

# cupc highlights

issue 50 | january 26, 2023



## **inaugural workshop “advancing social science research on abortion: demographic methods and perspectives” held with cupc support**

The three-day workshop included six training modules focused on introducing attendees to the social scientific study of abortion in the United States and how demographic methods can be applied to abortion research. In these modules, taught by [Leslie Root](#), [Amanda Stevenson](#), and [Jane Menken](#), participants were given hands-on experience as they learned how to apply these methods to research questions while also participating in small-group discussions about research practice and the broader ecosystem of sexual and reproductive health in the social sciences. The workshop also included talks by six leading abortion researchers. With the help of CUPC funding support, the diversity of its participants was able to increase by helping to offset the cost of travel for those coming from smaller and less well-funded departments of other universities, and for others with little institutional buy-in for training towards abortion and sexual and reproductive health. Thanks to Leslie, Amanda, and Tara Streng-Schroeter for organizing the workshop. We hope it is the first of many.

## **celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> edition!**

*CUPC Highlights* was launched Dec. 6, 2019, a long-awaited idea of Lori Hunter's, who was the CUPC Director back then. Little did we know how this tiny newsletter would slowly blossom and explode in popularity. Over the course of 4 years, we've seen it morph into all kinds of shapes, sizes and styles. It gives our affiliates a sense of being part of a population research community and familiarizes us with each other's projects and expertise. The newsletter has given us all a reason to celebrate, congratulate one another, and untap potential opportunities to build interdisciplinary collaborations across our three campuses. And it has certainly made my own administrative position more enriching, not to mention a ton of fun! We finally made it to the **50th edition** (thankfully from the help of our CUPC PhD student Paige) - and there's no stopping us from producing another 50, as we continue to enlighten our CUPC community. Cheers to this milestone!

– Anni

## awards & grants

Laura Vargas received the Equity and Justice Award at the **2023 National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms in Washington D.C.** This award recognizes excellence in centering and supporting marginalized and underserved communities most affected by firearm injury through research.

Amanda Stevenson has received the 2023 IUSSP Early Career Award for the North America Region.

Andrea Velasquez received a grant from the **Russell Sage Foundation** for her project “Socioeconomic Integration and Assimilation of Mexican-Origin Migrants: Who Stays and Who Returns?”

## invited talks

Adrian Shin was invited to present his work **“Industry Representatives: How Deindustrialization Shapes Elite Messaging on Globalization”** at Koç University in Istanbul in December.

Leslie Root was invited to give a talk titled **“The Life Course Fertility Effect of a Contraceptive Intervention: New Evidence from Colorado”** at the University of Maryland Population Center in December.

Sara Yeatman was invited to present her research on unrealized fertility at the Penn State Population Research Institute in November.

## publications



Higher birth order is associated with altered risk of many disease states, and Robin Bernstein explores this relationship in her manuscript that was recently published in *Communications Biology* titled **“A Pregnancy And Childhood Epigenetics consortium (PACE) meta-analysis highlights potential relationships between birth order and neonatal blood DNA methylation”**. An analysis of 16 birth cohorts demonstrated systematic DNA methylation variation in 341 regions of DNA, which highlights the potential for a reflection of birth order-related epigenomic states or changing disease incidence trends as fertility rates decrease worldwide.

**Brian Cadena** studies how labor demand shocks in the United States propagate across the border with Mexico in his paper that was recently featured in the *Journal of International Economics* titled **“The International Transmission of Local Economic Shocks Through Migrant Networks.”** He and his coauthors find that a decline in U.S. employment due to the **Great Recession** (2007-2009) caused increased return migration, decreased emigration, and declined remittance receipt in Mexican locations with strong initial ties to the hardest hit U.S. migrant destinations.



**David Pyrooz** examines how the COVID-19 pandemic changed U.S. prison operations in his recently published paper **“The COVID-19 Pandemic and Operational Challenges, Impacts, and Lessons Learned: a Multi-methods Study of U.S. Prison Systems”** featured in *Health & Justice*. With his coauthors, he finds that daily operations were strained, particularly in the areas of staffing, implementing public health policy efforts, and sustaining correctional programming, and they attempted to address complex problems with limited resources.

**Stefanie Mollborn** has recently published two papers! The first, **“‘Mature Enough to Handle It?’ Gendered Parental Interventions in and Adolescents’ Reactions to Technology Use during the COVID-19 Pandemic”**, published in the *Journal of Family Issues*, investigates how teenagers react to parental regulation of technology. The second, **“Distinction through Distancing: Norm Formation and Enforcement during the COVID-19 Pandemic”**, published by *Social Science & Medicine*, studies disparities in adherence to social distancing in two higher-resource communities in the U.S.



**Daniel Simon** published a chapter of his dissertation (with advisor **Ryan Masters**) titled **“Institutional Failures as Structural Determinants of Suicide: The Opioid Epidemic and the Great Recession in the United States”** in the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. They find that women’s suicide rates from poisoning increase with prescription drug availability, and non-poisoning suicide rates among all adult Americans track strongly with worsening economic conditions coinciding with the financial crash and the Great Recession.

## mark your calendar

Two CUPC affiliates will both be presenting on Bangladesh research at the IBS Flash Talks on **Monday, January 29:**

[Tania Barham](#) will present “**Improving the Early Childhood Environment: Long-term and Intergenerational Effects on Human Capital and Economic Outcomes,**” a paper in which she finds that early childhood health interventions in Bangladesh reduce inequality across generations.

[Amanda Carrico](#) will present “**Family Well-being in the Context of Environmental Migration**” and will share findings from Bangladesh about the relationship between climate stress and mobility, with special attention to the impacts of climate migration on family well-being.

The flash talks will occur at **12pm** in **IBS 155** or can be attended on [Zoom](#).

**Laura Vargas** and **Bertha Bermúdez Tapia**, who is a former CUPC student affiliate and now an Assistant Professor at New Mexico State University, are co-hosting a free public [webinar](#), “**Firearms and Traumatic Experiences Throughout Migration: Latinx Migrant Families’ Health and Opportunities for Advocacy**”, offered by AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics) on **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 12PM-1:30PM MT**. You can register for the webinar [here](#).

## external roles



[Karen Bailey](#) has been serving as commissioner of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Commission and has been involved in the [recent wolf introduction](#) in the state. In December, CPW released a total of 10 gray wolves onto state-owned public land in Summit and Grand counties, continuing the agency’s efforts to create a permanent, self-sustaining gray wolf population in Colorado.