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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, New York University, New York, NY 2015
B.A., Government, Sociology, Smith College, Northampton, MA 2005

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin 2017 – present
Faculty Affiliate, Population Research Center 2017 – present
Core Faculty, Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies 2017 – present

Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Studies Center, The University of Michigan. 2015 – 2017

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

* Denotes student or postdoctoral co-author

Weitzman, Abigail, Katarina Huss*, Matthew Blanton*, Jeffrey Swindle*, Gilbert Brenes Camacho and Arodys Robles. Forthcoming. "International Displacement and Family Stress in Latin America." *Journal of Family Issues*.

Cha, Hyungmin* and **Abigail Weitzman**. Forthcoming. "What Explains Socioeconomic Disparities in Early Pregnancy Rates?" *Social Forces*.

Behrman, Julia, Elif Buyukakbas*, and **Abigail Weitzman**. Forthcoming. "Migrating to New Contraceptive Contexts: The Case of Migrants from Turkey to France." *Socius*.

Weitzman, Abigail, Gilbert Brenes Camacho, Arodys Robles, Jeffrey Swindle*, Matthew Blanton*, and Katarina Huss.* 2022. "Costa Rica as a Destination for Migrants in Need of International Protection: Country report." *International Migration Review*. Online first.

Brooks McLoughlin, Isabel* and **Abigail Weitzman**. 2022. "Religiosity and Young Unmarried Women's Sexual and Contraceptive Behavior: New Evidence from a Longitudinal Panel of Young Adult Women." *Demography*. 59(3): 895-920.

Behrman, Julia and **Abigail Weitzman**. 2022. "Point of Reference: A Multisited Exploration of African Migration and Fertility in France." *International Migration Review*. 56(3): 911–940.

Behrman, Julia, Isabel Brooks McLoughlin*, Michelle Eilers*, and **Abigail Weitzman**. 2022. "International Migration and Modern Contraceptive Use: A Research Note on African Migrants to France." *Demography*. 59(1): 27-36.

Weitzman, Abigail, Jennifer Barber, Justin Heinz, and Marc Zimmerman. 2021. "How Nearby Homicides Affect Young Women's Pregnancy Desires: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment." *Demography*. 58(3): 927-950.

Zanatta, Raquel Coutinho, Aida Villanueva Montalvo*, **Abigail Weitzman**, and Leticia Marteleto. 2021. "Zika Virus Public Health Crisis and the Perpetuation of Gender Inequality in Brazil." *Reproductive Health*. 18(1): 1-21.

Weitzman, Abigail and Bridget Goosby. 2021. "Intimate Partner Violence and Non-Communicable Disease: Adding Insult to Injury?" *Social Science & Medicine- Population Health*. 13 (2021): 100701.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily and **Abigail Weitzman**. 2020. "Sibling Mortality Burden in Low-Income Countries: A Descriptive Analysis of Sibling Death in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean." *Plos One*. 15(10): e0236498.

Weitzman, Abigail and Yasamin Kusunoki. 2020. "The Prevalence, Frequency, and Social Ecology of Sexual Concurrency Among Young Adult Women." *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*. 52(2). DOI: 10.1363/psrh.12149.

Brew, Bridget*, **Abigail Weitzman**, Kelly Musick, and Yasamin Kusunoki. 2020. "Young Women's Joint Relationship, Sex, and Contraceptive Trajectories: Evidence from the United States." *Demographic Research*. 42(34): 933-984.

Marteleto, Leticia, Gilvan Guedes, Raquel Zanatta Coutinho, and **Abigail Weitzman**. 2020. "Live Births and Fertility Amidst the Zika Epidemic in Brazil." *Demography*. 57(3): 843-872.

Broussard, Kathleen* and **Abigail Weitzman**. 2020. "Sibling Loss and Fertility Desires in the High Mortality Context of Peru." *Population Studies*. 74(2): 179-195.

Weitzman, Abigail and Emily Smith-Greenaway. 2020. "The Marital Implications of Bereavement: Child Death and Intimate Partner Violence in West and Central Africa." *Demography*. 57(1): 347-371.

Weitzman, Abigail. 2020. "The Social Production and Salience of Young Women's Desire for Sex." *Social Forces*. 98(3): 1370-1401.

