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Positions

2015- Present Assistant Professor, Department of Health Sciences and Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri

2013-2015 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Rice University, Department of Sociology

Education

2013 Ph.D. Sociology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University

2009 M.A., Sociology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University

2006 B.A., Sociology and Geography, The University of Texas at Austin

Research Interests

Health Disparities and Inequalities, International migration, Unauthorized migration, Population Health and Well-Being

Publications in Refereed Journals

*Undergraduate Student. Underline: graduate student co-author.

Gorman, Bridget K., Claire E. Altman, Rudy Guerra, and Sergio Chavez. *Forthcoming*. "Gender, Education, and Physical Health Conditions among Adults in Central Mexico."

Heflin, Colleen, Claire E. Altman and Laura Rodriguez. *Forthcoming*. "Disability and Food Insecurity." *Disability and Health Journal*.

Reynolds, Alison* and Claire E. Altman. 2018. "Subjective Health Assessments Among Older Adults in Mexico?" *Population Research and Policy Review* 37(5): 825-850.

Van Hook, Jennifer, Molly Dondero, Susana Quiros, and Claire E. Altman. *Forthcoming*. "Exposure to the United States and Healthy Eating Among Latino Immigrants: A Life Course Perspective on Immigrant Health." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.

Altman, Claire E., Bridget K. Gorman, and Sergio Chavez. 2018. "Exposure to Violence, Coping Strategies, and Diagnosed Mental Health Problems among Adults in a Migrant-Sending Community in Central Mexico." *Population Research and Policy Review* 37(2): 229-260. doi: 10.1007/s11113-018-9460-x

Edelblute, Heather B. and Claire E. Altman. 2018. "Father Absence, Social Networks, and Maternal Ratings of Child Health: Evidence from the 2013 Social Networks and Health Information Survey in Mexico." *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 22(4): 626–634.

Woods, Tyler*, Claire E. Altman, Sergio Chavez, and Bridget K. Gorman. 2018. "Gender,

Migration, and Perceptions of HIV Risk in Mexico.” *Culture, Health and Sexuality* 20(12): 1333-1346.

Gorman, Bridget K., Claire E. Altman, and Sergio Chavez. 2017. “US Migration Experience and Mental Health Status among Adult Men and Women Living in Mexico.” *Migration and Health, 2017*. Edited by the National Population Council of Mexico and the University of California UCMexico Initiative Health Working Group and the Health Initiative of the Americas, UC Berkeley School of Public Health.

Chávez, Sergio and Claire E. Altman. 2017. “Gambling with Life: Masculinity, Risk, and Danger in the Lives of Unauthorized Migrant Roofers.” *American Journal of Industrial Medicine* 60(6): 537-547.

Altman, Claire E., Bridget K. Gorman, Sergio Chavez, Federico Ramos Ruiz, and Isaac Fernández Castillón. 2016. “The Mental Well-being of Central American Transmigrant Men in Mexico.” *Global Public Health*: 1-17.

Altman, Claire E., Jennifer Van Hook, and Marianne Hillemeier. 2016. “What does self-rated health mean? Changes and variations in the association of obesity with objective and subjective components of self-rated health.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 57(1): 39-58.

Altman, Claire E., Jennifer Van Hook, and Jonathan Gonzalez. 2015. “Becoming Overweight without Gaining a Pound: The Social Integration of Mexican Americans and Shifts in Weight Perceptions.” *International Migration Review* Fall: 1-34.

Heckert, Jessica, Sandra Boatemaa, and Claire E. Altman. 2015. “Migrant Youth’s Emerging Dietary Patterns in Haiti: The Role of Peer-Social Engagement.” *Public Health Nutrition* 18(7): 1262-1271.

Baker, Elizabeth H. and Claire E. Altman. 2015. “Maternal Ratings of Child Health and Child Obesity, Variations by Mother's Race/Ethnicity and Nativity.” *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 19:1000-1009.

Van Hook, Jennifer and Claire E. Altman. 2013. “Using Discrete-time Event History Fertility Models to Generate Predicted Total Fertility Rates and Other Fertility Measures.” *Population Research and Policy Review* 32: 585-610.

Van Hook, Jennifer, Claire E. Altman, and Kelly Stamper Balistreri. 2013. “Global Patterns in Overweight Among Children and Mothers in Less Developed Countries.” *Public Health Nutrition* 16(4): 573-581.

Van Hook, Jennifer, Elizabeth Baker, Claire E. Altman, and Michelle Frisco. 2012. “Canaries in a Coalmine: Immigration and Obesity among Mexican-origin Children.” *Social Science & Medicine* 74(2): 125-134.

