research* 15(8):1086-1104.

Manuscripts Under Review

Jason Wong, Emma Zang, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**, "Life-Course Exposure to State Policy Contexts and Cognitive Health."

Jennifer Karas Montez and Shannon Monnat. "The College Divide in Health and Wellbeing, 2025."

Jennifer Karas Montez and Jacob M Grumbach. "The Newest Federalism and Population Health."

EDITED VOLUMES

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- 2027 Special Issue of *The Milbank Quarterly* on "How Policy Contexts Impact Population Health in the United States." Guest editors: Jennifer Karas Montez, Shannon M. Monnat & Emily Wiemers.
- 2027 Special Issue of *Social Science & Medicine – Population Health* on "Reimagining Population Health Science to Build Trust and Influence." Guest editors: Jennifer Karas Montez, Mathew Kiang, Alina Schnake-Mahl, and Keshia Pollack Porter.
- 2015 Special Issue of *Social Science & Medicine* on "Educational Attainment and Adult Health: Contextualizing Causality." Guest editors: Jennifer Karas Montez & Esther M. Friedman.

RESEARCH & POLICY BRIEFS, COMMENTARIES, & BLOGS

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- 2026 "Pandemic Mask Mandates and Closures Were Linked to Increased Gun Violence" (Wolf, Wiemers, Gutin, Montez, & Monnat). Lerner/CAPS Research Brief #314.
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- 2025 "How Does County Industrial Mix Matter for Working-Age Mortality?" (Zhang, Gutin, Monnat, & Montez). Lerner/CAPS Research Brief #137.
- 2024 "States' COVID-19 Restrictions were Associated with Increases in Drug Overdose Deaths in 2020." (Wolf, Monnat, Montez, Wiemers, & Grossman). Lerner/CAPS Research Brief #117

- 2024 "10 Ways to Better Understand How Shifting State Policy Contexts Affect Americans' Health." *Milbank Quarterly* Opinion.
- 2023 "Democratic Erosion Predicts Rising Deaths from Drug Poisoning and Infectious Disease." (Montez, Cheng, & Grumbach). Lerner/CAPS Research Brief #104
- 2023 "ACA Medicaid Expansions Did Not Significantly Improve Maternal Morbidity." (Chatterji, Glenn, Markowitz, & Montez). Lerner/CAPS Data Slice #60.
- 2022 "Conservative State Policies Contribute to Higher Mortality Rates among Working-Age Americans." (Montez, Mehri, & Monnat). Lerner/CAPS Research Brief #80
- 2022 "Allowing Employers to Mandate Paid Sick Leave Could Reduce Deaths among Working-Age Adults." (Wolf, Montez, & Monnat). Lerner/CAPS Research Brief #191.
- 2022 "The Chances of Dying Young Differ Dramatically Across U.S. States." (Mehri & Montez). Lerner/CAPS Data Slice #54.
- 2022 "Civil Rights, Firearm Safety, and Environmental Protections Predict Better Health among Midlife Adults." (Kemp, Grumbach, Montez). Syracuse University Lerner/CAPS Research Brief #70.
- 2022 "Preemption and Public Health" (Montez & Weaks). *The Local Power & Politics Review* (<https://www.supportdemocracy.org/the-latest/new-resource-second-edition-of-the-local-power-amp-politics-review>)
- 2021 "Addressing Health Equity in the New Preemption Era." (Melton-Fant, Carr, & Montez). *Health Affairs* (<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/forefront.20211216.309941/full/>)
- 2021 "The Rise of U.S. States and the Decline in U.S. Life Expectancy." *ASA Footnotes* 49(2):9-10 Special Issue on Health and Health Care. https://www.asanet.org/sites/default/files/attach/footnotes/footnotes_spring-2021.pdf
- 2021 "Allowing cities to raise the minimum wage could save over 600 infant lives annually." (Wolf, Monnat, & Montez). Syracuse University Lerner/CAPS Brief.
- 2020 "Here's Why the US is Failing to Thrive" (Montez & Beckfield). Harvard Medical School Center for Primary Care Blog.
- 2020 "Conservative State Policies Damage US Life Expectancy." Syracuse University Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion <https://lernercenter.syr.edu/2020/08/04/rb-28/>
- 2018 "Education and Health Disparity Across the US" Published in *Scientia*, by Science Diffusion DOI: <https://doi.org/10.26320/SCIENTIA172>

