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Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

2014 Ph.D., Sociology, Demography Minor, Cornell University
2002 B.A., Sociology, Dartmouth College

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019- Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Faculty Fellow, Carolina Population Center
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Policy (courtesy appointment)
2014-19 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023 Faculty Teaching Award, UNC Department of Sociology
2022 Council on Contemporary Families, Early Career Scholars Program
2021 Schwab Academic Excellence Award, UNC Institute for the Arts and Humanities
2021 Faculty Teaching Award, UNC Department of Sociology
2021 Community Building Award, UNC Department of Sociology
2017 United University Professors Individual Development Award
2016 Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Affirmative Action/Diversity Leave Program, University at Buffalo
2012 Robert B. McGinnis Paper Award, Cornell University Department of Sociology
2009 ICPSR Summer Program Travel Award (funded participant)
2008 Truxal Award, Dartmouth College
2002 Rufus Choate Scholar (top 5% of class), Dartmouth College

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

* graduate student co-author

Su, Jessica Houston and Kelly Musick. In press. Structural Inequalities and Family Formation: How Sexism in Institutions and Everyday Interactions Shapes Early Childbearing. *American Sociological Review*

Cartwright, Alice F.*, Maeve Wallace, **Jessica Houston Su**, Sian Curtis, Gustavo Angeles, and Ilene S. Speizer. 2024. Neighborhood-Level Racialized Socioeconomic Deprivation and Contraceptive Use in the United States, 2011-2019. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*. 56(2):182-196. <https://doi.org/10.1111/psrh.12269>. [[link](#)]

Su, Jessica Houston, Kerri Raissian, and Jiyeon Kim*. 2024. Best For Whom? Heterogeneous Treatment Effects of Breastfeeding on Child Development. *Social Forces*. 102(3):978-1003. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soad075>. [[link](#)]

Su, Jessica Houston and Fenaba Addo. 2023. Wealth and the Transition to Motherhood. *Social Problems*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spad037>. [[link](#)]

Wagmiller, Robert L., Kristen Schultz Lee, and **Jessica Houston Su**. 2020. The Role of Welfare in Family Income Inequality: 1968–2016. *Children and Youth Services Review*.

119:105615. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2020.105615>. PMID: PMC8009496. [\[link\]](#)

Su, Jessica Houston, and Allison Dwyer Emory. 2020. Repackaging Fatherhood: Father Engagement and Cooperative Coparenting in Mid-Pregnancy Marriages and Cohabitations. *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 82 (5):1625-36. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12698>. [\[link\]](#)

Desai, Sarah*, **Jessica Houston Su**, and Robert M. Adelman. 2020. Legacies of Marginalization: System Avoidance among the Adult Children of Unauthorized Immigrants in the United States. *International Migration Review*. 54 (3):707-39. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0197918319885640>. [\[link\]](#)

Su, Jessica Houston. 2019. Local Employment Conditions and Unintended Pregnancy. *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 81 (2):380-96. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12546>. [\[link\]](#)

Su, Jessica Houston, and Fenaba R. Addo. 2018. Born Without a Silver Spoon: Race, Wealth, and Unintended Childbearing. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*. 39 (4):600-15. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10834-018-9577-4>. PMID: PMC6301049. [\[link\]](#)

Raissan, Kerri M., and **Jessica Houston Su**. 2018. The Best of Intentions: Prenatal Breastfeeding Intentions and Infant Health. *SSM - Population Health*. 5:86-100. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2018.05.002>. PMID: PMC6077263. [\[link\]](#)

- Media coverage: [Quartz](#), [Motherly](#), [Healthline](#), [3AW Morning Show](#), [The Skeptical OB blog](#), [Science-Based Medicine blog](#)

Su, Jessica Houston, and Rachel Dunifon. 2017. Nonstandard Work Schedules and Private Safety Nets among Working Mothers. *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 79 (3):597-613. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12358>. [\[link\]](#)

Su, Jessica Houston. 2017. Unintended Birth and Children's Long-Term Mental Health. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. 58 (3):357-70. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/0022146517717037>. [\[link\]](#)

