

# Family Forum

SUMMER 2007 ~ ASA SECTION ON SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

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## Message from the Chair

Dear Family Section Members:

This year's ASA is chock full of compelling family sessions. Please take a few moments to peruse the next few pages and you will note the breadth of interesting topics. These range from same-sex relationships to emerging issues in family and work.

This year's reception is also bound to be a memorable one. **Please remember: It is off-site and will thus not be listed in the program.** Thanks to Herb Smith, Population Section Chair, we will be enjoying ourselves, and honoring our awardees, on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> (6 p.m.- 8 p.m.) at the Penn Club of New York (30 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street; 212-403-5656).

Please also plan to attend the Business Meeting on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m., directly after the roundtables. This is our chance to solicit your ideas, including ideas for next year's program, collect names of those willing to volunteer for any section work, and update you on our budget, membership, and other items of interest.

As I turn over the role of Chair to Paula England, I want to extend my deepest thanks to all Council members (please see sidebar), to Laura A. Sanchez (Secretary-Treasurer), our student representatives, newsletter editor Mary C. Noonan, webmaster Sanjiv Gupta, and listserv manager Jay Wills. All have shown deep dedication to the Section and commitment to getting done what



needed to be done. I could not have done this without them.

A special thanks goes to Jennifer Glass: I deeply appreciate her generosity as Past Chair; she answered my every query quickly and helpfully throughout my tenure as Chair. I only hope I can do the same for Paula.

Finally, I want to extend my gratitude to all of you who are taking part in this year's program (from authors to organizers to discussants), who served on section committees, who bought section memberships for graduate students (or remembered to renew their own!), submitted papers to this year's sessions, and who continue to extend our understanding of families in important ways.

Thank you and best wishes. I'll see you in NY!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pamela J. Smock'.

Pamela J. Smock  
Chair, Family Section  
The University of Michigan -  
Ann Arbor  
July, 2007

**Please Join Us!**  
**The 2007 Co-Sponsored Population and Family  
Section Reception**

**Time: Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**Place: The Penn Club of NY, 30 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street\***



Come and Congratulate  
the Winners of Our  
Annual Section Awards:



Distinguished Career Award  
William S. Goode Book Award  
Outstanding Graduate Student  
Paper Award



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## Upcoming Conferences

"Work-Life Policies that Make a Real Difference for Individuals, Families, and Organizations" is the title of **Penn State's 15<sup>th</sup> annual Symposium on Family Issues**, to be held **October 8-9, 2007**. The topic will be addressed by 16 scholars from major universities and work-family research centers. The symposium is innovative for the integration of perspectives from multiple social sciences as well as for addressing policy implications. Presentations and discussions at the symposium will focus on which workplace practices have the most potential to improve the well-being of employees and their families, policies to address workplace challenges for salaried as well as hourly employees, how to conduct effective intervention research, and questions that remain for researchers of work-life policies. Information and registration at <http://www.pop.psu.edu/events/symposium/2007.htm> or contact Carolyn Scott at 814-863-6806, [css7@psu.edu](mailto:css7@psu.edu).

The **National Council on Family Relations** will host its 69th annual conference **November 7-10, 2007** in Pittsburgh, PA. The theme of the conference is "Family Vulnerabilities: Challenges to Safety, Security, and Well-being". For a complete schedule of the conference program, go to: <http://www.ncfr.org/conf/current/annual.asp>.

## Other News

**Fragile Families Research Briefs Available.** Princeton's Fragile Families' website offers several research briefs based on data from the Fragile Families and Child Well-being study. Recent topics include fatherhood, incarceration, welfare, poverty, marriage and many others. To access these, go to <http://www.fragilefamilies.princeton.edu/ffbriefts.asp>.

**National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) Update.** The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) gathers information on family life, marriage and divorce, pregnancy, infertility, use of contraception, and men's and women's health. The survey results are used by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and others to plan health services and health education programs. The survey is also useful for researchers who wish to conduct statistical studies of families, fertility, and reproductive health. The survey has a new design, a new listserv, and a new website design, at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsfg.htm> .

