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EDUCATION

2013 **Duke University**, Ph.D. Sociology
2008 **Duke University**, M.A. Sociology
2006 **University of Central Florida**, B.A. Sociology and Anthropology

EMPLOYMENT

2019-Current **Louisiana State University**, Associate Professor of Sociology
2013-2019 **Louisiana State University**, Assistant Professor of Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles: 23 Total

- Forthcoming. Rackin, Heather and Gibson-Davis, Christina. "Familial Deaths and First Birth Timing." *Population and Development Review*.
- Forthcoming. Rackin, Heather, Gemmill, Alison, and Hartnet, Caroline Sten. "Environmental Attitudes and Fertility Desires among U.S. Adolescents from 2005-2019 [Brief Report]." *Journal of Marriage and Family*.
- Forthcoming. Williams, Courtney*, Berkowitz, Dana, and Rackin, Heather. "Exploring the Experiences of Pregnant Women in the U.S. During the First Year of the Covid-19 Pandemic." *Journal of Social Issues*.
2021. Stroope, Samuel, Rackin, Heather, and Froese, Paul. "Christian Nationalism and Views of Immigrants in the United States: Is the Relationship Stronger for the Religiously Inactive?" *Socius*. 7.
2021. Stroope, Samuel, Froese, Paul, Rackin, Heather, and Delehanty, Jack. "Unchurched Christian Nationalism and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election." *Sociological Forum*. 36(2): 405-425.
2021. Weil, Frederick, Barton, Michael, Rackin, Heather, Valasik, Matthew, and Maddox, David. "Collective Resources and Violent Crime Reconsidered: New Orleans before and after Hurricane Katrina." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 36(13-14): NP7045-NP7069.
2020. Barton, Michael, Weil, Frederick, Valasik, Matthew, Rackin, Heather, and Coto, Lynnette*. "What was Washed Away and What Was Not: An Assessment of the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Index Crimes." *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 43(5), 640-658.

2018. Rackin, Heather, and Gibson-Davis, Christina. "Social Class Divergence in Family Transitions: The Importance of Cohabitation." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. Vol. 80 (5), pp. 1271-1286.
2018. Rackin, Heather and Morgan, Philip S. "Prospective Versus Retrospective Measurement of Unwanted Fertility." *Demographic Research*. Vol. 39 (3), pp. 61-94.
—invited news piece: August 22, 2018. "[How Many Babies in the US are Wanted? Why it's so Hard to Count Unintended Pregnancy.](#)" The Conversation.
2018. Stroope, Samuel, Rackin, Heather, Stroope, Jessica L., and Uecker, Jeremy E. "Breastfeeding and Maternal Religion in the United States: Results from the National Prospective Cohort Study." *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*. Vol. 52(4), pp. 319-330.
2018. Weil, Frederick, Rackin, Heather, and Maddox, David. "Social Capital and the Repopulation of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina." *Natural Hazards*. 94: 927-952.
2017. Rackin, Heather, and Gibson-Davis, Christina. "Low-income Childless Young Adults' Marriage and Fertility Frameworks." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. Vol. 79 (4), pp. 1096-1110.
2017. Rackin, Heather. "Comparing Veteran and Non-veteran Racial Disparities in Health and Well-being." *Population Research and Policy Review*. Vol. 36 (3), pp. 331-356.
2017. Shrum, Wesley, Palackal, Antony, Dzorgbo, Dan-Bright, Mbatia, Paul, Schafer, Mark, Miller, Paige, and Rackin, Heather. "Has the Internet Changed Social Relations? Friendship and Collaboration in Ghana, Kenya, and India, 1994-2010." *Science, Technology, and Human Values*. Vol. 42 (3), pp. 491-519.
2016. Rackin, Heather and Brasher, Melanie. "Is Baby a Blessing? Wantedness, Age at First Birth, and Later-life Depression." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. Vol. 78 (5), pp. 1269-1284.
2016. Rackin, Heather and Bachrach, Christine. "Assessing the Predictive Value of Fertility Expectations through a Social-cognitive Model." *Population Research and Policy Review*. Vol. 35 (4), pp. 527-551.
2016. Shrum, Wesley, Palackal, Antony, Dzorgbo, Dan-Bright, Mbatia, Paul, Schafer, Mark, Miller, Paige, and Rackin, Heather. "Network Decline in the Internet Era: Evidence from Ghana, Kenya, and India, 1994-2010." *International Journal of Social Research*. Vol. 6 (4), pp. 163-171.
2015. Miller, Paige, Rackin, Heather, Shrum, Wesley, Schafer, Mark, and Palackal, Antony. "Perceptions of the Research Climate in Universities and National Research Institutes: The Role of Gender and Bureaucracy in Three Low-Income Countries." *The Great Plains Sociologist*. Vol. 25.
2014. Gibson-Davis, Christina, and Rackin, Heather. "Marriage or Carriage? Trends in Union Context Birth Type by Education." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. Vol. 76 (3), pp. 506-519.
2014. Rackin, Heather, Palackal, Antony, Miller Paige, and Shrum, Wesley. "Social Structure and the

Internet: An Organizational Network Analysis of Kerala Science, 2000-2010.” *Kerala Sociologist*. Vol. 42 (2), pp. 135-152.

