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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Sociology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University Expected June 2010  
*Dissertation:* Multipartnered Fertility and Adolescent Well-Being  
*Committee:* Alan Booth (chair), Paul Amato, Valarie King, and Daphane Hernandez  
*Additional Training:* Quantitative Methods Certificate

Abstract: Family life in America has changed dramatically over the last 50 years and as a result of these changes the opportunities for adults to have children with more than one person (called *multipartnered fertility* or “MPF”) have risen substantially. Inherent in MPF families are an amalgam of legal and social relationships between mothers, nonresident and step-fathers, and full, step- and half-siblings. And while work done on family complexity more generally has shown that many of these family constellations and patterns of instability are associated with poorer outcomes for children and adults, there is almost no empirical research on the long-term consequences of multipartnered fertility on individual well being. My dissertation uses a multigenerational, longitudinal, and nationally representative sample of women and their children to explore how selection, strain, and fertility histories interact with multipartnered fertility to influence the emotional, behavioral, and physical well being of women and children. This research has broad implications for scholarship and family policy aimed at understanding of the consequences of multipartnered fertility as well as the mechanisms that affect adjustment to MPF.

M.S. Sociology, Brigham Young University June 2001

B.S. Sociology, Brigham Young University June 1998

## PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

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Research      Demography and Family Sociology: Family Formation and Dissolution, Fatherhood, Adolescent Well-being, Family Diversity; Bio-sociology; Family Policy

Teaching      Sociology of the Family, Racial/Ethnic Diversity and the American Family, Fertility, Gender, Social Psychology, Bio-Sociology, Research Methods, Secondary Data Analysis, Family Policy

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2004-2010      Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Penn State University

2001-2004      Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University

2003-2004      Research Consultant, Office of International Studies, Brigham Young University

1998-1999      Field Researcher in Uganda and Malawi: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Microfinance in Central Africa, FINCA International (Washington, DC)

1997            Field Researcher in Namibia: Male and Female Classification among the OvaHimba Tribe of Kaokoland, Department of Anthropology, Brigham Young University

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Forthcoming Amato P. R., & **Dorius C. R.** "Fathers, Children, and Divorce." In M.E. Lamb (Ed.), *The Role of the Father in Child Development, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition* (pp. TBA). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.
- 2008 **Dorius C. R.**, & Wray-Lake L. "Expanding the Horizon: New Directions for the Study of Intergenerational Care and Exchange." In A. Booth, A. C. Crouter, S. Bianchi, & J. Seltzer (Eds.), *Intergenerational Caregiving* (pp. 351-381). Washington, DC: The Urban Institute Press.
- 2007 Durant M., & **Dorius C. R.** "Study Abroad Survey Instruments: A Comparison of Survey Types and Experiences." *Journal of Studies in International Education*, 3, 33-53.
- 2004 **Dorius C. R.**, Bahr S. J., Hoffmann J. P., & Harmon E. L. "Parenting Practices as Moderators of the Relationship between Peers and Adolescent Marijuana Use." *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 66, 163-178.  
\* Featured in the *Salt Lake Tribune*, *Deseret News*, *Daily Herald*, and *KBYU radio* (2/9/2004)
- 1999 Bahr S.J., Christensen, H.J., Maughan, S.L., **Dorius, C.R.**, Harmon, E.L., & Segoe, L. "Official Results of the 1997 Drug Use and Non-use Survey." Project Completion Report for the Utah State Office of Education, Utah State Legislature, and Utah Division of Substance Abuse.
- 1998 Dorius, S.F. and **Dorius, C.R.** "Assessment of FINCA International's African Micro-credit Programs: Malawi and Uganda in Review." Project Completion Report for FINCA International.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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**Dorius C. R.**, & McCarthy J. Why Do Some Social Movement Leaders Work Harder than Others? Revise and resubmit, *Social Forces*.

Booth A., **Dorius C. R.**, Hibell J., Granger D., & McHale S. Parental Hormones and Parent-Child Relationship Quality.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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Call V. R. A., Mitchell C. M., & **Dorius C. R.** Replicating the Middletown Community Study Methodology: The Efficacy of Publicly Available Data Files in Identifying Families with School Age Children.

**Dorius C. R.** Does Immigration Status Influence Relationship Stability among Fragile Families?

**Dorius C. R.**, & Crouter A. C. Maternal Stimulation in Low-Income, Rural Families: Does Self-Direction at Work Matter?

Amato, P. R., & **Dorius C. R.** The Influence of Marriage on Physical and Mental Health.