Su, Jessica Houston, Rachel Dunifon, and Sharon Sassler. 2015. Better for Baby? The Retreat from Mid-Pregnancy Marriage and Implications for Parenting and Child Well-Being. *Demography*. 52 (4):1167-94. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s13524-015-0410-5>. [\[link\]](#)

Kalil, Ariel, Rachel Dunifon, Danielle A. Crosby, and **Jessica Houston Su**. 2014. Work Hours, Schedules, and Insufficient Sleep among Mothers and Their Young Children. *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 76 (5):891-904. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12142>. PMID: PMC7263622. [\[link\]](#)

Dunifon, Rachel, Ariel Kalil, Danielle A. Crosby, **Jessica Houston Su**, and Thomas Deleire. 2013. Measuring Maternal Nonstandard Work in Survey Data. *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 75 (3):523-32. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12017>. PMID: PMC3714115. [\[link\]](#)

Dunifon, Rachel, Ariel Kalil, Danielle A. Crosby, and **Jessica Houston Su**. 2013. Mothers' Night Work and Children's Behavior Problems. *Developmental Psychology*. 49 (10):1874-85. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/a0031241>. PMID: PMC3788844. [\[link\]](#)

- Nominated for the 2014 Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research

Su, Jessica Houston. 2012. Pregnancy Intentions and Parents' Psychological Well-Being. *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 74 (5):1182-96. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1741-3737.2012.01006.x>. [\[link\]](#)

- Robert B. McGinnis Award, Cornell University Department of Sociology

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Su, Jessica Houston. 2023. Best for Whom? Breastfeeding and Child Development. *Council on Contemporary Families* Brief Report. [[link](#)]
• Reprinted on *The Society Pages* blog [[link](#)]

Su, Jessica Houston and Barbara Entwisle. 2023. The Social Forces that Shape Families: Reflections on 100 Years of Publications in *Social Forces*. *Social Forces*. 101(3):1033-1047. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soac126> [[link](#)]

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Cartwright, Alice F.*, Ilene S. Speizer, Maeve Wallace, **Jessica Houston Su**, Sian Curtis, and Gustavo Angeles. Medicaid Expansion and Contraceptive Use in Neighborhoods of Racialized Socioeconomic Deprivation and Privilege. *In preparation*

Su, Jessica Houston. Breastfeeding and Father's Parenting Involvement. *In preparation*

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2024 US Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, Demography Seminar Series
2023 Bowling Green State University, Center for Family and Demographic Research
2023 Carolina Population Center, Interdisciplinary Research Seminar Series
2023 Rice University, Department of Sociology, STAPH-Population Health Lab
2022 UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Public Policy, Policy Research Group
2020 Carolina Population Center, Interdisciplinary Research Seminar Series [[link](#)]
2017 Buffalo Women & Children's Hospital, Children's Psychiatry Clinic Academic Rounds
2016 University of Connecticut, Department of Public Policy Speaker Series
2015 Harvard University, Center for Population and Development Studies
2015 Brandeis University, Children, Youth, and Families Seminar
2015 University of New Hampshire, Department of Sociology Colloquium

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024 **Su, Jessica Houston.** Breastfeeding and Father's Parenting Involvement. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 2024
2023 **Su, Jessica Houston** and Kelly Musick. Adolescent Exposure to Structural Sexism and Early Transitions to Motherhood. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, April 2023
2022 **Su, Jessica Houston** and Kelly Musick. Adolescent Exposure to Structural Sexism and Early Transitions to Motherhood. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 2022
2022 **Su, Jessica Houston** and Kelly Musick. Adolescent Exposure to Structural Sexism and Early Transitions to Motherhood. Add Health Users Conference, July 2022
2022 **Su, Jessica Houston**, Kerri Raissian, and Jiyeon Kim. Best For Whom? Heterogeneous Treatment Effects of Breastfeeding on Child Development. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, April 2022
2021 **Su, Jessica Houston**, Kerri Raissian, and Jiyeon Kim. Best For Whom? Heterogeneous Treatment Effects of Breastfeeding on Child Development.

