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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Joint in Sociology and Demography, University of Pennsylvania, 1991  
 Dissertation: *The Expected Economic Impact of Marital Dissolution and its Implications for the Likelihood of Divorce*. Chair: Samuel H. Preston
- M.A. Demography, University of Pennsylvania, 1987  
 Master's Thesis: *Age Overstatement in Three Latin American Countries: Mexico, Chile and Venezuela*. Chair: Samuel H. Preston
- B.S. with Honors Biometry and Statistics, Cornell University, 1983  
 Honor's Thesis: *An Empirical Bayes Approach to Estimating the Probability of Correct Selection*. Advisor: Charles McCulloch

**POSITIONS**

- 2014-Present Assistant Director of Training, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, Research Coordinator, Affiliate Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle.
- 2009-14 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle
- 2008-09 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle
- 1998-2006 Associate Director for Training, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 1993-2009 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison (Includes extended medical leave beginning 1994)
- 1991-92 Post Doctoral Fellow, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 1983-85 Mathematical Statistician, Undercount Research Staff, Statistical Research Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census, GS-7 and 9
- 1983 Teaching Assistant, Department of Biological Statistics, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

**HONORS & AWARDS**

- 2012 Excellence in Graduate Training Award, Department of Sociology, University of Washington
- 2011 Excellence in Faculty Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University of Washington
- 2006-07 Vilas Life Cycle Professorship, University of Wisconsin
- 1991 E. Digby Baltzell Award for the Best Dissertation in Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
- 1991-92 National Institute of Aging Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 1989-90 Dean's Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 1985-89 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Traineeship in

## Demography

**AFFILIATIONS**

Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington  
 West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington  
 Center for Demography of Health and Aging, University of Wisconsin

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Demography; Sociology of the Family; Inequality; Gender; Methods & Statistics

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Dechter, Aimée R. and Glen H. Elder, Jr. 2004. World War II Mobilization in Men's Worklives: Continuity or Disruption for the Middle Class? *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 110, No. 3, pp 761-793.
- Dechter, Aimée R. 2001. Potential Applications and Extensions for a Choice-Based Social Interaction Framework (Comment), *Sociological Methodology*, Vol. 31, pp 107-121.
- Smith, Herbert L. and Aimée R. Dechter. 1993. Effects of Nonresponse on the Measurement of Social Life Feelings, in D. Krebs and P. Schmidt (eds.), *New Directions in Attitude Measurement*. Mannheim, Germany: Center for Survey Research (ZUMA), Aldine De Gruyter.
- Dechter, Aimée R. and Samuel H. Preston. 1991. Age Misreporting and Its Effects on Adult Mortality Estimates in Latin America, *Population Bulletin of the United Nations*, No. 31-32, pp 1-16.
- Smith, Herbert L. and Aimée R. Dechter. 1991. No Shift in Locus of Control Among Women During the 1970's, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, Vol. 60, No. 4, pp 638-640
- McCulloch, Charles E. and Aimée R. Dechter, 1985. An Empirical Bayes Approach to Estimating the Probability of Correct Selection, *Communications in Statistics*, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp 173-186.

**WORKING PAPERS**

- Dechter, Aimée R and Pamela J. Smock. 1995. The Fading Breadwinner Role and the Economic Implications for Young Couples, *IRP Discussion Paper*, No. 1051.
- Dechter, Aimée R. 1992. The Effect of Women's Economic Independence on Union Dissolution, *CDE Working Paper*, No. 92-28.
- Dechter, Aimée R. 1992. The Economic Effects of Union Dissolution for Women, *CDE Working Paper*, 1992, No. 92-29.

