

# Christine Percheski

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## EMPLOYMENT

- 2010 - Assistant Professor of Sociology & Institute for Policy Research Faculty Fellow  
**Northwestern University**
- 2008 -10 Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research  
**Harvard University**

## EDUCATION

### **Princeton University**

Ph.D. in Sociology, 2008

M.A. in Sociology, 2006

Dissertation: *Women's employment, family structure and social inequality in the United States.*

Committee Members: Sara McLanahan, Bruce Western, Douglas Massey.

### **Dartmouth College**

B.A. in Sociology, 2001. Departmental Honors, Magna Cum Laude.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Inequality and stratification, Family demography, Health, Work and occupations

## PUBLICATIONS

**Percheski, Christine** and Sharon Bzostek. 2013. "Health Insurance Coverage within Sibships: Prevalence of Mixed Coverage and Associations with Health Care Utilization." *Social Science & Medicine* 90:1-10.

**Percheski, Christine** and Eszter Hargittai. 2011. "Health Information-Seeking in the Digital Age." *Journal of American College Health*. 59(5): 379-386.

McCall, Leslie and **Christine Percheski**. 2010. "Income Inequality: New Trends and Research Directions." *Annual Review of Sociology* 36: 329-47.

Wildeman, Christopher and **Christine Percheski**. 2009. "Associations of Childhood Religious Attendance, Family Structure, and Nonmarital Fertility across Cohorts." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 71:1294-1308.

Western, Bruce, Deirdre Bloome, and **Christine Percheski**. 2008. "Inequality among American Families with Children: 1975-2005." *American Sociological Review* 73 (6): 903-920.

McLanahan, Sara and **Christine Percheski**. 2008. "Family Structure and the Reproduction of Inequalities." *Annual Review of Sociology* 34: 257-76.

**Percheski, Christine.** 2008. "Opting Out? Cohort Differences in Professional Women's Employment Rates from 1960 to 2005." *American Sociological Review* 73 (3): 497-517.

\*Media coverage: *Time*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week*, *Workforce Management*.

\*Winner of IPUMS 2010 award for best graduate student paper

\*Updated version with 2010 data published in the *Grusky Stratification Reader*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition.

**Percheski, Christine** and Christopher Wildeman. 2008. "Becoming a Dad: Employment Trajectories of Married, Cohabiting, and Non-resident Fathers." *Social Science Quarterly* 89 (2):482-501.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

"Family Structure and Inequality in Contemporary America" (Co-PI: Christina Gibson-Davis)

National Science Foundation

Grant Period: May 1, 2015 – May 1, 2016

Award Amount: \$69,905

"The Great Recession's Effects on Non-marital and Multi-Partner Fertility." (Co-PI: Rachel Kimbro)

University of Wisconsin, Institute for Research on Poverty.

Grant Period: May 2012-August 2013

Award Amount: \$19,773

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

"Family Structure and Maternal Employment Trajectories." *Revise and Resubmit*.

"Exposure to Uninsured Family Members: Differences by Family Structure." With Sharon Bzostek. *Revise and Resubmit*.

"Committed in sickness and in health? The association between health and union dissolution among married and cohabiting parents." With Jess Meyer (NU grad student). *Under Review*.

"Public Health Insurance and Children's Health and Health Care Outcomes: A Family-Level Fixed Effects Analysis." With Sharon Bzostek. *Under Review*.

"Men as Dependents? Marriage and Health Insurance Coverage among Adults in the United States, 1988-2008." *Under Review*.

"The Great Recession's Effects on Non-marital and Multi-Partner Fertility." With Rachel Kimbro. *Draft available*.

"Cohort Change in the Association between Motherhood Timing and Educational Attainment." With Yu-Han Jao (NU grad student). *Draft available*.

"Family Structure and Wealth Inequality among Families with Children." With Christina Gibson-Davis.

"Marriage Advantages, Child Costs: Family Structure and Income Inequality among American Women."

"Family Characteristics, Gender, and Poverty: Comparing the Recent Recession with the Recessions of the early 1980s."

## SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS (2010-2014)

"Committed in Sickness and in Health? Health and Relationship Dissolution." American Sociological Association, August 2014.

"Pregnancy during the Great Recession: Variations among U.S. Women by Partnership Status." American Sociological Association, August 2014.

"How Motherhood Timing Affects Women's Poverty Risk and Family Income." Demography Seminar, University of Wisconsin Madison, March 2014.

"Economic Conditions and Pregnancy Rates in the United States During the Great Recession." Demography Workshop, University of Chicago, January 2014.

"Family Structure, Health Insurance, and Children's Well-being in the U.S." Center for Human Potential and Public Policy, University of Chicago, April 2013.

"The (Un)Changing Relationship between Gender, Family Characteristics, and Income Inequality in the United States." American Sociological Association, August 2013.

"Employment and Income Changes Associated with Parenthood." American Sociological Association, August 2013.

"The Great Recession's Effects on Fertility: Differences among Married, Cohabiting, Unpartnered and Teenage Women." Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison. July 2013.

"Marriage, Parenthood, and Health Insurance? How Changes in Family are Linked to More Uninsured Americans." American Sociological Association, August 2012.

"Family Structure, Non-standard Work, and Job Quality among New Mothers." Work and Family Researchers Network, June 2012

"Family Structure, Women's Employment, and Inequality among American Women." 2011-2012

- Yale University, Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course
- University of Chicago, Population Research Center's Demography Workshop
- University of Minnesota, Minnesota Population Center Seminar Series
- Stanford University, Clayman Institute for Gender Research and Department of Sociology
- University of Washington, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology

"Cohort Changes in Women's Employment Experience." Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University, November 2011

"Family Characteristics and Economic Well-being in the US: Comparing the Recent Recession with the Recessions of the early 1980s." International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Stratification (RC28), August 2011

"Family Characteristics, Unemployment, and Women's Economic Status: Comparing the Recessions of the early 1980s and the Present." Social Science History Association, November 2010

“Family Complexity, Children’s Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Quality Health Care.” (with Sharon Bzostek), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 2010

“Complexity of Insurance Arrangements among Siblings” (with Sharon Bzostek), American Sociological Association, August 2010

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Northwestern University*

Sociology 101-6: American Families after the Sexual Revolution

Sociology 210: Family and Society

Sociology 305: Demography and Population Problems

Sociology 310: Families and Social Learning

Sociology 376-20: Families in Global Perspective

Sociology 476-21: Sociology of Families

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### ***Service***

Northwestern University:

*Graduate Student Admissions Committee, WCAS Freshman Advisor, Graduate Affairs, SION Dissertation Prize Committee, Co-Organizer of Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop, Undergraduate Affairs*

American Sociological Association:

*Co-Organizer of Family Section roundtables (2010),*

*Family Section Article Award Committee (2011, 2012)*

Scholars Strategy Network, Co-chair of Evanston regional chapter (2012-2013)

Princeton University, Graduate School Leadership Council (2012-2014)

### ***Journals***

*Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Sociology, Demography, European Sociological Review, Feminist Studies, Gender & Society, Industrial Relations, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Population Studies, Qualitative Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science Quarterly, Social Science Research, Social Service Review, Sociological Forum, Sociological Methods and Research, Sociological Perspectives, Sociology Compass, Work & Occupations.*

### ***Professional Association Memberships***

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America.

Scholar Strategy Network, member

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

Selected print/online publications:

*Time, Wall Street Journal, Business Week, Workforce Management, Reuters, Bloomberg News, Chicago Tribune, Chicago RedEye, Daily Herald (Chicago)*

Radio:

WBEZ Chicago Public Radio