## Family Sessions at the 2007 ASA Meeting

### Beyond the Nuclear Family: Childbearing and Childrearing in Nontraditional Contexts

Time: Sun, Aug 12, 8:30am-10:10am

Place: Hilton New York

Organizer/Presider: *Kelly Musick*, USC

Discussant: *Judith A. Seltzer*, UCLA

Adults' Norms about Nonmarital Pregnancy and Their Influence on Willingness to Provide Resources to Parents. *Stefanie B. Mollborn*, University of Colorado-Boulder

Nontraditional Families and Childhood Progress Through School. *Michael J. Rosenfeld*, Stanford University

Fast Food Dads? Family Structure, Nonresident Father Involvement, and Adolescent Eating Patterns. *Susan D. Stewart*, Iowa State University; *Chadwick L. Menning*, Ball State University

Incarceration and Nonresident Father Involvement Among African American, Latino, and White Fathers. *Raymond R. Swisher*, Cornell University; *Maureen Waller*, Cornell University

### The Formation of Marital and Cohabiting Unions

Time: Sun, Aug 12, 10:30am-12:10pm

Place: Hilton New York

Organizer/Presider: *Nick Wolfinger*, University of Utah

Discussant: *Megan M. Sweeney*, UCLA

Trends in Marriage Rates: A Cross-National Macro Perspective 1960 to 2003. *Claudia Geist*, Indiana University

The Pace of Relationship Progression: Does Timing to Sexual Involvement Matter? *Sharon L. Sassler*, Cornell University

The Role of Trust in Low-Income Mothers' Intimate Unions. *Linda Burton*, Duke University; *Andrew J. Cherlin*, Johns Hopkins University; *Donna-Marie Winn*, Duke University; *Angela Estacion*, Johns Hopkins University

Contemporary Courtship: Dating Couples and Their Perceptions of Cohabitation and Marriage. *Wendy D. Manning*, Bowling Green State University; *Gayra D. Ostgaard*, Bowling Green State University; *Jessica A. Cohen*, Bowling Green State University; *Pamela J. Smock*, University of Michigan

### Same-Sex Couples in Society, Politics, and Research

Time: Sun, Aug 12, 12:30pm-2:10pm

Place: Hilton New York

Organizer: *Michael J. Rosenfeld*, Stanford University

Presider: *Michael J. Rosenfeld*, Stanford University

Discussant: *Mignon R. Moore*, UCLA

Legal Marriage and Legal Consciousness: Understanding the Impacts of *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health*. *Jennifer M. Raymond*, University of Massachusetts-Boston

Lesbigay Parents as Strategists: The Case of Creative Biology. *Cara A. Bergstrom-Lynch*, University of Michigan

Out of the Closet and into the Public Eye: A Human Rights Perspective on the Development of Sexual Orientation Equality Rights in Canada. *Annette M. Nierobisz*, Canadian Human Rights Commission; *Maciej M. Karpinski*, Canadian Human Rights Commission

Relationship Values, Attitudes and Aspirations among Sexual Minority Youth. *Ann Meier*, University of Minnesota; *Kathleen E. Hull*, University of Minnesota; *Timothy A. Ortyl*, University of Minnesota



## Family Sessions at the 2007 ASA Meeting

### Explaining Family Change and Variation

Time: Mon, Aug 13, 8:30am - 10:10am

Place: Hilton New York

Organizers: *Suzanne M. Bianchi*, University of Maryland; *S. Philip Morgan*, Duke University; *Judith A. Seltzer*, UCLA

Presider: *Suzanne M. Bianchi*, University of Maryland

Discussants: *S. Philip Morgan*, Duke University; *Judith A. Seltzer*, UCLA

Panelists:

*Megan M. Sweeney*, UCLA

*Jennifer L. Glass*, University of Iowa

*Kathleen Mullan Harris*, University of North Carolina

*Annette Lareau*, University of Maryland

The organizers and their colleagues, with resources and directives from NIH, have been evaluating research on family change and variation. They will present key results from their study and have invited a panel of experts to comment on them.

Recommendations include ones focusing on areas for new inquiry, new theoretical development, new data collections, and promising research strategies.



