Original and Replication Research with the NLSY79 and NLSY97 Kinship Links

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Two and Half Samples

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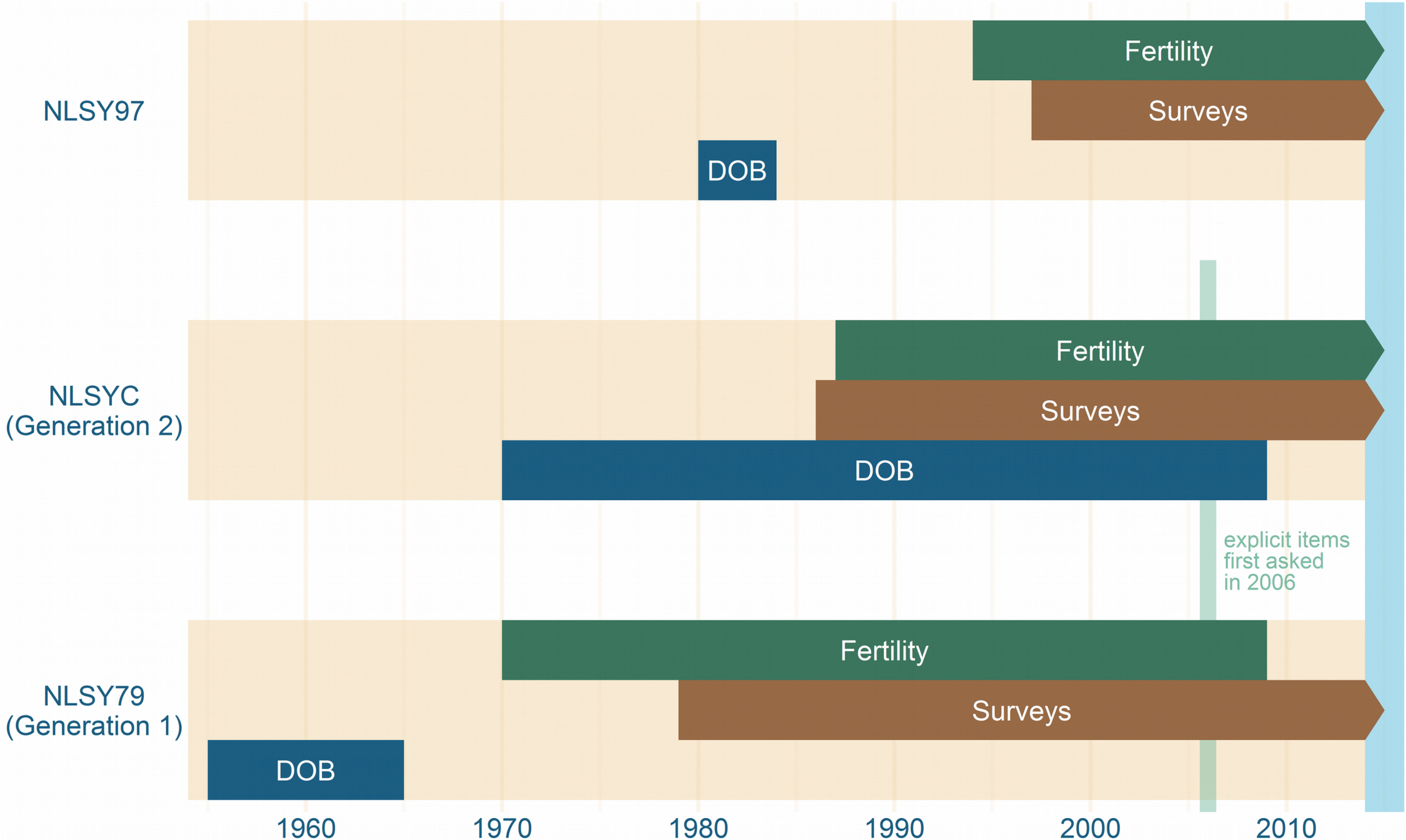
NLSY97
Fertility
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(Generation 2)
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explicit items
first asked
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(Generation 1)
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BG with the NLSY

Can benefit 3+ types of BG labs:

1. small labs

2. maturing labs

3. distinguished labs

Small Lab

- Don’t have your own life course data set?
- Just download 37 years of detailed history of the NLSY79 extended families.
- Learn the survey and items relevant to your research within a few weeks.
- Analyze and draft the manuscript within a few months.
- The subsequent investigations will proceed even faster.

Maturing Labs

- Planning which topics and instruments to introduce in your expanding twin study?
- Run similar analyses on this nationally-representative sample while writing your grant proposal.
- The results can justify which topics & items are likely to be (un)fruitful with your sample.

