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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC	2003
M.A., Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC	2001
B.A., Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD	1992

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas	2019-present
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas	2011-2019
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas	2006 -2011
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Women's and Gender Studies	2006-present
Faculty Research Associate, Population Research Center	2003-present
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Human Ecology & Population Research Center	2003 - 2006

**PUBLICATIONS****Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (including In Press)***(student coauthors in italic)*

- Johnston, C. A., Cavanagh, S. E., & Crosnoe, R. (2020). Family structure patterns from childhood through adolescence and the timing of cohabitation among diverse groups of young adult women and men. *Developmental Psychology*, 56(1), 165–179. 10.1037/dev0000842
- Johnston, C., Cavanagh, S. & Crosnoe, R. (2019). Family structure patterns from childhood through adolescence and the timing of cohabitation among diverse groups of young adult women and men. *Developmental Psychology*, 56, 165–179. 10.1037/dev0000842.
- Raley, R.K., Weiss, I., Reynolds, R., & Cavanagh, S. (2019). Estimating children's household instability between birth and age 16 using longitudinal household roster data. *Demography*. 10.1007/s13524-019-00806-1
- Cavanagh, S., & Fomby, P. (2019). Family instability in the lives of American children. *Annual Review of Sociology*. 45:493-513. 10.1146/annurev-soc-073018-022633
- Crosnoe, R., Stritzel, H., Smith, C., & Cavanagh, S. (2018). Mothers' partnerships, men in the home, and adolescents' secondary exposure to violence. *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 80(4), 934-950.
- Cavanagh, S., Crosnoe, R., Smith, C., & Stritzel, H. (2017). Family instability and exposure to violence in the early life course. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*. 28(2), 456-472.
- Smith, C., Crosnoe, R., & Cavanagh, S. (2017). Family instability and children's health. *Family Relations*, 66(4), 601-682.

- Ressler, R., Smith, C., Cavanagh, S., & Crosnoe, R. (2017). Mother's union statuses and their involvement in young children's schooling. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 79(1), 94-109.
- Marteleto, L., Cavanagh, S., Prickett, K., & Clark, S. (2016). Instability in parent-child coresidence and adolescent development in urban South Africa. *Studies in Family Planning*, 47(1), 19-38.
- Kreager, D., Cavanagh, S., Yen, J., & Yu, M. (2014). Where have all the good men gone? Gendered interactions in online dating. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 76(2), 387-410.
- Crosnoe, R., Prickett, K., Smith, C., & Cavanagh, S. (2014). Changes in young children's family structures and child care arrangements. *Demography* 51(2), 459-483.
- Cavanagh, S., & Fomby, P. (2012). School context, family instability, and the academic careers of adolescents: The role of family instability within schools. *Sociology of Education*, 85(1), 81-97.
- Cavanagh, S. (2011). Early pubertal timing and union formation behaviors of young women. *Social Forces*, 89(4), 1217-1238.
- Crosnoe, R., & Cavanagh, S. (2010). Families with children and adolescents: A review, critique, and future agenda. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 72(3), 594-611.
- Augustine, J., Cavanagh, S., & Crosnoe, R. (2009). Maternal education, early child care, and the reproduction of advantage. *Social Forces*, 88(1), 1-29.
- Cavanagh, S., & Huston, A. (2008). The timing of family instability and children's social development. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 70(5), 1258-1270.
- Cavanagh, S., Crissey, S., & Raley, R. K. (2008). Family structure history and adolescent romance. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 70(3), 698-714.
- Cavanagh, S. (2008). Family Structure History and Adolescent Adjustment. *Journal of Family Issues*, 29(7), 944-980.
- Cavanagh, S. (2007). Romantic relationships in adolescence: Examining the role of peer networks, gender, and race. *Sociological Inquiry*, 77(4), 552-580.
- Cavanagh, S. (2007). Peers, drinking, and the assimilation of Mexican American youth. *Sociological Perspectives*, 50(3), 393-416.
- Cavanagh, S., Riegle-Crumb, C., & Crosnoe, R. (2007). Puberty and the education of girls. *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 70(2), 186-198.
- Cavanagh, S., & Huston, A. (2006). Family instability and children's early problem behavior. *Social Forces*, 85(1), 551-581.
- Cavanagh, S. E., Schiller, K. S., & Riegle-Crumb, C. (2006). Marital transitions, parenting, and schooling: Exploring the link between family-structure history and adolescents' academic status. *Sociology of Education*, 79(4), 329-354. Reprinted in J.H. Ballantine & J. Spade (Eds.), *Schools and Society: A Sociological Approach to Education*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Los Angeles, CA: Pine Forge Press, 2007.
- Cavanagh, S. (2004). The sexual debut of girls in early adolescence: The intersection of race, pubertal timing, and friendship group characteristics. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 14(3), 285-312.

