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Dear Author,

Thank you very much for submitting "TITLE" (MS #2015-413) to *Demography*. Unfortunately, I have determined that the paper will not be sent out for external review. This type of decision is made for papers that are either (1) inappropriate for *Demography* or (2) deemed to have little likelihood of receiving favorable evaluations from external reviewers.

*Demography* has a two-stage procedure for determining whether a manuscript should be sent out for external review. The Deputy Editor assigned to your paper makes the initial recommendation and then I must concur (or not).

In this case, the paper, which presents mathematical and conceptual details but does not give much in the way of examples of how this approach could lead to new insights about demographic processes, has relatively narrow appeal and will not be of interest to a wide range of *Demography* readers. It would be, however, a good fit for a journal such as *Demographic Research* or *Mathematical Population Studies*.

Good luck as you continue your work on this project and I hope you keep *Demography* in mind as an outlet for your future research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Pamela J. Smock', written in a cursive style.

Pamela J. Smock, Editor