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EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Predoctoral Trainee, Center for Demography and Ecology and Center for the Demography of Health and Aging, Supported by the National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development (T32) and the National Institute on Aging (T32)
 Dissertation: “Population Perspectives at the Intersection of the Epidemiologic Transition and the Gender Revolution: Essays on Fertility, Child Health and Caregiving”
 Committee: Jason Fletcher (chair), Jenna Nobles, Michal Engelman, Deborah Ehrenthal (Population Health Sciences) and John Mullahy (Population Health Sciences)
 Preliminary exams: Demography and Ecology; Sociology of the Family
- 2010 Master of Public Policy, University of Chicago
- 2004 B.A., Anthropology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 B.A., International Studies, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 Summa cum laude

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2020-2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University

PUBLICATIONS

- Ophir, Ariane and **Jessica Polos**. 2021. “Care Life Expectancy: Gender and Unpaid Work in the Context of Population Aging.” *Population Research and Policy Review*.
Winner of the Best Student Paper Award, Sociology of Population Section, American Sociological Association

Jessica Polos and Jason Fletcher. 2019. "Caesarean Section and Children's Health: A Quasi-Experimental Design." *Population Studies*.

Fletcher, Jason and **Jessica Polos**. 2018. "Nonmarital and Teen Fertility." In *The Oxford Handbook of Women and the Economy*. Ed. Susan L. Averett, Laura M. Argys, and Saul D. Hoffman: Oxford University Press.

UNDER REVIEW

Polos, Jessica, Thomas McDade, and Stephanie Koning. "Do Intersecting Identities Structure Social Contexts to Influence Life Course Health? The Case of School Peer Economic Disadvantage and Obesity."

Koning, Stephanie, **Jessica Polos** and Thomas McDade. "Racial inequalities in low birth weight among college-educated mothers in the United States: The role of life-course SESD."

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Polos, Jessica. "Consequences of Medical Labels for Mothers and Infants: Structural Stigmatization or Beneficial Treatments?"

Polos, Jessica. "Breastfeeding Promotion Programs as Intensive Parenting Treatments: Impacts on Class Convergence in Parenting Style, Child Development, and Maternal Mental Health."

Polos, Jessica. "Super-Structural Discrimination in the Generation of Health Inequalities."

PRESENTATIONS

2021 Polos, Jessica "Consequences of Medical Labels for Mothers and Infants: Structural Stigmatization or Beneficial Treatments?" Population Association of America Annual Meeting (virtually held). Poster Presentation.

Winner of the Best Poster Award, PAA 2021

2021 **Polos, Jessica**, Stephanie Koning, and Thomas McDade. "Intersecting Identities and Contextual Disadvantage: Paradoxical Implications for Life Course Obesity." University of Chicago Demography Workshop, Chicago, IL. (invited presentation)

2020 Polos, Jessica. "Feedback Consequences of Spurious Associations of Advantage," IAPHS Annual Meeting, Online due to Covid-19. (poster presentation)

2020 Polos, Jessica. "Linking Kin Networks and Mortality in the Context of the U.S. Demographic Transition," Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (poster presentation; withdrawn due to Covid-19)

2020 Ophir, Ariane and **Jessica Polos**. "Lifelong Caring: Caregiving across the Life Course in the Context of Population Aging," CDHA 20th Anniversary Symposium, Madison, WI.

- 2018 Ophir, Ariane and **Jessica Polos**. “Lifelong Caring: Caregiving across the Life Course in the Context of Population Aging,” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2016 **Polos, Jessica** and Jason Fletcher. “Cesarean Section, the Gut Microbiome and Children’s Health: A Quasi-Experimental Design,” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Polos, Jessica. “Breastfeeding and the Black-White Education Gap,” Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. (invited presentation)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2021 Best Poster Award, Population Association of America
- 2020 Best Student Paper Award, Sociology of Population Section, American Sociological Association
- 2019 - 2020 National Institute on Aging Traineeship
- 2015 - 2019 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Traineeship
- 2015 - 2016 Graduate Student Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty
- 2008 - 2010 University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, Irving B. Harris Fellowship
- 2004 University of Illinois, University/Bronze Tablet Honors
- 2000 - 2004 University of Illinois, James Honors Scholar

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- 2020, 2021 Member, IAPHS
- 2019 – 2020 Aging, Health, and Place Working Group, UW-Madison
- 2014 – Present Member, Population Association of America
- 2018 – 2020 Member, Center for Reproductive Equity
- 2014 – 2019 Member, WiscPAL
- 2016, 2020, 2021 Member, American Sociological Association
- 2009 Leadership in Chicago Fellow

SERVICE

- 2021 American Sociological Association Conference Table Presider
- 2020 Search Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2020 Peer Reviewer, *Demography*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Social Science and Medicine - Population Health*, *Child and Youth Services Review*
- 2015, 2017 Mentor, Department of Sociology, UW Madison

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010 – 2014 University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy

Founding Associate Director, Energy Policy Institute at Chicago, 2011-2014
International Program Coordinator, 2010-2011

2005-08 Illinois Office of the Comptroller
Policy Analyst
Government Career Trainee

SKILLS & SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Languages: Spanish (fluent); French (basic)

Statistical Programs: STATA, R

Census Bureau, Special Sworn Status for Work within Research Data Centers

REFERENCES

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