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ACADEMIC POSITION

- 2025– Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
Faculty Affiliate, Population Research Center
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Aging and Population Science
- 2023–2025 Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Oxford
Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science
Department of Sociology
Non-stipendiary Research Fellow, Nuffield College

EDUCATION

- 2023 Ph.D., Demography, UC Berkeley
Committee: Joshua R. Goldstein (chair), Dennis M. Feehan, Christopher Muller (Harvard), Ayesha Mahmud
- 2021 M.A., Biostatistics, UC Berkeley
- 2016 B.A., Economics (Mathematics minor), Pomona College

PAST POSITIONS

- 2022 *Research Scientist Intern*, Meta (Facebook)
2021 *Ph.D. Intern*, Microsoft Research
2016–2018 *Research Analyst*, IPUMS

RESEARCH AREAS

Health and Mortality Disparities, Social Networks, Computational Social Science

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 **Casey F. Breen**, Masoomali Fatehkia, Jiani Yan, Douglas Leasure, Ingmar Weber, and Ridhi Kashyap. “[Mapping Subnational Gender Gaps in Internet and Mobile Adoption Using Social Media Data.](#)” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 122(42):e2416624122. [[open access](#)] [[replication](#)]
- 2025 **Casey F. Breen**, Saeed Rahman, Christina Kay, Joeri Smits, Steve Ahuka, and Dennis M. Feehan. “[Estimating Death Rates in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies Using the Network Survival Method.](#)” *American Journal of Epidemiology*. 195(1):49–59. doi:10.1093/aje/kwaf101. [[open access](#)] [[Pre-registration](#)] [[replication](#)]

- 2024 **Casey F. Breen**. “The Longevity Benefits of Homeownership: Evidence from Early 20th-Century U.S. Male Birth Cohorts.” *Demography*. 61(6):1731-1757. [open access] [replication]
★ Research profiled by: [Fast Company](#), [The Independent](#)
- 2024 **Casey F. Breen** and Dennis Feehan. “New Data Sources for Demographic Research.” *Population and Development Review*. 51(1):539–73. [open access]
- 2023 **Casey F. Breen**, Maria Osborne, Joshua R. Goldstein. “CenSoc: Linked Administrative Mortality Records for Individual-level Research.” *Scientific Data*. 10(1):802. [replication]
- 2023 Joshua R. Goldstein, Maria Osborne, Serge Atherwood, and **Casey F. Breen**. “Mortality Modeling of Partially Observed Cohorts Using Administrative Death Records.” *Population Research and Policy Review*. 42(3):36. [open access] [replication] [R Package]
- 2023 **Casey F. Breen**. “Later-life Shifts in Ethnoracial Self-Identification: Evidence from Social Security Administrative Data.” *Population Research and Policy Review*. 42(1):10. [open access] [replication]
- 2022 **Casey F. Breen**, Ayesha S. Mahmud, and Dennis M. Feehan. “Novel Estimates Reveal Subnational Heterogeneities in Disease-Relevant Contact Patterns in the United States.” *PLOS Computational Biology*. 18(12):e1010742. [open access] [replication]
- 2022 **Casey F. Breen** and Joshua R. Goldstein. “Berkeley Unified Numident Mortality Database: Public Administrative Records for Individual-Level Mortality Research.” *Demographic Research*. Volume 47, Page 111-142. [open access] [replication]
- 2022 **Casey F. Breen**, Cormac Herley, and Elissa M. Redmiles. “A Large-Scale Measurement of Cybercrime against Individuals.” *ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)*. Pp.1–41. New Orleans LA USA: ACM. [replication]

UNDER REVIEW

- Casey F. Breen**. “Structured Inequality, Uncertain Lifespans: Demographic Perspectives on Predicting Individual-level Longevity.” [open access] [replication]
- Andrea Miranda-González, Katerine Perez, and **Casey F. Breen**. “Unpacking the Hispanic Mortality Paradox: A Research Note on Country-of-Origin Variation.” [open access]
- Casey F. Breen**. “Large-Scale U.S. Administrative Records Reveal Black–White Mortality Crossover in Early 20th-Century Birth Cohorts.”

