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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Current	<b>Syracuse University</b>
2018—	Professor, Department of Sociology
2016—	Gerald B. Cramer Faculty Scholar in Aging Studies
2020—	Director of the NIA-funded Center for Aging and Policy Studies
2018—	Co-Director of the Policy, Place, and Population Health (P3H) Lab
2018—	Faulty Affiliate, Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion
2015—	Faculty Associate, Aging Studies Institute
2015—	Senior Research Affiliate, Center for Policy Research
2015-2018	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
2013-2015	<b>Case Western Reserve University</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology Core Research Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies Program
2011-2013	<b>Harvard University</b> Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar

## EDUCATION

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2011	Ph.D., Sociology (Demography specialization), University of Texas at Austin
2004	M.A., Sociology, University of Houston
1994	M.S., Statistics, Purdue University
1992	B.S., Mathematics, Purdue University

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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General:	Social demography; political economy and population health; life course and aging
Specific:	Inequalities in health at the intersection of gender, education, and geography; trends and geographic patterns in U.S. health; U.S. state policies and health; women's health

## PUBLICATIONS (students and postdocs underlined)

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In press	Douglas A. Wolf, Shannon M. Monnat, and <b>Jennifer Karas Montez</b> . "Effects of US State Preemption Laws on Infant Mortality Rates." <i>Preventive Medicine</i>
In press	<u>Mateo Farina</u> , Mark D. Hayward, Anna Zajacova, and <b>Jennifer Karas Montez</b> . "US State Disparities in Life Expectancy, Disability-Free Life Expectancy, and Disabled Life Expectancy Among Adults Aged 25-89." <i>American Journal of Public Health</i> .

- In press **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Mateo Farina. “Do Liberal State Policies Maximize Life Expectancy?” *Public Policy & Aging Report*.
- In press Sarah Burgard, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Jennifer Ailshire, Robert A. Hummer. “Aging Policy from a Multilayered Geographic and Life Course Perspective.” *Public Policy & Aging Report*.
- In press **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Jennifer D. Brooks. “Educational Attainment and Adult Health.” Chapter XX, in the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences*, Eds. Ferraro & Carr.
- 2020 **Jennifer Karas Montez**. “US State Polarization, Policymaking Power, and Population Health.” *The Milbank Quarterly*. 98(4):1033-1052.
- 2020 **Jennifer Karas Montez**. “Policy Polarization and Death in the United States.” *Temple Law Review* 92(4):889-916.
- 2020 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Jason Beckfield, Julene Kemp Cooney, Mark D. Hayward, Jacob M. Grumbach, Huseyin Zeyd Koytak, Steven H. Woolf, & Anna Zajacova. “US State Policies, Politics, and Life Expectancy.” *The Milbank Quarterly* 98(3):668-699.  
\*Covered in 300+ news outlets, including NPR and LA Times.
- 2020 Blakelee Kemp and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. “Why Does the Importance of Education for Health Differ Across the United States?” *Socius* 6:1-16. PMID: PMC7088460
- 2020 Derek Carr, Sabrina Adler, Benjamin D. Winig, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. “Equity-First: A Normative Framework for Assessing the Role of Preemption in Public Health.” *The Milbank Quarterly* 98(1): 131-149. PMID: PMC7077775
- 2020 **Jennifer Karas Montez**. “Examining Population Health Across US States Using Secondary Data, Logistic Regression, and Graphics.” *SAGE Research Methods Cases: Medicine and Health*. DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781529735994>
- 2019 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Anna Zajacova, Mark D. Hayward, Steven H. Woolf, Derek Chapman, & Jason Beckfield. “Educational Disparities in Adult Mortality across U.S. States: How Do They Differ and Have They Changed Since the Mid-1980s?” *Demography* 56(2):621-644. PMID: PMC6450761
- 2019 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Mark D. Hayward, and Anna Zajacova. “Educational Disparities in U.S. Adult Health: U.S. States as Institutional Actors on the Association.” *Socius*: 5:1-14. PMID: PMC6640858
- 2019 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Amy Ellen Schwartz. “Education.” Chapter 11 in *Urban Health*, Eds. Sandro Galea, Catherine Ettman, and David Vlahov. Oxford University Press.
- 2018 Anna Zajacova and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. “Explaining the Increasing Disability Prevalence among Midlife U.S. Adults, 2002-2016.” *Social Science & Medicine* 211:1-8. PMID: PMC6067976