**PAPERS IN PROGRESS**

- Becker, Tara Leigh, and Aimée R. Dechter. Why Do Married Men Earn More? An Evaluation of the Marriage Premium
- Dechter, Aimée R. and Tara Leigh Becker. Who Is Privy To Their Partner's Earnings?
- Dechter, Aimée R, Yan Yu, and Michael E. Sobel. For Better and For Worse: Cautionary Tails of Happiness in Marriage

**PAPERS PRESENTED**

- Bhat, P. N. M., Aimée R. Dechter and Samuel H. Preston. "Age Misreporting and Its Effects on Adult Mortality Estimates in Developing Countries" Seminar on Mortality Transition in East Asia and South Asia. Beijing, China. August 29-September 2 1988, (Co-sponsored by the IUSSP and the Institute of Population Research, People's University of China).
- Smith, Herbert L. and Aimée R. Dechter. Effects of Nonresponse on the Measurement of Social Life Feelings. Symposium on the Relevance of Attitude Measurement in Sociology, Bad Homburg, Federal Republic of Germany. July 2-5 1990
- Dechter, Aimée R., Frank F. Furstenberg, The Changing Consequences of Adolescent Childbearing:

- A Comparison of Fertility and Marriage Patterns Across Cohorts. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C. August 11-15 1990
- Dechter, Aimée R., Frank F. Furstenberg, and Kathleen Mullan Harris. Adolescent Childbearing and High School Completion Differentials: An Inter-Cohort Comparison. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C. March 20-23 1991
  - Dechter, Aimée R. The Effect of Women's Economic Independence on Union Dissolution
    - Carolina Population Center Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. January 10 1992
    - Center for Demographic Studies Seminar, Duke University, Durham, NC. January 28 1992
    - Department of Sociology and Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. February 13 1992
    - Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Denver, CO. April 30 - May 2 1992
    - Summer Research Workshop on Problems of the Low-Income Population, sponsored by the Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. June 16-20 1992
  - Andrew Workman, Glen H. Elder and Aimée R. Dechter. White Collar Men and War: Occupational Differences in the Impact of World War II Mobilization. Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, New Orleans, LA. October 31 - November 3 1991
  - Dechter, Aimée R. "The Economic Effects of Union Dissolution for Married Women. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, PA. August 20-24 1992
  - Dechter, Aimée R and Glen H. Elder. World War II Mobilization in Men's Worklives: A Case of Continuity or Disruption for the Middle Class? Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, PA. August 20-24 1992
  - Dechter, Aimée R. A Proposal for Measuring the Implications of Women's Economic Vulnerability for Marital Transitions
    - Survey Research Center, Berkeley, CA. April 4, 1995
    - Institute for Research on Poverty Seminar Series, Madison, WI. April 8, 1993
    - Institute for Research on Poverty Working Group on Vulnerability and Dependency, Madison, WI. February 25, 1993
  - Dechter, Aimée R and Pamela J. Smock. The Fading Breadwinner Role and the Economic Implications for Young Couples. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Miami, FL. May 4-7 1994
  - Elder, Glen H., and Aimée R Dechter. World War II Mobilization and Inequalities and the Later Lives of Men. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL. August 16-20 2002
  - Becker, Tara Leigh, and Aimée R. Dechter. Why Do Married Men Earn More? An Evaluation of the Marriage Premium.
    - Center for Demography and Ecology Seminar, Madison, WI, August 1, 2005
    - Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Philadelphia, PA, March 31-April 2 2005
    - Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA. August 16-20 2004
  - Dechter, Aimée R., Yan Yu and Michael E. Sobel. For Better and For Worse: Cautionary Tails of Happiness in Marriage.
    - Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Los Angeles, CA, March 30-April 1 2006
    - Center for Demography and Ecology Seminar, Madison, WI, March 22, 2005
  - Dechter, Aimée R and Tara Leigh Becker. Who Is Privy To Their Partner's Earnings? Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montréal Canada, August 11-14 2006