Van Hook, Jennifer and Claire E. Altman. 2012. “Competitive Food Sales in Schools and Childhood

Obesity: A Longitudinal Study.” *Sociology of Education* 85(1): 23-39.

*Feature Article

*Research appeared in many major U.S. and international news outlets including: The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Fox News, Huffington Post, WebMD, ABC News, Discovery News, London Free Press, Globe and Mail, French Tribune, Times of India

Papers Under Review

Altman, Claire E., Colleen Heflin, Chaegyung Jun, and James D. Bachmeier. “The Economic Well-being of Unauthorized Immigrants in the United States: Evidence from the 1996-2008 SIPP.”

Chávez, Sergio, Claire E. Altman, and Bridget K. Gorman. “Deciding to Re-Migrate: The Risks and Benefits in Contemporary Mexico-US Migration.” *Revise and Resubmit*.

Edelblute, Heather B. and Claire E. Altman. “Depression among Mothers with Young Children—The Role of Family Migration and Social Networks in Mexico.”

Lowrey, Kendal and Claire E. Altman. “Knowledge, Attitudes, Intentions, and Behaviors in Missouri PREP: Demographics and the Urban/Rural Divide.”

Papers in Progress with Drafts Available

Altman, Claire E. and James D. Bachmeier. “The Weight of Being Unauthorized? Legal Status Gradients in ‘Unhealthy Assimilation’ Among Immigrant Hispanics in Los Angeles.”

Altman, Claire E., Sergio Chávez and Kendal Lowrey. “Nongovernmental Organizations Serving Deported Migrants from the United States: An Instrumental Case Study of Tijuana, Mexico.”

Altman, Claire E., Colleen Heflin, and James D. Bachmeier. “Legal Status Trajectories and the Experience of Material Hardship among Immigrants in the United States.”

Bachmeier, James D., Cody Spence, and Claire E. Altman. “Take the Papers and Run? Legal Status and Onward Mexican Migration Out of California, 1995-2000.”

Bachmeier, James D., Claire E. Altman, and Cody Spence. “Who Legalizes? The Legal Status Trajectories of “Post-IRCA” Mexican Immigrants in the United States.”

Bachmeier, James D., Claire E. Altman, and Jennifer Van Hook. “Lives (Stuck) in Limbo? Legal Status and Education Transitions among 1.5 Generation Mexican Immigrant Young Adults.”

Edelblute, Heather B. and Claire E. Altman. “Socioeconomic Determinants of Planned and Emergency Cesarean Section Births in Mexico.”

Howe, Stephanie and Claire E. Altman. “Migrant Remittances and Child Health in the Origin Country: A Review.”

Teti, Michelle, Loren Bauerband, and Claire E. Altman. “HIV-testing patterns among trans men, women and nonbinary individuals: Findings from the US Trans Survey.”

Invited Papers/Encyclopedia Entries and Book Chapters

Altman, Claire E. 2014. "Age, Period, and Cohort Effects." *Encyclopedia of Migration*. Susan K. Brown and Frank D. Bean, editors. SpringerReference.com.

Van Hook, Jennifer, Elizabeth Baker, and Claire Altman. 2009. "Does it Begin at School or Home? Institutional Origins of Overweight among Young Children in Immigrant Families." *Immigration, Diversity, and Education*. Ruby Takanishi and Elena L. Grigorenko, editors.

Skop, Emily H. and C. E. Altman. 2006. "Asian Indians Living in the U. S.: Settlement Patterns and Immigrant Human Capital in 2000." *Race, Ethnicity, and Place in a Changing America*. John Frazier and Eugene Tetley-Fio, editors.

Grants

Internal

University of Missouri:

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019: PI Altman, Claire E. "Legal Status and Health Disparities Among Mexican and Central American Immigrant Young Adults."
Research Council Grant Number: URC-18-079
\$9,180

February 2017 – January 2019: PI: Altman, Claire E. and James Bachmeier. "Legal status and health disparities among Mexican and Central American immigrant young adults"
University of Missouri Population, Education and Health Center's (PEHC) Small Grant Award
\$15,000

June 2016-June 2017: PI: Altman, Claire E. "Assessing the social service networks and organizations serving deported US immigrants of Mexican origin in Tijuana, Mexico"
University of Missouri School of Health Professions Faculty Catalyst Grant Award
\$5,415

Rice University:

Completed. Co-PIs: Sergio Chavez, Bridget K. Gorman, and Claire E. Altman. "Unauthorized Migration from Mexico to the United States: Implications for Health and Medical Care Use among Adult Men and Women."