- 2018 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Wencheng Zhang, Anna Zajacova, and Tod G. Hamilton. "Does College Major Matter for Women's and Men's Health in Midlife? Examining the Horizontal Dimensions of Educational Attainment." *Social Science & Medicine* 198:130-138.
- 2018 Connor Sheehan, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, and Isaac Sasson. "Does the Functional Form of the Association Between Education and Mortality Differ by U.S. Region?" *Biodemography and Social Biology* 64(1):63-81. PMID: PMC5994609
- 2017 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Anna Zajacova, and Mark D. Hayward. "Disparities in Disability by Educational Attainment across U.S. States." *American Journal of Public Health* 107(7):1101-1108. PMID: PMC5463211
- 2017 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Mark D. Hayward, and Douglas A. Wolf. "Do U.S. States' Socioeconomic and Policy Contexts Shape Adult Disability?" *Social Science & Medicine* 178:115-126. PMID: PMC5388855
- 2017 **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Deregulation, Devolution, and State Preemption Laws' Impact on U.S. Mortality Trends." *American Journal of Public Health* 107(11):1749-1750.
- 2017 Anna Zajacova and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Macro-level Perspective for Reversing Recent Mortality Increases." *The Lancet* 389(10073):991-992. (Invited commentary)
- 2017 Joyce T. Bromberger, Laura Schott, Karen A. Matthews, Howard M. Kravitz, Sioban Harlow, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Childhood Socioeconomic Circumstances and Depressive Symptom Burden Across 15 Years of Follow up During Midlife: Study of Women's Health Across the Nation (SWAN)" *Archives of Women's Mental Health* 20(4):495-504. PMID: PMC5575748
- 2017 Anna Zajacova and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "Physical Functioning Trends among US Women and Men Age 45-64 by Education Level." *Biodemography and Social Biology* 63(1):21-30. PMID: PMC5494255
- 2017 Anna Zajacova and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. 2017. "The Health Penalty of the GED: Testing the Role of Noncognitive Skills, Health Behaviors, and Economic Factors." *Social Science Quarterly* 98(1):1-15.  
\*lead article
- 2016 Richard G. Rogers, Elizabeth M. Lawrence, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. 2016. "Alcohol's Collateral Damage: Childhood Exposure to Problem Drinking and Subsequent Adult Mortality Risk." *Social Forces* 95(2):809-836. PMID: PMC5381656
- 2016 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Joyce Bromberger, Karen Matthews, Sioban Harlow, and Howard Kravitz. "Life Course Socioeconomic Status and Metabolic Syndrome among Midlife Women." *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 71(6):1097-1107. PMID: PMC5067946.  
\*featured as the "Editor's Choice" article
- 2016 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Isaac Sasson, and Mark D. Hayward. "Declining US Life Expectancy, 1990-2010." *Health Affairs* 35(3):550.

- 2016 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Anna Zajacova, and Mark D. Hayward. "Explaining Inequalities in Women's Mortality between U.S. States." *SSM - Population Health* 2:561-571. PMID: PMC5049881.  
*\*covered in the New York Times (8-22-16) "New clues in the mystery of women's lagging life expectancy"*
- 2016 Karen A. Matthews, Yuefang Chang, Joyce T. Bromberger, Carrie Karvonen-Gutierrez, Howard M. Kravitz, Rebecca C. Thurston, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. 2016. "Childhood Socioeconomic Circumstances, Inflammation, and Hemostasis among Midlife Women: Study of Women's Health across the Nation." *Psychosomatic Medicine* 78(3):311-318. PMID: PMC4844772
- 2016 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Kaitlyn Barnes. "The Benefits of Educational Attainment for U.S. Adult Mortality: Are they Contingent on the Broader Environment?" *Population Research and Policy Review* 35(1):73-100.
- 2015 Esther Friedman, † **Jennifer Karas Montez**, † Connor McDevitt Sheehan, † Tara L. Gruenewald, and Teresa E. Seeman. "Childhood Adversities and Adult Cardiometabolic Health: Do Quantity, Timing, and Type of Adversity Matter?" *Journal of Aging and Health* 27(8):1311-1338. PMID: PMC4618269  
†authors contributed equally and listed alphabetically
- 2015 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Esther M. Friedman. "Educational Attainment and Health: Under What Conditions is the Association Causal?" *Social Science & Medicine* 127:1-7.
- 2015 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Pekka Martikainen, Hanna Remes, and Mauricio Avendano. "Work-Family Context and the Longevity Disadvantage of U.S. Women." *Social Forces* 93(4):1567-1597. PMID: PMC5070483
- 2014 Anna Zajacova, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, and Pamela Herd. "Socioeconomic Disparities in Health among Older Adults and the Implications for the Retirement Age Debate: A Brief Report." *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 69(6):973-978.
- 2014 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Erika Sabbath, M. Maria Glymour, and Lisa F. Berkman. "Trends in Work-Family Context among U.S. Women by Education Level, 1976 to 2011." *Population Research and Policy Review* 33(5):629-648. PMID: PMC5215053
- 2014 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Mark D. Hayward. "Cumulative Childhood Adversity, Educational Attainment, and Active Life Expectancy among U.S. Adults." *Demography* 51(2):413-435. PMID: PMC4465758
- 2014 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Anna Zajacova. "Why is Life Expectancy Declining among Low-Educated Women in the United States?" *American Journal of Public Health* 104(1):e5-e7. PMID: PMC4167117.
- 2014 Invited rejoinder, "Montez and Zajacova Respond." *American Journal of Public Health* 105(1)e1-e2. PMID: PMC4265901.
- 2014 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Lisa F. Berkman. "Trends in the Educational Gradient in Mortality among U.S. Adults from 1986 to 2006: Bringing Regional Context into the Explanation." *American Journal of Public Health* 104(1):e82-e90. PMID: PMC3865154

