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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2019- Assistant Professor of Sociology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2019- Faculty Affiliate, Population Research Institute, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2016-2019 NICHD Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Research Institute, The Pennsylvania State University

EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D. Pompeu Fabra University, Political and Social Sciences
Fields: Sociology and Demography
Dissertation: “Changing Gendered Expectations and Diverging Divorce Trends: Three Papers on Gender Norms, Behaviors and Marital Instability”
Committee: Gøsta Esping-Andersen (Chair), Clara Cortina, Aart Liefbroer, Maria Rita Testa
- 2011 M.S. Bocconi University, Economics and Social Sciences
Advisors: Arnstein Aassve, Francesco C. Billari
- 2007 B.Com. McGill University, Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender Work-Family Social Inequality Demography Quantitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

*Indicates equality of contribution

+Indicates a student co-author

- 2020 Newmyer, L.⁺, A. Verdery, R. Margolis, and **L. Pessin**. “Measuring Older Adult Loneliness across Countries.” *The Journal of Gerontology Social Sciences*, Accepted.
- 2018 **Pessin, L.** “Changing Gender Norms and Marriage Dynamics in the United States.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 80(1):25-41. doi: 10.1111/jomf.12444 [\[Article\]](#) [\[Preprint\]](#)
Top 20 downloaded article in 2017-2018
- Pessin, L.** and B. Arpino. “Navigating between Two Cultures: Immigrants’ Gender Attitudes toward Working Women.” *Demographic Research*, 38(35):967-1016. doi: 10.4054/Dem-Res.2018.38.35 [\[Open Access\]](#)
- Bellani, D., G. Esping-Andersen, and **L. Pessin**. “When Equity Matters for Marital Stability: A Comparison of German and American Couples.” *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 35(9):1273-1298. doi: 10.1177/0265407517709537 [\[Article\]](#) [\[Preprint\]](#)
- 2016 Aassve, A.*, F. C. Billari*, and **L. Pessin**.* “Trust and Fertility Dynamics.” *Social Forces*, 95(2): 663-692. doi:10.1093/sf/sow080 [\[Article\]](#) [\[Preprint\]](#)

- 2015 Arpino, A.*, G. Esping-Andersen*, and **L. Pessin**.* “How Do Changes in Gender Role Attitudes towards Female Employment influence Fertility? A Macro-Level Analysis.” *European Sociological Review*, 31(3): 370-382. doi: 10.1093/esr/jcv002 [[Open Access](#)]

Book Chapters

- 2014 Arpino, A., G. Esping-Andersen, and **L. Pessin**. “The Diffusion of Gender Egalitarian Values and Fertility?” in Gøsta Esping-Andersen (ed.) *The Fertility Gap in Europe: Singularities of the Spanish Case*. Barcelona: Obra Social Fundación “La Caixa”

WORK IN PROGRESS

Pessin, L., S. Damaske, and A. Frech. “The Color Line in Women’s Work and Family Lives” *Revise and Resubmit*.

Pessin, L. “Gender Equality for Whom? The Changing Division of Paid Work and Housework among U.S. Couples from 1968 to 2017” *Revise and Resubmit*.

Pessin, L., R. Rutigliano, R.*, and M.H. Potter⁺. “Time, Money, and Parenthood in the United States: How (Grand-)Parents to Adult Children Transfers Shape the Transition to Parenthood” *Revise and Resubmit*.

Boertien, D. and **L. Pessin**. “Does The Intergenerational Educational Mobility of Sexual Minority Groups Differ across Countries?”

Pessin, L. “Changing Educational Gradients of U.S. Partnership Formation and Dissolution? A Multilevel Multistate Competing Risks Assessment”

Pessin, L. and B. Arpino “Immigrants’ Gender Role Attitudes Toward Women’s Employment in Europe: A New Approach to Studying Assimilation”

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018-2019 Work and Family Researchers Network Early Career Fellow
- 2016-2019 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Postdoctoral Fellowship, Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University
- 2013 Travel Award for the “Changing Families and Fertility Choices” Conference (Oslo)
- 2011-2016 Pompeu Fabra Graduate Research Fellowship (European Research Council)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- 2018 Center for Research in Economics and Statistics, “Race and class differences in linking women’s work and family lives across the life course.” Paris (July)
- 2017 The Pennsylvania State University, “Life Course Employment Patterns Among Black, Hispanic, and White Women.” State College (April)