- 2018 “How state preemption laws prevent cities from taking steps to improve health and life expectancy” Scholars Strategy Network, Key Findings Brief.
<http://www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org/brief/how-state-preemption-laws-prevent-cities-taking-steps-improve-health-and-life-expectancy>
- 2017 “The assault on our education system in the House and Senate tax plans will literally kill.” OpEd, Huffington Post, December 5th (https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/the-assault-on-our-education-system-in-the-house-and-senate-tax-plans-will-literally-kill_us_5a272fede4b044d16725b564?section=us_contributor)
- 2017 “How do U.S. States Influence their Residents’ Health and Longevity?” (Montez, Wolf, and Hayward). Scholars Strategy Network, Key Findings Brief.
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- 2017 “Do U.S. States’ Socioeconomic and Policy Contexts Shape Differences in Adult Disability?” (Montez, Hayward, and Wolf). *PRC Research Brief* 2(3). <https://doi.org/10.15781/T2HX15W5J>
- 2013 “Why Have Educational Disparities in Mortality Increased Among White Women in the United States?” (Montez and Zajacova). *JHSB Policy Brief* 54(2):165. doi: 10.1177/0022146513491066

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (\$12.4M total external funding, with \$10.3M as PI or MPI)

Ongoing

- 2023-2028 “Geographic Trends and Disparities In Psychosocial Wellbeing, Health Behaviors, and Mortality In Midlife.” (**Role: MPI** with Shannon Monnat), National Institute on Aging R01AG082699
- 2021-2026 “States’ COVID-19 Mitigation Policies and Psychological Health, Drug Overdose and Suicide among US Adults.” (**Role: Co-I**) PI: Shannon Monnat, National Institute on Drug Abuse U01 DA055972
- 2019-2029 “Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21st Century America” (**Role: MPI** with Jennifer Ailshire, Sarah Burgard, Robert Hummer [2019-2024], and Taylor Hargrove [2024-2029]), National Institute on Aging 2R24AG045061
- 2023-2026 “Identifying and Addressing Social Determinants of Health to Reduce the National Burden of and Inequities in Dementia.” (**Role: consultant**, PI: Daniel Kim)

Completed

- 2020-2025 “Center for Aging and Policy Studies” (**Role: PI**), National Institute on Aging P30AG066583
- 2022-2024 “Inequalities in Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Interplay of Individual Pandemic Stressors and State Sociopolitical Contexts.” (**Role: consultant**, MPI: Rachel Donnelly & Mateo Farina)
- 2017-2023 “Educational Attainment, Geography, and U.S. Adult Mortality Risk” (**Role: PI**), National Institute on Aging R01AG055481

- 2020-2021 awarded administrative supplement to include a focus on maternal mortality of older mothers (3R01AG05581-04S1, with Pinka Chatterji and Sara Markowitz).
 - 2018-2019 awarded administrative supplement to include a focus on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (3R01AG055481-02S1, with Jennifer Ailshire).
- 2019-2021 "Local Initiatives, State Preemption, and Public Health" (Role: MPI with Douglas A. Wolf and Shannon M. Monnat), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Policies for Action Grant 76103
- 2019-2021 "The Science of Alzheimer's and Related Dementias (ADRD) for Social Scientists" workshop hosted by the USC RCMAR (Role: consultant, PI: Zissimopoulos), National Institute on Aging
- 2018-2020 "Political Economy and Death: Deregulation, Devolution, and Death in America." (Role: PI), Andrew Carnegie Fellowship (G-F-18-56197)
- 2019 "US State Contextual Data Resources for Aging Research." (Role: PI) Pilot grant from the Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21st Century America, NIA R24AG045061 (Network PIs: House, Crimmins, Hayward, Hummer).
- 2016-2017 "Improved Measures of Population Health: Heterogeneity in Active Life Expectancy" (Role: Co-I, with PI Douglas A. Wolf). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, R03
- 2016 Travel grant awarded by the Young Academy of the Austrian Academy of Sciences to attend the 2016 REVES conference in Austria
- 2015 "Explaining Inequalities in Adult Mortality between U.S. States." (Role: PI). Pilot grant from the Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21st Century America, NIA R24AG045061 (Network PI: James House)
- 2015 "Trends in U.S. Women's Health by Education Level, 1997-2014." (Role: Consultant for PI Anna Zajacova). Pilot grant from the Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21st Century America, NIA R24AG045061 (Network PIs: House, Crimmins, Hayward, Hummer)
- 2014 Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Award, American Sociological Association and the National Science Foundation (Role: PI)
- 2014 W.P. Jones Presidential Faculty Development Grant, Case Western Reserve University
- 2013 "Gender Difference in the Early-Life Origins of Adult Health." Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Seed Grant (Role: Co-PI)
- 2012 "The Causal Links Between Education and Mortality." Exploratory Workshop Grant, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies (Role: Co-PI with Esther M. Friedman and David M. Cutler)

- 2012 “Early-life Influences on the Onset and Progression of Women’s Cardiovascular Disease Risk in SWAN.” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Seed Grant (Role: PI)
- 2010-11 University Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
- 2007-10 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Pre-doctoral Fellowship