2012. Rackin, Heather, and Gibson-Davis, Christina. 2012. “The Role of Pre- and Postconception Relationships for First-Time Parents.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*. Vol. 74 (3), pp. 526-539.
2010. Morgan, Philip S., and Rackin, Heather. “The Correspondence of U.S. Fertility Intentions and Behavior.” *Population and Development Review*. Vol. 36 (1), pp. 91-118.
2010. Morgan, Philip S., and Rackin, Heather. 2010. “A Half Century of Fertility Change.” *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*. Vol. 41 (4), pp. 515-535.

Manuscripts in Progress

Rackin, Heather, and Gibson-Davis, Christina, and Williams, Courtney*. "Polarized Partisan Baby Bust? Effect of Trump Vote Share on Changes in Fertility in Florida during and before the Covid-19 Pandemic." Submitted to PDR, rejected; currently under review at Demography. Draft available.

Rackin, Heather, and Gibson-Davis, Christina. Bankruptcy and Children’s Outcomes. Draft in progress.

McDonald, Maretta*, Rackin, Heather, and Davis, Ifeyinwa*. “Dad! Are you ok?: The Impact of Child Support Enforcement Anxiety on Paternal Depression.” Analysis underway.

Rackin, Heather, and Hughes, Dustin*. “Like Mother, like Daughter: The Intergenerational Transmission of Unintended Fertility.” Analysis underway.

Hughes, Dustin*, and Rackin, Heather. “Sharing Parental Religion and Fertility Timing.” Draft in progress.

Rackin, Heather. “Why Does Money Matter for Marriage? Mechanisms Underlying the ‘Economic Bar’ of Marriage.” Analysis underway.

Rackin, Heather. “Priming and Fertility Intention Reports.” Analysis underway.

Weil, Frederick, Barton, Michael, Rackin, Heather, Valasik, Matthew, and Maddox, David. “Community as a Life Preserver: Examining Hurricane Katrina’s Impact on the Relationship between Serious Crimes and Social Capital in the Crescent City, 2000-2015.” Draft available.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2022	R03 Grant , NIH-NICHD, Applied
2021	Manship Grant , LSU Office of Research & Economic Development, Received
2017	CAREER Grant , NSF, Applied
2017	Young Scholars Grant , William T. Grant Foundation, Applied
2017	Manship Grant , LSU Office of Research & Economic Development, Received

- 2017 **Presidential Grant**, Russell Sage Foundation: Social Inequality Program, Applied
- 2016 **Young Scholars Grant**, William T. Grant Foundation, Applied
- 2016 **Project Grant**, Russell Sage Foundation: Social Inequality Program, Applied
- 2015 **Manship Grant**, LSU Office of Research & Economic Development, Short Listed.
- 2015 **Student Excellence Fee Grant**. Funded Supplemental Instruction for Statistics, Received
- 2014 **Summer Stipend Program**, LSU Office of Research & Economic Development, Received
- 2012 **PARISS Fellowship**, Duke University Social Science Research Institute
- 2012 **Graduate Summer Research Fellowship**, Duke University
- 2011-2013 **Fertility Intentions Over the Life Course**, NIH R03, P.I. S. Philip Morgan.
- 2010-2011 **The Vorsanger-Smith Scholar Award**, Duke University Sociology Department
- 2009-2010 **Sulzberger Family and Dan Levitan Social Policy Graduate Research Fellowship**, Duke University
- 2006-2009 **Graduate School Conference Travel Fellowship**, Duke University
- 2006-2008 **University Tuition Fellowship**, Duke University
- 2006-2007 **Graduate Award Fellowship**, Graduate School, Duke University

INVITED TALKS

Rackin, Heather. “Why it’s so Hard to Count Unintended Pregnancy.” Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Delta at Louisiana State University. September 6, 2018.

Rackin, Heather. “Networks of Notions: Measuring Meanings from In-depth Interviews Using Network Text Analysis.” Maryland Population Research Center. April 16, 2014.

Rackin, Heather. “Using Network Methodology on Interview Text.” Demography Daze at Carolina Population Center. June 13, 2013.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Rackin, Heather, and Gibson-Davis, Christina. “Trump Voting and Fertility Change during the Pandemic in Florida.” Population Association of America. April, 2022.

Rackin, Heather, and Gibson-Davis, Christina. “Familial Death and First Birth Timing.” Population Association of America. April, 2021.

Rackin, Heather. “Priming and Fertility Intentions.” Population Association of America. 2020. Cancelled due to COVID-19.

Rackin, Heather, and Gibson-Davis, Christina. “Early-life and Recent Mortality and Fertility Timing.” American Sociological Association. August 11, 2019.