Rice University 2014 Social Sciences Research Initiative (SSRI) Seed Grant Award: \$20,000.

Rice University 2014 Faculty Initiative Fund (FIF) Grant Award: \$50,000

Data Collections

2016 Summer. *Social Organizations Serving Deported Immigrants (SOSDI)*. Tijuana, Mexico. Mixed-methods: 15 surveys and in-depth interviews with the administrators of social and community organizations serving deported US immigrants of Mexican origin.

2014 Summer. *Survey of Health and Migration in Mexico (SHMM)*. Guanajuato, Mexico. Mixed-methods: 500 surveys and 50 in-depth interviews with return and non-migrant adult men and women.

Presentations and Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

Annual meeting of The Population Association of America

- 2018 Edelblute, Heather B. and Claire E. Altman. "Depression among Mothers with Young Children—The Role of Family Migration and Social Networks in Mexico."
- 2017 Altman, Claire E., Bridget K. Gorman, Sergio Chavez. "Is it who you know or where you are? Migrant network characteristics and self-assessed health among Mexican adults."
- Altman, Claire E., Colleen Heflin, Chaegyung Jun, and James D. Bachmeier. *The Many Hardships of Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: Evidence from SIPP 1996-2008.*
- 2016 Altman, Claire E. and James D. Bachmeier, James. "The Weight of Being Unauthorized: Legal Status and Health Assimilation among Hispanic Women."
- 2015 Altman, Claire E., Bridget K. Gorman, Sergio Chavez, and Keerthi Bandi. "Self-Rated Health and US-Mexico Migration: Differences by Stage of the Migration Process among Men and Women."
- 2014 Altman, Claire E., Jennifer Van Hook, and Marianne Hillemeier. "The Association of Obesity and Self-Rated Health Across Periods and Cohorts."
- 2014 Baker, Elizabeth H. and Claire E. Altman. "Maternal Ratings of Child Health and Child Obesity, Variations by Mother's Race/Ethnicity and Nativity."
- 2013 Balistreri, Kelly Stamper, Claire E. Altman, and Jennifer Van Hook. "Explaining Changes in Child Weight in Less Developed Countries."
- 2013 Van Hook, Jennifer and Claire E. Altman. "Using Discrete-time Event History Fertility Models to Generate Predicted Total Fertility Rates and Other Fertility Measures."
- 2012 Altman, Claire E. "High Fertility among Mexican Immigrants to the United States: Myth or Reality?"
- 2012 Van Hook, Jennifer, Claire E. Altman, and Kelly Stamper Balistreri. "Global Patterns in Overweight Among Children and Mothers in Less Developed Countries."
- 2011 Van Hook, Jennifer, Claire E. Altman, and Marianne Hillemeier. "Do People Associate Obesity with Poor Health?"
- 2009 Baker, Elizabeth H., Jennifer Van Hook, and Claire E. Altman. "Exposure to Migration, Parental Human Capital, and Children's Health in Mexico."
- 2009 Altman, Claire E., Elizabeth H. Baker, and Jennifer Van Hook. "Migradollars and Meat: Food Expenditures in Mexican Migrant-Sending Households."

Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association

- 2018 Reynolds, Alison and Claire E. Altman. “Determinants of Subjective Health Appraisals in an Elderly Population in Mexico: What’s in a Question?”
- 2017 Altman, Claire E., Colleen Heflin, Chaegyung Jun, and James D. Bachmeier. *The Many Hardships of Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: Evidence from SIPP 1996-2008*.
- 2016 Altman, Claire E., Bridget K. Gorman, and Sergio Chavez. “Is it who you know or where you are? Migrant network characteristics and self-assessed health among Mexican adults.”
- 2015 Altman, Claire E., Bridget K. Gorman, Sergio Chavez, and Federico Ramos Ruiz. “The Mental Well-being of Central American Transmigrants in Mexico.”
- 2015 Altman, Claire E., Bridget K. Gorman, and Sergio Chavez. “Mexican Migration and the Meaning of Self-Rated Health.”
- 2014 Altman, Claire E. “Migration and Westernized Diets: Food Expenditures in Mexican Migrant-Sending Households.”
- 2014 Bachmeier, James, Claire E. Altman, and Jennifer Van Hook. “Lives in Limbo? Legal Status and Life Course Transitions among 1.5 Generation Mexican Immigrant Young Adults.”
- 2012 Altman, Claire E., Jennifer Van Hook, and Marianne Hillemeier. “Do People Associate Obesity with Poor Health?”

