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## **EDUCATION**

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY Princeton, New Jersey  
**Department of Sociology and Office of Population Research**

*Doctor of Philosophy* in Sociology, June 2005

*M.A.* in Sociology (with distinction), October 2003

RICE UNIVERSITY Houston, Texas

**Sociology and Policy Studies**

B.A. conferred *cum laude*, 2001

## **EXPERIENCE**

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**RICE UNIVERSITY, Houston, Texas**

**School of Social Sciences**

Dean (2021-present)

Herbert S. Autrey Chair in Social Sciences (2021-present)

**Department of Sociology**

Professor (2016-present)

Chair (Interim – 2020-2021)

Associate Chair (2018-2020)

Faculty Advisor to the President (2019-2021)

Associate Professor (2012-2016)

Assistant Professor (2007-2012)

Director of Graduate Studies (2013-2015)

Founding Director, Urban Health Program, Kinder Institute for Urban Research  
(2011-present)

Rice Scholar, James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy

Founding Core Faculty, Center for Child Health Policy and Advocacy, Texas

Children's Hospital

**BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, Houston, Texas**

**Department of Family and Community Medicine**

Adjunct Professor (2016-Present)

Adjunct Associate Professor (2012-2016)

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, Madison, Wisconsin**

**Department of Population Health Sciences**

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar (July 2005-June 2007)

## BOOK

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Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2022. *In Too Deep: Class and Mothering in a Flooded Community*. University of California Press.

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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Mercedes A. Bravo, Joshua L. Warren, Man Chong Leong, Nicole C. Deziel, Rachel T. Kimbro, Michelle L. Bell, Marie Lynn Miranda. "Where is Air Quality Improving, and Who Benefits? A Study of PM2.5 and Ozone over 15 Years." *Forthcoming, American Journal of Epidemiology*.

Ashley Kranjac, Catherine Boyd\*, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Brady Moffett, and Keila Lopez. 2021. "Neighborhoods Matter; But for Whom? Heterogeneity of Neighborhood Disadvantage on Child Obesity by Sex." *Health & Place*, 68: 102534.

Vincent J Gonzalez, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Katherine E Cutitta, John C Shabosky, Mohammad F Bilal, Daniel J Penny, & Keila N Lopez. 2021. "Mental Health Disorders in Children with Congenital Heart Disease." *Pediatrics*, 147(2): e20201693.

Sharp, Gregory and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2021. "Neighborhood Social Environments, Healthy Resources, and Adult Diabetes: Accounting for Activity Space Exposures." *Health and Place*, 67: 102473.

Denney, Justin T., Mackenzie Brewer, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2020. "Food Insecurity in Households with Young Children: A Test of Contextual Congruence." *Social Science & Medicine*, 263.

Schachter, Ariela, Gregory Sharp, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2020. "(Can't Get No) Neighborhood Satisfaction? How Multilevel Immigration Factors Shape Latinos' Neighborhood Attitudes." *Socius*, 6: 1-16.

Kulesza, Christopher, Quianta Moore, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, and Felicia Jackson. 2020. "The Role of Prosocial Behavior in Promoting Physical Activity, as an Indicator of Resilience, in a Low-income Neighborhood." *Behavioral Medicine*, 46(3-4): 353-365.

Brewer, Mackenzie, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, and Justin T. Denney. 2019. "Families in Context: Food Insecurity among Hispanic Immigrant and non-Immigrant Households with Children." *Family and Community Health*, (42)4: 283-291.

Kranjac, Ashley\*\*, Justin T. Denney, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Brady Moffett, and Keila Lopez. 2019. "Child Obesity and the Interaction of Family and Neighborhood Socioeconomic Context." *Population Research and Policy Review*, 38: 347-369.

Ashley Kranjac\*\*, Justin T. Denney, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Brady Moffett, and Keila Lopez. 2018. "Neighborhood and Social Environmental Influences on Child Chronic Disease Prevalence." *Population and Environment*, 40(2): 93-114.

Mercedes Bravo\*\*, Rebecca Anthopolos\*, Marie Lynn Miranda, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2018. "Residential Racial Isolation and Spatial Patterning of Type 2 Diabetes

Mellitus in Durham, North Carolina.” *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 187(1): 1467-1476.