McDonald, Maretta*, Rackin, Heather, and Davis, Ifeyinwa*. "Dad! Are you ok?: The Impact of Child Support Enforcement Anxiety on Paternal Depression." Population Association of America. April 2, 2019.

Rackin, Heather, and Gibson-Davis, Christina. "Diverging Trends in Family Instability by Socioeconomic Status." American Sociological Association. August 11, 2018.

Rackin, Heather, and Gibson-Davis, Christina. "The Kids are All Right: Trends in Family Instability." Population Association of America. April 2, 2016.

Marshall, Emily, Bachrach, Christina, Rackin, Heather, and Shepherd, Hana. "Representations, Associations, and Behavior." Population Association of America. April 30, 2015.

Rackin, Heather, and Weil, Frederick. "Social Capital and the Repopulation of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina." Population Association of America. April 30, 2015.

Rackin, Heather, Bachrach, Christina, and Morgan, Philip S. "When do Fertility Expectations Predict Fertility?." Population Association of America. May 1, 2014.

Rackin, Heather. "Using New Methods with Qualitative Data." Population Association of America. May 1, 2014.

Rackin, Heather, Bachrach, Christina, and Morgan, Philip S. "When do Fertility Expectations Predict Fertility?." Population Association of America. May 1, 2014.

Rackin, Heather. "Social Structure and the Internet: An Organizational Network Analysis of Kerala Science, 2000-2010." International Sunbelt Social Network Conference. February 19, 2014.

Rackin, Heather. "Ties that Bind: The Strong Ties Between Marriage and Fertility." Population Association of America. May 3, 2012.

Rackin, Heather. "Using Network Text Analysis with Qualitative Data." International Sunbelt Social Network Conference. March 14, 2012.

Rackin, Heather, and Gibson-Davis, Christina. "Changes in Union Formation from 1980-2008." American Sociological Association. August 20, 2011.

Rackin, Heather. "Mapping Schemas with Qualitative Data." International Sunbelt Social Network Conference. February 13, 2011.

Rackin, Heather and Gibson-Davis, Christina. "In Search of a New Family Form: The Distribution and Duration of Shotgun Cohabitation." American Sociological Association. August 14, 2010.

Rackin, Heather and Morgan, Philip S. "Comparing Prospective and Retrospective Measures of Unwanted Fertility." Population Association of America. April 15, 2010.

Rackin, Heather and Sereny, Melanie. "A Baby is Always a Blessing? The Effects of Unintended Childbearing on Health throughout the Life Course." Population Association of America. April 15, 2010.

Morgan, Philip S. and Rackin, Heather. "Revisiting "Missing the Target": Correspondence of Fertility Intentions and Behavior in the U.S." Population Association of America. April 30, 2009.

Gibson-Davis, Christina, Rackin, Heather and Geeta Swamy. "On the Home Front: Stress and Adverse Birth Outcomes for Military Families." Population Association of America. April 30, 2009.

Rackin, Heather. "Where Race Doesn't Matter: The Black-White Health Gap in the Military Context." American Sociological Association. August 2009.

Smith, Jeffrey, and Rackin, Heather. "Perceived Old Age and Network Alters." The 71st Annual Meeting of Southern Sociological Society, Richmond, Virginia. April 10, 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate

Demographic Methods (Spring 2022)
Fertility (Spring 2020)
Family (Spring 2018)
Fundamentals of Statistics (Fall 2013-2020)
Social Networks (Fall 2015)
Proseminar in Sociology (Fall 2014)

Undergraduate

Introduction to Statistical Analysis (Spring 2014- 2015, Fall 2015-2020)
The Family (Spring 2015-2016)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Discussant for the Union Formation Session at the 2018 Population Association of America

Session Organizer for Fertility Intentions: Causes and Consequences at the 2018 Population Association of America

Editorial Board Member for Journal of Marriage and Family

Reviewer for Journal of Marriage and Family, Social Forces, American Sociological Review, Demography, Demographic Research, Socius, and Journal of Social Structure

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2021-present Institutional Effectiveness Council
2019-present Graduate Student Association Faculty Advisor
2019-present Graduate Committee

2015-present	Center for Academic Success Faculty Partner
2014-present	Dean's Representative on Dissertation Defense Committees
2018-2019	Rolland Pellegrin Outstanding Student Awards Selection Committee
2018	Dissertation Fellowship Nomination Committee
2015-present	Center for Academic Success Faculty Partner
2016-2017	Undergraduate Committee
2015-2016	Graduate Committee
2014-2015	Faculty Search Committee
2013-2014	Faculty Search Committee
2011-2013	Duke Population Research Institute (DuPRI), Sociology Coordinator
2008-2009	Duke Graduate Policy Committee Faculty Representative

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Society
Southern Sociological Society
Population Association of America
International Network for Social Network Analysis

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Demography, Family, Fertility, Statistics, Health Disparities, Research Methods