

# cupc highlights

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Drum roll please! This edition is 100% compiled, written, and produced by CUPC Graduate Research Assistants **Behzad Vahedi and Emma Galofré García!** Well done you two!

## local media coverage



In a recent article featured in the *Denver Post* titled [Overdoses, homicides and suicides drove Colorado's teen death rate up more than 60% over the last decade](#), **David Pyrooz**, Associate Professor of Sociology, sheds light on the **role police play in addressing the increase in homicides**. David explains that for communities with positive relationships with law enforcement, it may be more appropriate to have police focus on the small subset of people committing the majority of the violence. However, David cautioned that for communities where the trust in law enforcement isn't there, having trusted community members intervene prior to escalation, such as those who were previously involved in violence, could be a positive alternative,

as well as keeping those at risk busy with positive after-school or extracurricular activities.



But that's not all -- **David** is on a roll providing important insights to current events in Colorado – interviewed for yet another *Denver Post* article titled [Mistrust, frustration and lack of diversity hang over search for Aurora's next police chief](#), he explains that not much research exists about executive-level police, their demographics and how that impacts communities. He also emphasizes that community input is crucial, especially in a time of crisis for a department, and especially in the aftermath of cases like the death of Elijah McClain. ~ Thanks for providing your expert insight into this important topic, David!

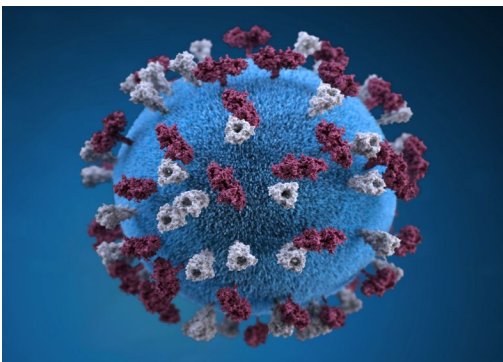
## recently published papers

Two hip-hip hoorays (one for each article published) for **Katie Genadek**, economist for the U.S. Census Bureau, who has been sharing her research far and wide! First up, Katie published a paper in collaboration with her IBS colleagues **Joshua Goode** and **Amanda Stevenson** in the journal *Demographic Research*, titled [Measuring Fertility using Administrative Data from the U.S. Census Bureau](#).

And for the super techy geeks out there, **Katie** and her coauthors published their paper [Digitizing Handwriting with Automated Methods: A Pilot Project Using the 1990 U.S. Census](#), in the *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*. This paper documents the [1990 Census Name Recovery Pilot \(NRP\)](#) project, which was used to identify the most accurate and cost-effective means to recover respondent names, focusing on the example of the 1990 census. The NRP showed that **respondent names can be digitized with an accuracy** that will support the integration of the 1960 through 1990 censuses into the Census Bureau's infrastructure of linked data that include censuses, surveys, and administrative records.



Kudos to [Andrea Velásquez](#), Assistant Professor of Economics at CU Denver for publishing a fascinating article titled [Promoting recovery and resilience for internally displaced persons: lessons from Columbia](#) in the journal *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*. In this article, Andrea and her coauthors review the **dynamics of forced migration in Columbia**, the legal and policy frameworks that have been implemented to combat this, and the effects of forced migration on poverty from a temporal and generational perspective. Using Columbia as a case study, they then provide lessons for other countries affected by forced displacement.



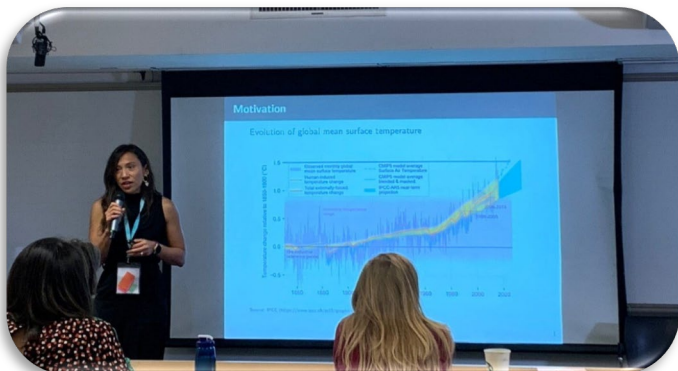
A BIG congrats to [Adam Lippert](#), Assistant Professor of Sociology at CU Denver, for publishing an article in the *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, titled [System Failure: The Geographic Distribution of Sepsis-Associated Death in the USA and Factors Contributing to the Mortality Burden of Black Communities](#). In this study, Adam's research concludes that counties with high proportions of Black people are often exposed to relevant risk factors resulting in higher death rates.

### *invited talks/presentations*

This past Monday, [Lori Hunter](#) gave an invited, virtual talk on “Gender, Climate, & Migration” to the U.S. Department of State in the Secretary’s Office of Global Women’s Issues. The organization’s brownbag series is open to participation from anyone in the State Department, domestic and overseas, with occasional attendance by relevant policy advisors from other federal agencies. ~ *Way to bring your important work into the government sphere, Lori!!*

And this past Tuesday, **Lori** gave another invited, virtual presentation on migration, climate, & health intersections at the annual research meeting of the [Migration and Health Follow-up Study](#) underway at the Agincourt Health and Demographic Surveillance site in rural South Africa. The academia-policy interface doesn’t end there...

[David Pyrooz](#) delivered an invited, virtual presentation about programs designed to mitigate gang reengagement to two networks in the National Governors Association - criminal justice and human services. [Read more about the webinar and key takeaways here!](#)



Two more shoutouts to **Andrea Velásquez!** One for presenting her work on temperature shocks, labor markets, and migration in El Salvador at the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research ([UNU-WIDER](#)) conference. And second, for being invited to participate in the first meeting of the Network to Address the Economic Consequences of Violence in Mexico.

welcome new faculty!



**Sharon DeWitte**, Professor at the University of South Carolina, has accepted our offer to join the IBS faculty in August 2023! Sharon is a leading scholar in biological anthropology, which involves research of life, health, disease, and demography from the past using assemblages of human skeletal remains. Her primary research interest is “infectious disease in the past, particularly how factors such as sex, socioeconomic status, migration, developmental stress, and diet affected risks of mortality from disease, how disease shaped population dynamics, and how host and environmental factors affect disease patterns” (from her [website](#)). Learn more about her research [here](#).



*Sharon will be such an asset to the Population and Health and Society Programs of IBS, as well as the Department of Anthropology!  
Thus, we break out into our skeletal “happy dance”!*



Join us at **noon on Halloween**, as CUPC hosts the next IBS Speaker Series, featuring **Amanda Stevenson** with her presentation, “[The past, present, and future of abortion and contraception in the U.S.: Insights from and challenges for demography](#)”.  
~ Please don’t ghost us for this important talk!

[RSVP here](#) (light lunch served @ 11:45 a.m.) or via [Zoom](#), for password: email [ibs-contact@colorado.edu](mailto:ibs-contact@colorado.edu).

**Amanda** recently gave two presentations for the NICHD staff and scientists: their “Science Friday Talk” and their “Reproductive Health Symposium”.



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