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### Academic Positions

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Fall 2015- Assistant Professor of Sociology and Spatial Sciences, University of Southern California  
2014–2015 Postdoctoral Fellow (NICHD), Population Studies Center, University of Michigan

### Education

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PhD (2014) Sociology and Demography, Penn State University  
MA Sociology and Demography, Penn State University  
BS Sociology and Political Science, Virginia Tech, Phi Beta Kappa (*summa cum laude*)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

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Smith-Greenaway, Emily and Shelley Clark. 2018. Women's Marriage Behavior following a Premarital Birth in Sub Saharan Africa. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 80(1): 256-270.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily. 2017. Community Context and Child Health: A Human Capital Perspective. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 58(3): 307-321.

\*Selected for [JHSB podcasts](#)

Smith-Greenaway, Emily and Shelley Clark. 2017. Variation in the Link between Parental Divorce and Child Health Disadvantage in Low and High Divorce African Settings. *Social Science and Medicine (Population Health)*, 3: 473-486.

Axinn, William, Ghimire, Dirgha, and Emily Smith-Greenaway. 2017. Emotional Variation and Contraceptive Use to Limit Fertility. *Demography*, 54(2): 437-458.

Clark, Shelley, Koski, Alissa, and Emily Smith-Greenaway. 2017. Recent Trends in Premarital Births in sub-Saharan Africa. *Studies in Family Planning*, 48(1):3-22. [Lead Article]

\*Featured by the [International Union for the Scientific Study of Population \(IUSSP\)](#)

Smith-Greenaway, Emily and Christie Sennott. 2016. Death and Desirability: Retrospective Reporting of Unintended Pregnancy after a Child's Death. *Demography*, 53(3):805-834.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily. 2016. Premarital childbearing in sub-Saharan Africa: Can investing in women's education offset disadvantages for children?. *Social Science & Medicine (Population Health)*, 2:164-174.

Jadhav, Apoorva, Weitzman, Abigail, and Emily Smith-Greenaway. 2016. Household Sanitation Facilities and Women's Risk of Non-Partner Sexual Violence in India. *BMC Public Health*, 16(1): 1139-1149.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily. 2015. Educational Attainment and Adult Literacy: A Descriptive Account of 31 sub-Saharan African countries. *Demographic Research*, 33:1015-1034.

Ghimire, Dirgha, Axinn, William, and Emily Smith-Greenaway. 2015. Impact of the Spread of Mass Education on Married Women's Experience with Domestic Violence. *Social Science Research*, 54: 319-333.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily and Sangeetha Madhavan. 2015. Maternal Migration and Child Health: An Analysis of Disruption

and Adaptation Processes in Benin. *Social Science Research*, 54: 146-158.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily. 2015. Are Literacy Skills Associated with Young Adults' Health in Africa? Evidence from Malawi. *Social Science & Medicine*, 127: 124-133.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily and Kevin Thomas. 2014. Exploring Child Mortality Risks Associated with Diverse Patterns of Maternal Migration. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 33(6): 873-895.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily and Jenny Trinitapoli. 2014. Polygynous Contexts, Family Structure, and Infant Mortality in sub-Saharan Africa. *Demography*, 51(2):341-366. [Lead Article]

Smith-Greenaway, Emily. 2013. Mothers' Reading Skills and Child Survival in Nigeria: Examining the Relevance of Mothers' Decision-making Power. *Social Science & Medicine*, 97:152-160.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily. 2013. Maternal Reading Skills and Child Mortality in Nigeria: A Reassessment of Why Education Matters. *Demography*, 50(5):1551-1561.

\*Featured by [Population Reference Bureau](#)

Smith-Greenaway, Emily and Jessica Heckert. 2013. Does the Orphan Disadvantage "Spill Over"? An analysis of whether living in an area with a higher concentration of orphans is associated with children's school enrollment in sub-Saharan Africa. *Demographic Research* 28(40): 1167-1198.

Smith-Greenaway, Emily, Leon, Juan, and David Baker. 2012. Understanding the Association between Maternal Education & Use of Health Services in Ghana: Exploring the Role of Health Knowledge. *Journal of Biosocial Science*, 1(1): 1-15.