**RESEARCH SUPPORT**

- Royalty Research Fellowship, University of Washington. Is There a Consensus on Marriage? Socioeconomic and Ethnic Differences in Marriage Norms. A74643. Principal Investigator, 11/2012-10/2014 (\$33,753)
- Center for Demography of Health and Aging, University of Wisconsin Madison. Implications of Health-Related Resources for Racial and Ethnic Differentials in Mortality. Principal Investigator. 9/2006-8/2007
- The Graduate School, University of Wisconsin Madison. Marriage, Cohabitation and Gender: Whose Wages Benefit? Principal Investigator. 7/2004-6/2005
- Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society, University of Wisconsin Madison. Implications of Services and Environment for Socioeconomic and Racial Differentials in Mortality. Principal Investigator. 2003 (\$32,983)
- The Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Effect of Women's Economic Independence on Marriage. Principal Investigator. 7/1/1993 - 6/30/1994
- Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) Biennium Grant, Institute for Research on Poverty. The Implications of Women's Economic Vulnerability for Marital Transitions. Principal Investigator. 7/1/1993 - 6/30/1995
- William T. Grant Foundation, Effects of First Birth Timing on Educational Attainment and Welfare Dependency; Principal Investigator. 1/1/1993 - 12/31/1995 (\$66,486)

**PROFESSIONAL OFFICES AND ACTIVITIES**

- Session Organizer, Population Association of America, Sessions in the Area of Work and Families, Boston, MA, May 1-3, 2014
- Discussant, Research Symposium for CDE's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, University of Wisconsin, Family Demography, Madison WI, October 12-13, 2012
- Elected Council Member, Methodology Section, the American Sociological Association, 2006-08.
- Program Committee Member, Population Association of America, Area of the Family, New Orleans, LA, April 17-19 2008
- Program Committee Member, Population Association of America, Area of the Family, Los Angeles, CA, March 30-April 1, 2006;
- General Topics Organizer, Population Association of America, Sessions in the Areas of Cohabitation, Marriage and Divorce, San Francisco, CA, April 6-8, 1995
- Session Chair, Population Association of America, the Process of Marital Dissolution and Its Determinants, San Francisco, CA, April 6-8, 1995
- Discussant, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Intergenerational, Inter-Household, and Intra-Household Ties Session, Los Angeles CA, August 5-10, 1994
- Occasional Referee: *American Sociological Review*; *Demography*; *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; *Social Forces*; *Sociological Methodology*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *Family Planning Perspectives*.
- Occasional Reviewer: The Institute for Research on Poverty
- Member: American Sociological Association; Population Association of America

**DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE****Department of Sociology, University of Washington**

- HSD Liaison (2014-2015)
- Colloquium Committee (2012-2013)

- Research, Computing, and Technology Committee (2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016)
- Diversity Committee, Chair (2009-2010), Member (2010-2011)
- Graduate Program Committee, (2009-2010)

#### **Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington**

- Diversity Delegate (2015)
- Advisory Board of the Statistics Core (2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014)
- Training Committee (2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016)

#### **Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin**

- Minority Student Recruitment and Retention Committee (2003-2008)
- Social Committee (1993)
- Faculty Senate (1993, 2007-2008 (Alternate))

#### **Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin**

- Training Committee, (2000-2004)
- Special Colloquiums, Commemorations, and Short-term Visiting Scholars, Organizer (2003-2006).

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **University of Washington**

- CSDE 502, Population Studies Proseminar (fall 2014, 2015)
- CSDE 502, Research Ethics (spring 2015)
- Sociology 524, 590, Master's Thesis Research Seminar (2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016)
- Sociology 352, Sociology of the Family (winter 2009, 2010, spring 2011, winter 2012, winter 2013, winter 2014)
- Sociology 551, Family and Gender Relations Graduate Seminar (winter 2010, spring 2011, fall 2012, fall 2013)
- Sociology 585, Marriage, Gender and Economic Interrelationships Graduate Seminar, (winter 2009)

#### **University of Wisconsin**

- Sociology 120 Introduction to Marriage and the Family
  - First Year Interest Group (fall 2007)
  - Honors (spring 2006-spring 2008)
  - Chadbourne Residential College, (fall 2005, 2006, spring 2007, 2008)
- Sociology 640, Intermediate Sociology of the Family (spring 1993)
- Sociology 997, Demography and Ecology Training Seminar (spring 1998-August 2006)

### **STUDENT ADVISING**

#### **Doctoral Dissertations**

#### University of Washington

- ManChui Leung, Chair-Sara Curran
- Shannon Harper, Chair-Barbara Reskin
- Kerry MacQuarrie, Chair-Stewart Tolnay,