And the Small Lab benefits apply to you too.

Distinguished Lab

- Already manage your own productive twin study?
- Leverage the thousands of economic, cognitive, education, and health variables
- Replicate and further support your substantive findings.

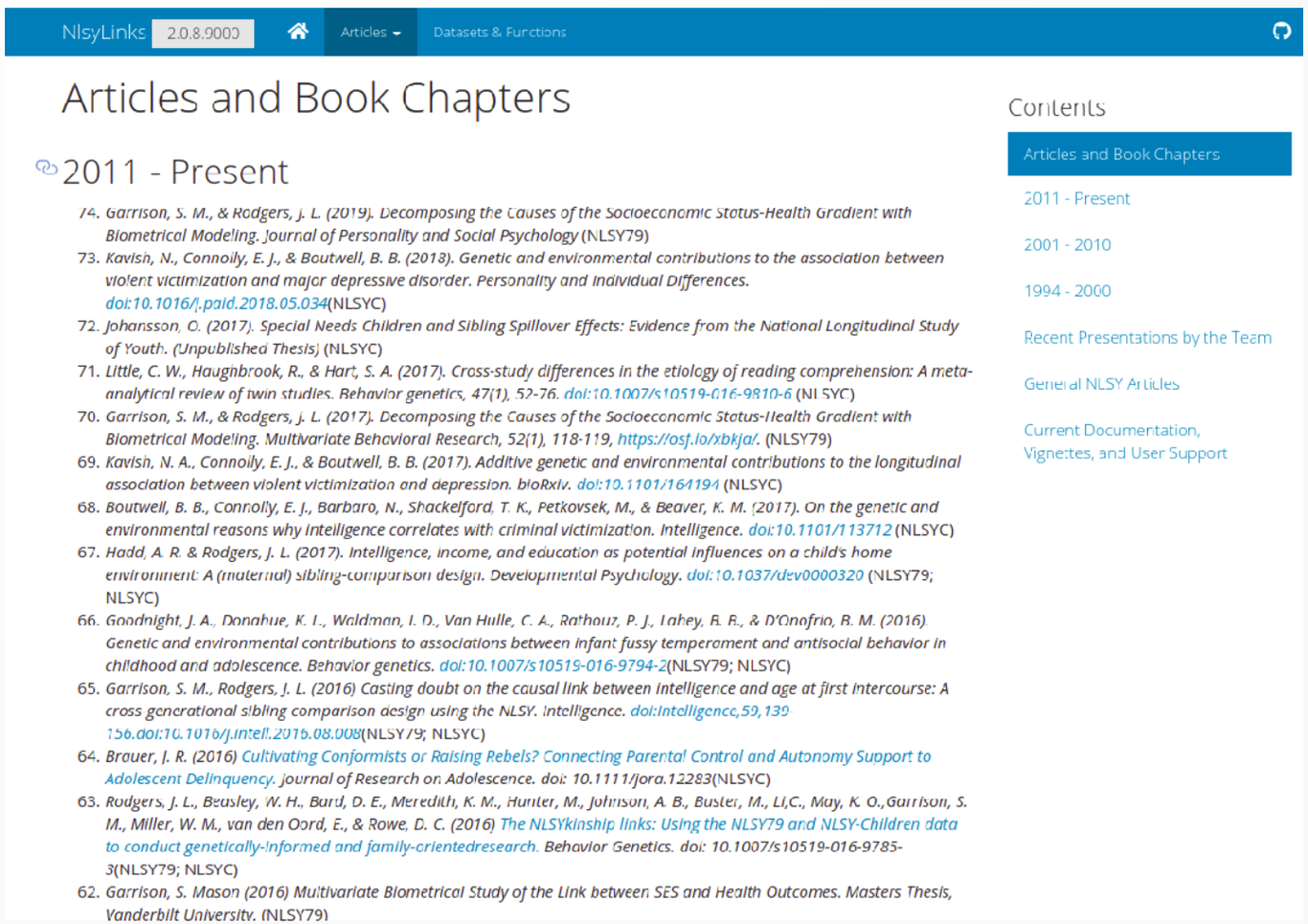
The Small & Maturing lab apply to you too.

Not Just Hypothetical Productivity

- 70+ articles across ~8 teams have been published using our links.

http://nlsy-links.github.io/NlsyLinks

- Only the surface has been scratched of the thousands of NLSY items.



Support & Future Releases

Our kinship links & datasets are stable, but not frozen.

Future efforts to facilitate reproducibility and non-BG.

Documentation & Support:

- `https://nlsy-links.github.io/NlsyLinks`
- `https://groups.google.com/d/forum/nlsy-links`
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