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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (2017) Sociology, Demography, The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA
Dissertation: Biological cohabiting families and adolescent wellbeing.
Certificates in Quantitative Methods and Survey Methodology
3.75 GPA
- M.S. 2013 Marriage and Family Therapy, Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS
Thesis: Cyclicity as a moderator on the relationship between
neuroticism, couple interaction, and relationship satisfaction in
cohabiting couples.
- B.A. 2010 Sociology, Anthropology, French, Central College
Pella, IA
Senior Honors Thesis: The importance of religious identity and educational
homogamy in mate selection among students in a committed relationship
at Central College.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Demographic methods	Family structure and child wellbeing
Quantitative methods	Family demography
Survey research methods	Romantic relationships

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2013 – Present **Graduate Research Assistant, Penn State University.**
Analyze data for research on stepfamilies using advanced regression
methods, including structural equation modeling and multinomial
logistic regression.
- Prepare summaries of findings for weekly research meetings
 - Write sections of manuscripts for publication
 - Train research team members on methods and coordinate research tasks

- 2016 (Summer) **Survey Statistician Intern, U.S. Census Bureau.**
Reviewed and analyzed national data to prepare presentations and reports on population level estimates of poverty statistics.
- Developed tables and figures for use in official publication
 - Created flowcharts to show logic and skip patterns in national survey
- 2015 (Summer) **Intern, Penn State Survey Research Center.**
Worked as part of survey development and interviewer training teams.
- Created and distributed an electronic survey using Qualtrics software
 - Created training manual for telephone, mail, and electronic data collection
- 2014 **Graduate Research Assistant, Penn State University.**
Gathered, cleaned, and analyzed national data on immigration estimates for project funded by the Department of Homeland Security.
- Compiled data on immigration from several sources, including Census data, mortality estimates from NIH, and refugee statistics from Homeland Security
 - Prepared summaries of findings for weekly research team meetings
- 2012 – 2013 **Graduate Research Assistant, Kansas State University.**
Conducted qualitative research on military deployment, assisted in program evaluation study design; both studies contracted by the United States Air Force.
- Transcribed and coded qualitative interviews of Air Force couples who had experienced deployment
 - Assisted in design of program evaluation study on parenting program in US Air Force.
 - Implemented study design and presented findings to officials in US Air Force
- 2012 (May) **Research Trip to China.**
Participated in two week trip to Hong Kong Institute of Family Therapy, Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai, South China Normal University Guangzhou, Beijing Institute of Family Therapy, and Beijing Normal University; networked with other students and professionals in areas of Family Studies and Family Therapy; aided in the collection of data for future research.
- Aided in design of survey instrument
 - Collected data in China using translated version of survey instrument

- 2011 – 2012 **Graduate Research Assistant, Kansas State University.**
Conducted research on marital and cohabiting romantic relationship instability.
- Analyzed data and wrote sections for published manuscript on romantic relationships
 - Coordinated research tasks and oversaw analyses of research team members
- 2011 **Assistant Data Coder, Kansas State University.**
Collaborated on research of child playtime activities.
- Aided in development of coding scheme for observational data
 - Coded observational data of children at play
- 2011 **Graduate Research Assistant, Kansas State University.**
Contracted to conduct research on marriages and births by the Kansas Department for Children and Families.
- Compiled and analyzed national, state, and county-level data on marriages and births
 - Collaborated on creating report for client
- 2011 **Assistant Data Coder, Kansas State University.**
Conducted meta-analysis research of studies on adoption.
- Aided in development of coding scheme for meta analysis researcher
 - Coded articles for meta-analysis used for PhD candidate's research
- 2010 - 2011 **Graduate Research Assistant, Kansas State University.**
Conducted research on depression and social media usage.
- Aided in design of survey instrument
 - Cleaned and organized raw dataset

PUBLICATIONS

- King, V., & Lindstrom, R. (2016). Continuity and change in stepfather-stepchild closeness between adolescence and early adulthood. *Journal of Marriage and Family, 78*(3), 730-743.
- King, V., Amato, P., & Lindstrom, R. (2015). Stepfather-adolescent relationship quality during the first year of transitioning to a stepfamily. *Journal of Marriage and Family, 77*(5), 1179-1189.
- Lindstrom, R., Monk, J.K., & Vennum, A. Winter 2014. Together Again: The emerging trend of on-again/off-again relationships. *NCFR Report Magazine*.

- Anderson, J.R., Johnson, M.D., Liu, W., Zheng, F., Hardy, N.R. & **Lindstrom, R.A.** (2014). Young adult romantic relationships in Mainland China: Perceptions of family of origin functioning are directly and indirectly associated with relationship success. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 31(7), 871-887.
- Vennum, A. **Lindstrom, R.**, Monk, J. K., & Adams, R. (2013). "It's complicated": The continuity and correlates of cycling in cohabiting and marital relationships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. 1-21.
- Johnson, M. D., Anderson, J. R., Liu, W., Zheng, F., Ratcliffe, G. C., **Jordan, R.**, & Rutter, R. (2013). Prevalence and correlates of psychological aggression in male and female college students from Mainland China: An exploratory study. *Partner Abuse*, 4(3), 314-331.
- Stith, S.M., & **Lindstrom, R.** (2011). Trial Separations. In *Cultural Sociology of Divorce: An Encyclopedia*. Sage Publications, Inc.

PRESENTATIONS

- (2017) Valarie King, **Rachel Lindstrom**, and Chanell Washington. (2017, April). *Patterns of Shared Religious Attendance and Positive Stepfamily Functioning*. Paper to be presented at the Population Association of America 2017 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 **Rachel Lindstrom** and Valarie King. (2016, March). *Continuity and change in stepfather-stepchild closeness between adolescence and early adulthood*. Poster presented at the Population Association of America 2016 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Valarie King, Paul Amato, **Rachel Lindstrom**. (2015, May). *Stepfather-adolescent relationship quality during the first year of transitioning to a stepfamily*. Paper presented at the Population Association of America 2015 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- 2013 **Rachel Lindstrom**, Brian Willoughby. (2013, November). *Cyclical and Neuroticism, Interaction, and Satisfaction in Cohabiting Couples*. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, San Antonio, TX.
- 2013 Nicole Lawson, **Rachel Lindstrom**, Nicole Bird, Bryan Cafferky, Sandra Stith, Marcos Mendez. (2013, November). *Relationship Characteristics Influencing IPV: A Meta-analytic Review*. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, San Antonio, TX.

- 2012 Sharon Luu, Jared Anderson, Nathan Hardy, **Rachel Lindstrom**, Matthew Johnson, Wenli Liu. (2012, November). *Family Functioning and Attachment Influences on Chinese Young Adult Relationships*. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- 2012 **Rachel Lindstrom**, Kale Monk, Rebekah Adams, and Amber Vennum. (2012, July). *The Impact of Cyclicity on Cohabiting and Married Couples*. Poster presented at the International Association for Relationship Research biennial international conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 Jared R. Anderson, Matthew D. Johnson, Wenli Liu, Fuming Zheng, and **Rachel Lindstrom**. (2012, July). *Young Adult Romantic Relationship Development in Mainland China: A Cross-Cultural Application of the DEARR Model*. Poster presented at the International Association for Relationship Research biennial international conference, Chicago, IL.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Population Association of America (student member since 2012)
 American Sociological Association (student member since 2012)
 National Council on Family Relations (student member since 2011)

SOFTWARE PROGRAMS

Stata	SPSS
MPlus	SAS

REFERENCES

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