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024 Dean's Centennial Citation for Faculty Excellence, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
- 2022-2026 OpEd Contributing Writer, *The Milbank Quarterly*
- 2021 Honorable Mention for the Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population Award of the American Sociological Association Section on Population—for the paper, Montez et al, 2020, “US State Policies, Politics, and Life Expectancy.” *The Milbank Quarterly* 98(3):668-699.
- 2018-2020 Andrew Carnegie Fellow
- 2019 Milbank Quarterly Early Career Award, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science
- 2019 Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award, Syracuse University
- 2017 Chancellor’s Citation for Faculty Excellence and Scholarly Distinction, Syracuse University
- 2014 IPUMS Research Award for paper “Explaining the Widening Education Gap in Mortality among U.S. White Women” coauthored with Anna Zajacova
- 2013 Senior Service America Junior Scholar Award, Gerontological Society of America, for paper “The Socioeconomic Origins of Physical Functioning among Older U.S. Adults.”
- 2012 Senior Service America Junior Scholar Award, Gerontological Society of America, for paper “Explaining the Widening Education Gap in Mortality.” coauthored with Anna Zajacova.
- 2012 Charles E. Gibbs Leadership Prize for best paper published in *Women’s Health Issues* in 2011. JL Angel, JK Montez, and RJ Angel. “A Window of Vulnerability: Health Insurance Coverage among Women 55 to 64 Years of Age.”
- 2010 Graduate Research Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 Lora Romero Memorial Award for Interdisciplinary Research in Race, Ethnicity and Gender, Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2008, 10 Student Forum Travel Awards, American Sociological Association

2008	Doug Forbes Award, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
2007	US-Mexico/Borderlands Research Award, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
2007-09	Professional Development Awards, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin
2005	Featured statistician in David S. Moore and George P. McCabe's <i>Introduction to the Practice of Statistics</i> , 5 th Edition. W.H. Freeman and Company, New York
2002	Nominated into Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2027

"Why have mortality rates become more unequal across U.S. counties?" Toronto Population Network, University of Toronto.

"U.S. states and population health: What do we know and where do we go from here?" Hilldale Lecture, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

2026

"Longer American Lives? Understanding Trends in Life Expectancy." National Academy of Medicine, invited panelist (webinar).

"U.S. states and population health: What do we know and where do we go from here?"

- Keynote address, Center for Aging and Life Course, Purdue University
- Balakrishnan Distinguished Lecture in Population Dynamics and Inequality, Department of Sociology, Western University, Canada

"Why have mortality rates become increasingly unequal across U.S. counties?"

- Center for Healthy Aging, University at Albany
- Population Research Institute, Duke University
- Population Research Center, University of Chicago

2025

"Why have mortality rates become increasingly unequal across U.S. counties?"

- Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University
- Center on Aging and Population Sciences, The University of Texas at Austin
- Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University

2024

"U.S. states and population health: What do we know and where do we go from here?" Charles B. Nam Lecture in the Sociology of Population, Florida State University

"Electoral Democracy and Working-age Mortality." Center for Healthcare Policy and Research, University of California, Davis.

"Why U.S. Life Expectancy is Declining and How to Reverse the Trend." Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

“Electoral Democracy and Population Health in the U.S.” Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University.

“Policy Polarization and Death in the United States.” The University of Hong Kong.

Discussant for “Intervening to Save Lives: A Reflection on Policies and Programs Needed to Reverse the Life Expectancy Decline,” an IAPHS keynote presentation by Atheendar Venkataramani, St. Louis.

“U.S. State and County Predictors of Geographic Disparities in Mortality.” Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research. Rostock, Germany.

“U.S. State Policy Contexts and Population Health.” Population Reference Bureau. (virtual presentation)

2023

“U.S. State Policies, Politics, and Population Health” presented at the Department of Health Policy and Management, University of Maryland.

“How to Manage Large Interdisciplinary Collaborations” presented at the Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) seminar, Syracuse University.

“Electoral Democracy and Working-age Mortality” presented at the Health Management and Policy Seminar Series, Drexel University.

“Spatial and SES Inequalities in Health and Mortality: An Ever-Widening Future?” A PARC Aging Chat with Irma Elo at the Population Aging Research Center, University of Pennsylvania.

2022

“States of Life and Death: Policies, Politics, and Population Health.” Plenary at the Southern Demographic Association conference, Knoxville.

“US State Policies and Mortality among Working-age Adults” Minnesota Demography and Aging Seminar Series.

“10 Insights into the Role of States in the Deterioration of U.S. Life Expectancy” Panel discussion at the American Sociological Association conference, LA

“Health Disparities in the United States” thematic session at the American Sociological Association conference

“Policy Polarization and Population Health.”

- Population Health and Research Group, University of St. Andrews
- Population Health and Inequalities Working Group, Vanderbilt University

2021

“Disparities in Midlife Mortality” webinar panel discussion organized by the National Academics of Science, Engineering, and Medicine.

“US State Policies and Mortality of Working-Age Adults.” Presented at the University of Maryland Population Research Center.

“Politics and Death” Plenary at the Southern Demographic Association conference (cancelled due to COVID-19)

“State Policy Polarization and Population Health.” Presented at the Consortium on Analytics for Data-Driven Decision-Making.

