

# Maggie L. Thorsen

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### POSITIONS HELD

2016 – present            Assistant Professor of Sociology, Montana State University  
2015 – 2016              Research Scientist, Montana State University  
2014 – 2016              Assistant Teaching Professor of Sociology, Montana State University  
2015                        Project Manager, Human Ecology Learning and Problem Solving (HELPS) lab,  
Montana State University

### EDUCATION

Dual Ph.D. in Sociology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University (2014)  
Dissertation: “Family demographic influences on the timing and stability of first cohabiting unions”  
Committee: Valarie King (chair), Paul Amato, Alan Booth, Melissa Hardy, David Eggebeen  
Dual M.A. in Sociology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University (2011)  
Thesis: “Physical, Verbal and Relational Bullying and Psychosocial Adjustment: The Mediating  
Effect of Social Self-Concept Formation and the Moderating Effect of Parental Communication”  
Committee: Valarie King (chair), Paul Amato, Jeremy Staff  
B.A. in Sociology and Political Science (Cum Laude)  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2008)

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Family; Social demography; Health; Adolescent development and the transition to adulthood;  
Sexuality and family formation behavior.

### PUBLICATIONS

Eitle, D., **Thorsen**, M.L., & Eitle, T. (forthcoming) [School Racial Composition and American Indian Substance Use](#), *The Social Science Journal*  
**Thorsen**, M.L. (forthcoming) [A Latent Class Analysis of Behavioral and Psychosocial Dimensions of Adolescent Sexuality: Exploring Race Differences](#), *Journal of Sex Research*  
**Thorsen**, M.L. (2017) [The Adolescent Family Environment and Cohabitation across the Transition to Adulthood](#), *Social Science Research*, 64:835-851.  
**Thorsen**, M.L. & Pearce-Morris, J. (2016) [Adolescent Mental Health and Dating in Young Adulthood](#), *Society and Mental Health*, 6(3):223-245.

- Thorsen, M.L. & King, V.** (2016) [My Mother's Husband: Factors Associated with How Adolescents Label their Stepfathers](#), *Journal of Personal and Social Relationships*, 33(6):835-851.
- Amato, P.R., King, V., & **Thorsen, M.L.** (2016) [Parent-Child Relationships in Stepfather Families and Adolescent Adjustment: A Latent Class Analysis](#), *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 78(2):482-497.
- King, V., Boyd, L. & **Thorsen, M.L.** (2015). [Adolescents' perceptions of family belonging in stepfamilies](#), *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 77(3):761-774
- Thorsen, M.L. & Kim, B.** (2015) [Reflecting on the Diverging Destinies of American Families: Policy approaches as we move forward](#). In Booth, A., Amato, P., McHale, S. and VanHook, J. (Eds), *Diverging Destinies: Families in the Era of Increasing Inequality* (225-237). New York: Springer.
- King, V., **Thorsen, M.L.**, & Amato, P.R. (2014) [Factors associated with positive relationships between stepfathers and adolescents](#), *Social Science Research*, 47, 16-29
- King, V., **Ledwell, M.**, & Pearce-Morris, J. (2013) [Religion and ties between adult children and their parents](#), *Journal of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, 68(5):825-836
- Ledwell, M. & King, V.** (2013). [Bullying and internalizing problems: Gender differences and the buffering role of parental communication](#), *Journal of Family Issues*, 34(5): 543-566

#### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Thorsen, M.L.** "Shifting Influences of Pregnancy on Union Formation and Stability"
- McGarvey, R., Thorsen, A., **Thorsen, M.L.**, & Reddy, R.M. "Measuring Efficiency of Community Health Centers: A Multi-Stage, Multi-model Approach"

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Eitle, D., **Thorsen, M.L.**, & Eitle, T. "School Context, Race, and Risky Sexual Behaviors"
- Eitle, D., & **Thorsen, M.L.** "General Strain Theory, Military Service, and Criminal Behavior"
- Thorsen, M.L.**, Thorsen, A., Reddy, R.M., & McGarvey, R. "Addressing Health Disparities at U.S. Community Health Centers: A Focus on Pregnancy-Related Outcomes"
- Thorsen, M.L. & Eitle, D.** "Racial Variation in the Association between Substance Use and Depressive Symptoms among Young Adults"

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Thorsen, A., McGarvey, R., Reddy, R.M., & **Thorsen, M.L.** "Multi-Criteria Evaluation of Systematic Issues at US Health Centers", Accepted paper presentation, Institute of Industrial & Systems Engineers. May 2017. Pittsburgh, PA.
- Pearce-Morris, J. & **Thorsen, M.L.** "Adolescent Mental Health and Dating in Young Adulthood", Accepted paper presentation, National Council on Family Relations. November 2016. Minneapolis, MN.
- Thorsen, M.L. & Eitle, D.** "School Context, Race, and Risky Sexual Behaviors", Accepted paper presentation, European Conference on Social and Behavioral Sciences. February 2016. Paris, France.