Justin T. Denney, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, and Gregory Sharp\*\*. 2018. “Neighborhoods and Food Insecurity in Households with Young Children: A Disadvantage Paradox?” *Social Problems*, 65(3): 342-359.

Laura Freeman Cenegy\*, Justin T. Denney, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2018. “Family Diversity and Child Health: Where Do Same-Sex Couple Families Fit?” *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 80(1): 198-218.

Sharon Wolf, Katherine Magnuson, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2017. “Neighborhood Poverty and School Readiness Before and After the Great Recession.” *Children and Youth Services Review*, 79: 368-384.

Cassandra Diep Yeung\*\*, Tom Baranowski, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2017. “Acculturation and Weight Change in Asian-American Children: Evidence from the ECLS-K: 2011.” *Preventive Medicine*, 99: 286-292.

Ashley Kranjac\*\*, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Justin T. Denney, Brady Moffett, and Keila Lopez. 2017. “Comprehensive Neighborhood Portraits and Child Asthma Disparities.” *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 21(7): 1552-1562.

Jennifer Augustine and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2017. “Associations and Intervening Mechanisms between Family Structure and Young Children’s Obesity.” *Journal of Family Issues* 38: 2277-2302.

Jennifer Augustine, Kate Prickett, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2017. “Health-Related Parenting among U.S. Families and Young Children’s Physical Health.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 70: 816-832.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Gregory Sharp, and Justin T. Denney. 2017. “Home and Away: Area Socioeconomic Disadvantage and Obesity Risk.” *Health and Place*, 44: 94-102.

Christine Percheski and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2017. “Deciding to Wait: Partnership Status, Economic Conditions, and Pregnancy during the Great Recession.” *Sociological Science*, 4:176-195.

Mackenzie Brewer\*, Rachel T. Kimbro, Justin T. Denney, Kristin M. Osiecki, Brady Moffett, and Keila Lopez. 2017. “Do Neighborhood Social and Environmental Context Impact Race/Ethnic Disparities in Childhood Asthma?” *Health and Place*, 44: 86-93.

Justin T. Denney, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Katherine Heck, and Catherine Cubbin. 2017. “Social Cohesion and Food Insecurity: Insights from the GROW Study.” *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 21(2): 343-350.

Sarita Panchang\*, Hilary Dowdy\*, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, and Bridget Gorman. 2016. “Self-Rated Health, Gender, and Acculturative Stress among Immigrants in the U.S.: New Roles for Social Support.” *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 55: 120-132.

- Bridget K. Gorman, Cynthia Novoa\*, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2016. "Migration Decisions, Acculturation, and Overweight among Asian and Latino Immigrant Adults." *International Migration Review*. 50(3): 728-757.
- Rachel Tolbert Kimbro and Bhavika Kaul\*. 2016. "Physical Activity Disparities Between U.S.-Born and Immigrant Children by Maternal Region of Origin." *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. 18(2): 308-317.
- Chen, Tzu-An, Tom Baranowski, Jennette Moreno, Teresia O'Connor, Sheryl Hughes, Janice Baranowski, Deborah Woehler, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, and Craig Johnston. 2016. "Obesity Status Trajectory Groups among Elementary School Children." *BMC Public Health*. 16: 526-538.
- Chen, Tzu-An, Tom Baranowski, Jennette P. Moreno, Teresia M. O'Connor, Sheryl O. Hughes, Janice Baranowski, Deborah Woehler, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, and Craig A. Johnston. 2016. "Obesity Status Transitions across the Elementary Years: Use of Markov Chain Modeling." *Pediatric Obesity*. 11:88-94.
- Gregory Sharp\*\*, Justin T. Denney, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2015. "Multiple Contexts of Exposure: Activity Spaces, Residential Neighborhoods, and Self-Rated Health." *Social Science and Medicine*. 146:204-213.
- Rachel Tolbert Kimbro and Justin T. Denney. 2015. "Transitions Into Food Insecurity Associated with Behavioral Problems and Worse Overall Health Among Children." 2015. *Health Affairs*. 34(11): 1949-1955.
- Matthew Desmond and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2015. "Eviction's Fallout: Housing, Hardship, and Health." *Social Forces*, 94: 295-324.
- Wendell Taylor, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Gina Evans-Hudnall, Lorna Haughton McNeill, and Ann Smith Barnes. 2014. "Sedentary Behavior, Body Mass Index, and Weight Loss Maintenance among African American Women." *Ethnicity and Disease*. 25: 38-45.
- Mackenzie Brewer\* and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2014. "Neighborhoods and Immigrant Children's Physical Activity." *Social Science and Medicine*, 116: 1-9.
- Rachel Tolbert Kimbro and Justin T. Denney. 2013. "Neighborhood Context and Racial/Ethnic Differences in Young Children's Obesity: Structural Barriers to Interventions." *Social Science & Medicine*, 95:97-105.
- Jenifer Bratter and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2013. "Multiracial Children and Racial Differences in Child Poverty: Evidence from the ECLS-K." *Family Relations*, 62(1): 175-189.
- Jennifer March Augustine\*\* and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2013. "Family Structure and Obesity Among U.S. Children." *Journal of Applied Research on Children*, 4(1): Article 5.
- Daphne Hernandez and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2013. "The Association Between Acculturation and Health Insurance Coverage for Immigrant Children from

Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Regions of Origin.” *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 15(3): 453-461.

Ann Smith Barnes and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2012. “A Descriptive Study of Educated African-American Women Successful at Weight-Loss Maintenance Through Lifestyle Changes.” *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 27(10): 1272-1279.

Richard Carpiano and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2012. “Neighborhood Social Capital, Parenting Strain, and Personal Mastery among Female Primary Caregivers of Children.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 53(2): 232-247.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Bridget Gorman, and Ariela Schachter\*. 2012. “Acculturation and Self-Rated Health among Latinos and Asian Immigrants to the United States.” *Social Problems*, 59(3): 341-363.

Ariela Schachter\*, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, and Bridget Gorman. 2012. “Language Proficiency and Health Status: Are Bilingual Immigrants Healthier?” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 53(1): 124-145.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Justin T. Denney, and Sarita Panchang\*. 2012. “Neighborhood Characteristics and Children’s Food Insecurity.” *Journal of Applied Research on Children: Informing Policy for Children at Risk*. 3(1), Article 8.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro and Ariela Schachter\*. 2011. “Neighborhood Poverty and Maternal Fears of Children’s Outdoor Play.” *Family Relations* (60): 461-475.

Adrianne Frech\*\* and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2011. “Maternal Mental Health, Neighborhood Characteristics, and Time Investments in Children.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* (73): 605-620.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Jeanne Brooks-Gunn and Sara McLanahan. 2011. “Young Children in Urban Areas: Links Among Neighborhood Characteristics, Weight Status, Outdoor Play, and Television-Watching.” *Social Science and Medicine* (72): 668-676.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro and Elizabeth Rigby. 2010. “Federal Food Policy and Childhood Obesity: A Solution or Part of the Problem?” *Health Affairs*. 29(3): 411-418.\*

\*Named #2 influential article of 2010 written by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grantees

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2009. “Acculturation in Context: Gender, Age at Migration, Neighborhood Ethnicity, and Health Behaviors.” *Social Science Quarterly*. 90(5): 1145-1166.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2008. “Together Forever? Romantic Relationship Characteristics and Prenatal Health Behaviors.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 70(3): 745-757.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Sharon Bzostek, Noreen Goldman, and Germán Rodríguez. 2008. “Race, Ethnicity, and the Education Gradient in Health.” *Health Affairs*. 27(2): 361-372.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Scott M. Lynch, and Sara McLanahan. 2008. "The Influence of Acculturation on Breastfeeding Initiation and Duration for Mexican-Americans." *Population Research and Policy Review*. 27(2): 183-199.

Margaret Weden and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2007. "Racial and Ethnic Differences in the Timing of First Marriage and Smoking Cessation." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 69(3): 878-887.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Sara McLanahan, and Jeanne Brooks-Gunn. 2007. "Racial and Ethnic Differentials in Overweight and Obesity among 3-year-old Children." *American Journal of Public Health*. 97:298-305. PMC1781385

Noreen J. Goldman, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Cassio Turra, and Anne Pebley. 2006. "Socioeconomic Gradients in Health for White and Mexican-Origin Populations." *American Journal of Public Health*. 96(12): 2186-2193. PMC1698173

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2006. "On-the-Job Moms: Work and Breastfeeding Initiation and Duration for a Sample of Low-Income Women." *Maternal and Child Health Journal*. 10(1):19-26.