Crosnoe, R., Cavanagh, S., & Elder Jr, G. (2003). Adolescent friendships as academic resources: The intersection of friendship, race, and school disadvantage. *Sociological Perspectives*, 46(3), 331-352.

### **Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**

Cavanagh, S. (2017). Impact of the Great Recession on young adult health: The significance of social class. In I. Schoon & J. Bynner (Eds.), *Young people's development and the Great Recession: Uncertain transitions and precarious futures*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Harris, K., & Cavanagh, S. (2007). Indicators of the peer environment in adolescence. In B. Brown (Ed.), *Key indicators of children's well-being: Completing the picture* (259-278). Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

### **Encyclopedia Entries and Other Non-Peer Reviewed Articles**

Cavanagh, S. (2015). Brief Report from Council on Contemporary Families: An analysis of new Census data on family structure, education, and income. Retrieved from <https://contemporaryfamilies.org/family-structure-education-income/>.

Cavanagh, S. (2015). Brief Report from Council on Contemporary Families: Hoping for a Valentine's Day date? Stop waiting to be asked! Retrieved from <https://contemporaryfamilies.org/stop-waiting/>

Cavanagh, S. (2008). Puberty. In D. Carr (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the Life Course and Human Development, Volume I: Childhood and Adolescence*. Farmingham Hills, MI: Gale.

Cavanagh, S. (2008). Family and household structure: Childhood and adolescence. In D. Carr (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the Life Course and Human Development, Volume I: Childhood and Adolescence*. Farmingham Hills, MI: Gale.

Cavanagh, S. (2008). Age norms. In D. Carr (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the Life Course and Human Development, Volume I: Childhood and Adolescence*. Farmingham Hills, MI: Gale.

### **Works in Progress**

Owirodu, A. Bing, L., & Cavanagh, S. Parenting While Sick: Poor Health and the Likelihood of College-Going Among Young Adults

Cavanagh, S., Ressler, R., Smith, C., & Cozzolino, E. (Revise and resubmit). Family building behaviors in young adulthood: The role of concurrent economic volatility.

Cavanagh, S., & Lybert, E. Sibship size and child health: A cross-national comparison

### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

Cavanagh, S (PI). "Undergraduate Research in Race, Ethnicity, and the Demography of U.S. Families." National Science Foundation. 2019-2021.

Cavanagh, S. (PI). "Fertility Trends, Changing Maternal Characteristics, and Children's Health." National Institute of Child and Human Development. 2018-2020.

Cavanagh, S. (Co-PI). "Children's Family and Household Experiences by Maternal Education and Ethno-race." National Institute of Child and Human Development. 2017-2019.

- Cavanagh, S. (Co-PI). "Family Instability and Exposure to Violence in Childhood and Adolescence." National Institute of Justice. 2015-2017.
- Cavanagh, S. (Co-PI). "Transitioning into Adulthood during the Great Recession." National Science Foundation. 2014-2016.
- Cavanagh, S. (PI). "Family Instability and the Home Environment." National Center for Marriage Research. 2008-2009.
- Cavanagh, S. (Co-PI). "Race/Ethnicity, Poverty, and the Connection between Child Health and Early Education." National Institute of Child and Human Development. 2008-2011.
- Cavanagh, S. (PI). "The Intergenerational Transmission of Family Instability." National Institute of Child and Human Development. 2007-2009.
- Cavanagh, S. (PI). "The Intergenerational Transmission of Family Instability." University of Texas at Austin. 2007.
- Cavanagh, S. (PI). "Family Instability and Well-Being in Middle Childhood." University of Texas at Austin. 2007.
- Cavanagh, S. (PI). "Family Structure Change and Socioemotional Well-Being across the Early Life Course." National Institute of Child and Human Development. 2003-2006.
- Cavanagh, S. (PI). "Social Context and Adolescent Well-Being." Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University. 2002-2003.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2019 President's Associates Teaching Excellence Award, University of Texas
- 2017 The Bridging the Disciplines Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, University of Texas
- 2015 Raymond Dickson Centennial Endowed Teaching Fellowship, University of Texas
- 2015 Signature Course Essential: Excellence in Teaching Contemporary Content, University of Texas
- 2007 Dean's Fellowship, University of Texas
- 2006-2007 New Faculty Fellowship, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, University of Texas
- 2003-2006 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, NICHD
- 2002-2003 Henry A. Murray Research Center Youth and Adolescent Dissertation Award, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University
- 1999-2001 Pre-Doctoral Traineeship, National Institute of Child and Human Development, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Talks**

- "Family Building Behaviors in Young Adulthood: The Role of Concurrent Economic Volatility."  
Institute for Social Science Research, University of Queensland. Indooroopilly, Australia.  
July 2018.