“US State Policies, Politics, and Life Expectancy.”

- Population Research Center University of Texas at Austin
- Center for Health Innovation and Policy Science, School of Public Health, the University of Washington
- Health Sciences Center, Louisiana State University
- Milbank Fund’s Reforming States Group

2020

“State Preemption of Minimum Wage and Infant Deaths.” Presented at the National Association for Black Journalists-National Association of Hispanic Journalists annual convention (virtual).

“State Preemption and Population Health.” Presented at the Preemption, Structural Racism, and Home Rule Reform Funder’s Forum, sponsored by the Surdna Foundation and Local Solutions Support Center, NYC.

2019

“Devolution and Death in the American States.” Presented at the 10th Anniversary Symposium of the Center for Public Health Law Research at Temple University.

“U.S. State Contexts and Inequalities in Life Expectancy.”

- UC-Berkeley Demography Brown Bag Series
- Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology, University of Washington

2018

“Deregulation, Devolution, and Death in the American States.”

- Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University
- Carolina Population Center, UNC-Chapel Hill
- Population Research Institute, Duke University

“U.S. State Contexts and the Importance of Schooling for Health.” Presented at the “Deep Wounds” Conference sponsored by the Center for the Study of Inequality and the Cornell Population Center.

2017

“Hypothesizing Upward: Have U.S. State Policies Contributed to the Widening Inequalities in Life Expectancy?” Presented at the Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, University at Buffalo.

“The Role of SES in Shaping Disparities in Morbidity and Mortality in Midlife.” Invited by the Committee on Population of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine to present at an expert meeting on “Socioeconomic Status and Increasing Mid-Life Mortality” in Washington DC.

“U.S. Health Care Policy.” Panel convened by the Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University.

“U.S. States and the Health of Women.”

- Presidential Symposium on Society & Health, SUNY Upstate Medical University
- NIH Vivian W. Pinn Symposium: Putting Science to Work for the Health of Women, Bethesda, MD.

2016

“Why does Adult Health and Longevity Differ Across U.S. States?” Presented at the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis, SUNY-Albany.

“The Life Course Perspective.” Invited by the Committee on Population and National Institute on Aging to present at an expert meeting on “Health Disparities Across the Life Course” in Washington DC.

2015

“Explaining Inequalities in Women’s Mortality across U.S. States.” Invited by the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine to present at an expert meeting on Women’s Health (Raising the Bar—The Health of American Women: A National Perspective on Women’s Health) in Washington DC.

“Live Long and Prosper: The Impact of Education on Mortality.” Invited by the PAA Government and Public Affairs Committee to speak at a Capitol Hill briefing in Washington DC.

“Using an Intersectionality Frame to Understand Health Inequalities.” Invited Panel, Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“When Geography and Gender Collide: Explaining Variation in Adult Mortality among U.S. States”

- Population Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania
- Institute for Population Research at Ohio State University
- Center for Demography and Economics, University of Wisconsin - Madison

2014

“Mitigating Childhood Adversities through Educational Attainment.” Conference on Education and Health sponsored by the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.

“Secrets to a Long Life: Location, Location, Location.” Science Café Cleveland, sponsored by the CASE Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.

“Women’s Mortality in Southern U.S. States.” Panel on Poverty and Health in the South, Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, North Carolina.

“Women and Education.” International Women’s Day, Turkish American Society of Ohio.

2013

“Diverging Trends in U.S. Women’s Health.” Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (previous 5 years)

ASA = American Sociological Association, PAA = Population Association of America, GSA = Gerontological Society of America, SSSP = Society for the Study of Social Problems, APHA = American Public Health Association.

2026

Montez, Gutin, & Monnat. ““U.S. State Policy Index for Population Health Analyses.” Presented at the PAA conference, St. Louis

Panel symposium, “Epidemiologic approaches to policy research: examinations of single policies, policy clusters, and policy climates: conceptualization, measurement, and analysis.” Presented at the Society for Epidemiologic Research, Phoenix.

Panel symposium, “How Can Sociology Disrupt the Status Quo in U.S. Health Policy?” To be presented at the ASA conference, New York City

2025

Montez, Finan, Landes, & Zajacova. “Unpacking Explanations for the Tightening Association Between Education and Health.” Presented at the PAA conference, DC.

Montez, Monnat, Gutin, Wiemers, & Wolf. “U.S. State and County Contributors to Growing Geographic Disparities in Working-age Mortality.” Presented at the PAA conference, DC.

Gutin, Monnat, Montez, Wiemers, & Wolf. “U.S. State Policy Contexts, County Economic Contexts, and Working-Age Mortality, 1990-2019” Presented at the PAA conference, DC and ASA conference, Chicago.

Wong, Zang, & Montez. “Life-Course Exposure to State Policy Liberalism Contexts and Later-Life Cognitive Health.” Presented at the PAA conference, DC and ASA conference, Chicago.