IN PROGRESS

- Casey F. Breen**, Till Koebe, and Ridhi Kashyap. “Fertility Impacts of 3G Mobile Expansion: Evidence from Nigeria.”
- Casey F. Breen** and Dennis M. Feehan. “New Approaches to Collecting Data From a Respondent-Driven Sample.”
- Casey F. Breen** and Won-tak Joo. “Inference with Linked Data: A Social Scientist’s Guide.”
- Casey F. Breen**, Mike Bailey, Guanghua Chi, Veronica Rivera, Emilio Zagheni, and Elissa Redmiles. “Evidence of a Migration Preparatory Phase in Global Social

Network Data”

Casey Breen and Sam Hwang. “Twins, Birth Order, and Life Expectancy: Evidence from Large-Scale Genealogical Data.”

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2022 **Casey F. Breen** and Maria Osborne. “An Assessment of CenSoc Match Quality.” [\[open access\]](#)
- 2022 Clémantine Rossier, Onikepe Owolabi, Seni Kouanda, Martin Bangha, Caron R. Kim, Bela Ganatra, Dennis Feehan, **Casey F. Breen**, Moussa Zan, Rachidatou Compaoré, Adama Baguiya, Ramatou Ouédraogo, Clement Oduor, Vincent Bagnoa, and Sherine Athero, [“Describing the Safety of Abortion at the Population Level Using Network-Based Survey Approaches.”](#) *Reproductive Health.* 19, no. 1: 231, doi:10.1186/s12978-022-01518-3.

INVITED SEMINARS

- 2025 Cornell Population Center, Cornell University
- 2025 Computational Demography Series, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research
- 2025 Population Studies Cluster, NYU Abu Dhabi
- 2024 Department of Economic History, Lund University
- 2024 Department of Sociology, University of Washington
- 2024 Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- 2024 Population Studies Group, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- 2023 Population Health Seminar Series, Johns Hopkins University
- 2023 Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science, University of Oxford
- 2022 Department of Sociology, Florida State University
- 2021 Toronto Data Workshop, University of Toronto

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 **Black-White Mortality Crossover Paradox: New Evidence from Linked Social Security Records**
- *Historical Economic Demography Workshop, London School of Economics. January 2025. London, United Kingdom.*
- *CenSoc Users Conference, UC Berkeley. December 2024. Berkeley, California.*
- *Social Science and History Association. October 2024, Toronto, Canada.*
- *British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference, University of Bath. September 2024, Oxford, UK.*
- *MORTAL Conference, University of Oxford. June 2024, Oxford, UK.*
- *IPUMS Data Intensive Research Conference. June 2021, virtual.*
- 2025 **Mapping Subnational Gender Gaps in Internet and Mobile Adoption Using Social Media Data.**
- *Digital Inequalities Symposium, Sciences Po. December 2024, Paris, France.*
- *Digital Inequality and Sustainable Development Workshop, Oxford University. October 2024, Oxford, UK.*
- *European Population Conference. June 2024, Edinburgh, UK.*

