

# LÉA PESSIN

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2023- Assistant Professor of Sociology and Demography, ENSAE Paris and Center for Research in Economics and Statistics
- 2019- Research Associate, Population Research Institute, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2019-2023 Assistant Professor of Sociology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2016-2019 NICHD Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Research Institute, The Pennsylvania State University

## EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D. Pompeu Fabra University, Political and Social Sciences  
*Fields: Sociology and Demography*  
Dissertation: “Changing Gendered Expectations and Diverging Divorce Trends: Three Papers on Gender Norms, Behaviors and Marital Instability”  
Committee: Gøsta Esping-Andersen (Chair), Clara Cortina, Aart Liefbroer, Maria Rita Testa
- 2011 M.S. Bocconi University, Economics and Social Sciences
- 2007 B.Com. McGill University, Economics

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender    Work-Family    Social Inequality    Demography    Quantitative Methods

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

\*Indicates equality of contribution

+Indicates a student co-author

- 2023 Boertien, D., Francisco Perales, and **L. Pessin**. “Does Intergenerational Educational Mobility Vary by Sexual Identity? A Comparative Analysis of 5 OECD Countries.” *The European Sociological Review*, Accepted.
- Pessin, L.**, S. Damaske, and A. Frech. “How Education Shapes Women’s Work and Family Lives Across Race and Ethnicity.” *Demography*, 60 (4): 1207–1233. doi:10.1215/00703370-10878053. [[Open Access](#)]
- 2022 **Pessin, L.** and E.M. Pojman<sup>+</sup>. “Visualizing Racial-Ethnic Differences in The Division of Housework among Different-Sex Couples in The United States.” *Socius*. doi:10.1177/23780231221084765. [[Open Access](#)] [[Replication Package](#)]
- Pessin, L.\***, R. Rutigliano\*, and M.H. Potter<sup>+</sup>. “Time, Money, and Parenthood in the United States: How (Grand-)Parents to Adult Children Transfers Shape the Transition to Parenthood.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 84(1):101-120. doi:10.1111/jomf.12782. [[Open Access](#)]
- Top cited article in 2021-2022

- 2021 Newmyer, L.<sup>+</sup>, A. Verdery, R. Margolis, and **L. Pessin**. “Measuring Older Adult Loneliness across Countries.” *The Journals of Gerontology: Series B*, 76(7):1408–1414. doi:10.1093/geronb/gbaa109. [Article]
- 2018 **Pessin, L.** “Changing Gender Norms and Marriage Dynamics in the United States.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 80(1):25-41. doi: 10.1111/jomf.12444. [Article] [Preprint]  
 • Top 20 downloaded article in 2017-2018
- Pessin, L.** and B. Arpino. “Navigating between Two Cultures: Immigrants’ Gender Attitudes toward Working Women.” *Demographic Research*, 38(35):967-1016. doi:10.4054/DemRes.2018.38.35. [Open Access]
- Bellani, D., G. Esping-Andersen, and **L. Pessin**. “When Equity Matters for Marital Stability: A Comparison of German and American Couples.” *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 35(9):1273-1298. doi:10.1177/0265407517709537. [Article] [Preprint]
- 2016 Aassve, A.\*, F. C. Billari\*, and **L. Pessin.\*** “Trust and Fertility Dynamics.” *Social Forces*, 95(2): 663-692. doi:10.1093/sf/sow080. [Article] [Preprint]
- 2015 Arpino, A.\*, G. Esping-Andersen\*, and **L. Pessin.\*** “How Do Changes in Gender Role Attitudes towards Female Employment influence Fertility? A Macro-Level Analysis.” *European Sociological Review*, 31(3): 370-382. doi: 10.1093/esr/jcv002. [Open Access]

### Book Chapters

- 2014 Arpino, A., G. Esping-Andersen, and **L. Pessin**. “The Diffusion of Gender Egalitarian Values and Fertility?” in Gøsta Esping-Andersen (ed.) *The Fertility Gap in Europe: Singularities of the Spanish Case*. Barcelona: Obra Social Fundación “La Caixa.”

### WORK IN PROGRESS

**Pessin, L.** “Gender Equality for Whom? The Changing Division of Paid Work and Housework among U.S. Couples from 1968 to 2019.” *Revised and Resubmitted*.

**Pessin, L.** and Elena Pojman<sup>+</sup>. “Racial-Ethnic Differences in Couples’ Work-Hour Strategies - The Division of Care Work, Housework, and Employment Among Black, Hispanic, and White Couples in the United States.” *Revise and Resubmit*.

**Pessin, L.** “Changing Educational Gradients of U.S. Partnership Formation and Dissolution? A Multilevel Multistate Competing Risks Assessment.”