- 2013 **Jennifer Karas Montez.** "The Socioeconomic Origins of Physical Functioning among Older U.S. Adults." *Advances in Life Course Research* 18(4):244-256.  
\*Won the 2013 Senior Service America Junior Scholar Award of the Gerontological Society of America.
- 2013 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Anna Zajacova. "Explaining the Widening Education Gap in Mortality among U.S. White Women." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 54(2):165-181. PMID: PMC3747639.  
\*Won the 2012 Senior Service America Junior Scholar Award of the Gerontological Society of America and the 2013 IPUMS Research Award.  
\*Covered in New York Times (5-30-13) "Joblessness shortens life span of least educated white women, research says."
- 2013 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Anna Zajacova. "Trends in Mortality Risk by Education Level and Cause of Death among White Women in the United States from 1986 to 2006." *American Journal of Public Health* 103(3):473-479. PMID: PMC3673510
- 2012 Dustin C. Brown, Mark D. Hayward, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Robert A. Hummer, Chi-Tsun Chiu, and Mira M. Hidajat. "The Significance of Education for Mortality Compression in the United States." *Demography* 49(3):819-840. PMID: PMC3500099
- 2012 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Robert A. Hummer, and Mark D. Hayward. "Educational Attainment and Adult Mortality in the United States: A Systematic Analysis of Functional Form." *Demography* 49(1):315-336. PMID: PMC3290920
- 2011 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Robert A. Hummer, Mark D. Hayward, Hyeyoung Woo, and Richard G. Rogers. "Trends in the Educational Gradient of U.S. Adult Mortality from 1986 through 2006 by Race, Gender, and Age Group." *Research on Aging* 33(2):145-171. PMID: PMC3166515
- 2011 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Mark D. Hayward. "Early Life Conditions and Later Life Mortality." Chapter 9 in the *International Handbook of Adult Mortality*, Eds. RG Rogers and EM Crimmins. Springer Publishers.
- 2011 Jacqueline L. Angel, **Jennifer Karas Montez**, and Ronald J. Angel. "A Window of Vulnerability: Health Insurance Coverage among Women 55 to 64 Years of Age." *Women's Health Issues* 21(1):6-11.  
\*Won the Charles E. Gibbs Leadership Prize for the best paper published in Women's Health Issues in 2011 and the 2010 Senior Service America Scholar Award of the Gerontological Society of America.
- 2010 Debra J. Umberson and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. 2010. "Social Relationships and Health: A Flashpoint for Health Policy." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 51(suppl):54-66. PMID: PMC3150158.  
\*New York Times (6-12-17) "Social interaction is critical for mental and physical health."

- 2009 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Mark D. Hayward, Dustin C. Brown, and Robert A Hummer. "Why is the Educational Gradient in Mortality Steeper for Men?" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 64(5):625-634. PMID: PMC2728089
- 2009 **Jennifer Karas Montez**, Jacqueline L. Angel, and Ronald J. Angel. "Employment, Marriage, and the Inequality in Health Insurance among Mexican-Origin Women." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 50(2):132-148. PMID: PMC2700956
- 2009 Ronald J. Angel, Jacqueline L. Angel, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "The Work/Health Insurance Nexus: The Weak Link for Mexican-Origin Men." *Social Science Quarterly* 90(5):1112-1133. PMID: PMC2867344
- 2008 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Karl Eschbach. "Country of Birth and Language are Uniquely Associated with Intakes of Fat, Fiber, and Fruits and Vegetables Among Mexican-American Women in the United States." *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* 108(3):473-480.
- 2005 **Jennifer Karas Montez** and Tracy X. Karner. "Understanding The Diabetic Body-Self." *Qualitative Health Research* 15(8):1086-1104.

#### Manuscripts Under Review

**Jennifer Karas Montez**, Mark D. Hayward, and Anna Zajacova. "Trends in US Population Health: The Central Role of Policies, Politics, and Profits." (Revise and Resubmit)

**Blakelee Kemp** and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "State Policy Contexts and Physical Health among Midlife Adults"

Connor Sheehan, Anna Zajacova, Dylan Connor, and **Jennifer Karas Montez**. "State-level Variation in the Association between Educational Attainment and Sleep." (Revise and Resubmit)

#### **RESEARCH BRIEFS, POLICY BRIEFS, BLOGS**

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- 2020 "Here's Why the US is Failing to Thrive" (with Jason Beckfield). Harvard Medical School Center for Primary Care Blog <http://info.primarycare.hms.harvard.edu/blog/us-failing-to-thrive>
- 2020 "Conservative State Policies Damage US Life Expectancy." Published by the Syracuse University Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion <https://lernercenter.syr.edu/2020/08/04/rb-28/>
- 2018 "Education and Health Disparity Across the US" Published in Scientia, by Science Diffusion DOI: <https://doi.org/10.26320/SCIENTIA172>
- 2018 "How state preemption laws prevent cities from taking steps to improve health and life expectancy" Scholars Strategy Network, Key Findings Brief. <http://www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org/brief/how-state-preemption-laws-prevent-cities-taking-steps-improve-health-and-life-expectancy>

- 2017 “The assault on our education system in the House and Senate tax plans will literally kill.” OpEd, Huffington Post, December 5<sup>th</sup> ([https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/the-assault-on-our-education-system-in-the-house-and-senate-tax-plans-will-literally-kill\\_us\\_5a272fede4b044d16725b564?section=us\\_contributor](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/the-assault-on-our-education-system-in-the-house-and-senate-tax-plans-will-literally-kill_us_5a272fede4b044d16725b564?section=us_contributor))
- 2017 “How do U.S. States Influence their Residents’ Health and Longevity?” (Montez, Wolf, and Hayward). Scholars Strategy Network, Key Findings Brief. <http://www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org/brief/how-do-us-states-influence-health-and-longevity-their-residents>
- 2017 “Do U.S. States’ Socioeconomic and Policy Contexts Shape Differences in Adult Disability?” (Montez, Hayward, and Wolf). *PRC Research Brief* 2(3). <https://doi.org/10.15781/T2HX15W5J>
- 2013 “Why Have Educational Disparities in Mortality Increased Among White Women in the United States?” (Montez and Zajacova). *JHSB Policy Brief* 54(2):165. doi: 10.1177/0022146513491066