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Research Conference, March 2022

- 2021 **Su, Jessica Houston**, Kerri Raissian, and Jiyeon Kim. Best For Whom? Heterogeneous Treatment Effects of Breastfeeding on Child Development. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 2021
- 2021 **Su, Jessica Houston** and Fenaba Addo. Assets, Debts, and Unintended Childbearing. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, May 2021
- 2020 **Su, Jessica Houston** and Fenaba Addo. Wealth, Assets, and Unintended Childbearing. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19)
- 2018 **Su, Jessica Houston** and Allison Dwyer Emory. Father Involvement and Coparenting in Mid-Pregnancy Relationships. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, April 2018
- 2018 Addo, Fenaba and **Jessica Houston Su**. Unintended Fertility, Wealth, and Wealth Trajectories of U.S. Adult Mothers. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, April 2018
- 2017 **Su, Jessica Houston** and Fenaba Addo. Born Without a Silver Spoon: Wealth and Unintended Childbearing. Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, November 2017 (accepted but unable to attend)
- 2017 **Su, Jessica Houston** and Fenaba Addo. Born Without a Silver Spoon: Wealth and Unintended Childbearing. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 2017
- 2017 **Su, Jessica Houston**. Local Labor Market Conditions and Unintended Pregnancy. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, April 2017
- 2017 Desai, Sarah, and **Jessica Houston Su**. System Avoidance Among the Children of Unauthorized Mexican Immigrants in the U.S. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, April 2017
- 2016 Wagmiller, Robert L., Kristen Schultz Lee, and **Jessica Houston Su**. The Growth of Family Income Inequality among Families with Children: 1968-2014. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 2016.
- 2016 Raissian, Kerri M. and **Jessica Houston Su**. The Best of Intentions: Re-Examining the Effects of Breastfeeding on Infant Health. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, May 2016
- 2016 **Su, Jessica Houston** and Fenaba Addo. Wealth and Unintended First Births. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, May 2016
- 2015 **Su, Jessica Houston** and Rachel Dunifon. Nonstandard Work Schedules and Perceived Instrumental Support Among Working Mothers. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, May 2015
- 2014 **Su, Jessica Houston**. Postconception Cohabitation, Household Environment, and Child Development. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 2014

- 2014 **Su, Jessica Houston.** Postconception Cohabitation, Household Environment, and Child Development. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, May 2014
- 2012 **Su, Jessica Houston,** Rachel Dunifon, and Sharon Sassler. Better for Baby? Premarital Conceptions, Shotgun Marriage, and Child Well-Being. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting. May 2012.
- 2011 **Su, Jessica Houston.** Pregnancy Intentions and Maternal Well-Being. Population Association of America (PAA), Annual Meeting. April 2011.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Past five years at UNC

Undergraduate

- First Year Seminar: Consequences of Welfare Reform and Prospects for the Future (SOC1 53)
 - Spring 2020, 18 students
 - Spring 2023, 24 students
 - Spring 2024, 24 students
- Families & Society (SOC1 130)
 - Fall 2019, 45 students
 - Spring 2020, 48 students
- Independent Internship (SOC1 393)
 - Summer 2023, 1 student
 - Fall 2023, 1 student
- Poverty and Public Policy (SOC1 468)
 - Fall 2019, 45 students
 - Fall 2020, 45 students
 - Fall 2022, 45 students
 - Spring 2023, 48 students
 - Fall 2023, 48 students

Graduate

- Statistics for Sociologists (SOC1 708)
 - Fall 2020, 12 students
 - Fall 2021, 13 students
 - Fall 2022, 16 students
 - Fall 2023, 10 students

RESEARCH SUPERVISION AND MENTORSHIP

Year of completion in parentheses

UNC

- Postdoctoral Mentorship
 - Haley Stritzel (co-advisor) (2023)
- Ph.D. Dissertation Committees
 - Alyssa Browne (2023)
 - Tania Cabello-Hutt (2023)
 - Alice Cartwright (2023)
 - Erica Janko
 - Kaitlin Joshua
- M.A. Thesis Committees
 - Emma Labovits (2022)
 - Meg Palmer (2022)
 - Pascal Bullock (2023)