- Thorsen, M.L.** "The Adolescent Family Environment and Cohabitation across the Transition to Adulthood", Accepted paper presentation, Population Association of America. May 2015. San Diego, CA.
- Thorsen, M.L., & Amato, P.R.** "Parent-Child Relationships in Stepfather Families and Adolescent Adjustment: A Latent Class Analysis", Accepted paper presentation, Population Association of America. May 2015. San Diego, CA.
- Thorsen, M.L. & King, V.** "My Mother's Husband: Factors Associated with how Adolescents Label their Stepfathers" Accepted paper presentation, Population Association of America. May 2014. Boston, MA.
- King, V., Boyd, L., & **Thorsen, M.L.** "Adolescents' Perceptions of Family Belonging in Stepfamilies" Accepted paper presentation, Population Association of America. May 2014. Boston, MA
- King, V., **Ledwell, M., & Amato, P.R.** "Factors Associated with Positive Relationships between Stepfathers and Adolescents" Accepted paper presentation, American Sociological Association. August 2013. New York, NY
- Ledwell, M.** "Factors Influencing the Context of Non-Marital Childbearing" Poster session, Population Association of America. April 2013. New Orleans, LA
- Ledwell, M. & King, V.** "Gender Differences in the Impact of Experiencing Bullying: Who's Worse Off?" Poster session, Population Association of America. May 2012. San Francisco, CA.
- Ledwell, M.** "Bullying in Adolescence and Psychosocial Adjustment: the Buffering Effect of Parental Communication" Poster session, Society for Research on Adolescence. March 2012. Vancouver, BC Canada.
- King, V., **Ledwell, M. & Pearce-Morris J.** "The Influence of Religion on Ties between Adult Children and their Parents" Poster session, Population Association of America. March 2011. Washington, DC.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| 2017-2018 | Center for American Indian and Rural Health Equity (CAIRHE) pilot project grant (with Andreas Thorsen), Montana State University;<br><i>Multi-Criteria Evaluation of Efficiency, Access, and Outcomes at Health Centers</i> (\$73,215)  |
| 2017-2018 | Scholarship and Creativity Grant for the Advancement of Arts, Humanities, and Social Science, Montana State University Office of the Vice President for Research;<br><i>Addressing Health Disparities at U.S. Community Health Centers: A Focus on Pregnancy-Related Outcomes</i> (\$8,100) |
| 2011-2013 | The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Family Demography Training Grant Predoctoral Fellow (Travel, Tuition, Stipend)  |
| 2012      | Graduate Summer Supplement Award, Center for Life Course and Longitudinal Studies, Pennsylvania State University (declined)   |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2016      Research Scientist  
*American Indians, Substance Use, and HIV Risk Behaviors: Secondary Data Analysis of the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health*  
Co-PIs: Dr. David Eitle and Dr. Tamela Eitle  
Funding: National Institute on Drug Abuse
- 2015              Project Manager  
Human Ecology Learning and Problem Solving (HELPS) Lab  
Director: Dr. Eric Raile  
Funding Sources: Office of the VP for Research and Economic Development, Montana State University; National Institutes of Health (Montana INBRE)
- 2013-2014      Graduate Research Assistant  
*Relationships with Stepfathers & Child Well-being*  
Co-PIs: Dr. Valarie King and Dr. Paul Amato  
Funding: National Science Foundation
- 2011-2013      Graduate Researcher  
The Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD Family Demography Predoctoral Traineeship  
Dr. Valarie King, Advisor
- 2009-2011      Graduate Research Assistant  
Dr. Valarie King, Advisor

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Montana State University

- Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101)
- Social Problems (SOC 201)
- Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence (SOC 307)
- Sociology of Human Sexuality (SOC 434)
- Senior Thesis Capstone (SOC 499)

### The Pennsylvania State University

- Population and Policy Issues (SOC 023)
- Sociology of the Family (SOC 030)

## SERVICE

- Department of Sociology Assessment Committee (2016-present), Montana State University
- Academic advisor (2014-present), Montana State University
- Ad-hoc Reviewer (2012 – present)

*Emerging Adulthood, Journal for Research on Adolescence, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journal of Personal and Social Relationships, Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Social Science Research*

Grant-writer/intern at the Centre County Youth Service Bureau (2012), State College PA

Faculty Recruitment Committee (2013), Penn State

Undergraduate Committee member (2011-2012), Penn State

Population Research Institute Summer Methods Workshop Committee member (2011- 2012), Penn State

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association

Population Association of America

National Council on Family Relations

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