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### Ongoing

- 2020-2025 “Center for Aging and Policy Studies” (Role: PI), National Institute on Aging P30AG066583
- 2019-2024 “Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America” (Role: Co-PI with Jennifer Ailshire, Sarah Burgard, & Robert Hummer), National Institute on Aging 2R24AG045061
- 2019-2021 “Local Initiatives, State Preemption, and Public Health” (Role: Co-PI with Douglas A. Wolf and Shannon M. Monnat), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Policies for Action Grant 76103
- 2017-2022 “Educational Attainment, Geography, and U.S. Adult Mortality Risk” (Role: PI), National Institute on Aging R01AG055481
- 2020-2021 awarded administrative supplement to include a focus on maternal mortality of older mothers (3R01AG05581-04S1, with Pinka Chatterji and Sara Markowitz).
  - 2018-2019 awarded administrative supplement to include a focus on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (3R01AG055481-02S1, with Jennifer Ailshire).
- 2019-2020 “The Science of Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias (ADRD) for Social Scientists” workshop hosted by the USC RCMAR (Role: consultant, PI: Zissimopoulos) , National Institute on Aging

### Completed

- 2018-2020 “Political Economy and Death: Deregulation, Devolution, and Death in America.” (Role: PI), Andrew Carnegie Fellowship (G-F-18-56197)
- 2019 “US State Contextual Data Resources for Aging Research.” (Role: PI) Pilot grant from the Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America, NIA R24AG045061 (Network PIs: House, Crimmins, Hayward, Hummer).
- 2016-2017 “Improved Measures of Population Health: Heterogeneity in Active Life Expectancy” (Role: Co-I, with PI Douglas A. Wolf). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, R03
- 2016 Travel grant awarded by the Young Academy of the Austrian Academy of Sciences to attend the 2016 REVES conference in Austria
- 2015 “Explaining Inequalities in Adult Mortality between U.S. States.” (Role: PI). Pilot grant from the Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America, NIA R24AG045061 (Network PI: James House)
- 2015 “Trends in U.S. Women’s Health by Education Level, 1997-2014.” (Role: Consultant for PI Anna Zajacova). Pilot grant from the Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America, NIA R24AG045061 (Network PIs: House, Crimmins, Hayward, Hummer)

- 2014 Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Award, American Sociological Association and the National Science Foundation (Role: PI)
- 2014 W.P. Jones Presidential Faculty Development Grant, Case Western Reserve University
- 2013 “Gender Difference in the Early-Life Origins of Adult Health.” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Seed Grant (Role: Co-PI)
- 2012 “The Causal Links Between Education and Mortality.” Exploratory Workshop Grant, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies (Role: Co-PI with Esther M. Friedman and David M. Cutler)
- 2012 “Early-life Influences on the Onset and Progression of Women’s Cardiovascular Disease Risk in SWAN.” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Seed Grant (Role: PI)
- 2010-11 University Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
- 2007-10 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Pre-doctoral Fellowship

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2018-2020 Andrew Carnegie Fellow
- 2019 Milbank Quarterly Early Career Award, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science
- 2019 Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award, Syracuse University  
*“This award honors faculty members whose dedication to graduate students and commitment to excellent in graduate teaching and mentoring have made a significant contribution to graduate education at Syracuse University.”*
- 2017 Chancellor’s Citation for Faculty Excellence and Scholarly Distinction, Syracuse University
- 2014 IPUMS Research Award for paper “Explaining the Widening Education Gap in Mortality among U.S. White Women” coauthored with Anna Zajacova
- 2013 Senior Service America Junior Scholar Award, Gerontological Society of America, for paper “The Socioeconomic Origins of Physical Functioning among Older U.S. Adults.”
- 2012 Senior Service America Junior Scholar Award, Gerontological Society of America, for paper “Explaining the Widening Education Gap in Mortality.” coauthored with Anna Zajacova.
- 2012 Charles E. Gibbs Leadership Prize for best paper published in *Women’s Health Issues* in 2011. JL Angel, JK Montez, and RJ Angel. “A Window of Vulnerability: Health Insurance Coverage among Women 55 to 64 Years of Age.”
- 2010 Graduate Research Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 Lora Romero Memorial Award for Interdisciplinary Research in Race, Ethnicity and Gender, Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2008, 10 Student Forum Travel Awards, American Sociological Association
- 2008 Doug Forbes Award, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
- 2007 US-Mexico/Borderlands Research Award, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
- 2007-09 Professional Development Awards, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2005 Featured statistician in David S. Moore and George P. McCabe’s *Introduction to the Practice of Statistics*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. W.H. Freeman and Company, New York
- 2002 Nominated into Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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### 2021

“US State Policies, Politics, and Life Expectancy.” To be presented at the University of Texas at Austin, Population Research Center Brownbag; the Center for Health Innovation and Policy Science in the School of Public Health at the University of Washington; and the LSU Health Sciences Center.

### 2020

“State Preemption of Minimum Wage and Infant Deaths.” Presented at the National Association for Black Journalists-National Association of Hispanic Journalists annual convention (virtual).

