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**EDUCATION**

- 2008-2012 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin  
*Dissertation: Poverty and the Early-Life Origins of Mental Health: A Biosocial Perspective*
- 2010-2012 Portfolio in Applied Statistics, Division of Statistics and Scientific Computation, University of Texas at Austin
- 2006-2008 M. A. Sociology, University of Connecticut
- 2000-2004 B.S.E. Mechanical Engineering, Arizona State University

**EMPLOYMENT**

- 2014-present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Florida State University
- 2014-present Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health, Florida State University
- 2012-2014 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Princeton University, Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Office of Population Research.

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Population Health and Health Disparities  
Sociology of Mental Health

Biodemography/Biosociology  
Aging and the Life Course

**PUBLICATIONS**

Sam Stroope, Michael McFarland, and Jeremy Uecker (Forthcoming). "Marital Characteristics and the Sexual Relationships of U.S. Older Adults: An Analysis of National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project Data." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.

Michael McFarland and Mark Hayward. "Poverty and Awakening Cortisol in Adolescence: The Importance of Timing in Early Life." *Society and Mental Health* 41:21-37.

Tetyana Pudrovska, Deborah Carr, Michael McFarland, Caitlin Collins 2013. "Higher-Status Occupations and Breast Cancer: A Life-Course Stress Approach." *Social Science and Medicine* 42: 311-320

Michael McFarland, Mark Hayward, and Dustin Brown. 2013. "I've Got You Under My Skin: Marital Biography and Biological Risk." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 75: 363-380.

Michael McFarland, Tetyana Pudrovska, Scott Schieman, Christopher Ellison, and Alex Bierman. 2012. "Does a Cancer Diagnosis Influence Religiosity? Integrating a Life Course Perspective." *Social Science Research* 42: 311-320.

Michael McFarland, Cheryl Smith, Loren Toussaint, and Patricia Thomas. 2012. "The Relationship between Forgiveness of Others and Health: Do Race and Neighborhood Matter?" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 67: 66-75.

Michael McFarland and Cheryl Smith. 2011 "Segregation, Race, and Infant Well Being." *Population Research and Policy Review* 30: 467-493.

Michael McFarland, Jeremy Uecker, and Mark Regnerus. 2011 "The Role of Religion in Shaping Sexual Frequency and Satisfaction: Evidence from Married and Unmarried Older Adults." *Journal of Sex Research* 48: 297-308.

Reprinted in Religion, Spirituality, and Sexuality. Edited by Carole Cusack and Jason Prior. Routledge, 2015.

Michael McFarland, Bradley Wright, and David Weakliem. 2011 "Educational Attainment and Religiosity: Exploring Variations by Religious Tradition." *Sociology of Religion* 72: 166-188.

Christopher Ellison\* and Michael McFarland.\* 2011 "Religion and Gambling: Exploring the Role of Traditions, Beliefs, and Networks." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50: 82-102.

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Christopher Ellison, Michael McFarland, and Neal Krause. 2011. "Measuring Religiousness among African Americans: Exploring the Race-of-Interviewer Effects." *Review of Religious Research* 53: 65-84.

Michael McFarland. 2010. "Religious Involvement and Mental Health among Older Adults: Do the Effects of Religious Involvement vary by Gender?" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 65: 621-630.

Amy Webb, Christopher Ellison, Michael McFarland, Jerry Lee, James Walters, and Kelly Morton. 2010. "Divorce and Depressive Symptoms in a Nationwide Sample of Seventh-day

Adventists: Exploring the Roles of Religious Coping and Spiritual Resources.” *Family Relations* 59: 544-557.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Cheryl Smith and Michael McFarland (Forthcoming). “Race and Ethnicity, Forgiveness, and Health.” In *Forgiveness and Health: Scientific Evidence and Theories Relating Forgiveness to Better Health*, edited by Loren Toussaint, Everett Worthington, and David R. Williams. Springer Publishing.

Cheryl Smith and Michael McFarland. 2014. “Segregation and Infant Well-Being.” In the *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research*, edited by Alex C. Michalos. Springer Publishing.

Christopher Ellison and Michael McFarland. 2013. “The Social Context of Religion and Spirituality in the United States.” In the *APA Handbook of Psychology, Religion and Spirituality*, edited by Kenneth I. Pargament. American Psychological Association.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Michael McFarland and Mark Hayward. “Poverty Exposure in Adolescence and Mental Health over Time: Poverty as a Catalyst for Chains of Risk.”

Michael McFarland. “Poverty, Financial Strain, and Early-Life Mental Health: Exploring Sensitive Periods and Chains of Risk.”

Michael McFarland, Sara McLanahan, Irwin Garfinkel, and Jeanne Brooks-Gunn. “Concentrated School Poverty and Obesity: Incorporating Candidate Genes.”

Michael McFarland, Nancy Reichman, Sara McLanahan, and Bridget Goosby. “Education and the Multigenerational Origins of Infant Health.”

Bridget Goosby, Michael McFarland, Mark Hayward and Michele Foreman. “Socioeconomic Status, Infant Growth, and Adolescent Cardiovascular Risk.”

Michael McFarland and Brandon Wagner. “Education and Sense of Control: A Discordant Twin Design.”

## **GRANTS**

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) R01. Co-Investigator with Mark Hayward [PI], Michele Forman [PI], Bridget Goosby, and Ladia Hernandez. “Socioeconomic Status, Stress, Childhood Growth, and Cardiovascular Risk among Adolescents.” In Progress.