Zhang, Gutin, Monnat, & Montez. “Spatiotemporal Trends in the Industrial Composition of Counties and Working-age Mortality, 2000-2019.” Presented at the PAA conference, DC.

Gutin, Monnat, Montez, Wiemers, & Wolf. “State Policy Contexts and Working-Age Adult Mental Health Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Presented at the PAA conference, DC, and IAPHS conference, Pittsburgh.

2024

Montez, Monnat, Wiemers, Wolf, & Zhang. “Stability and Volatility in the Contextual Predictors of Working-age Deaths in the United States.” Presented at the PAA conference, Columbus.

Wolf, Monnat, Wiemers, Sun, Zhang, Grossman, & Montez. “The Effects of States’ COVID-19 Policies on Drug Overdoses in the United States, 2020.” Presented at the PAA conference, Columbus.

2023

Montez, Cheng, & Grumbach. “Electoral Democracy and Working-age Mortality” presented at the IAPHS conference, Baltimore, and presented as a poster at the REVES conference, Padova, Italy.

Monnat et al. “Associations Between U.S. States’ COVID-19 Physical Distancing Policies and Working-Age Adult Mental Health Outcomes.” Presented at the PAA conference, New Orleans.

Xue et al. “Associations between COVID-19 Experiences and Mental Health Outcomes among U.S. Working-Age Adults.” Presented at the PAA conference, New Orleans.

Montez. “Democratic Erosion and Working-age Mortality.” Virtual presentation at the International Seminar Series at the Department of Social Work, University of Gothenburg

2022

“A Conversation About Policies and Health Inequities” panel discussion at the ASA meeting, Los Angeles.

“Policy Polarization and Working-age Mortality” panel presentation at the ASA meeting, Los Angeles.
 Wolf, Monnat, & Montez. “The Public Health Consequences of Minimum Wage and Sick Leave Preemption.”
 Presented at the Public Policy Analysis & Management Conference, Austin.
 Montez & Cheng. “Different Inequalities, Shifting Mechanisms: Education and Health across U.S. States.”
 Presented at the PAA conference, Atlanta.

2021

Montez & Mehri. “How do US State Policy Contexts Shape Cause-Specific Mortality?” Presented at the PAA conference (virtual).
 Kemp, Grumbach, & Montez. “US State Policy Contexts and Physical Health among Midlife Adults.” Presented at the PAA meeting (virtual).
 McFarland, Hill, & Montez. “Income Inequality and Population Health: Examining the Role of State Policy.” To be presented at the Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science meeting (virtual).
 Montez. “State Preemption and Population Health.” Presented at the Public Health Law Conference (virtual).

2020

Montez, et al. “US State Policies, Politics, and Life Expectancy”, PAA meeting, Washington DC (virtual) and the NIA-supported TRENDS meeting (virtual).
 Sheehan, Zajacova, & Montez. “State-level Variation in the Association between Educational Attainment and Sleep”, PAA meeting, Washington DC (virtual).
 Wolf, Monnat, & Montez. “Profits Protected, Lives Lost: The Preemption Tradeoff” presented at the APHA meeting (virtual)

RESEARCH GROUP PARTICIPATION

Member, Disability Trends Network (TRENDS), funded by NIA
 Member, Scholars Strategy Network, Central New York Chapter
 MPI and Member, Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities, funded by NIA

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Editorial Activity

Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 2027-2030
 Editorial Board, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 2019-2026
 Editorial Board, *The Milbank Quarterly*, 2020-2026
 Deputy Editor, *Demography*, 2019-2022
 Editorial Board, *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 2015-2017
 Co-editor, with Madonna Harrington Meyer, Routledge’s *Society and Aging Series*, 2015-2019
 Guest-editor (with Esther Friedman) *Social Science & Medicine* special issue on “Educational Attainment and Health: Contextualizing Causality.” Volume 127, 2015.

American Sociological Association

Section on Aging and the Life Course
Chair, 2020-2021 (Chair-elect 2019-2020, Past chair 2021-2022)
Program Committee, 2018 annual meeting
Council Member, 2015-2017

Session Organizer, Social Change, Inequality & Life Course, 2013

Student Representative, 2008-2010

Section on Medical Sociology

Chair, Nominations Committee, 2019-2020 (Chair-Elect 2018-2019)

Session Presider, Health Disparities over the Life Course, 2017

Section on Population

Chair, 2024-2025 (Chair-Elect 2023-2024, Past chair 2025-2026)

Distinguished Paper Award Committee, 2014, 2015, 2016 (Chair), 2022

Organizer of Special Session on Political Determinants of Health, 2023

Organizer of Regular Session on Population Processes, 2022

Population Association of America

Board of Directors, 2021-2023

Program Committee, 2023 meeting

Member, Committee on Population Statistics (COPS), 2019-2021

Discussant, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2023 annual meetings

Session Organizer, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2025 annual meetings

Session Chair, 2013, 2017, 2019, 2025 (x2) annual meeting

Poster Judge, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2026 annual meetings

