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## APPOINTMENTS

**NIA Postdoctoral Research Fellow** 2015 - present  
University of Michigan, Population Studies Center, Ann Arbor, MI

## EDUCATION

**New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York, NY**  
PhD, July 2015, Sociology  
*Dissertation:* "Parents' Behavioral Adaptations to the Sex of Firstborn Children in the Developing World."  
*Committee:* Paula England (co-chair), Dalton Conley (co-chair), Florencia Torche, Jennifer Jennings, and Mike Hout (reader)  
*Subfields:* Gender, Demography, Health and Medicine, Family Dynamics, Economic Development, Natural Disasters and Displacement

**New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York, NY**  
M.A. May 2012, Sociology

**Smith College, Northampton, MA**  
B.A. May 2005, Government  
High Honors, Dean's List

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Weitzman, Abigail.** "Women's and Men's Relative Status and Intimate Partner Violence in India." *Population and Development Review*. 40(1): 55-75.

- Profiled in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Reuters*, *The Hindu Times*, and over twenty international news outlets.

**Weitzman, Abigail.** "Does Fathers' Sexual Behavior Vary with the Sex of Firstborns? Evidence from Thirty-Seven Countries." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. Forthcoming.

- Honorable Mention, Best Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Gender, 2014
- Honorable Mention, Best Student Paper Award, ASA Section on the Family, 2014

## BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**Weitzman, Abigail.** "(Pro)Creating a Crisis? Sex Ratios and Social Change in Developing Countries." *Development in Crisis: Threats to Human Wellbeing in the Global South and the Global North*. Eds. Samuel Cohn and Rae Blumberg. New York: Routledge. 2015.

**Weitzman, Abigail** and Paula England. "Class and Sex for Young Women." Invited blogpost at *Contexts*. Dec. 10, 2014. <http://blog.contexts.org/2014/12/07/class-and-sex-for-young-women/>

## ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

\* Denotes student co-author

**Weitzman, Abigail.** "Firstborn Sex and Maternal Wellbeing in India." Invitation to revise and resubmit at *Social Forces*.

- Best Student Paper Award, ASA Population Section, 2013
- Best Student Paper Award, ASA Section on the Family, 2013

**Weitzman, Abigail**, Jennifer Barber (UMich), Yasamin Kusunoki (UMich), and Paula England (NYU). "Desire to Get Pregnant and the Desire to Avoid Pregnancy During the Transition to Adulthood." Second invitation to revise and resubmit at *Demography*.

Behrman, Julia\* (NYU) and **Abigail Weitzman**. "The 2010 Earthquake and Inequalities in Reproductive Health in Haiti." Invitation to revise and resubmit at *Studies in Family Planning*.

- Best Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Development, 2015
- Best Poster Award, PAA 2015

**Weitzman, Abigail** and Julia Behrman\* (NYU). "Disaster, Disruption to Family Life, and Intimate Partner Violence: The Case of the 2010 Earthquake in Haiti." Under review.

**Weitzman, Abigail.** "Women's Education and Intimate Partner Violence: Compulsory Schooling Laws in Peru as a Natural Experiment." Under review.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

**Weitzman, Abigail.** "Firstborn Sex and the Timing and Qualities of Fathers' First Migration from Mexico to the United States."

**Weitzman, Abigail** and Dalton Conley (NYU). "Men's Height, Spousal Selection, and Relationship Formation and Stability in the United States."

- NBER Working Paper 20402
- Profiled in *The Washington Post*, *The New Republic*, and *The Times of London*

## AWARDS

Best Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Development	2015
Best Poster Award, Population Association of America	2015
Best Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention, ASA Section on Sex and Gender	2014
Best Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention, ASA Section on the Family	2014
Best Student Paper Award, ASA Population Section	2013
Best Student Paper Award, ASA Section on the Family	2013
Student Travel Award, ASA Section on Development	2013
Student Travel Award, ASA Section on Development	2012

## FELLOWSHIPS

### External

Hewlett/IIE Population and Poverty Dissertation Fellowship	\$ 20,000	2012 - 2014
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	\$ 94,000	2011 - 2014

### Internal

NYU GSAS Summer Fellowship	\$ 2,000	2014
NYU Provost's Global Research Fellowship, Shanghai	\$ 2,550	2013
NYU Mainzer Fellowship in Gender and Sexuality	\$ 6,000	2013
NYU Department of Sociology Summer Fellowship	\$ 3,000	2012
NYU Department of Sociology Summer Fellowship	\$ 3,500	2011
New York University Henry MacCracken Fellowship	\$122,000	2010

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Disaster, Disruption to Family Life, and Intimate Partner Violence: The Case of the 2010 Earthquake in Haiti." With Julia Behrman (NYU).