Michael O. Emerson, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, and George Yancey. 2002. "Contact Theory Extended: The Effect of Prior Multiracial Contact on Current Social Ties." *Social Science Quarterly*. 83(3):745-761.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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Kimbro, Rachel Tolbert. 2017. (book review) "The Playdate: Parents, Children, and the New Expectations of Play," by Tamara R. Mose. *American Journal of Sociology*, 122(4): 1311-1312.

Kimbro, Rachel Tolbert. 2017. "Hurricane Party." *Contexts*, 16(4): 84.

\*undergraduate or graduate student, or post-baccalaureate fellow, at the time of submission

\*\*postdoctoral fellow at the time of submission

## **GRANTS**

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### ***Received***

2020 (PI) Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Equity-Focused Policy Research. "Assessing how low-income families with children assemble multiple nutrition supports to maintain food security in a poverty context, or why they don't." \$217,000. (Cayce Hughes, co-PI)

2017 (Co-Investigator; Marie Lynn Miranda, Rice PI). National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, R01 MD012769. "Environmental Health Disparities in an Older Population." Five year subcontract award of \$1.6 million to Rice. PI: Michelle Bell, Yale University.

2017 (PI) Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders. "A Comparison of Resilience, Collective Efficacy, and Health in Two Historically African-

American Neighborhoods in Houston, Texas.”\* \$350,000 (with fellow PIs Quianta Moore and Felicia Jackson)

\*Winner, 2020 Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Community Research Partnership Award

2016 (PI) University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Feeding America Program. “Counties of Risk: Assessing Family Resilience and Vulnerability to Food Insecurity” (Justin Denney, Co-PI; Mackenzie Brewer\*, Co-I) \$35,000.

2014 (Internal, PI) Faculty Initiative Fund. “Unequal Starts, Uncertain Futures: A Multilayered, Neighborhoods Approach to Understanding Child Obesity.” \$30,000. (Justin T. Denney and Keila Lopez, Co-PIs)

2014 (Internal, PI) Social Sciences Research Institute Seed Grant. “Unequal Starts, Uncertain Futures: A Multilayered, Neighborhoods Approach to Understanding Child Obesity.” \$20,000.

2014 (PI) Small Grant, Texas Census Research Data Center. “Complex Families, State Family Policy, and Child Health Disparities.” (Justin T. Denney and Laura Freeman\*, Co-PIs). \$4,200.

2013-2016 (Co-PI) Houston Endowment. “Houston Aerosol Characterization and Health Experiment.” (Rob Griffin, PI, Justin Denney, Co-PI) \$700,000 and \$460,000 extension.

2013 (Co-PI) University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Research Program on Childhood Hunger Grant. “Contextualizing Food Insecurity among Children: Do Neighborhood Characteristics Shape the Risk?” (Justin Denney, PI) \$75,000.

2012 (Co-PI) University of Wisconsin Institute for Research on Poverty, Family Complexity Small Grants. “The Great Recession’s Effects on Nonmarital and Multipartner Fertility.” (Christine Percheski, Co-PI). \$20,000.

2011 (Internal; Co-PI) Brown Teaching Grant. “New Teaching Technologies and Multidimensional Data Collection.” (Justin Denney, Co-PI) \$4,190.

2010 (PI) Foundation for Child Development Young Scholar Grant. “Safe to Play? Immigrant Children’s Neighborhood Environments and Opportunities for Physical Activity.” \$127,303.

2010 (Internal, PI) James Baker Institute for Public Policy Health Economics Program. Project: “The African-American National Weight Control Registry: Exploring Social and Cultural Differences in Weight Loss.” \$5,000.

2008 (PI) Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Active Living Program. Maternal Fears of Violence, Crime, and Outdoor Play for a Sample of Low-Income, Urban Five-Year-Olds. \$91,662.

2008 (Co-PI) Mississippi State University Southern Rural Development Center, RIDGE Grant. Project: Federal Food Assistance Programs: Part of the Childhood Obesity Problem? (Elizabeth Rigby, PI) \$35,000.