**Pessin, L.** and B. Arpino “Immigrants’ Gender Role Attitudes Toward Women’s Employment in Europe: A New Approach to Studying Assimilation.”

### GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

#### Awarded, External

- 2024-2029 “**WeEqualize**: Social Inequalities in Work-Family Strategies Within and Across 24 Industrialized Countries” (No. 101117327), ERC Starting Grant (€1,499,146).
- 2022-2026 “The Impact of Structural Racism on Racial/Ethnic Disparities in End-Stage Kidney Disease from Healthy Population to Mortality” PI: Jonathan Daw; Co-I: Léa Pessin; Co-I: Andrea Corradi, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease (\$2,646,872).
- 2019 Pompeu Fabra University’s Extraordinary PhD Award
- 2018-2019 Work and Family Researchers Network Early Career Fellow
- 2013 Travel Award for the “Changing Families and Fertility Choices” Conference (Oslo)

**Awarded, Internal**

- 2020-2021 Pennsylvania State University, Population Research Institute, Emergency Research Funding Grant. “The Demographic and Health Consequences of Social Inequalities in Couples’ Work-Family Arrangements.” PI: Léa Pessin.
- 2020-2021 Pennsylvania State University, Population Research Institute, Seed Grant. “Gender Attitudes and Persistent Gender Inequality in India.” PI: Nancy Luke. Co-I: Léa Pessin. Co-I: Yubraj Acharya
- 2020-2021 Pennsylvania State University, Social Science Research Institute, Seed Grant. “Gender Attitudes and Persistent Gender Inequality in India.’ PI: Nancy Luke. Co-I: Léa Pessin. Co-I: Yubraj Acharya
- 2016-2019 Pennsylvania State University, Population Research Institute, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2011-2016 Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Pompeu Fabra Graduate Research Fellowship (European Research Council)

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS****Invited Presentations**

- 2022 Quantitative Social Science Seminar at UCL, “Changing Educational Differences in The Gender Division of Paid Work and Housework among U.S. Couples from 1968 to 2019.” Virtual (March)
- 2018 Female-Breadwinner Families in Europe Workshop, “Gender Equality for Whom?.” London (December)
- 2018 Center for Research in Economics and Statistics, “Race and class differences in linking women’s work and family lives across the life course.” Paris (July)
- 2017 The Pennsylvania State University, “Life Course Employment Patterns Among Black, Hispanic, and White Women.” State College (April)

**Conference Presentations**

- 2021 Population Association of America, “Does The Intergenerational Educational Mobility of Sexual Minority Groups Differ across Countries?” Virtual
- 2021 Population Association of America, “Time, Money, and Parenthood in the United States: How (Grand-)Parents to Adult Children Transfers Shape the Transition to Parenthood” Virtual
- 2020 Population Association of America, “Time, Money, and Parenthood in the United States: How (Grand-)Parents to Adult Children Transfers Shape the Transition to Parenthood” Washington DC (April) - Cancelled
- 2019 Population Association of America, “Changing Work-Family Arrangements among American Couples from 1968 to 2015.” Austin (April)
- 2018 American Sociological Association, “Changing Work-Family Arrangements among American Couples from 1968 to 2015.” Philadelphia (August)
- 2018 Work and Family Researchers Network, “Changing Work-Family Arrangements among American Couples from 1968 to 2015.” Washington DC (June)
- 2018 Population Association of America, “How Gender, Race, and Class Shape Women’s Work and Family Lives from Early Adulthood to Midlife.” Denver (April)

- 2017 American Sociological Association, “Changing Gender Norms and Marriage Dynamics in the United States.” Montreal (August)
- 2017 Population Association of America, “Labor, Housework, and Divorce: New Findings From the United States and West Germany.” Chicago (April)
- 2017 Population Association of America, “Immigrants’ Gender Role Attitudes Toward Women’s Employment in Europe: A New Approach to Studying Assimilation.” Chicago (2017)
- 2015 Population Association of America, “Divorce Trends and the Changing Context of Gender Norms in the United States: A Micro-Macro Approach.” San Diego (May)
- 2014 Population Association of America, “Changing Educational Gradients of U.S. Partnership Formation and Dissolution? A Multilevel Multistate Competing Risks Assessment.” Boston (May)
- 2014 Population Association of America, “Between Traditionalism and Egalitarianism: Non Linearities in Divorce Dynamics.” Boston (May)
- 2013 Population Association of America, “Changes in Gender Role Attitudes and Fertility: A Macro-Level Analysis.” New Orleans (April)
- 2012 Population Association of America, “Trust and Fertility Dynamics.” San Francisco (May)