Presentations at other Annual Meetings and Events

- 2017 Altman, Claire E., Bridget K. Gorman, and Sergio Chavez. “Is it who you know or where you are? Migrant network characteristics and self-assessed health among Mexican adults.” Migrant Labor and Global Health Conference at the University of California, Davis.
- 2016 Reynolds, Alison and Claire E. Altman. “Determinants of Subjective Health Appraisals in an Elderly Population in Mexico: What’s in a Question?” Southern Demographic Association.
- 2015 Bachmeier, James, Claire E. Altman, and Jennifer Van Hook. “Lives in Limbo: Legal Status and Cumulative Disadvantages over the Life-Course Among Mexican Immigrant Childhood Arrivals.” Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management.
- 2015 Altman, Claire E., Bridget K. Gorman, Sergio Chavez, and Federico Ramos Ruiz. “The Mental Well-being of Central American Transmigrants in Mexico.” The Puentes Consortium’s Mexico-U.S. Higher Education Leadership Forum and La Escuela Nacional de Medicina Tecnológico de Monterrey.
- 2015 Chavez, Sergio, Bridget K. Gorman, Claire E. Altman, and Federico Ramos Ruiz. “The 2014 Study of Health and Migration in Mexico (SHMM): Mental and Physical Health among Migrant and Non-Migrants.” La Escuela Nacional de Medicina Tecnológico de Monterrey.
- 2014 Altman, Claire E., Bridget K. Gorman, and Sergio Chavez. “The Meaning of Self-Rated Health

among Mexican Immigrants.” Southern Demographic Association.

Teaching Experience

University of Missouri

2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 Fall; 2017, 2018 Spring

Health Sciences: Introduction to the Research Process and Evidence Base,
Writing Intensive

2016, 2017, 2019 Spring

Truman School: Research Methods and Inquiry in Public Affairs II

2015, 2016 Fall

Health Sciences: Health Care in the United States

Rice University

2015 Spring

Sociology of Immigration

The Pennsylvania State University

2013 Summer

Introduction to Sociology, World Campus Online

2010 Summer

Population and Policy Issues

2009 Fall

Teaching Assistant: Demographic Techniques

Ph.D. Committees

University of Missouri

Committee Chair

Chaegyung Jun (2019, *anticipated*)

Committee Member

Kate Olson (Defended 2017)

Sarah Parsons (Defended 2017)

Christal Hamilton (2020, *anticipated*)

Honors and Awards

2018

Summer Institute in Migration Research Methods at The University of California
Berkeley

2018

Writing Intensive Teaching Excellence Awards, University of Missouri

2014/2015

Research Award, Puentes Consortium’s Mexico-U.S. Higher Education Leadership
Forum

2013

Poster Award, The Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans

2012

Poster Award, The Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco

2011

Poster Award, The Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington,
D.C.

2009

Poster Award, The Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Detroit

2008

Mexican Family Life Survey Data Workshop, Universidad de Iberoamericana, Mexico
City

2007

Demography Fellowship, The Pennsylvania State University

2006

The College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Distinguished Graduate, The University of Texas at
Austin

2006

Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Texas, The University of Texas at Austin

Service

University of Missouri

- 2018 Department of Health Sciences Tenure-track Hiring Committee, Chair
 2018- Truman School of Public Affairs Committee on Institute of Public Policy Leadership Structure, Member
 2018- Advisory Committee of the Population, Education, and Health Center, Member
 2018- Department of Health Sciences Policy Committee, Member
 2017-2018 Department of Health Sciences Chair Search Committee, Member
 2017 Department of Health Sciences Tenure-track Hiring Committee, Member
 2017- University Council on International Initiatives Committee, Member
 2015 – 2016 Department of Health Sciences Policy Committee, Member
 2015, 2016 Health Science Research Day Poster Judge

The Pennsylvania State University

- 2011– 2012 Department of Sociology Awards Committee
 2010 – 2011 Department of Sociology Colloquium Committee
 2009 – 2010 Graduate Student Methodology Workshop, Population Research Institute, Chair
 2008 - 2009 Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition, Chair

Professional Membership

- 2008 – Current American Sociological Association: International Migration, Sociology of Population, Medical Sociology, and Aging and the Life Course Sections
 2007 – Current The Population Association of America

Journal Editorial Board

May 2017 – May 2019 *Demography*

Ad Hoc Reviewer

American Journal of Public Health, American Journal of Sociology, BMJ Open, Demography, International Migration Review, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, Maternal and Child Health Journal, Population Research and Policy Review, Sociological Perspectives

References

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