2006-2010 (PI) Health Disparities Research Loan Repayment Program, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health. Project: Race, Ethnicity, and Nativity Socioeconomic Health Gradients for Children. 10/2006-10/2010. \$17,000. *Initial contract and renewal.*

2008 (Internal; PI) Rice University Faculty Initiatives Fund. Project: Federal Food Assistance Programs: Part of the Childhood Obesity Problem? (With Elizabeth Rigby) \$22,613.

2008 (Internal, PI) Rice University Brown Teaching Grant. Project: Course Enhancements for Soci 303, Poverty and Public Policy. \$3,220.

2008 (Internal, PI) James Baker Institute for Public Policy Health Economics Program. Project: Poverty, Race/Ethnicity, and Children's Overweight and Obesity: Setting a Course for Lifelong Disparities. \$5,000.

2007 (PI) University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Regional Small Grant. Project: Poverty, Race/Ethnicity, and Children's Overweight and Obesity: Setting a Course for Lifelong Disparities. \$9,900.

2006 (PI) Robert Wood Johnson Seed Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison RWJF Health & Society Scholars Program. Project: Pregnancy and Risk Tolerance. \$2,500.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

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- 2020 – Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Community Research Partnership Award (with Quanta Moore, Felicia Jackson, and the Houston Area Urban League)
- 2017 – Charles Duncan Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Rice University
- 2015 – George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University
- 2013 – George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University
- 2013 – Sarah Burnett Teaching Award, School of Social Sciences, Rice University
- 2013 – Children at Risk “Hero of the Month”
- 2012 – Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Prize, Rice University
- 2010-2012 Foundation for Child Development Young Scholar
- 2011 and 2009 Finalist, Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Prize, Rice University
- 2008 Distinguished Faculty Associate, Brown College
- 2006 Junior Scholar, Ohio State University Inequalities in Health Conference
- 2001-2005 Jacob K. Javits Fellow, U.S. Department of Education
- 2004-2005 P.E.O. Scholar
- 2001 Weber-Durkheim Award, Rice University (Outstanding Graduating Sociology Major)

## **Special Training**

Course in Social Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins University, Summer 2002

Course in Hierarchical Linear Models, SSI, University of Chicago, Summer 2004 (Steve Raudenbush and Tony Bryk, instructors)

Workshop in Structural Equation Modeling, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring 2006



Propensity Scores Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring 2007  
Qualitative Interviewing Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring 2007

## **COURSES**

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SOCI 101: Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2008, Fall 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013)  
SOCI 303: Poverty and Public Policy (Fall 2008)  
SOCI 365: Medical Sociology (Spring 2009, 2010, 2012, Fall 2015, 2017, 2020)  
SOCI 438/538: Sociology of the Family (Fall 2016)  
SOCI 425/525: Population Health Seminar (Fall 2012)  
SOCI 582: Quantitative Data Analysis I (Spring 2014, 2015, 2017)  
SOCI 583: Quantitative Data Analysis II (Fall 2017, 2019)  
SOCI 584: Quantitative Data Analysis III, Advanced Topics (Fall 2014)  
SOCI 611: Crafting a Dissertation (Fall 2015)

## **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

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- Faculty Advisor to the President, 2019-2021
- Sociology Interim Chair, 2020-2021
- Sociology Associate Chair, 2018-2020
- Co-Chair, Data Science Search and Programming Committee, 2016-2018
- Rice Academy of Fellows, Senior Fellow, 2015-2017
- Vice Chair, Provost Search Committee, 2014-2015
- Chair, Provost Search Advisory Committee, 2014
- Sociology Undergraduate Advisor, 2011-2013
- Sociology Director of Graduate Studies, 2013-2015
- Faculty Senate, Elected Social Science School Rep, 2012-2015 and 2015-2016
  - (Elected Deputy Speaker, 2014-2016; Parliamentarian, 2013-2014; Executive Committee, 2013-2016)
- Center for Teaching Excellence Founding Faculty Fellow, 2012-2016
- Divisional Advisor for Social Sciences, Brown College, 2013-2014
- University Committee on Teaching, 2012-2013
- Co-Chair, Educational Technology Committee, 2011-2012
- Member, Faculty Senate Subcommittee on Faculty Retirement, Fall 2011
- Provost Search Committee, 2009-2010
- Faculty Associate, Brown Residential College (Distinguished Associate, 2008)
- Faculty Sponsor, Children's Defense Fund SHOUT Program, 2009-2013
- Sociology Representative, Social Sciences Faculty Advisory Committee, 2008-2010
- University Committee on Faculty and Staff Benefits, 2008-2012
- University Marshals Committee, 2009-present
- Owlspac Advisory Committee, 2008-2010