- Man Zhang (2023)
- Sora Choi (2023)
- Carolina Population Center Preceptor
 - Man Zhang (2023)
 - Anna Gardner (2019)
 - Alice Cartwright (2023)
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees
 - Aja Martindale (Chair, 2022)
 - Elijah Gullett (2022)
 - Madelyn Mclain (Chair, 2024)
 - Rui Anna Dou (Chair, 2024)
 - Daiana Mendoza-Acosta (2024)

University at Buffalo

- Ph.D. Dissertation Committees
 - Sarah Desai (2016)
 - Wanda Garcia (2018)
 - Matthew Perry (2019)
 - Sarah Richards-Desai (2024)
 - Joanne Tompkins (2018)
 - Yaqi Yuan (2020)
- M.A. Thesis and Portfolio Committees
 - Malysa Battaglia (Chair) (2018)
 - Brooke Chamberlain (2019)
 - Siqi Wang (2015)
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees
 - Andrew Nash (2014)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023	Contextual Factors, Structural Inequality, and Infant and Maternal Health in the United States. Carolina Population Center Seed Grant. Co-PI with Chantel Martin (Epidemiology). (\$45,476)
2020	Add Health Offspring Feasibility Study. Carolina Population Center Seed Grant. Co-PI with Chantel Martin (Epidemiology). (\$14,781)
2016; 18	Labor Market Conditions and Unintended Pregnancy. University at Buffalo, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy Research Grant. (\$3,323)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Current positions in **bold**

Service to the Discipline

2019-	Editorial Board, <i>Social Forces</i>
2024	ASA Family Section William J. Goode Book Award committee
2024	Council on Contemporary Families Early Scholars Program committee
2024	PAA annual meeting panel organizer and chair <i>Life Course Perspectives on Fertility and Reproductive Health</i> <i>Economic and Career Perspectives on Fertility</i>
2024	PAA annual meeting panel discussant <i>Kinship, Family Trajectories, and Wealth</i>
2023	PAA annual meeting poster session judge
2022	ASA annual meeting panel organizer and chair

Family Patterns and Population Change

- 2021 ASA Family Section nominations committee
2021 ASA Family Section mentor match program (volunteer mentor)
2021 ASA Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility book award committee
2021 ASA annual meeting roundtable presider
2020 PAA annual meeting program committee (Family Demography)
2020 PAA annual meeting panel organizer and chair
Cohabitation and Nonmarital Relationships
2019 ASA annual meeting panel organizer and chair
Social Inequality in Family Formation
2017 PAA annual meeting panel organizer and chair
Female Education, Employment, and Fertility
Socioeconomic Consequences of Adolescent Fertility
2015-2016 Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research, committee member

Occasional Reviewer

- *Advances in Life Course Research*
- *American Sociological Review*
- *American Journal of Sociology*
- *Demography*
- *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*
- *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*
- *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*
- *Journal of Marriage and Family*
- *Maternal and Child Health Journal*
- National Science Foundation
- *Population Research and Policy Review*
- *Sociological Forum*
- *Sociological Methodology*
- *Society and Mental Health*
- *Social Science Research*

Departmental/University Service

- 2023- Sociology Department Graduate Student Placement, UNC**
2019- Family comprehensive exam committee member, UNC
2022-23 Sociology Department Executive Committee, UNC
2019-23 Sociology Department Graduate Studies Committee, UNC
2021 Carolina Population Center Hackathon judge
2017-19 University at Buffalo Faculty Senator
2017-19 Colloquium Committee, University at Buffalo
2017 Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy Research Grant Committee, University at Buffalo
2015-19 Graduate Studies Committee, University at Buffalo
2014-15 Undergraduate Studies Committee, University at Buffalo

External Affiliations

- Special Sworn Status, US Census Bureau

Professional Associations

- American Sociological Association
- Population Association of America
- Council on Contemporary Families