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## Research Interests

Demography – Reproductive Health – Social Relationships and Health

## Education

**The University of Texas at Austin**, Austin, TX  
Graduate Student in Sociology and Demography, Ph.D. expected 2022  
Graduate Research Assistant, Texas Policy Evaluation Project (TxPEP)  
Supervisor: Joe Potter

**London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**, London, UK  
MSc. Demography and Health, 2015  
Thesis: Access to and quality of Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC) and delivery services in Ethiopia, 2014

**Tufts University**, Medford, MA  
B.A. Anthropology, B.A. Community Health, 2010 *Magna Cum Laude*  
Thesis (awarded high honors): Effectiveness of *Utasanjam usuña* birthing room for Aymara women of northern Chile

## Publications

Sedgh, Gilda, Lawrence Finer, Akinrinola Bankole, **Michelle Eilers**, Susheela Singh. 2015. “Adolescent pregnancy, abortion, and birth rates across countries: a cross-sectional review and assessment of recent trends.” *Journal of Adolescent Health* 56(2):223-230.

Japuntich, Sandra, **Michelle Eilers**, Sharon Shenhav, Elyse Park, Jonathan Winickoff, Yuchiao Chang, Michele Reyen, Neal Benowitz, Nancy Rigotti. 2015. “Secondhand tobacco smoke exposure among hospitalized nonsmokers with coronary heart disease.” *JAMA Internal Medicine* 175(1):133-136.

Sedgh, Gilda, Susheela Singh, Akinrinola Bankole, **Michelle Eilers**. 2012. “Legal abortion levels and trends by woman’s age at termination.” *International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 38(3):143-153.

Ibid. 2013. Translated for the Spanish version of *International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*.

## Manuscripts Under Review

Goldberg, Rachel, Marta Tienda, **Michelle Eilers**, Sara McLanahan.  
“Adolescent Relationship Quality: Is there an Intergenerational Link?”  
**Accepted**, *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Papers  
in Progress      **Eilers, Michelle**, Emily Hendrick, Dan Powers, Rafael Pérez-Escamilla,  
Joseph Potter. “Nativity and Place on Breastfeeding Duration of Mexican-  
Origin Women Delivering in Texas.”

**Eilers, Michelle** and Abigail Weitzman. “Young Women’s Sexual Behavior  
and Contraceptive Use Amidst Conflicting Desires and Morals.”

                         Potter, Joseph and **Michelle Eilers**. “Rapid Repeat Births Among  
Texas Women.”

Conference  
Presentations      **Eilers, Michelle** and Abigail Weitzman. “Young Women’s Sexual Behavior  
and Contraceptive Use Amidst Conflicting Desires and Morals.” Paper to be  
presented at the 2019 Population Association of America Meeting (PAA).  
Austin, Texas.

**Eilers, Michelle**, Sandra Japuntich, Sharon Shenhav, Michele Reyen,  
Jonathan Winickoff, Elyse Park, Nancy Rigotti. “Secondhand smoke exposure  
patterns among patients hospitalized with coronary heart disease.” Poster  
presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Society of Research on Nicotine  
and Tobacco (SRNT). Toronto, Canada.

Invited  
Presentations      **Eilers, Michelle**. “Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study Introduction  
and Research Opportunities.” December 2016. Guttmacher Institute.  
New York, NY.

Awards and  
Fellowships      NICHD Training Fellowship, University of Texas Population Research Center,  
2019-2020 Academic Year

                         Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Texas  
at Austin, 2018 and 2019

                         North American Friends Studentship for tuition, London School of Hygiene  
and Tropical Medicine, 2014

                         Bixby Fellowship for Professional Development for field work in Ethiopia,  
Guttmacher Institute, 2013

                         Ellen C. Myers Memorial Prize, Tufts University, 2010

                         Alice Rowan Swanson Fellowship, Inaugural recipient, School for International  
Training, 2009

                         Gilman Scholarship, U.S. Department of State, 2008

Research Experience **Center for Research on Child Wellbeing**, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
*Research Specialist II (2015-2017)*: Led data cleaning and processing for public release of the Year 15 Wave of the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing study (PI Sara McLanahan). Managed operations of the mDiary Study of Adolescent Relationships, an online survey of adolescent relationship formation and dynamics (PIs Marta Tienda and Rachel Goldberg). Supervised five mDiary Study recruitment staff.

**Guttmacher Institute**, New York, NY  
*Research Assistant II (2011-2014)*: Supervised data entry and management, supported research trainings and field work with study partners on Ethiopia Abortion Incidence study. Analyzed DHS data from 31 countries on reasons for family planning non-use. Constructed data set of demographic indicators for multi-country comparative studies of adolescent unintended pregnancy rates and age-specific abortion rates.

**Tobacco Treatment and Research Center**, Massachusetts General Hospital Boston, MA. *Clinical Research Coordinator (2010-2011)*: Recruited cardiac hospital patients for a study of secondhand smoke exposure. Drafted and finalized study protocol, intervention materials, and IRB application for a secondhand smoke exposure reduction intervention study.

**Latin American Health Institute**, Boston, MA  
*Community Health Intern (Fall 2009)*: Connected women in the “Comadres” program with social services and translated pre-natal appointments. Organized survey data of participant experiences in an STI prevention program.

**Community Health Department**, Tufts University, Medford, MA  
*Health Policy Research Assistant (2007-2008)*: Conducted systematic searches of tobacco legislative documents using the UCSF Legacy Tobacco Library.

Professional Service Planning team, 2019 Psychosocial Meeting, Austin, TX  
Ad hoc reviewer for Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care  
Member, Society of Family Planning, 2017-present  
Member, Population Association of America, 2013-present