

Fertility Preferences Conference
October 27-28, 2022

Conference location: Julius Glickman Conference Center, Room 1.302D
(first floor of the Robert L. Patton (RLP) Building)

Hotel location: AT&T Hotel and Conference Center
1900 University Ave
Austin, TX 78705

Thursday the 27th

9:00-9:30: Welcome and introductions over breakfast in Glickman 1.302D. Breakfast tacos, pastries, and coffee provided.

Moderator: Dean Spears

Theme 1. Conceptual and methodological advancements in measuring the intersections between fertility intentions, ideals, expectations, and behaviors

9:30-9:55 Leigh Senderowicz presentation and Q&A on “Unmet need for family planning: access vs. demand”

9:55-10:20 Eunsil Oh presentation and Q&A on “Fertility and Agency: Theorizing Fertility-Related Decisions”

10:20-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-10:55 Michelle Eilers presentation and Q&A on “Balancing fertility ideals with social and economic constraints using a paired conjoint survey experiment”

10:55-11:20 Emily Marshall presentation and Q&A on “How Work, Partners and Policy Shape Fertility Preferences: A Conjoint Survey Experiment”

11:20-11:45 Letizia Mencarini presentation and Q&A on “Family Ideals across Low Fertility Countries with a Conjoint Survey Experiment”

Coffee Break 11:45-12:00

12:00-12:30 Group discussion of theme

- Leading questions
 - What do our current tools for measuring fertility preferences miss?
 - Blunt tools? How do our current tools of measurement contribute to reproductive inequity? Where do we see the biggest problems and opportunities for change?
 - What data and methods do we need to better understand how people make fertility decisions?

12:30-1:30: Lunch at the Glickman Conference Center

Moderator: Kathleen Broussard

Theme 2. Exploration of whether and why reported desired fertility is more stable — within and across populations and times — than actual fertility.

1:30-1:55 Karen Benjamin Guzzo presentation and Q&A on “The Formation and Realization of Fertility Goals among a U.S. Cohort in the Post-Recession Years”

1:55- 2:20 Federica Querin presentation and Q&A on “Fertility Recuperation or Births Closer Together? How Education Shapes Timing and Number of Children”

2:20-2:30 Break

2:30-2:55 Julia Behrman presentation and Q&A on “Ideal Families in Flux: Change and Variation Across Contexts”

2:55-3:20 Jenny Trinitapoli presentation and Q&A on “Population Chatter for Clearer and Broader Thinking about Fertility”

3:30-4:10 Break

4:10-4:35 Nick Mark on “Racial/ethnic differences in relationships between pregnancy intentions and maternal post-partum outcomes”

4:35-5:00 Group discussion of theme

- Discussion questions
 - Is the gap between fertility intentions and realized fertility a problem?
 - How do we assess if the gap between fertility intentions and realized fertility is meaningful for people?

Friday the 28th

9:00-9:30: Breakfast at the Glickman Conference Center. Breakfast sandwiches, scones, fruit and coffee provided.

Moderator: Julia Behrman

Theme 3. Policy implications of the fact that ideal fertility often exceeds achieved fertility in low-fertility populations. How do we integrate a reproductive justice framework into these conversations?

9:30-9:55 Ester Lazzari presentation and Q&A on “Fertility desires and attitudes towards assisted reproduction”

9:55-10:20 Kathleen Broussard presentation and Q&A on “Is unrealized fertility a matter of reproductive justice?”

10:20-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-10:55 Leslie Root presentation and Q&A on “Rates, Intentions and Pro-natalist Discourse”

10:55-11:20 Dean Spears presentation and Q&A on “Fertility preferences and fertility constraints”

11:20-11:50 Red Team reactions to “Fertility preferences and opportunity costs”

11:50-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 - 12:30 Aim 3 Group Discussion

- Discussion questions
 - Is unrealized fertility a reproductive justice issue?
 - What policy implications can be deployed to address the gap between intentions and realized fertility?
 - How do we think about our research in light of the politicization of low fertility (e.g. replacement theory)

4:00 Beer Garden Social at Easy Tiger for those who will be in Austin on Friday night
Beer, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres provided

Note that there are several locations. Please meet us at the following:

1501 East 7th Street
Austin, Texas 78702