Weitzman, Abigail. 2020. "Firstborn Sex and Intimate Partner Violence in India." *Violence Against Women*. 26(6-7): 590-613.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily, **Abigail Weitzman**, and Abdallah Chilungu. 2019. "Child Sex Composition, Parental Sex Preferences, and Marital Outcomes: Evidence from a Matrilineal Context." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 81(5): 1126-1143.

- Weitzman, Abigail** and Allen Mallory*. 2019. "Racial, Socioeconomic and Attitudinal Differences in Young Women's Trajectories of Willingness to Refuse Unwanted Sex." *Journal of Adolescent Health*. 64(6): 746-752.
- Weitzman, Abigail**, Jennifer Barber, and Yasamin Kusunoki. 2019. "Sexual Concurrency and Contraceptive Use Among Young Adult Women." *Demography*. 56(2): 549-572.
- Weitzman, Abigail**. 2018. "Does Increasing Women's Education Reduce Their Risk of Intimate Partner Violence? Evidence from an Education Policy Reform." *Criminology*. 56(3). 574-607.
- Weitzman, Abigail**, Jennifer Barber, Yasamin Kusunoki, and Paula England. 2017. "Desire for and to Avoid Pregnancy During the Transition to Adulthood." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 79(4): 1060-1075.
- Marteleteo, Leticia and **Abigail Weitzman**, Raquel Zanatta, and Sandra Valongueiro. 2017. "Women's Reproductive Intentions and Behaviors Amidst the Zika Epidemic in Brazil." *Population and Development Review*. 43(2): 199-227.
- Weitzman, Abigail**. 2017. "The Effects of Women's Education on Maternal Health: Evidence from Peru." *Social Science and Medicine*. 180(5): 1-9.
- Weitzman, Abigail**, Sarah Cowan, and Kate Walsh. 2017. "The Prevalence of and Barriers to Intervening on Behalf of Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Victims." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. DOI: 0886260517696873.
- Jadhav, Apoorva, **Abigail Weitzman**, and Emily Smith-Greenaway. 2016. "Household Sanitation Facilities and Women's Risk of Rape in India." *Biomedical Central Public Health*. 16(1): 1139.
- Weitzman, Abigail** and Julia Behrman. 2016. "Disaster, Disruption to Family Life, and Intimate Partner Violence: The Case of the 2010 Earthquake in Haiti." *Sociological Science*. 3(2016): 167-189.
- Behrman, Julia and **Abigail Weitzman**. 2016. "The 2010 Earthquake and Inequalities in Reproductive Health in Haiti." *Studies in Family Planning*. 47(1): 3-17.
- Weitzman, Abigail**. 2015. "Do Fathers' Sexual Behaviors Vary with the Sex of Firstborns? Evidence from Thirty-Seven Countries." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. 56(4): 495-513.
- Weitzman, Abigail**. 2014. "Women's and Men's Relative Status and Intimate Partner Violence in India." *Population and Development Review*. 40(1): 55-75.

OTHER ACADEMIC WORK

Weitzman, Abigail. 2016. "(Pro)Creating a Crisis? Sex Ratios and Social Change in Developing Countries." In *Development in Crisis: Threats to Human Wellbeing in the Global South and the Global North*. Eds. Samuel Cohn and Rae Blumberg. New York: Routledge. Pp.100-114.

Weitzman, Abigail and Paula England. 2014. "Class and Sex for Young Women." Invited blogpost at *Contexts*. Dec. 10, 2014. <http://blog.contexts.org/2014/12/07/class-and-sex-for-young-women/>

Weitzman, Abigail and Dalton Conley. 2014. "From Assortative to Ashortative Mating: Men's Height, Height Heterogamy, and Relationship Dynamics in the United States." National Bureau of Economic Research. Working Paper No. 20402.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER-REVIEW & IN PROGRESS

* Denotes student or postdoctoral co-author

Weitzman, Abigail, Jennifer Barber, Yasamin Kusunoki, Marc Zimmerman, and Justin Heinz. "Exposure to Nearby Homicides and Young Women's Reproductive Lives During the Transition to Adulthood." Revise and resubmit.

Eilers, Michelle* and **Abigail Weitzman**. "When Attitudes and Desires Compete: Cognitive Dissonance in the Transition to Adulthood." Revise and resubmit.