- Seth Borgo, Chair-Shelly Lundberg, GSR
- Sabrina Bonaparte, 2012, *Change in Race and Ethnic Stratification: The Roles of Period, Cohort, Immigrant Generation, Socioeconomic Origins, and Gender in Shaping Educational Attainment*, Chair-Charles Hirschman

#### University of Wisconsin

- Beatriz Novak, 2010, *Obesity and Survival Awareness*, Chair – Alberto Palloni
- Tara Leigh Becker, 2008, *When Equality Isn't Enough: The (Lack of) Persistence of Relative Earnings in Marriage*, Chair – James Raymo
- Huey-Chi Vicky Chang, 2006, *The Dynamics of Social Changes and Family Attainment Norms: The Effects of Parental Education, Sibship Structure and Gender Differences on School Transitions in Taiwan*, Chair - Robert Hauser.
- Michael Ludwig Spittel, 2004, *A Study of Health Inequalities: The Role of Wealth and the Environment*, Chair - Alberto Palloni.
- Eldar Nigmatullin, 2003, *Estimation of Markov Decision Processes in the Presence of Model Uncertainty*, Chair - Steven Durlauf (Economics)
- Sung Yung Lee, 1995, *The Effect of the Value of Children on Sex Preference in a Rational Actor Model: A Comparative Analysis of Korea and Jamaica*, Chair - Halliman Winsborough.
- Leslie McCall, 1995, *Regional Industrial Restructuring and Occupational Segregation by Gender and Race-Ethnicity, 1980-1990*, Chair - Jane Collins.
- Brian Martinson, 1994, *Postmarital Union Formation: Trends and Differentials in the Competing Risks of Remarriage and Nonmarital Cohabitation Among Women in the United States*, Chair - Lawrence Wu.
- Hanam Samuel Phang, 1994, *A Dynamic Study of Young Women's Labor Force Transitions*, Chair - Robert Mare.

#### Master's Theses Supervised

##### University of Wisconsin

- Yan Yu, 2004, *The Prevalence and Intensity of Relationship Happiness: Differences Between Marriage and Cohabiting Unions*
- Tara Becker, 2003, *Is There a Premium for Happiness? The Relationship Between Marital Quality and Wages*

#### Master's Theses

##### University of Washington

- Issa Abdulcadir, 2015. *Race Matching and the Achievement Gap: Evidence from Project STAR*, Chair-Charles Hirschman
- Alyssa Martin, 2013. *Leading the March: The Role of Latino Religion in the Immigrant Rights Movement*, Chair- Steven Pfaff

##### University of Wisconsin

- Torsheika Maddox, 2008, *Race Differences among Black and White Professional Women: The Role of Tokenism and Perceived Discrimination*, Chair – Robert Hauser
- Jennifer Holland, 2007, *Is There an Economic Bar for Marriage? Socioeconomic Status Differentials and Implications for Marriage Promotion Policies*, Chair - Elizabeth Thomson
- Lena Etuk, 2006 *The Role of Individuals and Their Social Context: Understanding the Connections of Marriage and Employment to Economic Well-being*, Chair - Theodore Gerber

- Tamae Eto, 2005, *Labor Force Dropout of Married Women in Japan: The Role of Education as Proxies of Human Capital, Career Orientation, and Assortative Mating*, Chair - James Raymo
- Yan Yu, 2004, *The Prevalence and Intensity of Relationship Happiness: Differences Between Marriage and Cohabiting Unions*, Chair - Aimée Dechter.
- Tara Becker, 2003, *Is There a Premium for Happiness? The Relationship Between Marital Quality and Wages*, Chair - Aimée Dechter
- Deborah Carr, 1994, *The Determinants of Women's and Men's Self-Employment*, Chair - Robert Hauser.
- Megan Sweeney, 1994, *Men's and Women's Hazard of Remarriage: The Role of Socioeconomic Prospects*, Chair - Robert Hauser.

### **Honor's Theses Supervised**

University of Washington

- Jamie Montrese Gilmore, 2013. *Aspirations and College Achievements*
- Amber Louis, 2012. *Parental Structure and Traditional Success in Young Adulthood*