

2014 Family Symposium Presenters

Chalandra M. Bryant is Professor of Human Development and Family Science at The University of Georgia. Her research focuses on close relationships and the ability to sustain close intimate ties. She is particularly interested in the manner in which social, familial, economic, occupational, and psychosocial factors are linked to marital and health outcomes. She is the principal investigator of a longitudinal project, *A Study of African American Marriage and Health*, funded by NICHD.

Natasha J. Cabrera is Professor of Human Development at University of Maryland. Her research interests focus on father involvement and children's social development; ethnic and cultural variations in fathering and mothering behaviors; family processes in a social and cultural context and children's social development; and the mechanisms that link early experiences to children's school readiness.

Rachel Connelly is the Bion R. Cram Professor of Economics at Bowdoin College. Connelly is a labor economist whose research focuses on how the presence of children affects women's employment, the type of child care used in the US and Brazil, and migration of rural women in China. Her current work with US data analyzes how parents spend their time. Using Chinese population surveys, she is currently studying the effect of co-residence of elders and their adult children on the employment of family members.

Stephanie Coontz teaches history and family studies at The Evergreen State University and serves as co-chair of the Council on Contemporary Families, a non-profit nonpartisan association of family researchers and practitioners. Coontz has authored five books and numerous chapters on the history of families, marriage, and changes in gender roles and is often invited to lecture on these subjects. She is a frequent guest columnist for the New York Times and is often interviewed by journalists about family research.

Kathleen Gerson is Professor of Sociology and Collegiate Professor of Arts and Science at New York University. Her work focuses on the connections between gender, work, and family life in contemporary societies, with an eye to explaining the links between social and individual change. Seeking to combine the deep understandings of qualitative interviews with the rigor of systematically collected samples, she is currently examining emerging strategies of work and care in the new economy.

Ted L. Huston is the Amy Johnson McLaughlin Professor Emeritus at the University of Texas at Austin. His research program, centered largely on a long-term longitudinal study of marriage, examines the emotional climate of marriage, courtship and early antecedents of marital distress and divorce, the transition to parenthood, and the influence of personality on marital relationships.

Janet Shibley Hyde is the Helen Thompson Woolley Professor of Psychology and of Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Her research focuses on the psychology of women and gender, including women balancing work and family, the development of gender differences in depression in adolescence, and women's representation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The author of the gender similarities hypothesis, she has used the technique of meta-analysis to address many questions of gender differences.

Karen D. Lincoln is Associate Professor in the School of Social Work, Director of the Hartford Center of Geriatric Social Work Excellence and Senior Scientist at the Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging at the

University of Southern California. Dr. Lincoln's overarching research agenda examines the physical and mental health of Black Americans across the life course, highlighting the interplay between the social environment, psychosocial, sociocultural, and health behavior factors on physical and mental health.

Ronald Mincy is the Maurice V. Russell Professor of Social Policy and Social Work Practice at Columbia University. He is co-principle investigator of the Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study. Mincy's research has centered on the effects of policies and programs on the roles that young, disadvantaged (especially Black) men play as fathers and workers. He has published widely on the effects of income security policy on family poverty, child well-being, and family formation, as well as responsible fatherhood.

Maureen Perry-Jenkins is Professor of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Director of the Center for Research on Families. Her research focuses on the ways in which socio-cultural factors, such as race, gender, and social class, shape the mental health and family relationships of employed parents and their children. Her current research involves a longitudinal study that examines the transition to parenthood and transition back to paid employment for low-income couples and for African-American, Latino and European-American single mothers.

Corinne Reczek is Assistant Professor of Sociology and Women's, Gender, & Sexualities Studies at Ohio State University. She studies how family relationships shape health and how that varies by gender and sexuality. Dr. Reczek's current research projects include: 1) the effects of union status on health and health behavior across same-sex and different-sex unions, 2) the effects of the parent-child tie on both generations' well-being, and 3) same-sex family structure and child well-being.

Kevin Roy is Associate Professor of Family Science at University of Maryland's School of Public Health. His research focuses on the life course of young men on the margins of families and the work force, as they transition into adulthood and fatherhood. Through participant observation and life history interviews, Dr. Roy explores the intersection of policy systems, such as welfare reform, community-based parenting programs, and incarceration, with care giving and providing roles in kin networks.

Steven Ruggles is Regents Professor of History and Population Studies, Distinguished McKnight University Professor, and Director of the Minnesota Population Center at the University of Minnesota. He is best known as the creator of the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS), the world's largest population database, spanning two centuries and 100 countries. Ruggles has made contributions to the study of long run demographic change, focusing especially on changes in the family.

Liana Sayer is Director, Maryland Time Use Laboratory, Associate Professor of Sociology at University of Maryland, and an affiliate of the Maryland Population Research Center. She is an authority on time use and has published widely on gender and social class differences in time use and consequences of gendered work/family practices for individual and family well-being.

Debra Umberson is Centennial Professor in Liberal Arts and Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas, Austin. She is affiliated with the Center for Women's and Gender Studies and the Population Research Center at Texas. Her research focuses on relationships and health across the life course with a particular emphasis on intimate relationships and family ties and the blending of quantitative and qualitative research methods.