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE**

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Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (2016-2019)  
Editorial Board Member, *American Sociological Review* (2012-2016)  
Associate Editor, *Population Research and Policy Review* (2011-2015)

American Sociological Association; Family, Population, Children & Youth, and Medical Sociology Sections

Population Association of America  
Southern Sociological Society  
Southern Demographic Association

- Council Member, Section on Children and Youth, American Sociological Association, (elected officer, 2020-2022).
- Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award Committee, American Sociological Association (Member, 2017-2019)
- Organizer and Chair, Ethnic and Racial Variation in Health Behaviors and Health Session, April 2016, Population Association of America, Washington DC.
- Chair, Social Determinants of Adult Obesity Session, April 2013, Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA
- Chair, Membership Committee, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, (elected officer; 2011-2013)
- Chair, Child Health Inequalities Session, May 2012, Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA.
- Discussant, 2011 and 2013, Population Association of America
- Chair, Teaching Committee, Medical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (elected officer; 2007-2009)
- Chair, “Childhood” Session, Southern Demographic Association Meetings, October 2009
- Regular Session Organizer (3 Sessions), ASA 2009, Medical Sociology
- RWJF Health & Society Scholars Program Representative, RWJF Alumni Advisory Board, 2008-2010
- Session(s) Organizer, PAA 2008, “Child Health and Wellbeing in Developed Countries,” “Adolescent Health and Wellbeing in Developed Countries,” and “Family Dynamics, Race/Ethnicity, and Early Child Wellbeing”

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer:

- American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Social Forces, Social Problems, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Family Issues, Health Affairs, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, American Journal of Public Health, Pediatrics, Social Science and Medicine, The Sociological Quarterly, Maternal and Child Health

#### **STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS ADVISED**

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Madeleine Smith-Johnson, Ph.D. Student (MA thesis committee member).

Simon Fern, Ph.D. Student (Advisor and MA thesis chair).

Erick Samayoa, Ph.D. Student (MA thesis committee member).

Julian Culver, Ph.D. Student (MA thesis and dissertation committee member).

Phylicia Lee Brown, Ph.D. Student (MA thesis committee member).

Cayce Hughes, Assistant Professor, Colorado College (2018-2020 Rice U. Postdoc)

Cassidy Castiglione, Ph.D. Student (Advisor and M.A. thesis chair).

Daniel Bolger, Ph.D. Student (MA and dissertation committee member).

Catherine Boyd, Ph.D Student (Advisor and dissertation committee chair).

Laura Freeman, Ph.D. Student (Advisor and dissertation committee chair).

Mackenzie Brewer, Ph.D. Student (Advisor and dissertation committee chair; now Assistant Professor of Sociology at Baylor University).

Junia Howell, Ph.D. Student (dissertation committee member; now Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh).

Sandra Alvear, Ph.D. Student (dissertation committee member).

Kevin Smiley, Ph.D. Student (dissertation committee member; now Assistant Professor of Sociology at LSU).

Ellen Whitehead, Ph.D. Student (MA thesis and dissertation committee member; now Assistant Professor of Sociology at Ball State University).

Adrianne Frech, Assistant Professor, University of Akron (2009-2011 Rice U. Postdoc)

Jennifer Augustine, Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina (2011-2012 Rice U. Postdoc)

Gregory Sharp, Assistant Professor, SUNY Buffalo (2013-2015 Rice U. Postdoc)

Ashley Kranjac, current postdoctoral fellow, Rice U Sociology (2015- present)

Rebecca Raven, Sociology Senior Honors Thesis, 2014-2015.

Christina Zarraga, Sociology Senior Honors Thesis, “Children’s Screen Media Use.” 2011-2012 (Thesis Advisor).

Jenny Kingsley, Sociology Senior Honors Thesis, “WIC, Breastfeeding, and Child Obesity.” 2009-2010 (Thesis Advisor).

Bhavika Kaul, Schweitzer Fellowship (Texas Children’s Hospital). Faculty Mentor. 2009-2010.

