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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D. Dual-title in Sociology and Demography
(expected) The Pennsylvania State University
Dissertation: “Disentangling Estrangement: Exploring Adult Child-Parent Relationships.”
Committee: Valarie King (chair), Sarah Damaske, Ashton Verdery, Scott Yabiku, H. Harrington Cleveland (external member)
- 2016 M.A. Dual-title in Sociology and Demography
The Pennsylvania State University
- 2014 B.A. Dual-title in Sociology and Criminology
The Ohio State University

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Family; Demography; Aging; Social/Family Policy; Social Stratification; Gender, Work, and Family; Introductory Sociology; Research Methods; Quantitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Forth. King, Valarie, **Brianne Pragg**, and Rachel Lindstrom. “Family Relationships during Adolescence and Stepchildren’s Educational Attainment in Young Adulthood.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*.
- 2019 Knoester, Chris, Richard J. Petts, and **Brianne Pragg**. “Paternity Leave-Taking and Father Involvement among Socioeconomically Disadvantaged U.S. Fathers.” *Sex Roles* 81(5):257-271. doi: 10.1007/s11199-018-0994-5 [[Article](#)].
- 2018 King, Valarie, Lisa M. Boyd, and **Brianne Pragg**. “Parent-Adolescent Closeness, Family Belonging, and Adolescent Well-Being Across Family Structures.” *Journal of Family Issues* 39(7):2007-2036. doi: 10.1177/0192513X17739048 [[Article](#)].

- 2017 **Pragg, Brianne** and Chris Knoester. "Parental Leave Use among Disadvantaged Fathers." *Journal of Family Issues* 38(8): 1157-1185. doi: 10.1177/0192513X15623585 [[Article](#)].

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018-2019 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Pre-
2015-2017 Doctoral Traineeship in Family Demography (T-32HD007514)
- 2018 Penn State Student Leader Scholarship
- 2015; 2016 Graduate Scholar Award
- 2014 Dorothy L. Anderson Endowed Graduate Fellowship for Women
- 2014 Demography Scholar Award

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Introductory Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University (Summer 2017, Summer 2018)

Guest Lecturer

"Parental Leave Policies around the World."

Course: Population and Policy Issues, The Pennsylvania State University (2016)

"Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and Parental Leave Policies in the US."

Course: Family Policy, The Pennsylvania State University (2015)

Additional training

Course in College Teaching (2019). Penn State Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence.

Foundations for Online Teaching Certificate (2019). Penn State World Campus Faculty Development.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Data Analyst, Penn State Student Affairs Research and Assessment, 2019-2020.

NICHD Pre-Doctoral Trainee, 2015-2017 & 2018-2019. Mentor: Valarie King.

Graduate Research Assistant, 2014-2015 & 2017-2018. Advisor: Valarie King.

SERVICE**University-wide Positions**, The Pennsylvania State University

2019-2020	Senator, University Faculty Senate
2019-2020	Member, University Climate Survey Working Group
2019	Member, Director of the Office of Student Conduct Search Committee
2018-2019	President, Graduate and Professional Student Association
2017-2018	Vice President, Graduate and Professional Student Association
2016-2017	Representative, Graduate Council

Departmental Positions, The Pennsylvania State University

2016-	Sociology Graduate Concerns Committee
2016-2017	Sociology Colloquium Committee
2014-2018	Population Research Institute Methods Workshop Committee
2014-2016	Sociology Graduate Student Recruitment Committee

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 **Brianne Pragg**. “Adult Child-Parent Relationships: Predicting Physical and Emotional Estrangement.” Poster presented at the Population Association of America annual conference, Austin (April).
- 2019 **Brianne Pragg**. “Disentangling Estrangement: Developing and Testing New Measures of Estranged Child-Parent Relationships.” Paper presented at the North Central Sociological Association annual conference, Cincinnati (March).
- 2018 Chris Knoester, Richard J. Petts, and **Brianne Pragg**. “Paternal Leave-Taking and Father Involvement among Disadvantaged Fathers.” Paper presented at the Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies conference, Milan (July).
- 2018 Valarie King, **Brianne Pragg**, and Rachel Lindstrom. “Family Relationships during Adolescence and Stepchildren’s Educational Attainment in Young Adulthood.” Paper presented at the Population Association of America annual conference, Denver (April).
- 2017 **Brianne Pragg**. “Parental Leave Use by Fathers, Relationship Promotion, and Paternal Engagement in Fragile Families.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual conference, Montreal (August).
- 2017 **Brianne Pragg**, H. Harrington Cleveland, Jonathan Daw, David Vandenberg, and Mark Feinburg. “5-HTTLPR Moderates the Association between Family Structure and Children’s Delinquent Behaviors.” Roundtable discussion at the American Sociological Association annual conference, Montreal (August).

- 2017 **Brianne Pragg**. “Fathers’ Parental Leave Use and Relationship Promotion in Fragile Families.” Poster presented at the Population Association of America annual conference, Chicago (April).
- 2016 **Brianne Pragg**. “The Relationship between Parental Leave Use, Relationship Stability, and Father-Child Engagement.” Paper presented the Centre for Research on Families & Relationships International Conference, Edinburgh (June).
- 2016 Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins, **Brianne Pragg**, and Jonathan M. Reader. “Time Spent in Interactive Parenting Across Family Forms: Does Family Complexity Matter?” Paper presented the Centre for Research on Families & Relationships International Conference, Edinburgh (June).
- 2016 Valarie King, Lisa M. Boyd, and **Brianne Pragg**. “Parent-Adolescent Closeness, Family Belonging, and Adolescent Well-Being across Family Structures.” Poster presented at the Population Association of America annual conference, Washington, DC (April)
- 2016 Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins, **Brianne Pragg**, and Jonathan M. Reader. “Interactive Parenting Across Family Forms: Does Family Complexity Matter?” Poster presented at the Population Association of America annual conference, Washington DC (April).
- 2015 **Brianne Pragg** and Chris Knoester. “Disadvantaged Fathers’ Parental Leave Use and Father Engagement.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual conference, Chicago (August).
- 2015 **Brianne Pragg** and Chris Knoester. “Parental Leave Usage among Disadvantaged Fathers.” Poster presented at the Population Association of America annual conference, San Diego (May).

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata, SPSS, Mplus, L^AT_EX

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
 National Council on Family Relations
 North Central Sociological Association
 Population Association of America