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Employment

Branch Chief, U.S. Census Bureau 2024–present

Income Statistics Branch
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Survey Statistician, U.S. Census Bureau 2020–2024

Program Participation and Income Transfers Branch
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Education

PhD, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2020

Dissertation: "Intergenerational Social Mobility and Family Formation in the United States"
Area Exams: Social Stratification (with distinction); Demography and Ecology

MA, Sociology, University of Montana 2013

BA, Sociology, University of Montana 2011

Areas of Interest

Social Stratification, Social Safety Net, Demography, Family, Education, Survey Methodology, Data Visualization

Peer Reviewed Publications

Schwartz, Christine R. and **Michael D. King**. 2026. "[The Changing Role of Mothers' Status in Children's College Completion](#)." *American Sociological Review*.

King, Michael D. 2021. "[College as a Great Equalizer? Marriage and Assortative Mating Among First- and Continuing-Generation College Students](#)." *Demography* 58(6):2265-2289.

Other Publications

Scherer, Zach and **Michael D. King**. 2025. "[How Education Impacted Income and Earnings From 2004 to 2024](#)." *America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers*. U.S. Census Bureau.

Michael D. King. 2025. "[No Significant Change in Estimated U.S. Median Household Income](#)." *America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers*. U.S. Census Bureau.

- King, Michael D.** and Kelsey J. Drotning. 2025. "[Receipt of One or More Means-Tested Benefits: 2022.](#)" Survey of Income and Program Participation Snapshots (P70FS-206), U.S. Census Bureau.
- King, Michael D.** 2025. "[Unemployment Insurance \(UI\): 2022.](#)" Survey of Income and Program Participation Snapshots (P70FS-209), U.S. Census Bureau.
- King, Michael D.** and Zach Scherer. 2025. "[What Sources of Income Do People Rely On?](#)" *America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers*. U.S. Census Bureau.
- Creamer, John and **Michael D. King**. 2024. "[How Do Policies and Expenses Affect Supplemental Poverty Rates?](#)" *America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers*. U.S. Census Bureau.
- Monte, Lindsay M., **Michael D. King**, and Adrienne Brown. "[Is There a Safety Net for Surveys?](#)" *SEHSD Working Paper Series* (FY2024-01). U.S. Census Bureau.
- King, Michael D.** and Kelsey J. Drotning. 2024. "[Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\): 2022.](#)" Survey of Income and Program Participation Snapshots (P70FS-199), U.S. Census Bureau.
- King, Michael D.** 2024. "[Support for America's Veterans: 2022.](#)" Survey of Income and Program Participation Snapshots (P70FS-201), U.S. Census Bureau.
- Ophir, Ariane and **Michael D. King**. "[Singles' Safety Net in the United States.](#)" *SEHSD Working Paper Series* (SEHSD-WP2024-16). U.S. Census Bureau.
- King, Michael D.** 2023. "[Pandemic-Related Economic Impact Payments \(EIPs\): 2021.](#)" Survey of Income and Program Participation Snapshots (P70FS-186), U.S. Census Bureau.
- King, Michael D.** 2023. "[Support for America's Veterans: 2021.](#)" Survey of Income and Program Participation Snapshots (P70FS-191), U.S. Census Bureau.
- Brown, Adrienne R. and **Michael D. King**. 2023. "[Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\): 2021.](#)" Survey of Income and Program Participation Snapshots (P70FS-190), U.S. Census Bureau.
- Brown, Adrienne R., Katherine G. Giefer, and **Michael D. King**. 2023. "[Impact of the End of Extra SNAP Benefits.](#)" *America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers*. U.S. Census Bureau.
- Giefer, Katherine G., **Michael D. King**, and Veronica Roth. 2022. "[SNAP Receipt in SIPP: Using Administrative Records to Evaluate Data Quality.](#)" *SEHSD Working Paper Series* (SEHSD-WP2022-22). U.S. Census Bureau.
- King, Michael D.** and Zachary Scherer. 2022. "[How Marital Status and Children Affect Social Safety Net Participation.](#)" *America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers*. U.S. Census Bureau.
- Neil M. Bennett, **Michael D. King**, and Mark A. Klee. 2022 "[Who Is Impacted by Student Loan Forgiveness and How?](#)" *America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers*. U.S. Census Bureau.
- King, Michael D.** 2022. "[Who Is Receiving Social Safety Net Benefits?](#)" *America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers*. U.S. Census Bureau.
- Thompson, Daniel and **Michael D. King**. 2022. "[Income Sources of Older Households: 2017.](#)" *Current Population Reports* (P70BR-177), U.S. Census Bureau.