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Population Association of America. April 2024, Columbus, Ohio.</i> - <i>Oxford Digital Gender Gap Workshop. October 2023, Oxford, United Kingdom.</i>
2025	Fertility Impacts of 3G Mobile Expansion: Evidence from Nigeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Population Association of America. April 2025. Washington D.C.</i>
2025	Population Research with Linked Data: Guide to Inference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Population Association of America. April 2025. Washington D.C.</i> - <i>Social Science History Conference. November 2025. Toronto, Canada.</i>
2024	Estimating Death Rates in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies Using the Network Survival Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Population Association of American. April 2024, Columbus, Ohio.</i> - <i>CrisisReady, Invited Panelist. February 2024, Virtual.</i> - <i>Measuring Adult Mortality Community of Practice Webinar, United Nations Statistical Commission. January 2024, Virtual.†</i> - <i>Oxford University, Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science. December 2023, Oxford, United Kingdom.</i> - <i>Quetelet Conference. November 2023, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.</i> - <i>British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference. September 2023, Keele, United Kingdom.</i> - <i>Oxford Hard-to-Reach Populations Conference. August 2023, Oxford, United Kingdom.</i>
2023	The Longevity Benefits of Homeownership: Evidence from Early 20th-Century U.S. Male Birth Cohorts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Social Science and History Association Annual Conference. November 2023, Washington D.C.</i> - <i>IPUMS Data-Intensive Research Conference. July 2023, Minneapolis, Minnesota.</i> - <i>Population Association of America. April 2022, Atlanta, Georgia.</i>
2023	CenSoc: Public Linked Administrative Mortality Records for Individual-Level Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Social Science History Association Annual Conference. November 2023, Washington D.C.</i>
2023	New Approaches to Collecting Data from a Respondent Driven Sample	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Quetelet Conference. November 2023, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.</i> - <i>Oxford Hard-to-Reach Populations Conference. August 2023, Oxford, United Kingdom.</i> - <i>American Sociological Association. August 2022, Los Angeles, California.</i> - <i>Population Association of America. April 2022, Atlanta, Georgia</i>
2023	Demographic Perspectives on Predicting Individual-Level Longevity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Population Association of America. April 2023, New Orleans, Louisiana.</i> - <i>American Sociological Association. August 2022, Los Angeles, California</i>
2022	Berkeley Unified Numident Mortality Database: Public Administrative Records for Individual-level Mortality Research.	

- *Social Science History Association. November 2022, Chicago, Illinois.*

2022

A Large-Scale Study of Cybercrime Against Individuals

- *The 2022 ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI). May 2022, New Orleans, Louisiana. [video]*

2021

Estimating Subnational Contact Patterns using Multilevel Regression with Poststratification.

- *Population Association of America. April 2021, virtual.*

2020

Shifting Racial Self-Identification for the Greatest Generation.

- *American Sociological Association. Roundtable. August 2020, virtual.*

- *UC Berkeley Record Linkage Conference. February 2020, Berkeley, CA.*

OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE

- **gompertztrunc:** R package for computing mortality differentials under double truncation
[GitHub] [CRAN]

GRANTS

2024–present	<i>Consultant, MLP Project (PI: Steven Ruggles)</i> - R01AG057679-06
2024–present	<i>Consultant, Abandoned Settlements Project (PI: Mathew Hauer)</i> - R21AG088598-01
2018–present	<i>Consultant; Graduate Student Researcher, CenSoc Project (PI: Joshua R. Goldstein)</i> - R01AG076830-02, R01AG058940-03

CONSULTING

2023–2025	<i>Consulting Researcher, Meta (Social Capital Lab)</i>
2023	<i>Consultant, IMPACT Initiatives</i>
2018, 2021	<i>Consultant, World Health Organization</i>

AWARDS

2023	Doctoral Completion Fellowship (UC Berkeley)
2021	Best Poster Award, Population Association of America
2018–2020	NIH Training Fellowship
2017	Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation Outstanding Service Award
2013	Pomona College Scholar

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2026	<i>Instructor of Record, Introduction to Computational Social Science, UT-Austin</i>
2026	<i>Instructor of Record, Introduction to Social Network Analysis, UT-Austin</i>
2025	<i>Instructor of Record, Topics in Computational Social Science, University of Oxford</i>

2024	<i>Instructor</i> , Introduction to R, University of Oxford
2023	<i>Instructor</i> , Demographic Methods, University of Oxford
2023	<i>Tutorial Lead</i> , Demography and Population, University of Oxford
2023	<i>Instructor</i> , Introduction to R, University of Oxford
2021	<i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> , UC Berkeley Formal Demography Workshop
2013-2015	<i>Economics Tutor</i> , Pomona College Quantitative Resource Center