- American Sociological Association, Annual Conference, 2015

"The 2010 Earthquake and Inequalities in Reproductive Health in Haiti." With Julia Behrman (NYU).

- American Sociological Association, Annual Conference, 2015
- American Sociological Association Development Section, Annual Conference, 2015
- Population Association of America (Poster), Annual Conference, 2015

"The Second Adolescence: The Sex of Firstborn Offspring and Fathers' Sexual Behavior and Health in Developing Countries."

- Population Association of America, Annual Conference, 2014
- Southern Sociological Society, Annual Conference, 2014
- PopPov Annual Conference on Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development, 2014
- American Sociological Association Development Section, Annual Conference, 2013

“Pregnancy Desire and Avoidance During the Transition to Adulthood.”

- Psychosocial Annual Workshop, 2014
- Population Association of America, Annual Conference, 2014
- American Sociological Association, Annual Conference, 2014

“Violence in the Face of Change: The Effect of Women’s Earnings on Intimate Partner Violence in Bolivia, Honduras, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic.”

- The Latin American Studies Association, Annual Conference, 2013

“The Daughter Tax: The Sex of Offspring and Maternal Outcomes in Five Developing Regions.”

- American Sociological Association, Annual Conference, 2013
- Population Association of America, Annual Conference, 2013
- Eastern Sociological Society, Annual Conference (round table), 2013
- American Sociological Association Section on Development, Annual Conference, 2012

“For Better or for Worse: Women’s Earnings and Domestic Violence in India.”

- Women and Society 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 2011

## **RESEARCH APPRENTICESHIPS**

**New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**

2010 - 2015

**Research Assistant to Paula England**

- Cleaned data and conducted analyses for 2015 ASA Presidential Speech.

**New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**

2010 - 2014

**Research Assistant to Florencia Torche**

- Collected and compiled unique datasets.

**New York University, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service**

2010

**Research Assistant to Salo Coslovsky**

- Reviewed and synthesized articles.
- Compiled information on the global sugarcane industry to be used in a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation.

**New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**

2010

**Research Assistant to Eric Klinenberg**

- Analyzed interview transcripts from hundreds of individuals and chose excerpts to be included in Dr. Klinenberg’s book.

## COURSES TAUGHT OR ASSISTED

Advanced Quantitative Analysis, NYU Applied Quantitative Research Program	2015
Research Study Design, NYU Applied Quantitative Research Program	2014
Research Study Design, NYU Applied Quantitative Research Program	2013
Institutions, Governance, and Development, NYU Wagner School for Public Service	2013
Institutions, Governance, and Development, NYU Wagner School for Public Service	2012
Introduction to Sociology, NYU College of Arts and Sciences	2012

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association	Eastern Sociological Society
Population Association of America	Southern Sociological Society
Population and Poverty Research Network	

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

**United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), New York, NY** 2009 - 2010  
**Communications and Resource Mobilization Intern**

- Prepared educational resources for the launch of the *Safe Cities* Campaign, which supports municipalities in developing strategies to reduce crime and make cities safer for women.
- Coordinated the launch of the Global Virtual Knowledge Centre, an online resource center offering a wide scope of research about violence against women.

**Peace Corps Belize, Dangriga, Belize** 2008 - 2009  
**Youth Development Volunteer**

- Began the process of rewriting Belize's HIV/ AIDS national curriculum.
- Coordinated a four-month leadership academy for girls.
- Formed a self-help group for children with disabilities and their families.
- Developed age appropriate HIV/ AIDS outreach tools and educational games for children.

**Peace Corps Peru, Puerto Eten, Peru** 2006 - 2008  
**Youth Development Volunteer**

- Oversaw a peer health educator program in two high schools, including the preparation of interactive tools and other educational materials.
- Developed a program for pregnant teenagers combining income-generating skills, self-esteem workshops, and information about pre and post-natal health care.
- Initiated and ran an after-school tutoring and mentoring program for children
- Conducted anti-violence and self-awareness workshops in primary schools and with mothers.