### New Research on the Work-Family Intersection

Time: Mon, Aug 13, 2:30pm - 4:10pm

Place: Hilton New York

Organizer: *Erin Kelly*, University of Minnesota

Presider/Discussant: *Samantha K. Ammons*, University of Minnesota

Gender Differences in Providing Urgent Child Care Among Dual-Earner Parents. *David J. Maume*, University of Cincinnati

The Stress Transfer Process in Dual-Earner Couples: Stress Contagion or Something Else? *Noelle A. Chesley*, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; *Phyllis Moen*, University of Minnesota

Opting Out among College-Educated Women 1982-2005: Trends and Explanations. *Cordelia Reimers*, Hunter College, CUNY; *Pamela Stone*, Hunter College

Wives' Relative Earnings and Labor Force Participation: Does She Exit if She Earns More? *Kristin Smith*, Carsey Institute

### Emerging Issues in Family and Work

Time: Mon, Aug 13, 4:30pm - 6:10pm

Place: Hilton New York

Organizer: *Erin Kelly*, University of Minnesota

Presider/Discussant: *Mary C. Noonan*, University of Iowa

Masculinity, Bargaining and Breadwinning: A Study of Men's Household Labor in 22 Countries. *Sarah Thebaud*, Cornell University

Relative Income and Marital Conflict: The Impact of Fluctuating Income Advantages. *Sarah Winslow-Bowe*, Clemson University

Work-Family Realities: Race-Ethnic Differences in Work Behaviors and Attitudes. *Patricia Roos* and *Michelle Bai*, Rutgers University

The Inequality of Security: An Emerging Division in Work and Family Life. *Marianne Cooper*, University of California, Berkeley

# Family Section Roundtables at the 2007 ASA Meeting

Time: Sun, Aug 12th, 2:30-3:30 pm

Place: Hilton New York

## Table 1. Family Narratives

President: *Jeni Loftus*, Purdue University  
 Critical Feminist Pedagogy and Sociology of the Family Courses.  
*Laura E. Hirshfield*, University of Michigan  
 Unpacking the Category 'Lone Mother' — A Framework for  
 Research Design. *Vanessa May*, University of Manchester  
 Committed to Constraints: A Preliminary Look at Ten Years of  
 Covenant Marriage Rhetoric. *Amy M. Kirk*, Sam Houston State  
 University  
 Disciplining Families Post-Divorce. *Lynn Comerford*, CSU East  
 Bay

## Table 2. Transitions to Adulthood

President: *Elizabeth C. Cooksey*, Ohio State University  
 Racial/Ethnic Differences in Family Formation Expectations  
 Among Urban Youth in Early Adulthood. *Janel E. Benson*,  
 University of North Carolina Chapel Hill  
 The Timing of First Marriage and First Birth: Family Transitions  
 and Educational Attainment. *Sampson L. Blair*, State University of  
 New York-Buffalo; *Marilou C. Legazpi Blair*, State University of  
 New York-Buffalo  
 Young Adults Living in Their Parents' Home: Slackers? *Rose  
 Kreider*, U.S. Census Bureau  
 Explaining Early Adult Gender Differences in Residential and  
 Marital Status. *Julie A. Kmec*, Washington State University;  
*Christopher C. Weiss*, Columbia University

## Table 3. Family and Economic Considerations

President: *Liana C. Sayer*, Ohio State University  
 Does Having a Nonmarital Birth Have a Causal Impact on a  
 Woman's Economic Well-Being? *Emily F. Shafer*, Stanford  
 University  
 Ready or Not? The Role of Economic Prospects and Gender Role  
 Attitudes in the Decision to Marry among Men and Women.  
*Jessica H. Hardie*, University North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 Transitions to Fatherhood among Men in Marital, Cohabiting, and  
 Non-residential Relationships: Variations in Employment  
 Trajectories. *Christine M. Percheski*, Princeton University;  
*Christopher J. Wildeman*, Princeton University  
 His, Hers, and Theirs: Class, Gender, and Race in the Vote Choice  
 of Married Americans. *Sarah Thebaud*, Cornell University; *Kim  
 Weeden*, Cornell University