**Dorius, C. R.** The Long-Term Impact of Multipartnered Fertility on Adolescent Well-being.

**Dorius, C. R.** The Pathways to Multipartnered Fertility among American Women.

**Dorius, C. R.** His, Hers, or Ours? Assessing Boundary Ambiguity in Families with Multipartnered Fertility.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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- 2009-2010 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant
- 2009-2010 Center for Research in Diverse Family Contexts Seed Grant, Penn State University
- 2009-2010 College of Liberal Arts Dissertation Support Grant, Penn State University
- 2009 College of Liberal Arts Fellowship, Penn State University
- 2008-2009 Joan Huber and William Form Research Grant, Penn State University
- 2006-2008 National Institutes of Child Health and Development Pre-doctoral Traineeship in Demography (includes Research and Travel Grant), Population Research Institute
- 2005-2006 Center for Work and Family Research Fellowship, Penn State University
- 2005-2010 Professional Travel Grants (7), Department of Sociology, Penn State University
- 2004-2005 University Graduate Fellowship, Penn State University
- 2004 Joan Huber and William Form Scholarship, Penn State University

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2010 *pending* **Dorius, C. R.** "The Long-Term Impact of Multipartnered Fertility on Adolescent Well-being." Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Houston, Texas, April.
- 2009 **Dorius, C. R.** & Shreffler, K. "Couple and Family Research Using Secondary Data." Co-chairing workshop to be held at the annual meeting of the National Council of Family Relations, San Francisco, California, November.
- 2008 Booth A., **Dorius C. R.**, Hibel J., & Granger D. "Are Testosterone, Cortisol, and Estradiol Agonistic to Parent-child Relationship Quality?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, August.
- 2007 **Dorius, C. R.** "The Importance of Considering Race and Immigration Status when Studying Non-marital Relationship Patterns Over Time." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, August.
- 2007 **Dorius, C. R.** "Does Immigration Status Influence Relationship Formation among Fragile Families?" Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, New York City, April.
- 2006 **Dorius, C. R.**, Crouter, A. C., Vernon-Feagins, L. & Lanza, S. "Maternal stimulation in low-income, rural families: Does self-direction at work matter?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council of Family Relations, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November.
- 2006 **Dorius, C. R.** & McCarthy, J. "Differential Participation in a Nurturing Social Movement." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2009, Su      Instructor, *Introduction to Sociology Online*, Penn State University

2007, Su      Instructor, *Family Sociology*, Brigham Young University

2007, Su      Co-Instructor, *Introduction to Sociology*, Brigham Young University

2004, W      Instructor, *Introduction to Sociology*, Brigham Young University

2004, W      Instructor, *Modern Social Problems*, Brigham Young University

2002, Su      Instructor, *Introduction to Sociology*, Brigham Young University

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2002, Sp      Instructor, *Modern Social Problems*, Brigham Young University

2002, W      Instructor, *Research Methods*, Brigham Young University

2001, F      Instructor, *Modern Social Problems*, Brigham Young University

2001, Sp      Instructor, *Essentials of Self Esteem*, Brigham Young University

2001, W      Instructor, *Research Methods*, Brigham Young University

2000, W      Co-Instructor, *Research Methods*, Brigham Young University

1999, F      Co-Instructor, *Modern Social Problems*, Brigham Young University

1998, W      Teaching Assistant, *Research Methods*, Brigham Young University

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1996, Su      Teaching Assistant, *Essentials of Self Esteem*, Brigham Young University

1996, F      Teaching Assistant, *Social Psychology*, Brigham Young University

## STATISTICAL PACKAGES

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*General Statistical:*      Stata, SAS, SPSS

*Structural Equation:*      Amos

*Multi-level Modeling:*      HLM

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2009-2010 Nominee, National Council on Family Relations Student and New Professional Representative  
2009-2010 Student Representative, Sociology Department Colloquium Committee  
2005-2010 Conference Co-Organizer (07) and Committee Member, Population Research Institute's Summer Research Methods Conference  
2007-2008 Graduate Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences  
2007-2008 Chair, Sociology Graduate Travel Committee  
2007-2008 Student Representative, Demography Faculty Recruitment Committee  
2007 Conference Organizer, Biosocial Methods Mini-Conference  
2005-2007 Student Representative, Sociology Graduate Committee

*Reviewer* Journal of Marriage and Family, Contemporary Sociology

*Associations* American Sociological Association, National Council on Family Relations, Population Association of America, and the Association of Policy Analysis and Management

## COMPETITIVE WORKSHOPS

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2009 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (1979): Youth and Child Data Workshop. Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, July.  
2009 Families and Health Conference. Sponsored by the National Center for Marriage Research. National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, June.  
2008 Using Secondary Data for Analysis of Marriage and Family. Sponsored by the National Center for Marriage Research. ICPSR, Ann Arbor, Michigan, July.  
2008 Fragile Families Summer Data Workshop. Columbia University, New York, New York, June.

## REFERENCES

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