

## Christine Percheski

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### EMPLOYMENT

2010 - Assistant Professor of Sociology & Institute for Policy Research Faculty Fellow, Northwestern University  
2008 -10 Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Program, Harvard University

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Princeton University, 2008  
Dissertation: *Women's employment, family structure and social inequality in the United States*.  
Committee Members: Sara McLanahan, Bruce Western, Douglas Massey.

M.A. in Sociology, Princeton University, 2006  
Examinations: Stratification, Sociology of Family, Demography. Passed with Distinction.

B.A. in Sociology, Dartmouth College, 2001  
Departmental Honors, Magna Cum Laude.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Inequality and stratification, Family demography, Health, Work and occupations.

### PUBLICATIONS

Percheski, Christine and Eszter Hargittai. Forthcoming. "Health Information-Seeking in the Digital Age." *The Journal of American College Health*.

McCall, Leslie and **Christine Percheski**. 2010. "Income Inequality: New Trends and Research Directions." *Annual Review of Sociology* 36: 329-47.

Wildeman, Christopher and **Christine Percheski**. 2009. "Associations of Childhood Religious Attendance, Family Structure, and Nonmarital Fertility across Cohorts." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 71:1294-1308.

Western, Bruce, Deirdre Bloome, and **Christine Percheski**. 2008. "Inequality among American Families with Children: 1975-2005." *American Sociological Review* 73 (6): 903-920.

McLanahan, Sara and **Christine Percheski**. 2008. "Family Structure and the Reproduction of Inequalities." *Annual Review of Sociology* 34: 257-76.

**Percheski, Christine.** 2008. "Opting Out? Cohort Differences in Professional Women's Employment Rates from 1960 to 2005." *American Sociological Review* 73 (3): 497-517.

\*Media coverage: *Time*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week*, *Workforce Management*.

\*Winner of IPUMS 2010 award for best graduate student paper

**Percheski, Christine** and Christopher Wildeman. 2008. "Becoming a Dad: Employment Trajectories of Married, Cohabiting, and Non-resident Fathers." *Social Science Quarterly* 89 (2):482-501.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

"Family Structure and Maternal Employment Trajectories."

"Children's Health Insurance Patterns and Health Care Utilization." With Sharon Bzostek.

"Rising Numbers of Uninsured Adults: The Role of Changes in American Families."

"Marriage Advantages, Child Costs: Family Structure and Income Inequality among American Women."

"Family Characteristics, Unemployment, and Economic Status: Comparing the Recent Recession with the Recessions of the early 1980s."

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Instructor, Northwestern University*

Sociology 101-6: American Families after the Sexual Revolution

Sociology 310: Families and Social Learning

*Teaching Assistant, Princeton University:*

Sociology 201: American Society and Politics, Professor Paul Starr, Fall 2005

Sociology 404: Social Statistics, Professor Bruce Western, Fall 2005

Sociology 300: Claims and Evidence in Sociology, Professor Marta Tienda, Fall 2004

## SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS

"Family Characteristics, Unemployment, and Women's Economic Status: Comparing the Recessions of the early 1980s and the Present." Social Science History Association, November 2010

"Family Complexity, Children's Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Quality Health Care." (with Sharon Bzostek), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 2010

"Complexity of Insurance Arrangements among Siblings" (with Sharon Bzostek), American Sociological Association, August 2010

"Welfare Reform and Economic Inequality among American Families." Eastern Sociological Society, March 2010.

"Employment Patterns among New Mothers in the United States." Invited Lecture, Dartmouth College, February 2010.

"Family Characteristics and Economic Inequality among American Women." Invited Lecture, University of California Davis, November 2009.

"Rising Numbers of Uninsured Adults: The Role of Changes in American Families." Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 2009.

"Marriage Advantages, Child Costs: Family Structure and Income Inequality among American Women across Birth Cohorts." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, April 2009.

"Racial and Ethnic Differences in American Mothers' Employment Patterns." Invited Panelist, Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, March 2009.

"Health Information Seeking in a Digital Age." (with Eszter Hargittai), Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, March 2009.

"Changes in American Women's Employment: Facts, Fiction, and Policy Implications." Invited Lecture, Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School, Feb. 2009.

"Opting Out?" Invited Panelist, *Women and Work: Choices and Constraints Conference*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 2008.

"Explaining Increases in Non-marital Births: Cohort Effects of Childhood Religion and Family Structure on Non-marital Conceptions and Shotgun Weddings." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, April 2008.

"Influences of Family Structure and Partner Characteristics on Mothers' Employment Trajectories." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, April 2008.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### *Service*

Northwestern University: *Graduate Student Admissions Committee, WCAS Freshman Advisor*

American Sociological Association: *Co-Organizer of Family Section roundtables (2010), Family Section Article Award Committee (2011)*

### *Journals*

Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Sociology, Demography, Feminist Studies, Qualitative Sociology, Social Problems, Social Science Quarterly, Sociological Forum, Sociological Perspectives.*

Member, Student Editorial Board, *Contexts*, 2004-2007

### *Professional Association Memberships*

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Social Science History Association.