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science

President 2025-2026 (President-Elect 2024-2025, Past-President 2026-2027)

Board of Directors, 2022-2024

Co-Chair of Program Committee (with Shannon Monnat) for the 2020 Annual Meeting

Communications Committee, 2019-2020

Program Committee for the 2018 Annual Meeting

Association of Population Centers

Treasurer, 2022-2023

APC/PAA Government and Public Affairs Committee, 2022-2023

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Chair: Division on Youth, Aging, and Life Course, 2016-2018

Roundtable Organizer, 2018 annual meeting

Maggie Kuhn Scholar-Activist Award Committee, 2016

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control, 2025-2028
(board disbanded once RFK Jr. became U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services)

Data Monitoring Committee, Education Studies for Healthy Aging Research (EdSHARe), 2025-2027

Steering Committee Member, Workshop on Health and Disability among Working-Age Adults: Trends, Disparities, and Implications for Employment and Federal Programs, organized by the National Institute on Aging and the National Academies' Committee on Population, 2024

External Advisory Board, NIA P30 Center for Aging and Population Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 2025--

External Advisory Board, NIA P30 Center for Aging Families, a consortium among Ohio State University, Bowling Green State University, and Purdue University, 2025--

MEDIA COVERAGE

2026	Interviewed in the <i>CNN</i> article “Americans now live longer in Democratic-held House districts. Here’s why” (June 28) https://www.cnn.com/2026/06/28/politics/republican-democratic-districts-life-expectancy
2024	Research covered and interviewed in, <i>The American Prospect</i> article, “The Chasm Between Oklahoma and Connecticut.” (October 7) https://prospect.org/2024/10/07/2024-10-07-chasm-between-oklahoma-connecticut/
2024	Research covered in <i>The Milwaukee Magazine</i> article, “Again and Again, Legislators Ignore ‘Home Rule’ Protections.” (January 9) https://www.milwaukeeamag.com/again-and-again-legislators-ignore-home-rule-protections/
2023	Research covered in <i>The American Prospect</i> article, “The Life-and-Death Cost of Conservative Power.” (December 8) https://prospect.org/2023/12/08/2023-12-08-life-death-cost-conservative-power/
2023	Interviewed in <i>The Washington Post</i> article, “How Red State Politics are Shaving Years off American Lives.” (October 3) https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/interactive/2023/republican-politics-south-midwest-life-expectancy/?itid=hp-top-table-main_p001_f001
2023	Research covered in <i>Futurity</i> article, “Is the Erosion of Democracy Raising Death Rates?” (July 7) https://www.futurity.org/democracy-eroding-rising-deaths-2940452-2/
2023	Interviewed in <i>The Boston Globe</i> article, “The Brutal Calculus of Life Expectancy and Where You can Afford to Live.” (April 18) https://www.bostonglobe.com/2023/04/18/magazine/brutal-calculus-life-expectancy-where-you-can-afford-live/
2022	Interviewed in NBC , The Washington Post , The Hill , & USA Today and more to discuss findings from 2022 published study on how U.S. state policies predict working-age adult mortality risk.
2022	Interviewed for <i>Scientific American</i> article “People in Republican Counties have Higher Death Rates than Those in Democratic Counties.” (July 18) https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/people-in-republican-counties-have-higher-death-rates-than-those-in-democratic-counties/?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR30hqwU98u8F8r4akoANfzvz2BZt6YQF8FWKVgsgsPEsSLyEKulj6_srl%22%20\ %20%22Echobox=1658141907
2022	Interviewed for NPR story, “How politics and health are intertwined.” (June 14) https://www.npr.org/2022/06/13/1104602588/how-politics-and-health-are-intertwined
2021	Interviewed in <i>USA Today</i> , “US life expectancy decreased by 1.5 years during the pandemic – the largest drop since WWII.” (July 21) https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2021/07/21/us-life-expectancy-drops-amid-covid-pandemic/8013074002/

