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### EDUCATION

- 2003 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dissertation: "Producing and Reproducing the Family: Economic and Family Behavior in Two Generations," Preliminary Examinations: Social Stratification, Demography
- 1998 M.S. Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Thesis: "The Intergenerational Relationship of Welfare Participation"
- 1995 B.A. Sociology with highest honors, University of Texas at Austin

### POSITIONS HELD

- 2005- Assistant Professor of Sociology and Demography, Pennsylvania State University
- 2005- Research Associate, Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University
- 2003-05 Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar, Columbia University

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

- 2008 Martin, Molly A. "The Intergenerational Correlation in Weight: How Genetic Resemblance Reveals the Social Role of Families." American Journal of Sociology (Forthcoming).
- 2008 Hillemeier Marianne M., George Farkas, Paul L. Morgan, Molly A. Martin, and Steven A. Maczuga. "Disparities in the Prevalence of Cognitive Delay: How Early Do They Appear?" Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology (Forthcoming)
- 2006 Martin, Molly A. "Family Structure and Income Inequality in Families with Children: 1976 to 2000." Demography, 43: 421-445.
- 2003 Martin, Molly A. "The Role of Family Income in the Intergenerational Association of AFDC Receipt." Journal of Marriage and Family, 65: 326-340.

#### *Book Chapters and Minor Publications*

- 2001 Sandefur, Gary D., Molly Martin, Jennifer Eggerling-Boeck, Susan E. Mannon, and Ann M. Meier. "An Overview of Racial and Ethnic Demographic Trends." Pp. 40-102 in N. J. Smelser, W. J. Wilson, and F. Mitchell (eds.), America Becoming: Racial Trends and Their Consequences, Volume I. Washington: National Academy Press.
- 2001 Martin, Molly. Review of A Generation at Risk: Growing Up in an Era of Family Upheaval by Paul R. Amato and Alan Booth, Journal of Comparative Family Studies, 32 (3).
- 2000 Sandefur, Gary and Molly A. Martin. "Evaluating the Impacts of W-2 on Family Structure and Maternal and Child Health." Ch. 9 in B. S. Barnow, T. Kaplan, and R. A. Moffitt (eds.), Evaluating Comprehensive State Welfare Reform: The Wisconsin Works Program. New York: Rockefeller Institute Press.

- 1999 Sandefur, Gary D., Molly A. Martin, and Thomas Wells. "Poverty as a Public Health Issue: Poverty since the Kerner Commission Report of 1968." Ch. 3 in F. R. Harris and L. A. Curtis (eds.), *Locked in the Poorhouse: Cities Race, and Poverty in the United States*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

## GRANTS

### *External Funding*

- 2005-08 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development 1 R01 HD050144. "Social Demography and Adolescent Obesity." \$741,000. (Co-Investigators: Michelle Frisco, Gary Sandefur [PI])

### *Internal Funding*

- 2006 Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program Microgrant, Columbia University. "Genetics and Social Structure: A Conference." \$5,700. (Co-Investigators: Sara Shostak, Peter S. Bearman)
- 2006 Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University. "A Life Course Analysis of the Causes & Consequences of Obesity." \$4,589. (Co-Investigator: Michelle Frisco).
- 2003-04 Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison. "A Preliminary Investigation of the Causes and Consequences of Adolescent Obesity." \$30,000. (Co-Investigators: Michelle Frisco, Gary Sandefur)

## AWARDS

- 2002 Graduate Student Mentor Award, University of Wisconsin
- 2002 Alan C. Kerckhoff Memorial Travel Award, ISA RC 28: Social Stratification & Mobility
- 2001 Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association's Section on Population
- 2001-03, 1996-98 NICHD Predoctoral Trainee in Demography, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1998 Distinguished Master's Thesis Award, Social Sciences division, University of Wisconsin

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Pennsylvania State University*

- Social Stratification Upper division undergraduate course  
Sociology of Families General education/introductory undergraduate course

### *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

- Computing in Sociological Research Undergraduate & graduate student course

### *Graduate Student Advisory Committees*

Name	Degree	Year	Role
Jason Houle	M.A.	2007	Chair
Ashleigh L. May	Ph.D.	2008	External member
Pedro Villarreal III	Ph.D.	2008	External member
Kristin Burnett	Ph.D.	--	Co-chair

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND MEETING PARTICIPATION

### *Invited Presentations*

- 2008 “Seeing the Social Dimensions of Family Background by Incorporating Genetic Ties: An Examination of the Intergenerational Correlation in Weight” at the University of Iowa Sociology Department’s Theory Workshop. Iowa City, IA, November 13, 2008.
- 2007 “Conceptualizing Family Influences on Obesity” at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Conference, “Beyond Individual Behavior Multidimensional Research in Obesity Linking Biology to Society.” Arlington, VA, October 10-12, 2007