Weitzman, Abigail, Mónica Caudillo, and Eldad Levy.* "Hybridized Interpersonal Violence in Latin America: Patterns and Causes." Invited submission for *Annual Review of Criminology*.

Weitzman, Abigail, Jeffrey Swindle*, and Gilbert Brenes Camacho. "Gendered Family Violence Among Migrants Seeking International Protection: A Life Course Perspective." Under review.

Weitzman, Abigail and Katarina Huss.* "Household Structure and Changes in Household Size Among the Recent Venezuelan Diaspora: A Research Note." Under review.

Abigail Weitzman, Julia Behrman, and Marta Ascherio*. "Data Availability and Measurement of U.S. Immigrant and Immigration Policies: A Methods Note." Under review.

Barber, Jennifer and **Abigail Weitzman**. "Intimate Relationship Dynamics and Penile-Vaginal Sexual Desires, Expectations, and Experiences in Young Adulthood." Under review.

Weitzman, Abigail Matthew Blanton*, and Gilbert Brenes Camacho. "Characterizations of Family Separation Among Migrants in Need of Protection: New Evidence from Costa Rica." In preparation for review.

Alcaraz, Melissa, Kammi Schmeer, and **Abigail Weitzman**. "Family Resources, Gender, and Adolescent Migration Aspirations in a Low-Income Setting." In preparation for review.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily, **Abigail Weitzman**, Yingi Lin*, and Katarina Huss.* “Like Mother, Like Daughter: Generational Continuity in Child Bereavement.” In preparation for review.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily, **Abigail Weitzman**, Yingi Lin*, and Katarina Huss.* “The Intergenerational Transmission of Child Loss: Can It Be Disrupted by Educational Progress?” In preparation for review.

PRESS COVERAGE

2020 *U.S. News & World Report, Science Daily*
2019 *Hindustan Times*
2017 *VICE Broadly, Globo, Diario de Pernambuco*
2016 *The Hindu, The Express Tribune*
2015 *Al Jazeera, The Indian Express*
2014 *The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Reuters, Jezebel, Salon, The Wire, The Daily Mail, The Telegraph, Esquire, Medical Daily, The Hindu, The Jamaica Observer, Nautilus*

RESEARCH FUNDING

External

William T. Grant Foundation: 202101713

PI: Weitzman, A. “Understanding How U.S. Immigrant and Immigration Policies Affect Latino Adolescents’ School Lives.” 2022 - 2027
Total funding: \$350,000

National Science Foundation: 2116350

PI: Smith-Greenaway, E. Co-I: Weitzman. “Family Bereavement: Societal Prevalence, Patterning, and Consequences.” 2021 - 2023
Total funding: \$254,788

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: K01 HD099313-01

PI: Weitzman A. “Family Characteristics and Health: Select Populations.” 2019 - 2024
Total funding: \$664,017

National Science Foundation; Account: 1918337

PI: Weitzman, A. Co-PI: Behrman, J. “Collaborative Research: Understanding Migration and Fertility.” 2019 - 2022
Total funding: \$260,000

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: R01 HD091257-02

PI: Marteleto, L. Co-Is: Aiken, A., Barber, J., Dondero, M., Weitzman, A. "Reproductive Responses to the Zika Epidemic in Brazil." 2018 - 2023
Total funding: \$3,343,937

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: R03 HD096118-01

PI: Weitzman, A. "The Effects of Stressful Exposures on Pregnancy Among Late Adolescents." 2018 - 2020
Total funding: \$150,570

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: R03 HD087422-01

PI: Weitzman, A. "Sexual Behavior During the Transition to Adulthood and Associated Health Outcomes." 2016 - 2018
Total funding: \$154,841

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation: Dissertation Improvement Grant 2012-7263

PI: Weitzman, A. "It's a Girl... A Quasi-Experimental Study Observing the Effects of Offspring Sex on Parents' Employment, Health, and Marital Status in Thirty-One Developing Countries." 2012 - 2014
Total funding: \$20,000

National Science Foundation: Graduate Research Fellowship 2011117755

PI: Weitzman, A. "For Better or For Worse: Working Women and Gender Power Dynamics in the Developing World." 2011 - 2014
Total funding: \$94,000

Internal

Center on Aging and Population Studies. Seed Grant

Weitzman, A. "Assessing the Feasibility of Panel Data Collection Among Adult Refugees in Costa Rica." 2021 -2022
Total funding: \$54,000