“State Preemption and Population Health.” Presented at the Preemption, Structural Racism, and Home Rule Reform Funder’s Forum, sponsored by the Surdna Foundation and Local Solutions Support Center, NYC.

### 2019

“Devolution and Death in the American States.” Presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium of the Center for Public Health Law Research at Temple University.

“U.S. State Contexts and Inequalities in Life Expectancy.” Presented at the UC-Berkeley Demography Brown Bag Series and the University of Washington’s Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology.

### 2018

“Deregulation, Devolution, and Death in the American States.” Presented at the Social Demography Seminar Series at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, the Carolina Population Center at UNC-Chapel Hill, and the Duke University Population Research Institute.

“U.S. State Contexts and the Importance of Schooling for Health.” Presented at the “Deep Wounds” Conference sponsored by the Center for the Study of Inequality and the Cornell Population Center.

### 2017

“Hypothesizing Upward: Have U.S. State Policies Contributed to the Widening Inequalities in Life Expectancy?” Presented at the Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, University at Buffalo.

“The Role of SES in Shaping Disparities in Morbidity and Mortality in Midlife.” Invited by the Committee on Population of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine to present at an expert meeting on “Socioeconomic Status and Increasing Mid-Life Mortality” in Washington DC.

“U.S. Health Care Policy.” Panel convened by the Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University.

“U.S. States and the Health of Women.” Presented at the 2017 Presidential Symposium on Society & Health, SUNY Upstate Medical University, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual NIH Vivian W. Pinn Symposium: Putting Science to Work for the Health of Women, Bethesda, MD.

### 2016

“Why does Adult Health and Longevity Differ Across U.S. States?” Presented at the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis, SUNY-Albany.

“The Life Course Perspective.” Invited by the Committee on Population and National Institute on Aging to present at an expert meeting on “Health Disparities Across the Life Course” in Washington DC.

### 2015

“Explaining Inequalities in Women’s Mortality across U.S. States.” Invited by the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine to present at an expert meeting on Women’s Health (Raising the Bar—The Health of American Women: A National Perspective on Women’s Health) in Washington DC.

“Live Long and Prosper: The Impact of Education on Mortality.” Invited by the PAA Government and Public Affairs Committee to speak at a Capitol Hill briefing in Washington DC.

“Using an Intersectionality Frame to Understand Health Inequalities.” Invited Panel, Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“When Geography and Gender Collide: Explaining Variation in Adult Mortality among U.S. States” Presented at the Population Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania, the Institute for Population Research at Ohio State University, and the Center for Demography and Economics at the University of Wisconsin.

#### 2014

“Mitigating Childhood Adversities through Educational Attainment.” Conference on Education and Health sponsored by the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.

“Secrets to a Long Life: Location, Location, Location.” Science Café Cleveland, sponsored by the CASE Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.

“Women’s Mortality in Southern U.S. States.” Panel on Poverty and Health in the South, Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, North Carolina.

“Women and Education.” International Women’s Day, Turkish American Society of Ohio.

#### 2013

“Diverging Trends in U.S. Women’s Health.” Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (previous 5 years)**

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ASA = American Sociological Association, PAA = Population Association of America, GSA = Gerontological Society of America, SSSP = Society for the Study of Social Problems, APHA = American Public Health Association.

#### 2021

**Montez** & Nader. “How do US State Policy Contexts Shape Cause-Specific Mortality?” To be presented at the PAA meeting (virtual).

Kemp, Grumbach, & **Montez**. “US State Policy Contexts and Physical Health among Midlife Adults.” To be presented at the PAA meeting (virtual).

#### 2020

**Montez**, et al. “US State Policies, Politics, and Life Expectancy”, PAA meeting, Washington DC (virtual) and the NIA-supported TRENDS meeting (virtual).

Sheehan, Zajacova, & **Montez**. “State-level Variation in the Association between Educational Attainment and Sleep”, PAA meeting, Washington DC (virtual).

Wolf, Monnat, & **Montez**. “Profits Protected, Lives Lost: The Preemption Tradeoff” presented at the APHA meeting (virtual)

#### 2019

Carr, Adler, Winig, & **Montez**. “Preemption, Public Health, and Health Equity: A Proposed Framework and Research Agenda” to be presented at the APHA meeting.

Kemp & **Montez**. “Geo-Life Course Determinants of Educational Disparities in U.S. Adult Health” presented at the PAA meeting, Austin and the GSA meeting in Washington DC.

Zajacova & **Montez**. “Health Disparities by Education across US States: Influence of State Policies and Contexts” presented at the PAA meeting, Austin.

**Montez**, Cooney, & Koytak. “Political Economy and Death in the American States” presented at the ASA meeting in New York City and the Society for Life Course and Longitudinal Studies, Potsdam Germany.

#### 2018

Hayward, Farina, Wolf, & **Montez**. “Do U.S. States Socioeconomic and Policy Contexts Shape Healthy Life Expectancy?” Presented at the GSA meeting.

**Montez**, Zajacova, Hayward, Woolf, Chapman, Beckfield. “Educational Disparities in Adult Mortality across U.S. States: How Do They Differ and Have They Changed Since the Mid-1980s?” Presented at the APHA meeting, San Diego.