Population Research Institute, Penn State University. State College, PA. April 2018.

“Great Recession and Young Adult Health” Institute of Education, University of London. June 2014.

“Family Instability, Maternal Education, and the Transition to Elementary School.” 2010 IEAS Workshop on Family Change. Institute of European and American Studies (IEAS), Academia Sinica. Taipei, Taiwan. October 2010.

“Family Instability, Early Social Competence, and Later Romantic Activity in Adolescence.” Bowling Green State University. Bowling Green, OH. September 2009.

“Family Instability, Selection, and Children’s Social Development.” California Center for Population Research, UCLA. Los Angeles, CA. February 2008.

### **Conference Presentations**

“Partner Change, Income Status, and Maternal Depression.” Population Association of America. Denver, CO. April 2018.

“Developmental Ecologies, Maternal Depression, and Child Health.” Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies. Sterling, Scotland. October 2017.

“Communicating Outside the Academy: Stories and Guidance.” American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada. August 2017.

“Young Adults’ Union Formation Sequences and the Great Recession” Population Association of American. Chicago, IL. April 2017.

Discussant. “Gender at Work and in the Family.” Population Association of American. Chicago, IL. April 2017.

“Health Behaviors and the Transition to Adulthood during the Great Recession.” Population Association of America. Washington, DC. April 2016.

“Family Instability and Exposure to Violence in Childhood and Adolescence.” Population Association of America. Washington, DC. April 2016.

“Family Structure History and Verbal Achievement in the United States and United Kingdom” Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies. Dublin, Ireland. October 2015.

Discussant, “Family Structure and Child Outcomes: An International Perspective.” Population Association of America. San Diego, CA. May 2015.

Critic, Author meets Critic. “Love, Money, and HIV: Becoming a Modern African Woman in the Age of AIDS.” Southern Sociology Society. New Orleans, LA. March 2015.

“Parenting Stress, Infant Sleep Wakings, and Pathways to Parenthood.” American Sociological Association. San Francisco. August 2014.

“Family Structure, Parents’ Partner Instability, and Weight Gains and Losses from Childhood into Adolescence.” Population Association of America. Boston, MA. May 2014.

Discussant, “Economic Circumstances, Child Health, and Well-Being.” Population Association of America. Boston, MA. May 2014.

- “Online Union Formation: How Gender, Place & Preferences Shape Online Dating Behavior.” Council on Contemporary Families. Miami, FL. April 2014.
- “Family Structure Instability and Weight Change across Early Childhood, Childhood, and Early Adolescence.” Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies. Amsterdam, The Netherlands. September 2013.
- “Changes in Young Children’s Family Structures and Child Care Arrangements.” Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA. April 2013.
- Discussant. “Children in Diverse Living Arrangements.” Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA. April 2013.
- “The Importance of Family Structures and Instability in Shaping Adolescent Transitions to Adulthood in South Africa.” Population Association of America. San Francisco, CA. May 2012.
- “Family Trajectories and School Readiness in the United States and the United Kingdom.” American Sociological Association. San Francisco. August 2012.
- Discussant. “Family Structure and Child Well-Being.” Population Association of America. San Francisco, CA. May 2012.
- “School Context, Family Instability, and the Academic Careers of Adolescents: The Role of Family Instability within Schools.” Population Association of America. Dallas, TX. April 2010.
- “Pubertal Timing, Race, and Girls’ Sexuality in Adolescence.” Population Association of America. Dallas, TX. April 2010.
- “Family Structure as a Time-Varying Indicator: Family Instability and the Home Environment.” Population Association of America. Detroit, MI. April 2009.
- “Family Instability, Early Social Competence, and Later Romantic Activity in Adolescence.” Population Association of America. Detroit, MI. April 2009.
- “Family Instability, Selection, and Children’s Social Development.” Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA. April 2008.
- Discussant. “Children's Outcomes and Parental Nonstandard Work Schedules.” Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA. April 2008.
- “Early Puberty in Young Women’s Lives.” Biennial Meeting of the Society for the Study of Human Development. State College, PA. October 2007.
- Discussant. “Cohabitation and Marriage.” Population Association of America. New York, NY. March 2007.
- “Puberty in Girls’ Lives.” New Faculty Colloquium Series, Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX. February 2007.
- “Within-Child Associations between Family Structure and Children’s Externalizing Behaviors.” Annual Meetings of Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Madison, WI. November 2006.

