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EDUCATION

- 2004 Ph.D. in Sociology, Princeton University
Dissertation: The Form and Function of Unmarried Families
Committee: Sara McLanahan (chair), Josh Goldstein, Christina Paxson
- 2000 M.A., Sociology, Princeton University
Fields: Demography, Marriage and Family, and Poverty
- 1993 B.S. in Educational Psychology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2004 - Research Associate, Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Princeton University
- 2001 - Data Manager, Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study
- 2000-2001 Senior Analyst, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.
- 1997-2000 Consultant, MDRC
- 1994-1997 Research Assistant/Analyst, MDRC

PUBLICATIONS

Knab, Jean Tansey and McLanahan, Sara. (forthcoming) "Measuring cohabitation: Does when, who, and how you ask matter." In the *Handbook of Measurement Issues in Family Research* edited by Sandra Hofferth and Lynne Casper. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum & Associates.

DeKlyen, Michelle, Brooks-Gunn, Jeanne, McLanahan, Sara, and Knab, Jean Tansey. (forthcoming) "The Mental Health of Parents with Infants: Do Marriage, Cohabitation, and Romantic Status Matter?" *American Journal of Public Health*.

Curran, Sara, McLanahan, Sara, and Knab, Jean Tansey. 2003. "Does Remarriage Expand Perception of Kinship Support Among the Elderly?" *Social Science Research* 32:171-190.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Harknett, Kristen and Knab, Jean Tansey. "More Kin, Less Support: Multipartnered Fertility and Perceived Support among Unmarried Mothers" (revise and resubmit *Journal of Marriage and the Family*)

Knab, Jean Tansey. "Cohabitation: Sharpening a Fuzzy Concept" (revise and resubmit *Journal of Marriage and the Family*)

Knab, Jean Tansey. "Can Marriage Reduce Poverty and Hardship for Unmarried Mothers" (under review)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Knab, Jean Tansey, Garfinkel, Irwin, and McLanahan, Sara. "The Effects of Welfare and Child Support Policies on Marriage"

Knab, Jean Tansey. "The Living Arrangements of Unmarried Mothers Following the Birth of a Child"

Knab, Jean Tansey, McLanahan, Sara, and Garfinkel, Irwin. "The Effects of Welfare and Child Support Policies on Health Outcomes" - invited chapter for National Poverty Center sponsored book on the effects of non-health policies on health outcomes

Knab, Jean Tansey and Harknett, Kristen. "Doing it for the Kids? Shotgun Unions and Relationship Outcomes"

Knab, Jean Tansey. "Marital Status, Wealth, and Educational Transfers"

REPORTS

Knab, Jean Tansey, Bos, Johannes, Friedlander, Daniel, and Weissman, Joanna. 2000. *Do Mandates Matter? The Effect of a Mandate to Enter a Welfare-to-Work Program*. Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation. New York, NY.

Freedman, Stephen, Knab, Jean Tansey, Gennetian, Lisa A., and Navarro, David. 2000. *The Los Angeles Jobs-First GAIN Evaluation: Final Report on a Work-First Program in a Major Urban Center*. Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation. New York, NY.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, August 2005

Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Washington, D.C., March 2005

"Family Complexity and Social Support: How Multiple Partner Fertility Affects the Support Available to New Mothers from Social Networks"

Society for Research on Child Development biennial meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2005

Association of Public Policy and Management Fall conference, Atlanta, GA, Nov 2004

"The Effects of Welfare and Child Support Policies on Marriage"

Population Association of America annual meeting, Boston, MA, April 2004

Notestein Seminar, Office of Population Research, Princeton University, March 2004

"Who's in and for how much: the impact of definitional changes on the prevalence and outcomes of cohabitation"

Counting Couples: Measurement Issues in Family Demography sponsored by NICHD Family and Child Well-being Research Network. Bethesda, MD. Nov 2003-*Invited presentation*.

"Measuring cohabitation: does how, when, and who you ask matter?"

Southern Demographic Association Meeting, Washington, DC, October 2003

Population Association of America annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN, May 2003-*Received poster award*.

"The Living Arrangements of Unmarried Mothers Following the Birth of a Child"

Association of Public Policy and Management Fall conference, Wash, DC. Nov 2001
Western Economic Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA, 1997.

“Do Mandates Matter? The Effect of a Mandate to Enter a Welfare-to-Work Program.”

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Pending. Co-Principal Investigator, “Fragile Families, Welfare, and Marriage.” DHHS /ACF. Proposed award period: 10/1/05 to 9/30/08. \$586,253.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, 2004 - present

Data & Research Manager, Fragile Families & Child Wellbeing Study, 2001-present

The Fragile Families Study is a longitudinal, multi-method study of 5,000 urban families. It is currently in its fourth wave of data collection and has released the first three waves of data to the public. For more information, see www.fragilefamilies.princeton.edu.

Author research papers, author/edit research brief series, and collaborate on grant writing (R01).

Manage data cleaning, analysis, and public use file release, write documentation and web content, provide technical support to data users, and supervise statistical and web programmers and research assistants. Represent study at conferences and professional meetings.

Senior Analyst

Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., Princeton, NJ, 2000-2001

Research analyst on several large-scale evaluations of education, job training and food security programs including the National Abstinence Evaluation, the 21st Century Community Learning Center Evaluation and the Hunger in America Study. Performed statistical analyses and data management tasks. Conducted focus groups with middle and high school students and their parents on the National Abstinence Evaluation.

Consultant (1997-2000), Research Analyst (1996-1997), Research Assistant (1994-1996)

MDRC, New York, NY

Researcher on several welfare-to-work and education evaluations. Authored publications, performed statistical programming and analysis, developed questionnaires, and collected primary data from welfare case files. Supervised and trained research assistants.

Research Assistant for Professors Sara Curran and Sara McLanahan

Office of Population Research, Princeton University, 1997-1999

Conducted literature review and statistical programming and analysis of National Survey of Families and Households (NSFH) and Health and Retirement Survey (HRS) data.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecturer, Family Data, University of Pennsylvania, Oct 2005

Instructor, Introduction to Data & Research, Office of Population Research, Fall 2004

Developed and led four seminars to train second-year graduate students in good data management and programming practices and how to use reference software (EndNote) as they begin their independent research projects.

Instructor, Fragile Families Data User Workshops, Summers 2002-2004

Instructed summer workshop participants (junior faculty and graduate students) on using the Fragile Families data.

Assistant Instructor, Sociology of Poverty, Princeton University, 1999

Led weekly meetings to review readings and assignments, wrote and graded exams and papers.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Elected Representative of the Technical Research Staff, Council of the Princeton University Community
Referee, *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Journal of Family Issues*

Representative, NICHD Data Security working group

Participant, ICPSR Data Sharing and Dissemination workshop (June 2005)

Chair, Population Association of America 2002 Meeting, Session - "Risk Factors in Child and Adolescent Development"

Organizer, Fragile Families Working Group Seminars, Princeton, Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, 2002-present

Member, American Sociological Association, Eastern Sociological Association, Population Association of America, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

REFERENCES

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