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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin (Expected 2019)

Dissertation: "Precarious Employment in Midlife: Consequences for Marriage and Health"

Committee: Debra Umberson (chair), Mark Hayward, Jennifer Glass, Tetyana Pudrovska, Sarah Burgard

Portfolios: Applied Statistical Modeling; Aging and Health

M.A., Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin (2015)

Thesis: "Childhood Adversity, Daily Stress, and Marital Strain in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages"

B.A., Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin (2013)

EXTERNAL FUNDING

2018 National Science Foundation, Dissertation Research Improvement Grant

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Donnelly, Rachel, Debra Umberson, and Tetyana Pudrovska. Forthcoming. "Family Member Death, Race, and Subjective Life Expectancy." *Journal of Aging and Health*.

Behler, Rachel, **Rachel Donnelly**, and Debra Umberson. Forthcoming. "Psychological Distress Contagion in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages." *Journal of Health & Social Behavior*.

Donnelly, Rachel and Leticia Marteleto. Forthcoming. "Gender, Socioeconomic Status, and Diet Behaviors within Brazilian Families." *Socius*.

Donnelly, Rachel, Brandon A. Robinson, and Debra Umberson. Forthcoming. "Can Spouses Buffer the Impact of Discrimination on Depressive Symptoms? An Examination of Same-sex and Different-sex Marriages." *Society and Mental Health*. Online First. doi: 10.1177/2156869318800157

Umberson, Debra, **Rachel Donnelly**, and Amanda Pollitt. 2018. "Marriage, Social Control, and Health Behavior: A Dyadic Analysis of Same-Sex and Different-Sex Couples." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 59(3):429-446.

Holway, Giuseppina Valle, Debra Umberson, and **Rachel Donnelly**. 2018. "Health and Health Behavior Concordance between Spouses in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages." *Social Currents* 5(4): 319-327

Donnelly, Rachel, Debra Umberson, and Rhiannon A. Kroeger. 2018. "Childhood Adversity, Daily Stress, and Marital Strain in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages." *Journal of Family Issues* 39(7): 2085-2106.

Thomeer, Mieke Beth, **Rachel Donnelly**, Corinne Reczek, and Debra Umberson. 2017. "Planning for Future Care and the End of Life: A Qualitative Analysis of Gay, Lesbian, and Heterosexual Couples." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 58(4): 473-487.

Umberson, Debra, Julie Skalamera Olson, Robert Crosnoe, Hui Liu, Tetyana Pudrovska, and **Rachel Donnelly**. 2017. "Death of Family Members as an Overlooked Source of Racial Disadvantage in the United States." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 114(5):915-920.

Umberson, Debra, Mieke Beth Thomeer, Rhiannon A. Kroeger, Corinne Reczek, and **Rachel Donnelly**. 2017. "Instrumental- and Emotion-Focused Care Work During Physical Health Events: Comparing Gay, Lesbian, and Heterosexual Marriages." *The Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 72(3): 498-509

Umberson, Debra, Mieke Beth Thomeer, Corinne Reczek, and **Rachel Donnelly**. 2016. "Physical Illness in Gay, Lesbian, and Heterosexual Marriages: Gendered Dyadic Experiences." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 57(4): 517-531.

Donnelly, Rachel and Andrew Springer. 2015. "Parental Social Support, Ethnicity, and Energy Balance-Related Behaviors in Ethnically Diverse, Low Income, Urban Elementary Schoolchildren." *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior* 47(1): 10-18.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Donnelly, Rachel, Corinne Reczek, and Debra Umberson. 2018. "What We Know (And Don't Know) About the Bereavement Experiences of Same-Sex Spouses." *LGBTQ Divorce and Relationship Dissolution: Psychological and Legal Perspectives and Implications for Practice*. A.E. Goldberg and A. Romero (Eds). Oxford University Press.

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

Donnelly, Rachel. "Explaining Increasing Pain and Disability among Midlife U.S. Adults in the 21st Century: The Role of Precarious Work."

Donnelly, Rachel. "Precarious Employment and Pain in Midlife."

Garcia, Michael A., **Rachel Donnelly**, and Debra Umberson. "Reactivity to Daily Stress in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages."

Marteleto, Leticia, Luiz Gama, Molly Dondero, Jennifer Van Hook, and **Rachel Donnelly**. "Intersections of Adolescent Well-being: School, Work, and Weight Status." *Under Review*.

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2018 Norval Glenn Paper Award Honorable Mention, University of Texas at Austin
2018 College of Liberal Arts Summer Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
2018 Travel Grant, UT Austin Division of Diversity and Community Engagement
2017, 2018 Sociology Excellence Award, University of Texas at Austin
2017 Travel Grant, UT Austin Graduate Student Assembly
2017 U.S. Policy Communication Fellow, Population Reference Bureau
2016, 2017 Travel Grant, National Bureau of Economic Research Cohort Studies Meeting
2016 Distinction on Comprehensive Exams in Demography, UT Austin
2015, 2016 NICHD Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award; Predoctoral
Research Traineeship, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

PRESENTATIONS

Donnelly, Rachel. “How Precarious Employment in Midlife Shapes Health.” Presented at the annual conference of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.