## **COURSE TAUGHT**

### **Graduate**

- 2023- Social Demography, ENSAE Paris
- 2021-2022 Sociology of Gender and Sexuality, Graduate Seminar, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2014 Research and Data Analysis, Graduate Seminar, Pompeu Fabra University (Co-Instructor)
- 2013 Causal Inference in Non-Experimental Research, Professional and Graduate Short Course, GESIS Winter School in Survey Methodology (Co-Instructor)

### **Undergraduate**

- 2023- Introduction to Social Sciences, ENSAE Paris
- 2019-2022 Sociology of Gender, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2019 Advanced Topics in Gender Inequality, The Pennsylvania State University

### **Guest Lecturer**

- 2018 “Perspectives on the Gender Revolution”, Gender and Population (led by Nancy Luke), Graduate Course, The Pennsylvania State University (September)
- 2016 “Demographic Teaching and Research”, Demography Colloquium (led by Stephen Matthews), Graduate Course, The Pennsylvania State University (November)

## **SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS**

### **Dissertation Committees**

#### *ENSAE Paris-CREST*

- 2023- Sofian El Atifi, Doctoral Dissertation, Committee Member (Chair: Ivaylo Petev)

#### *The Pennsylvania State University*

- 2023- Sofian El Atifi, Doctoral Dissertation, Committee Member (Chair: Ivaylo Petev)
- 2022- Elena Pojman, Doctoral Dissertation, Co-Chair (Co-Chair: Ashton Verdery)
- 2021-2022 Elena Pojman, Master Thesis, Chair
- 2020-2022 Jane Lankes, Doctoral Dissertation, Committee Member (Chair: Sarah Damaske)
- 2019-2022 Marina Haddock Potter, Doctoral Dissertation, Co-Chair (Co-Chair: Sarah Font)
- 2019- Marco Faytong-Haro, Doctoral Dissertation, Committee Member (Chair: Nancy Luke)

**Graduate Mentoring**

2016-2020 Gender Working Group Co-Leader, The Pennsylvania State University

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE****National**

2022 Poster Judge, Population Association of America  
 2022 “Family Open Session” Session Organizer, American Sociological Association  
 2021 “Gender and Families” Session Organizer, Population Association of America  
 2019- Work Family Researchers Network Membership Committee Member  
 2018 “Gender and Families” Session Organizer, Population Association of America  
 2018 “Fertility, Family Planning, Sexual Behavior, Reproductive Health” Poster Judge, Population Association of America  
 2019 Social Media Team Volunteer, Population Association of America  
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 2017 Social Media Team Volunteer, Population Association of America

**University/Departmental***The Pennsylvania State University*

2021-2022 Sociology Colloquium Speaker Series Organizer  
 2021-2022 Faculty Writing Group Co-Facilitator  
 2020-2021 Faculty Development and Mentoring Committee Member  
 2019-2020 Future Initiatives of Strategic Hiring Committee Member  
 2017 Mini-PAA discussant

*Pompeu Fabra University*

2014 Co-Organizer of the Family Polarization Workshops (March and July)  
 2013-2014 Graduate Student Representative, Pompeu Fabra University

**Professional Memberships**

2017- Work and Family Researchers Network  
 2015- American Sociological Association, Sections: Family; Methodology; Population; Race, Class, and Gender; Sex and Gender  
 2011- Population Association of America

**Journal Manuscript Referee**

*Advances in Life Course Research, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Demographic Research, Demography, European Journal of Population, European Sociological Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Migration Review, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Marriage and Family, Social Currents, Social Forces, Population Review, The Canadian Review of Sociology*

**ACADEMIC SKILLS AND LANGUAGES****Short Methods Courses**

2015 Introduction and Intermediate SAS, Maryland Population Research Center  
 2014 Causal Inference for Observational Studies, University of Copenhagen  
 2014 Spatial Data Analysis, Pompeu Fabra University  
 2014 Advanced Multilevel Modelling Using Markov Chain Monte Carlo, University of Bristol  
 2013 Discrete-Time Event History Analysis Workshop, University of Bristol  
 2012 Introduction to Sequence Analysis, Pompeu Fabra University

**Statistical Software:** Stata (advanced), MLwiN (advanced), LatentGold (intermediate), R (intermediate), SAS (intermediate)

**Data:** British Household Panel Survey (BHPS), European Social Survey (ESS), European Values Study (EVS), French Income and Living Conditions Panel (FR-SILC), General Social Survey (GSS), National

Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY79), Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), World Values Survey (WVS)

**Languages:** French (native), English (fluent), Italian (fluent), Catalan (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)