- Montez, Hayward, & Zajacova.** "How U.S. State Contexts Shape Educational Disparities in Adult Disability." Presented at the PAA meeting, Denver.
- Sheehan, **Montez, & Sasson.** "Regional Differences in the Functional Form between Education and Mortality." Poster presented at the PAA meeting, Denver.
- Wolf & **Montez.** "Heterogeneity in Active Life Expectancy: A Finite Mixture Model." Presented at the annual meeting of TRENDS and REVES, Ann Arbor.
- Montez, Hayward, & Zajacova.** "Educational Disparities in U.S. Adult Health: U.S. States as Institutional Actors on the Association." Presented at the ASA meeting, Philadelphia.

#### 2017

- Montez, Zajacova, & Hayward.** "Multiple Americas: The Role of State Contexts for Understanding Educational Disparities in Mortality Across U.S. States." Presented at the meeting of the Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science.
- Montez, Zajacova, & Hayward.** "Contextualizing the Social Determinants of Health: Educational Disparities in Disability across US States." Roundtable paper presented at the SSSP meeting, Montreal.
- Montez, Zhang, Zajacova, & Hamilton.** "Does College Major Matter for Women's and Men's Health? Examining the Horizontal Dimensions of Educational Attainment." Paper presented at the PAA meeting, Chicago.
- Freedman, **Montez, & Wolf.** "Late-Life Disability Trajectories: The Influence of Hidden Episodes." Paper presented at the PAA meeting, Chicago.
- Zajacova & **Montez.** "Explaining the Increasing Disability Trends Among Older Adults Using the Disablement Process." Paper presented at the PAA meeting, Chicago.

#### 2016

- Montez, Hayward, & Zajacova.** "Why are Educational Differences in Mortality Large in Some U.S. States but Small in Others?" Poster presented at the PAA annual meeting in Washington DC, and paper presented at the GSA meeting, New Orleans.
- Zajacova & **Montez.** "Explaining the Increasing Disability Trends Among Older Adults Using the Disablement Process." Presented at the GSA meeting, New Orleans.
- Montez, Hayward, & Wolf.** "Do U.S. States' Socioeconomic and Political Contexts Shape Adult Disability Risk? Presented at the ASA meeting, Seattle.
- Montez, Hayward, & Wolf.** "Disparities in Adult Disability across U.S. States: What is the Role of State Environments?" Presented at the meeting of REVES, Austria.
- Zajacova & **Montez.** "Trends in US Women's Physical Functioning By Education Level, 1997-2014." Presented at the PAA meeting, Washington DC.

#### 2015

- Zajacova & **Montez.** "Trends in US Women's Health by Education Level, 1997-2014." Presented at the BSS Presidential Symposium at the GSA meeting, Orlando.
- Rose, **Montez, Avendano, Berkman, Vable, & Glymour.** "Widening Educational Disparities in Life Expectancy among Women in the United States: A Story of Deteriorating Life Circumstances or Selective Social Mobility?" Presented at the meeting of the Society for Epidemiologic Research.
- Montez & Barnes.** "The Benefits of Educational Attainment for U.S. Adult Mortality: Are they Contingent on the Broader Environment." Presented at the SSSP meeting, Chicago.
- Montez, Bromberger, Matthews, Harlow, & Kravitz.** "Cumulative Socioeconomic (Dis)Advantage and Metabolic Syndrome among Midlife Women." Presented at the PAA meeting, San Diego.
- Rogers, E.M. Lawrence, & **Montez.** "Alcohol's Collateral Damage: Childhood Exposure to Problem Drinking and Subsequent Adult Mortality Risk." Presented at the PAA meeting, San Diego.
- Matthews, Bromberger, Kravitz, **Montez, Thurston, & Harlow.** "Early Life Experiences, Physiological Pathways, and Adult Health" Presented at the meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society.

## RESEARCH GROUP PARTICIPATION

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Member, Disability Trends Network (TRENDS) funded by NIA

Member, Scholars Strategy Network, Central New York Chapter

Co-PI and Member, Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities, funded by the NIA

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

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### Editorial Activity

Deputy Editor, *Demography*, 2019-2021

Editorial Board, *The Milbank Quarterly*, 2020-2023

Editorial Board, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 2019-2021

Editorial Board, *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 2015-2017

Co-editor, with Madonna Harrington Meyer, Routledge's *Society and Aging Series*, 2015-2019

Guest-editor (with Ester Friedman) *Social Science & Medicine* special issue on "Educational Attainment and Health: Contextualizing Causality." Volume 127, 2015.

### American Sociological Association

#### *Section on Aging and the Life Course*

*Chair, 2020-2021 (Chair-Elect 2019-2020)*

*Program Committee, 2018 annual meeting*

*Council Member, 2015-2017*

*Session Organizer, Social Change, Inequality & Life Course, 2013*

*Student Representative, 2008-2010*

#### *Section on Medical Sociology*

*Chair, Nominations Committee, 2019-2020 (Chair-Elect 2018-2019)*

*Session Presider, Health Disparities over the Life Course, 2017*

#### *Section on Population*

*Distinguished Paper Award Committee, 2014-2016 (Chair in 2016)*

### Population Association of America

*Board of Directors, 2021-2024*

*Member, Committee on Population Statistics (COPS), 2019-2021*

*Discussant, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018 annual meetings*

*Session Organizer, 2017, 2019 annual meetings*

*Session Chair, 2013, 2017, 2019 annual meeting*

*Poster Judge, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2020 (virtual) annual meetings*

### Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science

*Co-Chair of Program Committee (with Shannon Monnat) for the 2020 Annual Meeting*

*Communications Committee, 2019-2010*

*Program Committee for the 2018 Annual Meeting*

### Society for the Study of Social Problems

*Chair: Division on Youth, Aging, and Life Course, 2016-2018*

*Roundtable Organizer, 2018 annual meeting*

*Maggie Kuhn Scholar-Activist Award Committee, 2016*

### Gerontological Society of America

*Organizing Committee for the 2017 GSA/IAGG Meeting (Behavioral and Social Sciences Section)*

*Abstract Reviewer, 2016 annual meeting*

## MEDIA COVERAGE

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- 2020 Study published in *The Milbank Quarterly* in 2020 on US state policy polarization and life expectancy was covered in 50 news outlets, including NPR (<https://www.waer.org/post/su-maxwell-professor-state-policies-driving-gaps-life-expectancy>) and LA Times (<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2020-08-03/longer-life-expectancy-blue-states-than-red-ones>) and a *Milbank Quarterly* podcast (<https://www.milbank.org/quarterly/milbank-quarterly-podcast/>)
- 2019 Interviewed on *This Week in Health Law* podcast, episode 169, about the role of policy and law on US life expectancy (<https://twihl.podbean.com/e/169-notes-from-a-birthday-party-guest-co-host-rachel-rebouche/>)
- 2018 Interviewed in BuzzFeed News “US Life Expectancy Has Dropped—Again.” (<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/danvergano/us-life-expectancy-drops-overdoses>)
- 2018 Interviewed in Cityvision, The Association of Washington Cities Magazine, Nov/Dec 2018 issue, page 17-18, about the consequences of US state preemption laws on public health ([https://wacities.org/data-resources/cityvision#openModal\\_d1763e49-b781-60ed-9ead-ff0000bbe4eb](https://wacities.org/data-resources/cityvision#openModal_d1763e49-b781-60ed-9ead-ff0000bbe4eb))
- 2018 Research on college majors and health featured in the Pacific Standard article, “Your college major predicts your midlife health.” (<https://psmag.com/education/mammas-dont-let-your-babies-grow-up-to-be-psych-majors>)  
Same study also featured in radio interview with NPR affiliate KJZZ: (<http://kjzz.org/content/647535/what-does-your-college-major-say-about-your-future-health>)
- 2017 Research cited in The Chronicle of Higher Education article, “Why education matters for your health.” (<https://www.chronicle.com/article/Why-Education-Matters-to-Your/242123>)
- 2017 Interviewed for Aug 16 2017 Reuters Health report “Appalachia’s gap with rest of U.S. in life expectancy is growing” covered in *The Gazette* (<http://www.thegazette.com/subject/news/nation-and-world/appalachias-gap-with-rest-of-us-in-life-expectancy-is-growing-20170807>)
- 2017 Interviewed for Aug 16 2017 American Heart Association News report “More education may mean a longer, healthier life.” (<http://news.heart.org/education-may-mean-longer-healthier-life/>)
- 2017 Interviewed for Reuters in May 8<sup>th</sup> report “U.S. life expectancy varies by two decades depending on location.” (<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-lifespan-trends-usa-idUSKBN184247>)
- 2016 Interviewed in Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond report “The mortality gap: life expectancy has increased dramatically over the past century. But some people might be falling behind.” ([https://www.richmondfed.org/publications/research/econ\\_focus/2016/q3-4/feature3](https://www.richmondfed.org/publications/research/econ_focus/2016/q3-4/feature3))
- 2016 Interviewed by Associated Press for December 8<sup>th</sup> report “US life expectancy falls, as many kinds of death increase.” ([www.usnews.com/news/news/articles/2016-12-08/us-life-expectancy-falls-as-many-kinds-of-death-increase](http://www.usnews.com/news/news/articles/2016-12-08/us-life-expectancy-falls-as-many-kinds-of-death-increase))

- 2016 Montez, Zajacova, and Hayward 2016 *SSM-Population Health* article featured in the New York Times, August 22, “New clues in the mystery of women’s lagging life expectancy.” ([https://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/23/science/new-clues-in-the-mystery-of-womens-lagging-life-expectancy.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/23/science/new-clues-in-the-mystery-of-womens-lagging-life-expectancy.html?_r=0))
- 2016 “What’s Killing White American Women?” interview on the BBC World Service, May 10 ([www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03sxmyn](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03sxmyn))
- 2014 “Secrets to a Long Life: Location, Location, Location” interview on NPR affiliate, WCPN ([www.ideastream.org/programs/sound-of-ideas/secret-to-long-life-location-location-location](http://www.ideastream.org/programs/sound-of-ideas/secret-to-long-life-location-location-location))
- 2013 Montez and Zajacova 2013 *JHSB* article featured in the New York Times, May 30, article “Joblessness shortens life span of least educated white women, research says,” and numerous other outlets including NPR, The American Prospect, and The Guardian. (<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/30/health/joblessness-shortens-lifespan-of-least-educated-white-women-research-says.html>)
- 2013 Interviewed on CNN, The Situation Room, about women’s life expectancy trends. Feb 26. (<https://jennkarasmontez.com/media-coverage/>)
- 2012 Interviewed for New York Times, September 21, article “Life span shrinks for least educated whites in the US.” (<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/21/us/life-expectancy-for-less-educated-whites-in-us-is-shrinking.html>)
- 2012 Dissertation research covered in article entitled, “Chances are...,” in *Life & Letters Magazine*, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin, p24-27, Spring Issue.