Baker, David, Leon, Juan, Smith-Greenaway, Emily, Collins, John, and Marcela Movit. 2011. The Underappreciated Education Effect on Population Health: A Reassessment. *Population and Development Review*, 37(2): 307-332.

## **Funding**

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Principal Investigator, "Unrealized Expectations and Poor Mental Health: Exploring Pathways", Facebook, \$41,193.

Principal Investigator, "Investigating Unintended Fertility in sub-Saharan Africa", University of Southern California Provost's Undergraduate Research Associates Program, 2017, \$2,100.

Principal Investigator, "Unintended Fertility in sub-Saharan Africa: Refining Measurement and Understanding of its Prevalence and Consequences for Children", Zumberge Fund Individual Grant Program, University of Southern California, 2016, \$27,507.

Principal Investigator, "School Expansion and Health", University of Michigan Population Studies Center, 2015, \$10,000.

Investigator, "School Expansion and Reproductive Health", University of Michigan Population Studies Center, 2015, \$7,500 (William Axinn, PI).

Dissertation Fellow, American Association of University Women, 2013, \$20,000.

Dissertation Fellow, Penn State College of the Liberal Arts, 2013, \$3,000.

Investigator, "Sustainable Improvement of Drinking water and Sanitation in an African Slum." (w. Roland Cusick, Marta Hatzell, and Michael Parks). SISCA Graduate Student Research Challenge, Penn State, 2012, \$10,000.

Principal Investigator, "Schooling, Literacy, and Health in Africa: Evidence from Malawi", Penn State Department of Sociology, 2011, \$3,200.

Principal Investigator, "Schooling Literacy, and Health in Africa: Evidence from Malawi". Penn State Africana Research Center, 2011, \$2,000.

Predoctoral Trainee, National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (awarded by the Population Research Institute, Penn State), 2010-2012, \$42,000.

## **Honors and Awards**

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- RAND Summer Institute (2015), Sponsored by the University of Michigan MicDA
- ASA Population Section Best Graduate Student Paper (2014)
- Population Association of America Poster Award (2014)
- Penn State's W. LaMarr Kopp International Achievement Graduate Student Award (2012)
- Penn State Dept. of Sociology Best Graduate Student Paper (2010)
- Phi Beta Kappa (2007)
- Virginia Tech's Women's Scholar Award (2007)
- ACC International Scholarship Award (2006)

## **Presentations (\*Invited)**

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A New Look at Sex Composition and Marital Outcomes (w. Abigail Weitzman).

- Population Association of America, Denver, Colorado, April 2018

Failed Expectations: How Cultural Models Influence Young Adults' Resilience (w. Sara Yeatman).

- \*Population Research Center, University of Chicago, Illinois, April 2017
- Psychosocial Workshop, Chicago, Illinois, April 2017

Women's Marriage Behavior following a Premarital Birth in Sub Saharan Africa (w. Shelley Clark).

- Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington, August 2016
- Population Association of America, Washington, DC, April 2016

Death and Desirability: Retrospective Reporting of Pregnancy Intention after a Child's Death (w. Christie Sennott).

- Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, August, 2015
- \*California Center for Population Research, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, January 2016
- \*Invited Presentation at the Center for Demographic and Social Analysis, UC-Irvine, California, January 2016

Variation in the Link between Parental Divorce and Child Health in Low & High Divorce African Settings (w. Shelley Clark).

- Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, California, May, 2015.

Community Context and Child Health: A Human Capital Perspective.

- Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston, Massachusetts, May, 2014.

Do Literacy Skills Influence Young Adults' Health in Rural Africa? Evidence from Malawi.

- Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, Louisiana, May, 2013.

Polygynous Contexts, Family Structure, and Infant Mortality in sub-Saharan Africa (w. Jenny Trinitapoli).

- \*International Perspectives on Family Structures and Child Well-being Conference, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, November, 2012.
- Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, August, 2011.