- 2021 Interviewed in *BuzzFeed*, “US Life Expectancy In 2020 Dropped By More Than It Has Since World War II” (July 21)
<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/danvergano/life-expectancy-drop-2020>
- 2021 Radio interview with Innovation Hub, WGBH & PBX “Your State Helps Determine How Long You Live.” (March 26)
<https://blogs.wgbh.org/innovation-hub/2021/3/26/your-state-helps-determine-how-long-you-live/>
- 2020 Study published in *The Milbank Quarterly* in 2020 on US state policy polarization and life expectancy was covered in 50+ news outlets, including NPR (<https://www.waer.org/post/su-maxwell-professor-state-policies-driving-gaps-life-expectancy>) and LA Times (<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2020-08-03/longer-life-expectancy-blue-states-than-red-ones>) and a *Milbank Quarterly* podcast (<https://www.milbank.org/quarterly/milbank-quarterly-podcast/>)
- 2019 Interviewed on *This Week in Health Law* podcast, episode 169, about the role of policy and law on US life expectancy
- 2018 Interviewed in BuzzFeed News “US Life Expectancy Has Dropped—Again.” (Nov 29)
(<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/danvergano/us-life-expectancy-drops-overdoses>)
- 2018 Interviewed in Cityvision, The Association of Washington Cities Magazine, Nov/Dec 2018 issue, page 17-18, about the consequences of US state preemption laws on public health
(https://wacities.org/data-resources/cityvision#openModal_d1763e49-b781-60ed-9ead-ff0000bbe4eb)
- 2018 Research on college majors and health featured in the Pacific Standard article, “Your college major predicts your midlife health.”
(<https://psmag.com/education/mammas-dont-let-your-babies-grow-up-to-be-psych-majors>)
- Same study also featured in radio interview with NPR affiliate KJZZ:
(<http://kjzz.org/content/647535/what-does-your-college-major-say-about-your-future-health>)
- 2017 Research cited in The Chronicle of Higher Education article, “Why education matters for your health.” (<https://www.chronicle.com/article/Why-Education-Matters-to-Your/242123>)
- 2017 Interviewed for Aug 16 2017 Reuters Health report “Appalachia’s gap with rest of U.S. in life expectancy is growing” covered in *The Gazette*
(<http://www.thegazette.com/subject/news/nation-and-world/appalachias-gap-with-rest-of-us-in-life-expectancy-is-growing-20170807>)
- 2017 Interviewed for Aug 16 2017 American Heart Association News report “More education may mean a longer, healthier life.” (<http://news.heart.org/education-may-mean-longer-healthier-life/>)
- 2017 Interviewed for Reuters in May 8th report “U.S. life expectancy varies by two decades depending on location.” (<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-lifespan-trends-usa-idUSKBN184247>)

- 2016 Interviewed in Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond report “The mortality gap: life expectancy has increased dramatically over the past century. But some people might be falling behind.” (https://www.richmondfed.org/publications/research/econ_focus/2016/q3-4/feature3)
- 2016 Interviewed by Associated Press for December 8th report “US life expectancy falls, as many kinds of death increase.” (www.usnews.com/news/news/articles/2016-12-08/us-life-expectancy-falls-as-many-kinds-of-death-increase)
- 2016 Montez, Zajacova, and Hayward 2016 *SSM-Population Health* article featured in the New York Times, August 22, “New clues in the mystery of women’s lagging life expectancy.” (https://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/23/science/new-clues-in-the-mystery-of-womens-lagging-life-expectancy.html?_r=0)
- 2016 “What’s Killing White American Women?” interview on the BBC World Service, May 10 (www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03sxmyn)
- 2014 “Secrets to a Long Life: Location, Location, Location” interview on NPR affiliate, WCPN (www.ideastream.org/programs/sound-of-ideas/secret-to-long-life-location-location-location)
- 2013 Montez and Zajacova 2013 *JHSB* article featured in the New York Times, May 30, article “Joblessness shortens life span of least educated white women, research says,” and numerous other outlets including NPR, The American Prospect, and The Guardian. (<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/30/health/joblessness-shortens-lifespan-of-least-educated-white-women-research-says.html>)
- 2013 Interviewed on CNN, The Situation Room, about women’s life expectancy trends. Feb 26. (<https://jennkarasmontez.com/media-coverage/>)
- 2012 Interviewed for New York Times, September 21, article “Life span shrinks for least educated whites in the US.” (<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/21/us/life-expectancy-for-less-educated-whites-in-us-is-shrinking.html>)
- 2012 Dissertation research covered in article entitled, “Chances are...,” in Life & Letters Magazine, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin, p24-27, Spring Issue.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN HEALTH AND AGING

- 2014 Butler-Williams Scholars Program, National Institute on Aging. *Awarded full travel fellowship.*
- 2010 RAND Summer Institute (Mini-Medical School and the Demography, Economics, and Epidemiology of Aging Conference). *Awarded full travel fellowship.*
- 2008 Cells to Society (C2S) Summer Biomarker Institute, Northwestern University.

COURSES TAUGHT

Methods and Statistics

- Introduction to Statistical Analysis (graduate)
- Intermediate Social Statistics (graduate)
- Advanced Social Statistics (graduate)
- Social Research Methods (undergraduate)

---Statistics and Stata (undergraduate)

Sociology

---Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate)

---Human Conquest of Disease and Early Death (graduate)

---Social Demography (undergraduate & graduate)

---Professionalization Seminar (graduate)

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

2021	Managing “Hot Moments” in the Classroom, Syracuse University
2015	3-day workshop “Integrating American Community Survey Topics into Undergraduate Courses” hosted by the University of Michigan. <i>Awarded full travel stipend.</i>
2012	ASA Teaching Workshop, “Teaching Statistics to Undergraduates.”
2008	ASA Teaching Workshop, “Teaching about Work and Family Life”
2007	Center for Women’s and Gender Studies Faculty Development Training Workshop, University of Texas at Austin
2007	Semester Seminar in Supervised Teaching, University of Texas at Austin

