

LAUREN HARRIS

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EDUCATION

- 2016-Present **PhD Candidate, Sociology**, University of Pennsylvania (*Expected 2022*)
2018-Present **Graduate Certificate**, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, University of Pennsylvania (*Expected 2022*)
2018 **MA Sociology**, University of Pennsylvania
2018 **Certificate in Teaching and Learning**, University of Pennsylvania
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. (*Equal authorship, authors listed alphabetically.*)

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. *Revise and Resubmit.*
Harris, Lauren E. 2021. The Virus Be Damned: Older Adults Seek Romantic Relationships During a Pandemic. *Under Review.*
Reed, Megan N., **Lauren E. Harris**, Luca Maria Pesando, Linda Li, Frank F. Furstenberg, and Julien O. Teitler. 2021. Family Communication and Family Ties in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic. *In Progress.*
Harris, Lauren E. 2021. Family Matters: How Family and Carework Impact the Dating Lives of Older Adults. *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

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

- 2019 “Parenting and Social Media” with Jerry Jacobs. American Sociological Society. New York City, NY.
- 2019 “Committing before Cohabiting: Pathways to Marriage Among Middle-Class Couples.” Education and Gender in Young Adulthood conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “By Living Together, I’m Completely Committed to You’: Cohabitation and Childbearing as Commitment.” American Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “The Importance of Work-Family Balance by Age and Relationship Status.” Work and Family Researchers Network Conference. Washington, D.C.
- 2016 “What Can Be Learned from Evaluations of Fatherhood Programs?” Work and Family Researchers Network Conference. Washington, D.C.
- 2008 “Exploring Nonacademic Aspects at a Small New England College: A Multi-Method Approach.” American Sociological Association. Boston, MA.

Guest Lectures and Public Talks

- 2021 “Family Matters: How Family and Carework Impact the Dating Lives of Older Adults.” Family & Gender Workshop, Dept. of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 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.” Introduction to Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2020 “Committing before Cohabiting: Pathways to Marriage Among Middle-Class Couples.” Sociology of Family, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas.
- 2019 “Parenting and Social Media” with Jerry Jacobs. Family & Gender Workshop, Dept. of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2019 “Committing before Cohabiting: Pathways to Marriage Among Middle-Class Couples.” Introduction to Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2019 “Online Dating: Who, How, and Why.” Firehouse Active Adult Center, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 “Online Dating: Who, How, and Why.” Free Library of Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 “The Changing Meaning of Marriage.” Free Library of Philadelphia, PA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

- Spring 2022 Society, Culture, and the Individual, Department of Sociology, Bryn Mawr College (*upcoming*)
- Fall 2021, Introduction to Sociology, The College of Liberal and Professional Studies, Summer 2019 University of Pennsylvania
- Summer 2021, Family Change and Inequalities, Pre-Freshman Program, University of Summer 2020 Pennsylvania
- Spring 2021 The Family, The College of Liberal and Professional Studies, University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Assistant

- Spring 2019, Sociology of Media and Popular Culture, with Dr. David Grazian, Dept. of Spring 2018 Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

- Guest Lecture: Social Media & Online Dating; Hookup Culture & Online Dating
- Fall 2018 Sociology of Gender, with Dr. Robin Leidner, Dept. of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
Guest Lecture: College Hookup Culture; Choice & Change in Family Structures
- Fall 2017 Introduction to Sociological Research, with Dr. Michael Reay, Dept. of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
Guest Lecture: Focus Groups

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND HONORS

Research Grants and Fellowships

- 2021 Research Council transcription grant, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (\$6000)
- 2021 Gertrude and Otto Pollak Summer Research Fellowship (\$6500)
- 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)
- 2016-2021 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, the University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Awards and Fellowships

- 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

Academic Honors

- 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*, *Family Relations*
- 2019 Co-organizer, Education and Gender in Young Adulthood conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 Presider, “Qualitative Studies of Couples and Relationships” roundtable. American Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

2016 – Member: American Sociological Association; Work and Family Researchers Network; National Council on Family Relations; Sociologists for Women in Society

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2021-2022 Undergraduate Committee, Graduate Student Member, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
2021 Qualitative Research Consultant, Research Council, University of Pennsylvania
2019-2020 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 research project	2021
Graduate Research Assistant, Pilar Gonalons-Pons, University of Pennsylvania	2019 – Present
Mathematica Policy Research, Cambridge, MA	
Survey Specialist	2014 – 2016
Survey Associate	2010 – 2014