## Table 4. Families and Support

President: *Julia McQuillan*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 Gender and Sexual Orientation Differences in Social Support from  
 Family, Friends, and Romantic Relationships. *Charles Q. Strohm*,  
 University of California, Los Angeles; *Susan Cochran*, University  
 of California-Los Angeles; *Vickie Mays*, University of California-  
 Los Angeles  
 African American College Women's Perceptions of Emotional  
 Support from Live-Away Fathers. *Maria S. Johnson*, University of  
 Michigan  
 Social Stigma and the Adoptive Identity. *Kristi Clark-Miller*,  
 Montana State University

## Table 5. Constructing Commitment in Relationships

President: *W. Bradford Wilcox*, University of Virginia  
 Commitment without Marriage: Union Formation among Long-  
 Term Gay and Lesbian Couples. *Corinne E. Reczek*, University  
 of Texas at Austin; *Sinikka G. Elliott*, University of  
 Texas, Austin; *Debra Umberson*, University of Texas  
 Rejection of Love: An Ethnography of Contemporary Intimate  
 Relationships among Young Adults in Finland. *Heli Vaaranen*,  
 University of Helsinki  
 The Social Construction of Marital Commitment. *Stephanie E.  
 Byrd*, Emory University  
 Fidelity With(out) Monogamy: Love and Intimate Relationships  
 in the 21st Century. *Kassia R. Wosick-Correa*, University of  
 California, Irvine

## Table 6. Household Context, Child Outcomes

President: *Kathleen Mullan-Harris*, University of North Carolina  
 Adolescent Outcomes in Single Parent, Heterosexual Couple,  
 and Homosexual Couple Families: Findings from a National  
 Survey. *Mikaela Dufur*, Brigham Young University; *Benjamin  
 Allen McKune*, Brigham Young University; *John P. Hoffmann*,  
 Brigham Young University; *Stephen J. Bahr*, Brigham Young  
 University  
 Chronically Parents' Partnering Paths as the Choices and  
 Changes Intersect with Youth School Performance. *Pamela  
 Jean Theroux*, University at Albany, State University of New  
 York  
 Parents' Occupational Experiences and Children's Educational  
 Attainment: Occupational Sex Segregation in Educational  
 Stratification. *Stephanie Howling*, Harvard University

## Table 7. Relationship Quality

President: *Laura A. Sanchez*, Bowling Green State University  
 Evaluating Relationship Quality among Low-Income Couples.  
*Margaret Gassanov*, Ohio State University; *Daniel T. Lichter*,  
 Cornell University  
 Exploring the Role of Relationship Quality in Unmarried  
 Parents' Union Transitions. *Joanna M. Reed*, Northwestern  
 University  
 Who Decided? Women's Employment Status Satisfaction and  
 Relationship Quality. *Alvina M. Kubeka*, Ohio State University  
 Marital Quality in Later Life. *Jennifer R. Bulanda*, Miami  
 University  
 Overweight and Problematic Marital Interactions. *Jeffery Sobal*,  
 Cornell University; *Karla Hanson*, Cornell University

## Table 8. Division of Household Labor

President: *Theodore N. Greenstein*, N.C. State University  
 New City Domesticity and the Tenacious Second Shift. *Jennifer  
 A. Johnson*, Virginia Commonwealth University; *Megan S.  
 Johnson*, Glave and Holmes Architecture  
 Is Mom Still Doing It all? Reexamining Depictions of Family-  
 work in Popular Advertising. *Bryan K. Robinson*, SUNY-  
 Albany; *Erica Hunter*, University at Albany, State University  
 of New York  
 Gender Norms or Economic Resources: What Determines the  
 Division of Household Labor During the Family-cycle?  
*Daniela Grunow*, Yale University; *Florian Schulz*, State  
 Institute of Family Research (ifb); *Hans P. Blossfeld*, Otto-  
 Friedrich University Bamberg

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## Table 8. Division of Household Labor (Continued)

