

Aging Studies Institute & Moynihan Institute East Asia Program Seminar



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Location: 312 Lyman Hall

Solo Living Across the Life Course

James Raymo is Professor of Sociology and Henry Wendt III '55 Professor of East Asian Studies at Princeton University. At Princeton, he is also interim director of the Office of Population Research, founding director of the Global Japan Lab, and the faculty director of the Strategic Partnership between Princeton and the University of Tokyo. Raymo received his Ph.D. in 2000 from the University of Michigan and was on the faculty in the Department of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for 19 years before moving to Princeton. Raymo is a social demographer whose research focuses on documenting and understanding the causes and potential consequences of demographic changes associated with low fertility and population aging in Japan. His published research includes analyses of marriage timing, divorce, recession and fertility, marriage and women's health, single mothers' well-being, living alone, family change and social inequality, employment and health at older ages, and regional differences in health at older ages. He is currently engaged in three projects. In the first, he is working with an international team of scholars to document and understand variation across countries in family perceptions, goals, and strategies in hopes of better understanding explanations for low fertility in East Asia and Southern Europe. In the second project, he is working with colleagues in Japan to document patterns of family change that may be associated with low fertility. This work pays particular attention to levels, trends, and socioeconomic differences in premarital cohabitation, divorce, and remarriage. In the third, he is a member of a large international team examining the implications of COVID-19 mitigation policies on a wide range of outcomes, including family formation, employment, and psychological well-being.

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