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### EDUCATION

- 2016-Present **PhD Candidate, Sociology**, the University of Pennsylvania  
2018 **MA Sociology**, the University of Pennsylvania  
Thesis: Committing before Cohabiting: Pathways to Marriage Among Middle-Class Couples  
2018 **Certificate in Teaching and Learning**, University of Pennsylvania  
2018 Enrolled, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Graduate Certificate  
2014 **Graduate Certificate, Survey Research**, University of Massachusetts–Boston  
2013 **MA, Applied Sociology**, University of Massachusetts–Boston  
2010 **BA, Sociology, Political Science**, magna cum laude, Emmanuel College

### PUBLICATIONS

- Harris, Lauren E.** 2021. "Committing before Cohabiting: Pathways to Marriage Among Middle-Class Couples." *Journal of Family Issues* 42(8):1762-1786.  
Furstenberg, Frank F., **Lauren E. Harris**, Luca Maria Pesando, and Nicole M. Reed. 2020. "Kinship Practices in Alternative Family Forms: A Comparative Perspective." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 82(5): 1403-1430.

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Harris, Lauren E.** and Jerry A. Jacobs. 2021. "Learning to Manage Digital Norms: Online Advice for Parents on their Children's Use of Social Media." *Under Review*.  
**Harris, Lauren E.** 2021. "The Virus Be Damned: Older Adults Seek Romantic Relationships During a Pandemic." *In Progress*.  
**Harris, Lauren E.**, Ava Skolnik, and Aletha Akers. 2021. "Autonomy and Reproductive Justice in Adolescent and Young Women's IUD Initiation." *In Progress*.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### *Conference Talks*

- Harris, Lauren. "Cohabiting and Committing: Middle-Class Couples on the Pathway to Marriage." *Paper presentation* at the American Sociological Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2020. (Conference canceled.)  
Harris, Lauren, Ava Skolnik, and Aletha Akers. "A Reproductive Justice Framework to Improve Care for Young Women with IUDs." *Paper presentation* at the American Sociological Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2020. (Conference canceled.)  
Harris, Lauren, Ava Skolnik, and Aletha Akers. "Autonomy and Reproductive Justice in Adolescent and Young Women's IUD Initiation." *Paper presentation* at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, February 2020.

- Harris, Lauren and Jerry Jacobs. "Parenting and Social Media." Paper presentation at the Family & Gender Workshop, Dept. of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, November 2019.
- Harris, Lauren and Jerry Jacobs. "Parenting and Social Media." Paper presentation at the American Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York City, NY, August 2019.
- Harris, Lauren. "Committing before Cohabiting: Pathways to Marriage Among Middle-Class Couples." Paper presentation at the Education and Gender in Young Adulthood conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 15, 2019.
- Harris, Lauren. "'By Living Together, I'm Completely Committed to You': Cohabitation and Childbearing as Commitment." Roundtable presentation at the American Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.
- Harris, Lauren. "The Importance of Work-Family Balance by Age and Relationship Status." Paper presentation at the Work and Family Researchers Network Conference, Washington, D.C., June 2018.
- Harris, Lauren. "What Can Be Learned from Evaluations of Fatherhood Programs?" Poster presented at the Work and Family Researchers Network Conference, Washington, D.C., June 2016.
- Harris, Lauren. "Exploring Nonacademic Aspects at a Small New England College: A Multi-Method Approach." Poster presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2008.

#### *Invited Talks*

- 2021 "Sociology of Family and Gender." Guest lecture, Introduction to Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2021 "Singlehood, Dating, and Partnering among Older Adults During COVID-19." Works in Progress presentation, Introduction to Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2020 "Committing before Cohabiting: Pathways to Marriage Among Middle-Class Couples." Paper presentation, Sociology of Family, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas.
- 2019 "Committing before Cohabiting: Pathways to Marriage Among Middle-Class Couples." Paper presentation, Introduction to Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2019 "Online Dating: Who, How, and Why" at the Firehouse Active Adult Center, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 "Online Dating: Who, How, and Why" at the Free Library of Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 "The Changing Meaning of Marriage" at the Free Library of Philadelphia, PA.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### *Instructor*

- F2021, Sr2019 Introduction to Sociology, The College of Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS), University of Pennsylvania
- Sr2021, Sr2020 Family Change and Inequalities, Pre-Freshman Program, University of Pennsylvania
- Sp2021 The Family, The College of Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS), University of Pennsylvania

### *Teaching Assistant*

- Sp2019, Sp2018      Sociology of Media and Popular Culture, with Dr. David Grazian, Dept. of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania  
Lecturer: Social Media & Online Dating; Hookup Culture & Online Dating
- F2018                  Sociology of Gender, with Dr. Robin Leidner, Dept. of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania  
Lecture: College Hookup Culture; Choice & Change in Family Structures
- F2017                  Introduction to Sociological Research, with for Dr. Michael Reay, Dept. of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania  
Lecturer: Focus Groups

### **AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND HONORS**

- 2021                  Research Council transcription grant, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (\$6000)
- 2021                  Gertrude and Otto Pollak Summer Research Fellowship (\$6500)
- 2021                  Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by Graduate Students, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (\$600)
- 2020-2021          Center for Teaching and Learning Graduate Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2020                  Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Graduate Student Research Expense Grant (\$500)
- 2020                  Gertrude and Otto Pollak Summer Research Fellowship (\$4000)
- 2020                  SASGov Research Grant (\$2000)
- 2016-Present      Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, the University of Pennsylvania
- 2014                  Book Award (Highest GPA in cohort, 3.89), University of Massachusetts–Boston, Sociology Department
- 2010                  Senior Sociology Award, Emmanuel College
- 2010                  Academic Distinction in the Field of Sociology, Emmanuel College
- 2010                  Academic Distinction in the Field of Political Science, Emmanuel College
- 2006-2010          Dean’s List, Emmanuel College  
Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology Honor Society  
Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society  
Omicron Delta Kappa, Leadership Honor Society

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2020 –              Reviewer: *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Journal of Family Issues*
- 2019                  Co-organizer, Education and Gender in Young Adulthood conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018                  President, “Qualitative Studies of Couples and Relationships” roundtable. American Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 –              Member: American Sociological Association; Work and Family Researchers Network

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2021 – Undergraduate Committee, Graduate Student Member, Department of Sociology,  
University of Pennsylvania  
2021 Qualitative Research Consultant, Research Council, University of Pennsylvania  
2019-2010 Chair, Graduate Sociology Society, University of Pennsylvania  
2018-2019 SASGov Representative for Sociology, University of Pennsylvania  
2017-2018 Social Chair, Graduate Sociology Society, University of Pennsylvania

## **PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Undergraduate Research Assistant Advisor, dissertation project	2021
Research Assistant for Pilar Gonalons-Pons, University of Pennsylvania	2019 – Present
Mathematica Policy Research, Cambridge, MA	
Survey Specialist	2014 – 2016
Survey Associate	2010 – 2014
Intern, MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Malden, MA	Spring 2010
Tutor, Methods of Social Research, Emmanuel College, Boston, MA	Fall 2009
Intern, Commonwealth of Massachusetts House of Representatives, Boston, MA	Spring 2008
Government Relations Intern, O'Neill and Associates, Boston, MA	Fall 2007
Intern, MA Department of Children and Families, Boston MA	Spring 2007