- “The Timing of Family Instability and Children’s Social Development.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada. August 2006.
- “Family Structure and Adolescent Opposite-Sex Relationships.” Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America. Los Angeles, CA. March 2006.
- “Early Pubertal Timing and Girls’ Academic Careers.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Washington, DC. August 2005.
- Discussant. “Adolescent Risky Behaviors.” Population Association of America. Philadelphia, PA. March 2005.
- “Family Instability and Children’s Early Socio-Emotional Adjustment.” Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America. Philadelphia, PA. March 2005.
- “Marital Transitions, Parenting, and Schooling: Exploring the Linkage between Family Structure History and Adolescents’ Academic Status.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. August 2004.
- “Social Context and Adolescent Well-being: The Interplay of the Family and the Adolescent Friendship Group.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA. August 2003.
- “The Role of Family Change and the Friendship Group on Adolescent Psychological Well-being.” Biannual Meetings of the Society for Research on Adolescence. New Orleans, LA. April 2002.
- “The Role of Family Change and the Friendship Group on Adolescent Psychological Well-being.” Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA. May 2002.
- “The Role of Friends and Pubertal Timing on the Sexual Activity of Girls in Early Adolescence.” Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America. Washington, DC. March 2001.
- “The Role of Friends and Pubertal Timing on the Sexual Activity of Girls in Early Adolescence.” Add Health User Meetings. Washington, DC. August 2001.
- “Indicators of the Peer Environment in Adolescence.” Key Indicators of Children’s Well-Being: Completing the Picture Conference. Washington, DC. June 2001.
- “The Well-being of Adolescents in Single-Father Families.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Los Angeles, CA. March 2000.

### **ADVISING AND STUDENT-RELATED SERVICE**

Student advising: Dissertation chair (2) Dissertation committee (9), Masters committee (6), Comprehensive Exam Committee (6), Undergraduate thesis (7); Bridging the Disciplines Undergraduate Research (40).

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

#### **Departmental Service**

Chair, Norval Glenn Student Paper Award, 2015-2018  
Graduate Steering Committee, 2013-2015; 2017-2019

Chair of Demography Area, 2010-2013, 2015-2016, 2019-2021  
Admissions Committee, 2010, 2016, 2017, 2018  
Executive Committee, 2008-2010; 2019-2021

### **Population Research Center Service**

Governance Committee, 2008 - 2010, 2015 - present  
Postdoctoral Training Director, 2020-present  
Predoctoral Training Director, 2018-2020  
Assistant Training Director, 2015 - 2018  
Head of Space Committee, 2015 - present  
Coordinator of Brown Bag Speaker Series, Fall 2006, Spring 2009, Fall 2018

### **University Service**

Elected member, Graduate Assembly, 2018 - 2021  
Chair, Student Life Committee, Graduate Assembly, 2018 - 2019  
Member, Scientific Misconduct Investigation Committee, Office of the Vice President for Research, March 2018- July 2018; March 2020-July 2020  
Lecture presented at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). April 2018, October 2019  
Faculty Panel, Bridging Disciplines Program (Social Inequality, Health, and Policy), 2006 - 2017

### **Professional Service**

Peer-Reviewer (ad hoc since 2002)

*American Sociological Review, Demography, Child Development, Developmental Psychology, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Research on Adolescence, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science Research, Social Psychology Quarterly, Sociology of Education, Sociological Perspectives, The Sociological Quarterly.*

### **Editorial Boards**

Associate Editor, *Demography* (2019-2023)  
Associate Editor, *Journal of Marriage and Family* (2013-2020)  
Associate Editor, *Social Science Research* (2015-2020)  
Associate Editor: *Social Psychology Quarterly* (2010-2012)

### **Service to Professional Organizations**

American Sociological Association  
Population Section Book Award (2019)  
Population Council (2016-2018)  
Population Section Student Paper Award Committee (2017, 2018)  
Population Section Dissertation Award Committee (2016)  
Children and Youth Council (2012-2014)  
Children and Youth Distinguished Career Award Committee (2013)  
Family Section Distinguished Career Award Committee (2010)  
Population Association of American  
Section Organizer (2010, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2018)  
Family Demography poster award committee (2017)  
Session discussant (2005, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019)  
Society for Research on Adolescence  
Chair, Finance Committee (2016-2018)  
Member, Finance Committee (2012-2016)