Alex Bonnel, Center for Civic Engagement Summer Fellow, “Houston Neighborhoods and Health Disparities.” Summer 2009.

Ariela Schachter, Sociology Senior Honors Thesis, “Accessing Health: A Latino Immigrant Experience.” 2008-2009. (Thesis Reading Committee).

Tara Grigg Garlinghouse, Sociology Senior Honors Thesis, “Teen Mothers and Parenting Skills.” 2007-2008 (Thesis Advisor).

## **INVITED TALKS**

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“The Great Recession and Pregnancies in the U.S.” November 2013. Texas A&M University Census Data Research Center.

“Contextual Influences on Children’s Health.” May 2011. Social Determinants of Child Health Symposium. University of Michigan.

“Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Young Children’s Overweight and Obesity.” February 2011. Texas Human Nutrition Conference Speaker, Texas A&M University.

“Maternal Fear, Collective Efficacy, and Young, Urban Children’s Outdoor Play.” December 2010. Vanderbilt University Department of Sociology’s Emerging Scholars Series.

“Maternal Perceptions of Neighborhood Characteristics and Children’s Physical Activity.” March 2009. University of Texas at Austin. Population Research Center Lecture Series.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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Ashley Wendell Kranjac, Rachel T. Kimbro, and Justin T. Denney. “Comprehensive Neighborhood Portraits and Child Asthma.” April 2016. Population Association of America, Washington, DC.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Justin T. Denney, and Mackenzie Brewer. “Neighborhood Socioeconomic Change Over Time and Young Children’s Obesity.” May 2015. Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.

Gregory Sharp, Justin T. Denney, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. “Multiple Contexts of Exposure: Assessing How Activity Spaces Modify Neighborhood Effects on Self-Rated Health.” May 2015. Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.

Christine Percheski and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. “Pregnancy During the Great Recession: Variations Among U.S. Women by Partnership Status.” August 2014. American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Justin T. Denney, and Mackenzie Brewer. “Neighborhood Disadvantage and Children’s Weight Trajectories.” August 2014. American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA. (Invited Paper)

Justin T. Denney and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. “Helping Out to Get By: The Poverty Paradox in Children’s Food Insecurity.” April 2014. Population Association of America, Boston, MA.

Laura Freeman, Justin T. Denney, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. “Family Structure and Child Health: Where Do Children in Same-Sex Parent Families Fit?” April 2014. Population Association of America, Boston, MA.

Jennifer Augustine and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. “Family Structure and Child Obesity.” April 2013. Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA.

Matt Desmond and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. "The Effects of Eviction on Poor Mothers." August 2012. American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro and Justin Denney. "Neighborhood Context and Child Obesity." May 2012. Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA.

Rachel Tolbert Kimbro and Ariela Schachter. "Maternal Fear and Children's Outdoor Play." March 2011. Population Association of America, Washington, DC.

Ariela Schachter, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, and Bridget Gorman. "Language Proficiency and Health Status: Are Bilingual Immigrants Healthier?" March 2011. Population Association of America, Washington, DC.

Daphne Hernandez and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. "Immigrant Children's Health Insurance Status: Changes Over Time." March 2011. Population Association of America, Washington, DC.

"Maternal Mental Health and Children's Activities in Low-Income Families." With Adrienne Frech. August 2010. American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.

"Extended Kin, Acculturation, and Asian Adolescent Well-Being." With Holly Heard and Adrienne Frech. April 2010. Population Association of America, Dallas, TX.

"Poverty, Neighborhoods, and Children's Outdoor Play." February 2010. Active Living Research Conference, San Diego, CA.

"Residential Segregation and Adult Physical Activity." October 2009. Southern Demographic Association Meetings, Galveston, TX. (with Jeremy Porter and Bridget Gorman).

"Federal Food Assistance Programs: Part of the Childhood Obesity Problem or Solution?" October 2009. Economic Research Service RIDGE Grants Conference, Washington, D.C. (with Elizabeth Rigby).

"Objective and Subjective Neighborhood Characteristics and the Influence on Children's Sedentary Behaviors." February 2009. Active Living Research Conference.

"Changes in the Determinants of First Birth Timing in the U.S.: Early Baby Boomers, Late Baby Boomers, and Generation X." August 2008. American Sociological Association. (with Lizzy Wildsmith).