A Cross National Examination of Micro and Macro Influences of Cohabitation on Women's Housework Participation. *Erica Hunter*, University at Albany, State University of New York  
 Mattering and Wives' Perceived Fairness of the Division of Household Labor. *Sayaka Kawamura*, Bowling Green State University; *Susan L. Brown*, Bowling Green State University

## Table 9. Constructing Fatherhood

Presider: *Scott Coltrane*, University of California-Riverside  
 Stay-At-Home Dads: Men's Non-Traditional Work Preferences. *C.G.E. Kelley*, International Survey Center; *S.M.C. Kelley*, International Survey Center  
 Maternal Urges, Biological Clocks, and Soccer Moms: Gay Men's Procreative and Fathering Narratives. *Dana A. Berkowitz*, University of Florida  
 Defining Fatherhood: How Unmarried Fathers Evaluate the Multiple Facets of Fathering. *Teresa Ciabattari*, Sonoma State University  
 First Time Expectant Fathers' Attitudes and Actions in Regard to Current and Future Work and Family Issues. *Leslie Stanley-Stevens*, Tarleton State University; *Rudy R. Seward*, University of North Texas

## Table 10. Intergenerational Dynamics and Influences

Presider: *Lawrence Wu*, New York University  
 "Don't Marry a BMW!!" Mate-Selection Among Second-Generation Patels in Florida. *Namita N. Manohar*, University of Florida  
 "Care from the Heart": The Logic and Limits of Grandparental Childcare Assistance in Taiwan. *Hsiao-Li (Shirley) Sun*, Nanyang Technological University  
 Educational Success of Taiwanese Children: The Role of Grandparents. *Suet-ling Pong*, Pennsylvania State University; *Vivien Chen*, Penn State University  
 Chip Off the Old Block? Socialization, Information, and Intergenerational Work Role Transfer. *Jason Greenberg*, MIT

## Table 11. Multi-national Comparative Family Research

Presider: *Sanjiv Gupta*, University of Massachusetts  
 The Case for Considering Marriage Culture in the Relationship between Marital Status and Happiness. *Carrie L. Yodanis*, University of British Columbia; *Sean R. Lauer*, University of British Columbia  
 Who Works Where, and How Does that Affect Family Life? The Impact of Work Location on Family Outcomes in Germany and the United States. *Detlev Lueck*, University of Mainz (Germany)  
 Modern Couples, Sharing Money, Sharing Life. *Janet E. Stocks*, Baldwin-Wallace College; *Bjorn Hallerod*, University of Umea, Sweden; *Capitolina Diaz*, University of Oviedo

## Table 12. The Meanings of Cohabitation and Marriage

Presider: *Frances Goldscheider*, Brown University  
 Views of Cohabitation and Marriage among Participants in a Healthy Marriage and Healthy Relationships Program: A Qualitative Assessment. *Wendy D. Manning*, Bowling Green State University; *Deanna L. Trella*, Bowling Green State University; *Heidi Lyons*, Bowling Green State University; *Nola Cora du Toit*, Middle Tennessee State University

## Table 12. The Meanings of Cohabitation and Marriage (cont.)

What's Love Got to Do With It? A Demographic Analysis of Long-term and Short-term Cohabiting Unions. *Lindsay Hixson*, State University of New York-Albany  
 An Initial Look at Marital Quality in Covenant Marriages. *Deborah J. Barr*, University of Central Florida; *James D. Wright*, University of Central Florida

## Table 13. Mate Selection Processes in Non-U.S. Contexts

Presider: *Jiping Zuo*, St. Cloud State University  
 Wives and "Jadiya" Lovers: Parallel Unions in Postpolygynous Kenya. *Julie L. Fennell*, Brown University; *Nancy Luke*, Brown University  
 Does a Birth Order Matter? The Timing of the First Marriage, the Sibling Relations and Education in Japan. *Suzumi Yasutake*, Johns Hopkins University  
 Why Do Men from Wealthy Societies Marry Women from Less Developed Countries? Evidence from Germany. *David Glowsky*, Freie Universitaet Berlin  
 Polygyny in Kuwait: Sociological Perspective. *Fahad A.H. Alnaser*, Kuwait University  
 Return of Education in the Marriage Market: Patterns and Trends of Educational Assortative Marriage in South Korea. *Moonju Seong*, University of Oxford