Donnelly, Rachel. Precarious Employment Contributes to Poor Health Among Midlife Workers in the U.S. Presented at the International Conference on Social Stress Research. Athens, Greece, June 2018.

Donnelly, Rachel. “Poor Health Among Midlife Adults: The Role of Precarious Employment.” Presented at the annual conference of the Population Association of America. Denver, CO, April 2018.

Donnelly, Rachel, Brandon Robinson, and Debra Umberson. “Can Spouses Buffer the Impact of Discrimination on Depressive Symptoms? A Comparison of Same-sex and Different-sex Marriages.” Presented at the annual conference of the Population Association of America. Denver, CO, April 2018.

Behler, Rachel, **Rachel Donnelly,** and Debra Umberson. “Psychological Distress Contagion in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages.” Presented at the annual conference of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada, August 2017.

Donnelly, Rachel, Debra Umberson, and Tetyana Pudrovska. “Race Differences in Family Death Exposures and Subjective Life Expectancy.” Presented at the annual conference of the Population Association of America. Chicago, IL, April 2017.

Donnelly, Rachel and Gracia Sierra. “The Spillover, Crossover, and Lagged Effects of Stress on Sleep in Married Couples.” Presented at the annual conference of the American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA, August 2016.

Umberson, Debra, Corinne Reczek, Rhiannon Kroeger, **Rachel Donnelly,** and Brandon Robinson. “Stress and the Provision of Social Support in Gay, Lesbian, and Heterosexual Marriages.” Presented at the International Sociological Association. Vienna, Austria, July 2016.

Donnelly, Rachel and Debra Umberson. "Life Course Stressors and Marital Strain in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages." Presented at the annual conference of the Population Association of America. Washington, D.C., April 2016

Donnelly, Rachel and Leticia Marteleto. "Intergenerational Transmission of Dietary Patterns within Families: A Gender Perspective." Presented at the annual conference of the Population Association of America. Washington, D.C., March 2016

Donnelly, Rachel and Debra Umberson. "Childhood Adversity, Daily Stress, and Marital Strain in Same-Sex and Different-Sex Marriages." Presented at the Council on Contemporary Families Conference Flash Session. Austin, TX, March 2016.

Umberson, Debra, Rhiannon Kroger, Corinne Reczek, and **Rachel Donnelly**. "Marriage, Social Control, and Health Behavior: Same-Sex and Different-Sex Unions." Presented at the Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies Annual Conference. Dublin, Ireland, October 2015.

Donnelly, Rachel. "Intergenerational Changes and Health: The Effect of Downward Educational Mobility." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, August 2015.

Donnelly, Rachel. "Are the Health Returns to Education Changing? An Examination of Education and Self-Rated Health in 1972 and 2011." Presented at the annual conference of the Population Association of America. San Diego, CA, April 2015.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017-present **Graduate Research Assistant**
Dr. Jennifer Glass, University of Texas at Austin
Funding: Council on Contemporary Families
- 2014-present **Graduate Research Assistant**
Dr. Debra Umberson, University of Texas at Austin
Funding: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; National Institute on Aging
- 2012-2015 **Data Collector:** TX Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration Project
Dr. Deanna Hoelscher, Dell Center for Healthy Living, University of Texas
School of Public Health-Austin Regional Campus
Funding: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Invited Guest Lecturer; University of Texas at Austin
Introduction to Sociology of Health & Well-Being (Instructor: Emily Paine)
- 2018 Teaching Assistant; University of Texas at Austin
Mental Health in Social Contexts (Instructor: Tetyana Pudrovska)
- 2017 Invited Guest Lecturer; University of Texas at Austin
Longitudinal Data Analysis (Instructor: Dan Powers)
- 2014 Teaching Assistant; University of Texas at Austin
Introduction to the Study of Society (Instructor: Kelly Fulton)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2018 Session Discussant, Population Association of America, “Same-Sex Unions & Family Life”
- 2017 Session Presider, American Sociological Association, “Mortality and Morbidity”
- 2017 Session Presider, Population Association of America, “Sexual Identity, Health Behavior, and Well-being”
- 2015 Graduate Student Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) at The University of Texas at Austin.

AD-HOC REVIEWER

Journal of Health and Social Behavior
Society and Mental Health
Preventing Chronic Disease

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2014-present American Sociological Association
 Sections: Aging and the Life Course; Family; Medical Sociology
- 2014-present Population Association of America