"Determinants of Childhood Obesity at Age 5." University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Grantees Conference. May 2008.

"Racial and Ethnic Variation in Health Inequalities in the U.S." Population Association of America. April 2008. (with Sharon Bzostek, Noreen Goldman, and German Rodriguez).

"Together Forever? Relationship Dynamics and Maternal Investments in Children's Health." Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars' Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2007.

“Changes in Determinants of Age at First Birth in the U.S.: 1970-2004.” Southern Sociological Society. April 2007. (with Elizabeth Wildsmith)

“Together Forever? Relationship Dynamics and Maternal Investments in Children’s Health.” Population Association of America. March 2007.

“Black/White Differences in the Influence of First Marriage on Smoking Cessation.” American Sociological Association. August 2006. (with Maggie Weden)

“Racial and Ethnic Differences in Children’s SES Health Gradients: Why Don’t Equal Investments in Maternal Education Translate to Equal Outcomes?” American Sociological Association. August 2006.

“A Person-Centered Methodology for Examining Health Disparities.” Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Annual Meeting. May 2006.

“Overweight and Obesity at Age 3: Examining the Racial and Ethnic Differentials.” Fall RWJ Scholars Conference, October 2005.

“Intergenerational Differences in Health Behaviors for Mexican-Americans: The Role of Culture and Cohesion.” Notestein Demography Seminar, Office of Population Research, Princeton University. April 2005.

“Intergenerational Differences in Smoking for Mexican-Americans: The Role of Culture and Cohesion.” Population Association of America, March 2005.

“Losing Ground? Why Hispanic Preschoolers are More Likely to be Overweight.” Southern Demographic Association, October 2004.

“Acculturation and Breastfeeding Initiation and Duration.” Southern Sociological Society, April 2004.

“On-the-Job Moms: The Return to Work and Breastfeeding Duration.” Population Association of America Meetings, April 2004.

Discussant, Economic Sociology Workshop, Princeton University. For Marjorie Orellana’s paper “Children’s Work as Family Translators in Immigrant Households.” March 2004.

“The Acculturation Hypothesis and the Hispanic Paradox: Breastfeeding in the Fragile Families Sample.” Southern Demographic Association Meeting, October 2003.

“The Acculturation Hypothesis and the Hispanic Paradox: Breastfeeding in the Fragile Families Sample.” Fragile Families Working Group, November 2003.

#### **INVITED TALKS IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

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“Social Determinants of Health.” April 2013. Doctors for Change, Houston.

“Social Determinants of Health.” March 2011. Coalition Member Training, The Women’s Fund for Health Education and Research, Houston, TX.

“Federal Food Programs and Young Children’s Health.” February 2011. Guest lecture, Community Nutrition course, University of Houston.

“Hispanics in Fragile Families, Birth to Age Five.” September 2009. Hispanic Healthy Marriages Initiative Workshop, Rice University.

“Poverty among African-Americans and Latinos.” March 2009. African-Americans and Latinos Merging for Action Conference, Rice University.

“Poverty and Family Structure Trends in the U.S.” February 2009. Community Dialogues Lecture Series, Rice University.

“Fragile Families and Parenting.” December 2008. ESCAPE Family Resource Center, Houston, TX.

“Social Determinants of Maternal and Infant Health.” October 2007. Guest lecture for the Health Disparities, Education, Awareness, Research & Training (HDEART) Consortium Health Disparities course.

#### **MEDIA MENTIONS, OP-EDS, AND INTERVIEWS**

OpEd, *Houston Chronicle*, August 22, 2011: “Depressing Start to the School Year.”

OpEd, *Houston Chronicle*, March 5, 2010: “School Lunches May Reverse Child Obesity.”

Work on race/ethnic and nativity health gradients, published in *Health Affairs*, featured in *Health Day* and run in major newspapers across the U.S. (March 2008).

Quoted by the AP responding to research on household nutrition issues. (February 2007).

Interviewed about work on race/ethnicity and preschool obesity, published in *AJPH*, for the *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Newark Star-Ledger*, *Wall Street Journal*, and by the AP, Reuters, and 7 other local newspapers. Also interviewed by CNN Radio, ABC News Radio, CBS Radio New York, and Wisconsin Public Radio. Articles about the study appeared in newspapers all over the world, including Mexico, India, and Australia. (January 2007).