## Table 14. Constructing Motherhood

Presider: *Kristen W. Springer*, Rutgers University  
 Negotiating Identities: How First-Time Expectant Mothers Plan To Integrate Employment and Motherhood. *Jordana G. Hoegh*, Purdue University  
 Generation X Professional Women Leaving the Workforce to Become Full-time, Stay-at-home Mothers. *Monisa Shackelford*, Pensacola Junior College  
 "Doing" Motherhood in a Playgroup. *Florence Maatita*, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
 Ambivalence of the Motherhood Experience: Maternal Narratives in Popular Culture. *Ivana Brown*, Rutgers University  
 Towards a Comprehensive Understanding of Motherhood: Insights from the Experiences of Adoptive Mothers of Asian Children. *Jungyun Gill*, University of Connecticut

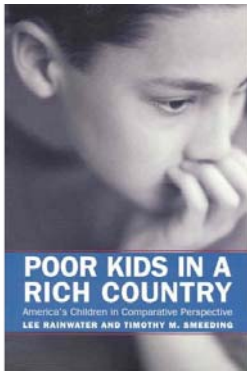
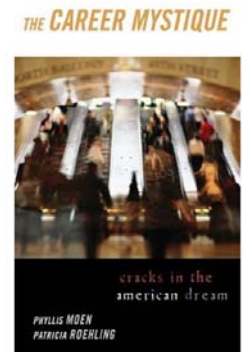
## Table 15. Fathers' Influence on Children's Lives

Presider: *Valarie King*, Penn State University  
 Resident and Nonresident Father-Adolescent Closeness. *Harmoni J. Noel*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 The Role of Social Support Systems and Nonresident Fathers' Involvement. *Yoshie Sano*, Washington State University  
 Vancouver  
 The Paternal Supportiveness, Relationship, and Monitoring of Children with Disabilities: An Examination of Residential and Nonresidential Fathers. *Carrie L. Shandra*, Brown University; *Carrie E. Spearin*, Brown University; *Dennis P. Hogan*, Brown University  
 Social Fathers in Fragile Families: Involvement and Associations with Child Wellbeing. *Sharon Bzostek*, Princeton University

## Book Corner: New Books by Family Section Members

*The Career Mystique: Cracks in the American Dream*  
(Rowman and Littlefield, 2005)  
Phyllis Moen and Patricia Roehling

In *The Career Mystique*, Moen and Roehling show that most Americans - men and women - continue to embrace the myth that hard work, long hours, and continuous employment pay off, even though it is out of date and out of place in the 21st century America. This book addresses the fundamental mismatch between the ways work and retirement are organized and the realities of a changing workforce and an uncertain global economy.

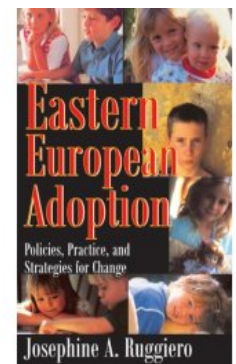


*Poor Kids in a Rich Country: America's Children in Comparative Perspective* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2005)  
Lee Rainwater and Timothy M. Smeeding

In *Poor Kids in a Rich Country*, Rainwater and Smeeding ask what it means to be poor in a prosperous nation – especially for any country's most vulnerable citizens, its children. In comparing the situation of American children in low-income families with their counterparts in 14 other countries - including Western Europe, Australia, and Canada - they provide a powerful perspective on the dynamics of child poverty in the United States.

*Eastern European Adoption: Policies, Practice and Strategies for Change*  
(Transaction Publishers, 2007)  
Josephine A. Ruggiero

This volume addresses adoption policies and practices as they pertain to adopted children from Eastern Europe, children who have histories of "pre-adoption adversity." Drawing on her decade-long experience as an adoptive parent of siblings born in Russia and her expertise as an applied sociologist, Josephine Ruggiero examines the central issues involved in international adoptions, focusing on older children as well as siblings, and suggesting needed changes in policy and practice.



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