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

REVIEWER

Demography (6x), Demographic Research (5x), Population Research and Policy Review (4x), Sociological Methodology, Population Studies, The Journal of the International AIDS Society, The Journal of Computational Social Science, Biometrical Journal, PLOS One, The International Journal of Health Geographics, The Journal of Mathematical Sociology, The Journal of Population Ageing, Frontiers in Public Health, Public Health Challenges, The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History, Scientific Reports, ACM conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization (EAAMO'23), ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2025)

DISCIPLINE

- Network Representative Chair, Demography (SSHA 2025)
- Poster Judge Captain, “Data and Methods Poster Session” (PAA 2025)
- Discussant, “Historical Policies and Health” (PAA 2025)
- Chair, “Lessons of the COVID-19 Pandemic: How Did our Field Contribute and How Do We Prepare for Future Crises?” (PAA 2025)
- Network Representative Chair, Demography (SSHA 2024)
- Discussant, “Labor, Patents, and Regulation: Insights from Full Count Censuses”(SSHA 2024)
- Chair, Environmental and Social Dimensions of Infectious Disease Mortality (SSHA 2024)
- Chair, Health and Mortality: International Perspectives on Health and Mortality (BSPS 2024)
- Poster Judge, “Mortality and Morbidity” (PAA 2024)
- Chair, “Innovations in Data Infrastructure for Population Research” (PAA 2024)
- Discussant, “History and the Political Economy of Inequality” (PAA 2024)
- Discussant, “Methods and Mortality in Historical Demography” (SSHA 2023)
- Chair, “Measurement Issues in Historical Data ” (SSHA 2023)
- Discussant, “Novel Methods and Data on Aging and Related Applications” (PAA 2023)
- Discussant, “Network Methods” (PAA 2023)

DEPARTMENTAL

- Organizer, UC Berkeley CenSoc Users Conference
- Co-Organizer, Oxford Workshop on Digital Technologies and Sustainable Development
- Organizer, UC Berkeley Mortality Reading Group
- New student ambassador, UC Berkeley Demography Department

GUEST LECTURES

- Guest Lecture, UT Austin BPD 101, Prof. Nina Palmo. Spring 2026.
- Guest Lecture, UT Austin SOC 591L, Prof. Diane Coffey. Fall 2025.
- Guest Lecture, Univ. of Oxford, Prof. Francesco Rompazzo. Fall 2024.
- Guest Lecture, Univ. of Oxford, Prof. Aashish Gupta. Fall 2024.
- Guest Lecture, UC Berkeley, Prof. Dennis Feehan. Fall 2022.
- Guest Lecture, UC Berkeley, Prof. Carl Boe. Fall 2022.

Guest Lecture, UC Berkeley, Prof. Dennis Feehan. Spring 2021.

RESEARCH MENTORSHIP

NAME	POSITION	CURRENT POSITION
Jiaxuan Li	MA Thesis Advisor	MPhil Student, University of Oxford
Jiani Yan	Research Assistant, DGG Project	DPhil Student, University of Oxford
Xinyi Zhao	Research Assistant, DGG Project	DPhil Student, University of Oxford
Anna Wikle	Research Assistant, CenSoc Project	Research Data Analyst, Berkeley Leadership Program
Benjamin Shapiro	Research Assistant, CenSoc Project	Demographic Researcher, IHME
Katherine Perez	Predoctoral Researcher, CenSoc Project	Sociology Ph.D. Student, Columbia Univ.
Ashley Quiterio	Cal-ADAR Fellow, UC Berkeley	Learning Sciences Ph.D. Student, Northwestern Univ.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND SKILLS

- R (package development, Tidyverse), Python, SQL (Presto), ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, Beamer, Qualtrics
- German (reading and oral comprehension medium proficiency; intermediate speaker).

REFERENCES

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