- Giefer, Katherine G. and **Michael D. King**. 2021. "[What Happens When Older Adults Struggle to Make Ends Meet?](#)" *America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers*. U.S. Census Bureau.
- King, Michael D.**, Neil Bennett, and Lindsay M. Monte. 2021. "[Student Debt Weighed Heavily on Millions Even Before Pandemic.](#)" *America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers*. U.S. Census Bureau.
- King, Michael D.** and Katherine G. Giefer. 2021. "[Most Children Receiving SNAP Get at Least One Other Social Safety Net Benefit.](#)" *America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers*. U.S. Census Bureau.
- King, Michael D.** 2021. "[More Than One in Seven Social Safety Net Recipients in 2017 Were College Graduates.](#)" *America Counts: Stories Behind the Numbers*. U.S. Census Bureau.
- Hollist, Dusten, Jacob Coolidge, Wesley Delano, Ian Greenwood, **Michael King**, Tyson McLean, Patrick McKay, Chuck Harris, James Burfeind, Dan Doyle. 2012. "[Assessing the Mechanisms that Contribute to Disproportionate Minority Contact in Montana's Juvenile Justice Systems.](#)" Montana Board of Crime Control Technical Report. Helena, MT: MT Board of Crime Control.
- Hollist, Dusten, Jacob Coolidge, Wesley Delano, Ian Greenwood, **Michael King**, Tyson McLean, Patrick McKay, James Burfeind, Chuck Harris, Daniel Doyle. 2012. "[The Montana Pre-Adjudicatory Detention Risk Assessment Instrument: A Validation and Assessment Study.](#)" Montana Board of Crime Control Technical Report. Helena, MT: MT Board of Crime Control.

Honors and Awards

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| 2019, 2013 | University Fellowship. Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison. |
| 2019 | Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Lecturer. Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. |
| 2016, 2015 | NICHD Traineeship. Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. |
| 2013 | Graduate Assistant Teaching Award. University of Montana. |
| 2011 | Award for Academic Excellence in Sociology. Department of Sociology, University of Montana. |

Teaching Experience

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology

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| Instructor | Statistics for Sociologists I (Summer 2018)
Statistics Bootcamp for Incoming Graduate Students (2016–2018) |
| Teaching Assistant | Introduction to Survey Methods (Fall 2017, Fall 2018) |

University of Montana, Department of Sociology

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| Teaching Assistant | Social Statistics (2 semesters)
Sociological Research Methods (3 semesters)
Race, Gender, and Class (1 semester) |
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University of Montana, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Teaching Assistant College Chemistry I (5 semesters)

College Chemistry II (9 semesters)

Conference Papers and Presentations

ASA = American Sociological Association, FCSM = Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology,

PAA = Population Association of America, APPAM = Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management,

RC28 = Research Committee 28 (Social Stratification and Mobility) of the International Sociological Association

Ophir, Ariane and **Michael D. King**. "Singles' Safety Net in the United States." PAA 2024.

Monte, Lindsay M., **Michael D. King**, Adrienne R. Brown. "Is There a Safety Net for Surveys? How the Census Bureau Attempted to Address SIPP's Underreporting of SNAP and UI during COVID." APPAM 2024.

King, Michael D., Lindsay M. Monte, Adrienne R. Brown. "Developing and Evaluating Alternative Editing Strategies in the Survey of Income and Program Participation." FCSM 2023.

Gershenson, Carl, Nick Graetz, **Michael D. King**, Adam Chapnik, Danielle Sandler, Sonya Rastogi Porter, and Matthew Desmond. "Is the Housing Crisis Preventing Families from Accessing Food Assistance?" ASA 2023.

Fee, Holly, **Michael D. King**, Jason Fields, and Hyon Shin. "Workshop for SIPP Data Users." PAA 2023.

Giefer, Katherine G., **Michael D. King**, and Veronica Roth. "SNAP Receipt in SIPP: Using Administrative Records to Evaluate Data Quality." FCSM 2022.

Bennett, Neil and **Michael D. King**. "Student Debt and its Co-Occurrence with Other Types of Debt." PAA 2022 (poster).

King, Michael D. "Revisiting Trends in the Intergenerational Transmission of Economic Status and Family Structure." PAA 2021, RC28 2019.

King, Michael D. "College Characteristics and Assortative Mating Patterns among First-Generation College Students." PAA 2021, ASA 2019.

King, Michael D. "First-Generation College Students and the Timing of Marriage." ASA 2018.

King, Michael D. "The Great Equalizer Revisited: Educational Attainment, Marriage, and Spousal Characteristics." PAA 2018 (poster).

Schwartz, Christine R. and **Michael D. King**. "The Changing Role of Mothers' Status in Children's Destinies." PAA 2017.

King, Michael D. "First-Generation College Students and the Timing of Union Formation." PAA 2017 (poster).

King, Michael. "Marriage Outcomes of First-Generation College Graduates: Marital Market Constraint or Incomplete Assimilation?" PAA 2016 (poster).

Service

Professional

Referee. American Sociological Review, Demography, Journal of Higher Education Social Problems. 2015–present.

Poster Judge. "Economy, Labor Force, Education & Inequality," Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. 2019.

Session Chair. "Mechanisms of Intergenerational Status Transmission," Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. 2016.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology

Governing Board Chair. Sociology Graduate Student Association. 2017–2019.

Evaluation and Improvement of Instruction Committee. 2017–2019.

Technology and Communication Officer. Sociology Graduate Student Association. 2015–2017.

Graduate Student Mentor. 2016–2017.

Graduate Program Committee. 2015–2016.

Professionalization Committee. Sociology Graduate Student Association. 2015–2016.

University of Montana, Department of Sociology

Graduate Student Representative at Faculty Meetings. 2012–2013.

Graduate Committee. 2012–2013.

Assistant Professor Search Committee. 2011–2012.