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2005-2006	Global Strategy Manager, Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX
2004	Senior Management Consultant, Shell Oil Company, London, UK
2001-2003	Marketing Research Manager, Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX
1997-2001	Statistician, Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX
1995-1997	Statistician, Anheuser-Busch Company Inc, St. Louis, MO
1993	Statistician, Boehringer Mannheim Corporation, Indianapolis, IN

POSTDOC AND STUDENT ADVISING

Postdocs

---Nader Mehri (Statistician, School of Medicine, UNC Chapel Hill)

---Blakelee Kemp (Assistant Professor, Department of Child, Youth, and Family Studies, Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln)

PhD Dissertation [Chair]

---Yue Sun, Syracuse University [Co-chair with Shannon Monnat] (completed. 1st job as Postdoc, University of Colorado at Boulder)

---Jennifer Brooks, Syracuse University (completed. 1st job as Postdoc, Cornell University)

---Julene Kemp Cooney, Syracuse University (completed)

PhD Dissertation [Committee Member]

---Nastassia Vaitsiakhovich, Syracuse University (2023-present)

---Julia Finan, Syracuse University (2023-present)

---Mariah Brennan Nanni, Syracuse University (2020-present)

---Micah Nelson, UNC-Chapel Hill (completed)

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- Wencheng Zhang, Syracuse University (completed. 1st job as Postdoc at Purdue University)
- Kent Jason Cheng, Syracuse University (completed. 1st job as Postdoc at Pennsylvania State University)
- Rebecca Wang, Syracuse University (completed)
- Ynesse Abdul-Malak, Syracuse University (completed. 1st job as Assistant Professor, Colgate University)
- Tirth Bhatta, Case Western Reserve University (completed. 1st job as Assistant Professor, UNLV)
- Cory Cronin, Case Western Reserve University (completed. 1st job as Assistant Professor, Ohio University)

Comprehensive Exams Only

- ToriAnn Haywood, Syracuse University
- Erin Bisesti, Syracuse University
- John Wolohan, Syracuse University

Master's Thesis [Committee Member]

- Michele Meyer, Syracuse University (2017 completed; PhD Student, UNC-Chapel Hill)
- Stephen Warren, Syracuse University (2016 completed; PhD Student, University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Syracuse University

- Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2022-2024
- Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committees (n=4), Department of Sociology 2021-2026
- Program Director, Certificate of Advanced Studies in Population Health and Aging, 2020-2024
- Academic Integrity Panel and Interviewer, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, 2018-2024
- Provost's Strategic Planning Working Group on Research and Creative Activities, 2022
- Search Committee, Vice President for Research, 2022
- Chair, Search Committee for Stratification/Inequality & Quantitative Methods, Department of Sociology, 2022
- Search Committee for the Aging, Health, and Neuroscience Cluster, 2021-2022
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Committee, Graduate School, 2021
- Postdoc Faculty Advisory Board, Graduate School, Syracuse University, 2019
- Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology, 2017-2020 (Chair 2017-2018, 2026-present)
- Graduate Curriculum Committee, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, 2017-2018
- Search Committee for Lerner Chair, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, 2016-2017
- Search Committee for Department Chair, Department of Sociology, 2017, 2020
- Search Committee for Aging Hire, Department of Sociology, 2016-2017
- Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, 2016-2017
- Faculty Leave Committee, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, 2015-2016
- Advisory Committee, Women's & Gender Studies Program, Case Western Reserve University, 2014-2015
- Comprehensive Exam Committee for Sociology of Aging, Case Western Reserve University, 2013-2014
- Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates Program, University of Texas at Austin, 2007
- Dean's Advisory Council, School of Science, Purdue University, 1999-2002

REVIEWER FOR FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS

- National Institutes of Health, SSPA Standing Member, 2020-2024
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Policies for Action Program, 2023

National Institute on Aging (Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group 2020/01 ZAG1 ZIJ-9 (J2)), 2019
National Institutes of Health, SSPA Ad hoc Member, Feb 2018, Oct 2019
National Institute on Aging, Review Panel for NIA/BSR-supported activities at the U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2017
National Science Foundation, 2016
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2016
National Institute on Aging (Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group 2015/10 ZAG1 ZIJ-4), 2015-2016

PEER REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

Science; Proceedings of the National Academies of Science; American Journal of Sociology; Social Forces; Social Problems; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Research on Aging; Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences; Journal of Aging and Health; Women and Health; Population Research and Policy Review; Social Science & Medicine; Advances in Life Course Research; Demography; PLoS ONE; Population Health Metrics; Socius; Biodemography and Social Biology; Journal of Population Research; The Milbank Quarterly; American Journal of Public Health; Social Science Research; Demographic Research; Gerontology; Sociology of Education; American Journal of Preventive Medicine; JAMA; Journal of Health Politics, Policies and Law.