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EMPLOYMENT

2022-Present **Assistant Professor**, Department of Human Development and Family Studies,
University of New Hampshire

EDUCATION

2022 **PhD, Sociology**, University of Pennsylvania
2022 **Graduate Certificate**, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, University of
Pennsylvania
2018 **MA, Sociology**, 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.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0192513X20957049>

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.)
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/share/author/RZMUVBVRMNYM6FZIGURN?target=10.1111/jomf.12712>

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Harris, Lauren E. and Jerry A. Jacobs. 2022. Emerging Ideas: Digital Parenting Advice: Online Guidance Regarding Children's Use of the Internet and Social Media. *Forthcoming*.

Harris, Lauren E. Older Adults on the Dating Market: The Role of Family Caregiving Responsibilities. *Revise and Resubmit*.

Harris, Lauren E. The Virus Be Damned: Older Adults Seek Romantic Relationships During a Pandemic. *Revise and Resubmit*.

Reed, Megan N., Linda Li, Luca Maria Pesando, **Lauren E. Harris**, Frank F. Furstenberg, and Julien O. Teitler. Family Communication and Family Ties in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Under Review*.

Harris, Lauren E., Ava Skolnik, and Aletha Akers. Autonomy and Reproductive Justice in Adolescent and Young Women's IUD Initiation. *In Progress*.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Talks

- 2022 “Older Adults on the Dating Market: The Role of Family and Caregiving Responsibilities.” American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, CA. (Unable to attend.)
- 2022 “I Don't Want to Date a Grandmother: The Gendered Impacts of Performing Carework on the Dating Lives of Older Adults.” Eastern Sociological Society Meeting. Boston, MA.
- 2022 “The Virus Be Damned: Older Adults Seek Romantic Relationships During a Pandemic.” Eastern Sociological Society Meeting. Boston, MA.
- 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

- 2022 “Older Adults on the Dating Market: The Role of Family and Caregiving Responsibilities.” Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Graduate Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania.
- 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.
- 2021 “Teaching During COVID Panel Discussion.” Panelist. Graduate Student Center, 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

- Fall 2022 Race, Class, and Gender in Families (Senior Capstone), Human Development and Family Studies Department, University of New Hampshire
- Fall 2022 Adult Development and Aging, Human Development and Family Studies Department, University of New Hampshire
- Spring 2022 Society, Culture, and the Individual, Department of Sociology, Bryn Mawr College
- 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
- 2018 Certificate in Teaching and Learning, 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

- 2022 Presider, “Sociological Approaches to Life-Course Analysis” paper session. Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 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

- 2022-2023 HDFS Department Representative, Library Liaison Program
- 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 – 2021
- Mathematica Policy Research, Cambridge, MA
- Survey Specialist 2014 – 2016
- Survey Associate 2010 – 2014