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Curriculum Vitae

Montana State University
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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; Adolescent Development and the Transition to Adulthood; Parent-Child Relationships over the Life Course; Family Demography; Gender; Sexuality; Mental Health

PUBLICATIONS

Thorsen, M.L. (forthcoming) “The Adolescent Family Environment and Cohabitation across the Transition to Adulthood”, *Social Science Research*

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. & Pearce-Morris, J. (forthcoming) "Adolescent Mental Health and Dating in Young Adulthood", *Society and Mental Health*

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

Eitle, D., **Thorsen, M.L.**, & Eitle, T. "School Racial Composition and American Indian Substance Use" (*revise and resubmit*)

Thorsen, M.L. "Shifting Influences of Pregnancy on Union Formation and Stability"

Eitle, D., **Thorsen, M.L.**, & Eitle, T. "School Context, Race, and Risky Sexual Behaviors"

Gamble, E., Thorsen, A.H., & **Thorsen, M.L.** "A consequentialist ethics-based perspective on microfinance: A field experiment and resource allocation model to maximize loan reach in Uganda"

Eitle, D., & **Thorsen, M.L.** "General Strain Theory, Military Service, and Criminal Behavior"

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Thorsen, M.L. & Eitle, D. "Racial Variation in the Association between Substance Use and Depressive Symptoms among Young Adults"

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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. "A Latent Class Analysis of Behavioral and Psychosocial Dimensions of Adolescent Sexuality: Exploring Race Differences", Accepted Roundtable Paper Presentation, American Sociological Association. August 2016. Seattle, WA.

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.

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

Instructor: Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101), Montana State University

Fall 2014 (2 sections), Spring 2015 (2 sections), Fall 2015 (2 sections), Spring 2016 (2 sections)

Instructor: Senior Thesis Capstone (SOC 499), Montana State University

Spring 2015

Instructor: Population and Policy Issues (SOC 023), Penn State 2013

Instructor: Sociology of the Family (SOC 030), Penn State 2011

Teaching Assistant: Senior Capstone Seminar in Sociology (SOC 400W), Penn State 2010

GRANTS AND AWARDS

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)

SERVICE

Department of Sociology Assessment Committee (2016-present)

Academic advisor (2014-present), Montana State University, Department of Sociology and
Anthropology

Ad-hoc Reviewer (2012 – present)

*Journal for Research on Adolescence, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences; Journal of Personal &
Social Relationships, Journal of Family Issues, Social Science Research, Emerging Adulthood*

Grant-writer/intern at the Centre County Youth Service Bureau (2012)

Integrated relevant research, information on the community and program specifics into grant applications

Faculty Recruitment Committee, Penn State (2013)

Undergraduate Committee member, Penn State (2011-2012)

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

Penn State Sociology Department Community Service Committee member (2009-2014)

RESEARCH SKILLS

- Advanced Training in the following methods: OLS Regression, Logit/Tobit/Poisson/Nbreg, Structural Equation Models, Event History Models, Multi-level Models, Network Analysis
- Experience with the following statistical programs: Stata, SPSS, MPLUS, Amos, Ucinet, HLM, Microsoft Excel
- Experience managing and analyzing the following datasets: *The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (AddHealth)*, the *Health Behavior in School Aged Children (HBSC)* study, the *National Survey of Families and Households (NSFH)*, the *National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY)*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Population Association of America

National Council on Family Relations

REFERENCES:

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