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN HEALTH AND AGING**

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- 2014 Butler-Williams Scholars Program, National Institute on Aging. *Awarded full travel fellowship.*
- 2010 RAND Summer Institute (Mini-Medical School and the Demography, Economics, and Epidemiology of Aging Conference). *Awarded full travel fellowship.*
- 2008 Cells to Society (C2S) Summer Biomarker Institute, Northwestern University.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

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#### Methods and Statistics

- Introduction to Statistical Analysis (graduate)
- Intermediate Social Statistics (graduate)
- Advanced Social Statistics (graduate)
- Social Research Methods (undergraduate)
- Statistics and Stata (undergraduate)

#### Sociology

- Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate)
- Human Conquest of Disease and Early Death (graduate)
- Social Demography (undergraduate & graduate)
- Professionalization Seminar (graduate)

## **PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

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- 2015 3-day workshop “Integrating American Community Survey Topics into Undergraduate Courses” hosted by the University of Michigan. *Awarded full travel stipend.*
- 2012 ASA Teaching Workshop, “Teaching Statistics to Undergraduates.”
- 2008 ASA Teaching Workshop, “Teaching about Work and Family Life”
- 2007 Center for Women’s and Gender Studies Faculty Development Training Workshop, University of Texas at Austin
- 2007 Semester Seminar in Supervised Teaching, University of Texas at Austin

## **NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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- 2005-2006 Global Strategy Manager, Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX
- 2004 Senior Management Consultant, Shell Oil Company, London, UK
- 2001-2003 Marketing Research Manager, Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX
- 1997-2001 Statistician, Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX
- 1995-1997 Statistician, Anheuser-Busch Company Inc, St. Louis, MO
- 1993 Statistician, Boehringer Mannheim Corporation, Indianapolis, IN

## **POSTDOC AND STUDENT ADVISING**

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### Postdocs

- Nader Mehri
- Blakelee Kemp (1<sup>st</sup> job: Assistant Research Professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

### PhD Dissertation

- Jennifer D. Brooks, Syracuse University (2017-present) [Chair]
- Julene Cooney, Syracuse University (2018-present) [Chair]
- Erin Bisesti, Syracuse University (2019-present) [Chair]
- Yue Sun, Syracuse University (2019-present) [Co-Chair]
- Mariah Brennan Nanni (2020-present)
- Cassie Dutton, Syracuse University (2018-present)
- John T. Wolohan, Syracuse University (2018-present)
- Selene Cammer-Bechtold, Syracuse University (2016-present)
- Rebecca Wang, Syracuse University (2015-present)
- Ynesse Abdul-Malak, Syracuse University (completed. 1<sup>st</sup> job as Assistant Professor, Colgate University)
- Tirth Bhatta, Case Western Reserve University (completed. 1<sup>st</sup> job as Assistant Professor, UNLV)
- Cory Cronin, Case Western Reserve University (completed. 1<sup>st</sup> job as Assistant Professor, Ohio University)

### Masters Thesis

- Michele Meyer, Syracuse University (2017 completed; PhD Student, UNC-Chapel Hill)
- Stephen Warren, Syracuse University (2016 completed; PhD Student, University of Massachusetts—Amherst)

## **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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Syracuse University

---Program Director, Certificate of Advanced Studies in Population Health and Aging, 2020-present  
---Postdoc Faculty Advisory Board, Graduate School, Syracuse University, 2019-present  
---Academic Integrity Panel and Interviewer, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, 2018-present  
---Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology, 2017-2020 (Chair 2017-2018)  
---Graduate Curriculum Committee, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, 2017-2018  
---Lerner Chair Search Committee, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, 2016-2017  
---Chair Search Committee, Department of Sociology, 2017, 2020  
---Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, 2016-2017  
---Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, 2016-2017  
---Faculty Leave Committee, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, 2015-2016  
Advisory Committee, Women's & Gender Studies Program, Case Western Reserve University, 2014-2015  
Comprehensive Exam Committee for Sociology of Aging, Case Western Reserve University, 2013-2014  
Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates Program, University of Texas at Austin, 2007  
Dean's Advisory Council, School of Science, Purdue University, 1992-2002

## **REVIEWER FOR FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS**

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National Institute on Aging, SSPA Standing Member, 2020-2024  
National Institute on Aging (Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group 2020/01 ZAG1 ZIJ-9 (J2)), 2019  
National Institutes of Health, SSPA Adhoc Member, Feb 2018, Oct 2019  
National Institute on Aging, Review Panel for NIA/BSR-supported activities at the U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2017  
National Science Foundation, 2016  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2016  
National Institute on Aging (Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group 2015/10 ZAG1 ZIJ-4), 2015-2016

## **PEER REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS**

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*Science; Proceedings of the National Academies of Science; American Journal of Sociology; Social Forces; Social Problems; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Research on Aging; Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences; Journal of Aging and Health; Women and Health; Population Research and Policy Review; Social Science & Medicine; Advances in Life Course Research; Demography; PLoS ONE; Population Health Metrics; Biodemography and Social Biology; Journal of Population Research; The Milbank Quarterly; American Journal of Public Health; Social Science Research; Demographic Research; Gerontology; Sociology of Education; American Journal of Preventive Medicine; JAMA.*