

# Molly Dondero

## Curriculum Vitae

Population Research Institute  
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### EMPLOYMENT

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August 2014- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Postdoctoral Fellow,  
Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University

### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. University of Texas at Austin, Sociology, 2014  
(Dissertation: "Three Essays on the Social and Temporal Dimensions of Cardiovascular Health among the Mexican-origin Population in the United States." Chair: Robert A. Hummer)
- M.A. University of Florida, Latin American Studies, 2008  
(Thesis: "Language and Earnings of Latinos in Florida." Chair: Charles H. Wood)
- B.A. Pennsylvania State University, Spanish and English, 2004  
Minor: International Studies

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Marteleto, Leticia J. and **Molly Dondero**. 2013. "Maternal Age at First Birth and Adolescent Education in Brazil." *Demographic Research*. 28:793-820.

Callahan, Rebecca M. and Chandra Muller with **Molly Dondero**. 2013. "Immigration, U.S. Schools, and the Changing Youth Vote." Chapter 1 in *Coming of Political Age: American Schools and the Civic Development of Immigrant Youth* by Rebecca M. Callahan and Chandra Muller. Russell Sage Foundation: New York, NY.

**Dondero, Molly** and Chandra Muller. 2012. "School Stratification in New and Established Latino Destinations." *Social Forces*. 91(2):477-502.

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

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**Dondero, Molly** and Jennifer Van Hook. "Generational Status, Neighborhood Contexts, and Mother-Child Resemblance in Dietary Quality in Mexican-origin Families." *Revise and resubmit, Social Science and Medicine*

Marteleto, Leticia J. and **Molly Dondero**. "Racial Inequality in Education in Brazil: A Twins Fixed Effects Approach." *Revise and resubmit, Demography*

**Dondero, Molly**. "Do Mexican Immigrants Experience Segmented Health Assimilation? An Analysis of the Relationship Between Education, Acculturation, and Cardiovascular Health."

**Dondero, Molly**, Jennifer Van Hook, Emnet Fikru, and Molly Martin. “Food Settings, Healthy Eating, and Dietary Acculturation among Mexican-origin Youth.”

**Dondero, Molly**. “Age, Period, and Cohort Trends in Obesity among Mexican-origin Adults in the United States.”

**Dondero, Molly**, Hummer, Robert A. Luis Rosero-Bixby, and William H. Dow. “Education Gradients in Older Adult Cardiovascular Health: A Comparison Between Mexico and Costa Rica.”

**Dondero, Molly** and Melissa Humphries. “The College Savings Behavior of Foreign-born Parents in the United States.” *Under review*

Frisco, Michelle L., Erin M. Baumgartner, Jennifer Van Hook, and **Molly Dondero**. “Educational Contexts and Outcomes of Latino First Graders in New and Established Latino Destinations.” *Under review*

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Social demography, medical sociology, health disparities, international migration, immigrant incorporation, race/ethnicity, inequality, Latin America, United States

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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2014-2016	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Postdoctoral Fellowship, Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University
2010	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Predoctoral Traineeship, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
2007	Interdisciplinary Field Research Grant, “Language and Earnings of Latinos in Florida,” Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida (\$1,500)
2007	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship for Portuguese, University of Florida
2004	Fulbright U.S. Student Grant, Argentina

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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2011	Passed with honors, Comprehensive exams in Demography and International Migration, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
2008	First Place Research Poster Award (M.A. Level), “Language and Earnings of Latinos in Florida,” Field Research Clinic Poster Presentation, University of Florida
2004	Erik Steindl Scholarship for Academic Excellence and Community Service, Pennsylvania State University

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2015      Dondero, Molly and Jennifer Van Hook. "Generational Status, Neighborhood Contexts, and Mother-Child Resemblance in Dietary Quality in Mexican-origin Families." Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 22-25 and at the Federal Statistical Research Data Center Annual Conference, Stanford, CA, September 18
- 2014      Hummer, Robert A., Molly Dondero, Luis Rosero-Bixby, and William H. Dow. "Education Gradients in Older Adult Cardiovascular Health: A Comparison Between Mexico and Costa Rica." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA, May 1-3
- Marteleto, Leticia and Dondero, Molly. "Racial Inequality in Education in Brazil: A Twins Fixed Effects Approach." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA, May 1-3
- 2013      Dondero, Molly and Melissa Humphries. "The College Savings Behavior of Foreign-born Parents in the United States." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 10-13
- 2012      Dondero, Molly and Melissa Humphries. "The College Savings Behavior of Foreign-born Parents in the United States." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA, May 2-5
- Marteleto, Leticia J. and Molly Dondero. "The Role of Mother's Age at Birth for Children's Education in the Context of Below-Replacement Fertility in Brazil," Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA, May 2-5
- 2011      Dondero, Molly and Chandra Muller. "School Stratification in New and Established Latino Destinations," Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C., March 31-April 2
- 2010      Dondero, Molly. "Characteristics of Schools in New Immigrant-Receiving Communities in the U.S.," Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Dallas, April 15-17

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2015      "Generational Status, Neighborhood Contexts, and Mother-Child Resemblance in Dietary Quality in Mexican-origin Families." Population Research Institute Brown Bag, Pennsylvania State University. January 27

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2013 - 2014      Research Assistant to Dr. Robert Hummer, Department of Sociology and Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

2011	Research Assistant to Dr. Néstor Rodríguez, Department of Sociology and Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
2009 - 2010	Research Assistant to Dr. Chandra Muller, Department of Sociology and Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
2008 - 2014	Trainee, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2012	Teaching Assistant, Immigration, Geography, and Race/Ethnicity in the United States, Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Summer Institute, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
2011	Teaching Assistant, U.S. Immigration, University of Texas at Austin
2008	Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Criminal Justice, University of Texas at Austin

## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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2012 - 2014	Editorial Assistant, <i>Journal of Marriage and Family</i> , for Kelly Raley (Editor)
2006 - 2007	Graduate Assistant, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Present	Occasional reviewer: <i>Demographic Research, Demography, Social Forces, Sociological Perspectives, Social Problems, Social Science Research, Youth and Society</i>
2013 - 2014	Student Representative, International Migration Section, American Sociological Association
2010 - 2013	Graduate Student Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Summer Institute, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

## **STUDY ABROAD**

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2002 - 2003	Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Madrid, Spain
2002	Universidad de la Habana, Havana, Cuba

## **LANGUAGES**

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English, Portuguese, Spanish

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association  
Population Association of America  
Latin American Studies Association

## REFERENCES

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