## **AWARDS**

- 2011 Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Pre-Doctoral Trainee Fellowship. Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin  
Faculty Mentor: Mark Hayward
- 2011 Elected Graduate Student Representative to the Section on Aging and the Life Course
- 2011 High Pass for Comprehensive Examinations on the Sociology of Health and Biodemography, University of Texas at Austin
- 2010 Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Pre-Doctoral Trainee Fellowship. Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin  
Faculty Mentor: Mark Hayward
- 2010 Doug Forbes Research Award to Attend the Cells to Society (C2S) Summer Biomarker Institute, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 Best Student Paper Award (2009) for “Religious Involvement and Mental Health among Older Adults: Do the Effects of Religious Involvement vary by Gender?” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*
- 2009 Research Fellowship to attend the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* Conference and present “Religion and Gambling: Exploring the Role of Networks and Traditions” using PS-ARE data, Rice University
- 2009 Public Policy Institute Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 Doug Forbes Research Award to Attend the 2010 International Workshop on Methodology of Twin and Family Studies, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

- 2014 Propensity Score Matching Workshop presented by Statistical Horizons. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2013 Nature and Nurture: Genetic and Environmental Influences on Children’s Responses to Adversity Conference. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Bethesda, Maryland (Attendee)
- 2012 Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences Conference. Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado at Boulder (Attendee)
- 2010 Demography and Economics of Aging/Mini Medical-School for Social Scientists, Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, California (Funding Awarded).

- 2010 Cells to Society (C2S) Summer Biomarker Institute Participant, Northwestern University
- 2010 The 2010 International Workshop on Methodology of Twin and Family Studies: The Introductory Course, University of Colorado at Boulder
- 2009 Stanford Workshop in Biodemography, Stanford University (Funding Awarded)
- 2009 Pollsters and Parishioners: Seminar on Survey Research and American Religion at Calvin College, Summer (Funding Awarded)

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- 2013 Michael McFarland. “Measuring Cognitive Ability in the Fragile Families Study.” Population Research Center, Columbia University.
- 2012 Michael McFarland. “The Timing of Early-Life Poverty and Awakening Cortisol in Adolescence.” Duke Population Research Institute, Duke University.

### **SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2014 Michael McFarland. Regular Session Organizer, “Biodemography, Health, and Mortality.” Population Association of America Conference, Boston MA.
- 2013 Michael McFarland. “Poverty, Financial Strain, and Early-Life Mental Health: Exploring Sensitive Periods and Chains of Risk.” To be presented. American Sociological Association Conference, New York, NY.
- 2013 Michael McFarland, Nancy Reichman, Sara McLanahan, and Bridget Goosby. “Education and the Intergenerational Origins of Infant Health.” Population Association of America Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 Tatyana Pudrovska, Deborah Carr, Michael McFarland, and Caitlin Collins. “Higher-Status Occupations and Breast Cancer: A Life-Course Stress Approach.” Population Association of America Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2012 Michael McFarland, Mark Hayward, and Dustin Brown. “Marital Biography and Under the Skin Risk: Does Marriage Lower Biological Risk?” American Sociological Association Conference, Denver, CO.
- 2012 Michael McFarland. “Early-life Poverty and Awakening Cortisol in Adolescence: Examining Cumulative and Timing Exposures.” Population Association of America Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2011 Michael McFarland, Tetyana Pudrovska, Scott Schieman, Christopher Ellison, and Alex

- Bierman. "Does a Cancer Diagnosis Influence Religiosity? Integrating a Life Course Perspective." American Sociological Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 Michael McFarland, Mark Hayward, and Dustin Brown. "Marital Biography and Health in Older Adulthood: Exploring the "Under the Skin" Processes for Women and Men." Réseau Espérance de Vie en Santé (REVES) Conference, Paris, France.
- 2010 Michael McFarland and Mark Hayward. "Marital Biography and Health in Older Adulthood: Exploring the "Under the Skin" Processes for Women and Men." Population Association of America Conference, Dallas, TX.
- 2009 Michael McFarland, "Religious Involvement and Mental Health among Older Adults: Do the Effects of Religious Involvement vary by Gender?" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference, Denver, CO.

### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

- Huffington Post, "The Effect on Faith of Being Smarter Than a Fifth-Grader." August 2011. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-briggs/the-effect-on-faith-of-be\\_b\\_926924.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-briggs/the-effect-on-faith-of-be_b_926924.html)
- MSNBC News, Live Science, Yahoo News, "Marriage May Protect a Gal's Heart." August 2012. [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/48738061/ns/technology\\_and\\_science-science/t/marriage-may-protect-gals-heart/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/48738061/ns/technology_and_science-science/t/marriage-may-protect-gals-heart/)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2013 Instructor, *Algebra*, Princeton Prison Initiative, New Jersey Department of Corrections
- 2011 Graduate Student Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates Program on Immigration, Geography, and Race/Ethnicity in the United States, University of Texas at Austin
- 2010 Graduate Student Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates Program on Immigration, Geography, and Race/Ethnicity in the United States, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
- 2010 Teaching Assistant, *Social Stratification*, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 Graduate Student Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates Program on Minority Group Demography, Population Research Center, University of Texas
- 2008 Teaching Assistant, *Intro to Sociology*, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- 2008 Teaching Assistant, *Quantitative Methods*, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut

- 2008 Instructor, *Quantitative Methods Laboratory*, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut
- 2007 Teaching Assistant, *Research Methods*, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut
- 2006 Teaching Assistant, *Sociology of the Family*, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut

## **AD HOC REVIEWER**

*American Sociological Review, American Journal of Epidemiology, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Social Science and Medicine, Society and Mental Health, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of Sex Research, Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, Sociology of Religion, Social Science Research, Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior*

## **REFERENCES**

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