Conference Presentations

- 2020 Population Association of America, “Time, Money, and Parenthood in the United States: How (Grand-)Parents to Adult Children Transfers Shape the Transition to Parenthood” Washington DC (April)
- 2019 Population Association of America, “Changing Work-Family Arrangements among American Couples from 1968 to 2015.” Austin (April)
- 2018 American Sociological Association, “Changing Work-Family Arrangements among American Couples from 1968 to 2015.” Philadelphia (August)
- 2018 Work and Family Researchers Network, “Changing Work-Family Arrangements among American Couples from 1968 to 2015.” Washington DC (June)
- 2018 Population Association of America, “How Gender, Race, and Class Shape Women’s Work and Family Lives from Early Adulthood to Midlife.” Denver (April)
- 2017 American Sociological Association, “Changing Gender Norms and Marriage Dynamics in the United States.” Montreal (August)
- 2017 Population Association of America, “Labor, Housework, and Divorce: New Findings From the United States and West Germany.” Chicago (April)
- 2017 Population Association of America, “Immigrants’ Gender Role Attitudes Toward Women’s Employment in Europe: A New Approach to Studying Assimilation.” Chicago (2017)
- 2015 Population Association of America, “Divorce Trends and the Changing Context of Gender Norms in the United States: A Micro-Macro Approach.” San Diego (May)
- 2014 Population Association of America, “Changing Educational Gradients of U.S. Partnership Formation and Dissolution? A Multilevel Multistate Competing Risks Assessment.” Boston (May)
- 2014 Population Association of America, “Between Traditionalism and Egalitarianism: Non Linearities in Divorce Dynamics.” Boston (May)
- 2013 Population Association of America, “Changes in Gender Role Attitudes and Fertility: A Macro-Level Analysis.” New Orleans (April)
- 2012 Population Association of America, “Trust and Fertility Dynamics.” San Francisco (May)

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**Instructor of Record**

- 2019 Advanced Topics in Gender Inequality (SOC 497), The Pennsylvania State University
- 2019 Sociology of Gender (SOC 110), The Pennsylvania State University
- 2014 Research and Data Analysis, Graduate Seminar, Pompeu Fabra University (Co-Instructor)
- 2013 Causal Inference in Non-Experimental Research, Professional and Graduate Short Course, GESIS Winter School in Survey Methodology (Co-Instructor)

Graduate Mentoring

- 2016- Gender Working Group Co-Leader, The Pennsylvania State University

Guest Lecturer

- 2018 “Perspectives on the Gender Revolution”, Gender and Population (led by Nancy Luke), Graduate Course, The Pennsylvania State University (September)
- 2016 “Demographic Teaching and Research”, Demography Colloquium (led by Stephen Matthews), Graduate Course, The Pennsylvania State University (November)

TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender, Work, and Family; Sociology of Family; Sociology of Gender; Work-Family Policies; Family Demography; Social Demography; Demographic Techniques; Introductory and Advanced Quantitative Methods

ACADEMIC SKILLS AND LANGUAGES**Short Methods Courses**

- 2015 Introduction and Intermediate SAS, Maryland Population Research Center
- 2014 Causal Inference for Observational Studies, University of Copenhagen
- 2014 Spatial Data Analysis, Pompeu Fabra University
- 2014 Advanced Multilevel Modelling Using Markov Chain Monte Carlo, University of Bristol
- 2013 Discrete-Time Event History Analysis Workshop, University of Bristol
- 2012 Introduction to Sequence Analysis, Pompeu Fabra University

Statistical Software: Stata (advanced), MLwiN (advanced), R (intermediate), SAS (intermediate)

Data: British Household Panel Survey (BHPS), European Social Survey (ESS), European Values Study (EVS), French Income and Living Conditions Panel (FR-SILC), General Social Survey (GSS), National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY79), Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), World Values Survey (WVS)

Languages: French (native), English (fluent), Italian (fluent), Catalan (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)

VISITING RESEARCH STAYS

- 2015-2016 University of Maryland, College Park - Maryland Population Research Center
Mentor: Michael S. Rendall
- 2013 Oxford University - Nuffield College (June)
Mentor: Francesco C. Billari

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**National**

- 2018 “Gender and Families” Session Organizer, Population Association of America
- 2018 “Fertility, Family Planning, Sexual Behavior, Reproductive Health” Poster Judge, Population Association of America
- 2017-2019 Social Media Team Volunteer, Population Association of America

University/Departmental

The Pennsylvania State University

- 2017 Mini-PAA discussant

Pompeu Fabra University

- 2014 Co-Organizer of the Family Polarization Workshops (March and July)
- 2013-2014 Graduate Student Representative, Pompeu Fabra University

Professional Memberships

- 2017- Work and Family Researchers Network
- 2015- American Sociological Association, Sections: Family; Methodology; Population; Race, Class, and Gender; Sex and Gender
- 2011- Population Association of America

Journal Manuscript Referee

Advances in Life Course Research, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Demographic Research, Demography, European Journal of Population, European Sociological Review, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Social Forces, The Canadian Review of Sociology