### *Conference Presentations*

- 2008 Zeiser, Kristina L., Molly A. Martin, Claudia L. Nau, and Michelle L. Frisco. “Stressful Life Events and Adolescent Weight Trajectories.” Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, New Orleans.
- 2007 Martin, Molly A., Kristin Burnett, and Michelle L. Frisco. “Family Resources and Adolescent Overweight: Allocations Within and Between Families.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York.
- 2007 Houle, Jason, Michelle L. Frisco, Molly A. Martin, and Ashleigh L. May. “Adolescent Weight and Psychological Distress: The Confluence of Weight Perceptions and Actual Weight.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York.
- 2007 Frisco, Michelle L., Jason Houle, and Molly A. Martin. “Is Overweight a Heavy Burden for Teenagers? New Evidence about Adolescent Body Composition and Psychological Distress.” Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, New York.
- 2007 Hillemeier, Marianne M. 1, George Farkas, Paul L. Morgan, Molly A. Martin, and Steven A. Maczuga. “Parental, Gestational, and Birth-Related Risk Factors for Cognitive Development Problems at 9 and 24 Months of Age.” Annual Meetings of the Population Association of American, New York.
- 2006 Campbell, Mary E. and Molly A. Martin. 2006. “Shifting Boundaries: Trends in Racial and Ethnic Homogamy Within Cohabitation and Marriage.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montréal.
- 2006 Sandefur, Gary D, J. Jakubowski C. Faulkner, M. Frisco, M.A. Martin. “Parental Overweight, Adolescent Overweight, and Adult Overweight.” Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Los Angeles.
- 2005 Martin, Molly A. “American Girls’ Early Transition to Adulthood: Linking Intergenerational Status Attainment and Family Formation Processes.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia.
- 2005 Martin, Molly A.. “Linking Intergenerational Associations of Status Attainment and Family Formation: The Early Transition to Adulthood among American Girls.” Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Philadelphia.
- 2004 Frisco, Michelle, Gary D. Sandefur, and Molly A. Martin. “Weighing the Future: Body Mass Index and Academic Achievement.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.

- 2004 Martin, Molly A. and Gary D. Sandefur. "Family Background and Adolescent Weight: An Examination of Social and Genetic Influences." Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Boston.
- 2004 Martin, Molly A. "Changes in Income Inequality Within and Between Family Structure Types: Implications for Aggregate Inequality." Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Boston.
- 2003 Martin, Molly A. "Linking Intergenerational Associations of Status Attainment and Family Formation: The Early Transition to Adulthood among American Youth." ISA Research Committee 28: Social Stratification Conference, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2002 Martin, Molly A. "How Different are Single Parent Families? Variation and Inequality in Income by Family Type." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago.
2002. Martin, Molly A. "Interactions of Parental Family and Socioeconomic Characteristics for the Transition to Adulthood." ISA Research Committee 28: Social Stratification and Mobility Conference, Oxford, UK.
- 2001 Martin, Molly A., Ann M. Meier, and Gary D. Sandefur. "Racial and Ethnic Differentials in Physical Activity and Weight." Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C.; Add Health Users Workshop, Washington, D.C.
- 1999 Martin, Molly A. "Intergenerational Association of Welfare Participation." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- 1999 Sandefur, Gary D. and Molly A. Martin. "Teen Births and Maternal and Infant Health." Institute for Research on Poverty's Conference on Nonmarital Childbearing, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 1998 Martin, Molly A. "The Intergenerational Transfer of Welfare Participation." Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Chicago.
- 1998 Sandefur, Gary D. and Molly A. Martin. "Evaluating the Impact of Welfare Reform on Out-Of-Wedlock Childbearing: Possible Uses of the Natality Detail Files." Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Chicago.

*Other Conference Participation*

- 2005 Discussant. "Social Contexts of Child and Adolescent Well-Being" Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia.
- 2005 Discussant: "One Parent Families" Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Philadelphia.

**UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

*Department of Sociology and Crime, Law & Justice, Pennsylvania State University*

Strategic Planning committee (2007-08)

Stratification Recruitment committee (2007-09)

Advisory committee (2006-08)

Awards committee (2006-08)

Social committee (co-chair: 2005-07)

*University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Assistant Professor Recruitment committee, Department of Sociology (2001-02)  
Information Services committee, Center for Demography and Ecology (1998-2003)

### **DISCIPLINARY SERVICE**

Ad-hoc Reviewer for Journal of Marriage and Family, American Sociological Review, Social Science Research, Journal of Family Issues, Social Science Quarterly, Social Forces, American Journal of Public Health, Social Biology, Journal of Health Psychology

Associate Editor with Peter S. Bearman (Editor) and Sara Shostak (Assoc. Editor) of special issue “Genetics and Social Structure” for the American Journal of Sociology (2008, suppl., vol. 114).

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, American Sociological Association (Family and Population sections)  
Member, Population Association of America  
Member, International Sociological Association Research Committee 28: Social Stratification & Mobility

### **AREAS OF TEACHING INTEREST**

Social Stratification, Sociology of Families, Social Demography, Social Determinants of Health, Race and Ethnicity, Statistics, Research Methodology

### **QUANTITATIVE EXPERTISE**

Linear regression, Categorical data analysis (logistical regression, multinomial regression, Tobit, bivariate probit, loglinear modeling), Structural equation modeling, Demographic techniques (life tables, event history analysis), Inequality decomposition analysis, Hierarchical data analysis, Complex data management.