Does the Orphan Disadvantage "Spill Over"? An analysis of whether living in an area with a higher concentration of orphans is associated with children's school enrollment in sub-Saharan Africa (w. Jessica Heckert).

- Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco, California, May, 2012.
- Union for African Population Studies, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, December, 2011.

Maternal Migration and Child Mortality in Haiti: Analyzing how the Timing & Pattern of Migration (w. Kevin Thomas).

- Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, August, 2011.

Maternal Reading Ability and Child Mortality in Nigeria: A Reassessment of why Education Matters.

- Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Dallas, Texas, April, 2010.

Understanding the Association between Maternal Education and Use of Health Services in Ghana: Exploring the Role of Health Knowledge (w. Juan Leon and David Baker).

- Comparative International Education Society, Chicago, Illinois, March, 2010.

## Coverage of Research

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--Population Reference Bureau "Mother's Reading Skills Linked to Improved Child Survival and Student Achievement"  
[www.prb.org/Publications/Articles/2013/mothers-reading-skills.aspx](http://www.prb.org/Publications/Articles/2013/mothers-reading-skills.aspx)

--The Conversation "More African children are going to school – but is quantity a distraction from quality?"

<https://theconversation.com/more-african-children-are-going-to-school-but-is-quantity-a-distraction-from-quality-42594>

Featured by the World Economic Forum:

<https://agenda.weforum.org/2015/06/why-africa-should-focus-on-quality-in-education/>

Featured by Ignite Africa:

<http://igniteafrica.tv/why-africa-should-focus-on-quality-in-education/>

--Interviewed by NZZ (Leading newspaper in Switzerland) about polygyny for article published on 15 November 2015.

--Interviewed by OZY Magazine (partnered with NPR, USA Today and Facebook) about gender-based educational inequality in Lesotho.

## Teaching

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### University of Southern California

Gen Ed Seminar: Quantitative Reasoning - Population and Social Change (Fall 15, 16; Spring 17, 18)

SOCI 656: Social Demography (Graduate) (Fall 15; Spring 18)

SOCI 590: Directed Research (Spring 16)

SOCI 335: Society and Population (Fall 16)

SOCI 625: Demographic Techniques (Spring 17)

## Intramural and Professional Service

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### Discipline

2018	PAA Annual Meeting, Discussant (Child Health and Mortality), Denver, Colorado
2017	PAA Annual Meeting, Discussant (Family Diversity and Child Wellbeing), Chicago, Illinois
2017	PAA Annual Meeting, Organizer (Child Health and Mortality), Chicago, Illinois
2016-	<b>Editorial Board Member</b> , <i>Journal of Marriage and Family</i>
2016-	<b>Editorial Board Member</b> , <i>Demography</i>
2016	PAA Annual Meeting, Discussant (Women's Status and Child Education, Health and Well-Being), Washington, DC
2015	PAA Annual Meeting, Organizer and Chair (Cross National Perspectives on Economic Circumstances and Children's Outcomes), San Diego, California
	PAA Annual Meeting, Discussant (Sex Preferences and Sex Composition Effects on Fertility Intentions), San Diego, California
2014-15	PAA Annual Meeting, Program Committee

Occasional reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *BMJ (British Medical Journal)*, *Demographic Research*, *Demography*, *Population and Development Review*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Population Studies*, *Social Forces*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Social Science Research*, *Studies in Family Planning*, and others.

### University of Southern California

Zumberge Research Fellowship Proposal Reviewer, 2017

Sociology Department Colloquium Committee, 2015-

**University of Michigan**

Population Studies Center Brown Bag Speaker Series Committee, 2014-2015

**Penn State University**

Vice-Provost for Global Programs W. LaMarr Kopp Awards Committee, 2012-2013

Population Research Institute's Methodology Workshop Committee (Co-chair 2010), 2009-2014

Department of Sociology's Graduate Recruitment Committee (Co-chair 2009), 2009-2014

International Education Student Association (Officer 2009), 2009-2012

Department of Sociology's Diversity Committee, 2008-2009

**Professional Memberships**

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Population Association of America (PAA)

Union for African Population Studies (UAPS)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)