Population Health Initiative, Seed Grant

Weitzman, A. "Sexual Agency, Desire, and Behavior During Early Adulthood." 2017
Total funding: \$5,000

Population Health Initiative, Seed Grant

Weitzman, A. and Marteleto, L. "Reproductive Responses to Zika." 2016
Total funding: \$ 25,000

Population Research Center, Seed Grant

Weitzman, A. and Marteleto, L. "Fertility Responses to the Zika Epidemic." 2016
Total funding: \$ 30,000

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019 Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation
- 2019 Best Article Award, Honorable Mention, Latin American Studies Association, Section on Peru
- 2018 Most downloaded article at *Population and Development Review*
- 2016 Fourth most downloaded article at *Studies in Family Planning*
- 2015 Best Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association, Section on Development
- 2015 Best Poster Award, Population Association of America
- 2014 Best Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention, ASA Section on Sex and Gender
- 2014 Best Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention, ASA Section on the Family
- 2013 Best Student Paper Award, ASA Population Section
- 2013 Best Student Paper Award, ASA Section on the Family

INVITED TALKS

“Design and Implementation of an Online Weekly Survey of ‘Refugee’ Incorporation and Health in Costa Rica.”

- Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology. University of Washington. Scheduled for January 2023.
- Population Research Institute. Penn State University. September 2022.

“Design and Implementation of an Online Weekly Survey of ‘Refugee’ Family Life in Costa Rica.”

- Population Research Center. University of Chicago. May 2022.
- Department of Sociology. Northwestern University. May 2022.

“Intimate Partner Violence and Non-Communicable Disease.”

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). October 2021.

“Seeking Refuge: Trauma, Incorporation, and the Dynamics of Displaced Families in Costa Rica.”

- Instituto de Estudios de la Mujer. Universidad de Costa Rica. May 2020.
- Department of Demography, University of California Berkeley. Cancelled because of Covid-19 (originally scheduled for March 2020).

“Neighborhood Homicides and Young Women’s Risk of Pregnancy During the Transition to Adulthood.”

- Maryland Population Research Center. University of Maryland. Scheduled for October 2022.
- Population Studies & Training Center. Brown University. February 2020.
- Population Studies Center. University of Pennsylvania. October 2019.
- Office of Population Research. Princeton University. September 2019.

- Population Research Center. University of Texas. December 2018.

"It's a Girl... Sons, Daughters, and Parents' Wellbeing: The Case of India."

- Center for Family and Demographic Research. Bowling Green State University. February 2016.
- Department of Sociology. University of California San Francisco. November 2015.
- Department of Policy Analysis and Management. Cornell University. November 2015.
- Department of Sociology. University of Texas at Austin. October 2015.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Exposure to Nearby Homicides and Young Women's Reproductive Lives During the Transition to Adulthood."

- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA. 2022.

"Do Young Women Adapt Their Pregnancy Desires to Nearby Violence? Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment."

- Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association. Online because of the Covid-19 pandemic. 2020.

"Disparities in the Trajectories of Young Women's Willingness to Refuse Unwanted Sex."

- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. Austin, TX. 2019.

"The Marital Implications of Bereavement: Child Death and Intimate Partner Violence in West and Central Africa."

- Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY. 2019.
- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. Austin, TX. 2019.

"Socioeconomic Status and Risk Perceptions: Evidence from the Zika Epidemic in Brazil."

- Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA. 2018.

"Sexual Concurrency and Young Adult Contraceptive Use."

- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. Denver, CO. 2018.

"Education Reform and Maternal Health in Peru."

- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. Chicago, IL. 2017.

"Young Women's Desire for Sex and the Risk of Early Pregnancy."

- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. Chicago, IL. 2017.

"Gendered Victims, Gendered Consequences: Political Violence and the Gender Gap in Education in Peru."

- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. Chicago, IL. 2017.

“Women’s Education and Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from a Natural Experiment.”

- Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA. 2016.
- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. Washington, D.C. 2016.

“The Prevalence of and Barriers to Intervening on Behalf of Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Victims.”

- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. Washington, D.C. 2016.

“Disaster, Disruption to Family Life, and Intimate Partner Violence: The Case of the 2010 Earthquake in Haiti.”

- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. Washington, D.C. 2016.
- Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL. 2015.

“Pregnancy Desire and Avoidance During the Transition to Adulthood.”

- Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. 2014.
- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. Boston, MA. 2014.

“The Second Adolescence: The Sex of Firstborn Offspring and Fathers’ Sexual Behavior and Health in Developing Countries.”

- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. Boston, MA. 2014.

“Pregnancy Desire and Avoidance During the Transition to Adulthood.”

“Violence in the Face of Change: The Effect of Women’s Earnings on Intimate Partner Violence in Bolivia, Honduras, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic.”

- Annual Conference of the Latin American Studies Association. Washington D.C. 2013.

“The Daughter Tax: The Sex of Offspring and Maternal Outcomes in Five Developing Regions.”

- Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY. 2013.
- Annual Conference of the Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA. 2013.

ADVISING AND STUDENT-RELATED SERVICE

Dissertation Committees

Matthew Blanton, Sociology, 2022 – present. (Chair).

Katarina Huss, Sociology, 2022 – present. (Member).

Kristen Burke, Sociology, 2022 – present. (Member).

Isabel McLoughlin Brooks, Sociology, 2022 – present. (Chair).

Michelle Eilers, Sociology, 2021 – present. (Chair).

Maria Carolina Aragao, Sociology. 2021 – present. (Member).

Elizabeth Nimmons. Sociology. 2021 – present. (Member).

Dana Johnson, Public Affairs, 2020 – present. (Member).
Jess Goldstein-Kral, Sociology, 2022. (Member).
Aida Villanueva, Ph.D. in Sociology, 2020. (Member).

Master's Thesis Committees

Chloe Craig, M.A. in Sociology, 2021 – present (Member)
Katarina Huss, M.A. in Sociology, 2021 – present (Member)
Brooke Whitfield, M.A. in Sociology, 2021 - 20222. (Member).

Undergraduate Honors Thesis

McKenna Cosway, Sociology, 2019. (Supervisor).

Postdoctoral Advising

Jeffrey Swindle, Population Research Center, 2020 – present. (Supervisor).

ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service

Graduate Steering Committee, 2018 – 2019, 2021 - present
Executive Committee, 2020 – 2021
Graduate Fem(me) Seminar (Interim Chair), 2019
Graduate Research Design and Methods Workshop (Founder and co-Chair), 2018-2019

University and Local Service

Children & Society Bridging Disciplines Program Faculty Panel, 2021 - present
Population Research Center Governance Committee, 2020 - present
Population Research Center Postdoctoral Admissions Committee, 2018

Professional Service

Review Panel Member, National Institutes of Health, SPAA, 2022
Editorial Board Member, *Demography*, 2019 - present
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 2018 - present
Nominations Committee, American Sociological Association Family Section, 2021 - current
Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association Family Section, 2021
Chair, Best Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Assoc. Pop. Section, 2019
Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association Population Section, 2018
Session Organizer, Annual Conference of the Population Association of America, 2018
Session Organizer, Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association, 2018, 2022

Peer-Reviewer (Ad hoc since 2014)

American Sociological Review, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Science*, *Demography*,
Demographic Research, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *International Migration Review*, *Population &*
Development Review, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of*

Adolescent Health, Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Studies in Family Planning, Gender & Society, Violence Against Women, Sociology of Development.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), New York, NY 2009 - 2010
Communications and Resource Mobilization Intern

- Prepared educational resources for the launch of the *Safe Cities Campaign*, which supports municipalities in developing strategies to reduce crime and make cities safer for women.
- Coordinated the launch of the Global Virtual Knowledge Centre, an online resource center offering a wide scope of research about violence against women.

Peace Corps Belize, Dangriga, Belize 2008 - 2009
Youth Development Volunteer

- Began the process of rewriting Belize's HIV/ AIDS national curriculum.
- Coordinated a four-month leadership academy for girls.
- Formed a self-help group for children with disabilities and their families.

Peace Corps Peru, Puerto Eten, Peru 2006 - 2008
Youth Development Volunteer

- Oversaw a peer health educator program in two high schools
- Developed a program for pregnant teenagers combining income-generating skills, self-esteem workshops, and information about pre and post-natal health care.
- Initiated and ran an after-school tutoring and mentoring program for children
- Conducted anti-violence and self-awareness workshops in primary schools and with mothers.