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## **EDUCATION**

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER Boulder, Colorado  
Department of Sociology and Institute of Behavioral Science Program in Population  
*Doctor of Philosophy* in Sociology, May 2010  
Certificate in Demography, May 2010

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA AT MISSOULA Missoula, Montana  
Department of Sociology  
*M.A.* in Sociology (emphasis in Criminology), May 2002

MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE Sioux City, Iowa  
Sociology and Criminal Justice  
B.S. conferred *magna cum laude*, May 2000

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Health and Mortality Disparities; Family; Community; Contextual Effects

## **EXPERIENCE**

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WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY Pullman, Washington  
Department of Sociology  
Associate Professor (2017 – present)  
William Julius Wilson Distinguished Professor (2017 – present)

RICE UNIVERSITY Houston, Texas  
Department of Sociology  
Assistant Professor (2010 – 2016)  
Associate Professor (2016 – 2017)  
Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Urban Health Program  
Associate Director (2011 – 2014)  
Director (2014 – 2017)

BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE Houston, Texas  
Department of Family and Community Medicine  
Adjunct Assistant to Associate Professor (2012 – 2017)

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS Kansas City, Kansas  
Kansas City Regional Office  
Supervisory Survey Statistician (2004 – 2007)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Peer Reviewed Journals*

Freeman, Laura, Justin T. Denney, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. "Family Diversity and Child Health: Where Do Same-Sex Couple Families Fit?" Forthcoming in *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Denney, Justin T., Rachel Tolbert Kimbro and Gregory Sharp. "Neighborhoods and Food Insecurity in Households with Young Children: A Disadvantage Paradox?" Forthcoming in *Social Problems*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spw054>

Kranjac, Ashley W., Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Justin T. Denney, Kristin M. Osiecki, Brady S. Moffett, and Keila N. Lopez. 2017. "Comprehensive Neighborhood Portraits and Child Asthma Disparities." *Maternal and Child Health Journal*. 21(7): 1552-1562. doi:10.1007/s10995-017-2286-z

Denney, Justin T., 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. doi: 10.1007/s10995-016-2119-5

Solazzo, Alexa L., Bridget K. Gorman, and Justin T. Denney. 2017. "Cancer Screening Utilization among U.S. Women: How Mammogram and Pap Test Use Varies Among Heterosexual, Lesbian, and Bisexual Women." *Population Research & Policy Review* 36:357-377. doi:10.1007/s11113-017-9425-5

Brewer, Mackenzie, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Justin T. Denney, Kristin M. Osiecki, Brady Moffett, and Keila Lopez. 2017. "Does neighborhood social and environmental context impact race/ethnic disparities in childhood asthma?" *Health & Place* 44:86-93. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2017.01.006>

Kimbro, Rachel Tolbert, Gregory Sharp, and Justin T. Denney. 2017. "Home and Away: Area Socioeconomic Disadvantage and Obesity Risk." *Health & Place* 44:94-102. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2017.02.001>

Sharp, Gregory, Justin T. Denney, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. 2015. "Multiple Contexts of Exposure: Activity Spaces, Residential Neighborhoods, and Self-Rated Health." *Social Science & Medicine* 146:204-213. doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2015.10.040

Kimbro, Rachel Tolbert, and Justin T. Denney. 2015. "Transitions Into Food Insecurity Associated With Behavioral Problems And Worse Overall Health Among Children." *Health Affairs* 34(11):1949-1955. doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2015.0626

Krueger, Patrick M., Kathryn Dovel, and Justin T. Denney. 2015. "The Level of Democratic Development of States and Health across 67 Countries: A Multilevel Analysis." *Social Science & Medicine* 143:137-144. doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2015.08.047

Gorman, Bridget K., Justin T. Denney, Hilary Dowdy, and Rose Medeiros. 2015. "A New Piece of the Puzzle: Sexual Orientation, Gender, and Self-Rated Health." *Demography* 52:1357-1382. DOI 10.1007/s13524-015-0406-1

Denney, Justin T., Tim Wadsworth, Richard G. Rogers, and Fred C. Pampel. 2015. "Suicide in the City: Do Characteristics of Place Really Influence Risk?" *Social Science Quarterly* 96(2):313-329. DOI: 10.1111/ssqu.12165

Denney, Justin T. 2014. "Families, Resources, and Suicide: Combined Effects on Mortality." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 76:218-231. DOI:10.1111/jomf.12078

Denney, Justin T. and Monica He. 2014. "The Social Side of Accidental Death." *Social Science Research* 43:92-107. doi:10.1016/j.ssresearch.2013.09.004

Kimbrow, Rachel Tolbert 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. doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2012.09.032

Denney, Justin T., Bridget K. Gorman, and Cristina B. Barrera. 2013. "Families, Resources, and Adult Health: Where Do Sexual Minorities Fit?" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 54:46-63. doi: 10.1177/0022146512469629

\*2014 IPUMS Research Award, Minnesota Population Center

Denney, Justin T., Robert McNown, Richard G. Rogers, and Steven Doubilet. 2013. "Stagnating Life Expectancies and Future Prospects in an Age of Uncertainty." *Social Science Quarterly* 94(2):445-461. DOI: 10.1111/j.1540-6237.2012.00930.x

Pampel, Fred C., Justin T. Denney, and Patrick M. Krueger. 2012. "Obesity, SES, and Economic Development: A Test of the Reversal Hypothesis." *Social Science & Medicine* 74(7):1073-1081.

Kimbrow, Rachel Tolbert, Justin T. Denney, and Sarita Panchang. 2012. "Individual, Family, and Neighborhood Characteristics and Children's Food Insecurity." *Journal of Applied Research on Children* 3(1):Article 8.

Pampel, Fred C. and Justin T. Denney. 2011. "Cross-National Sources of Health Inequality: Education and Tobacco Use in the World Health Survey." *Demography* 48(2):653-674.

Denney, Justin T., Richard G. Rogers, Robert A. Hummer, and Fred C. Pampel. 2010. "Education Inequality in Mortality: The Age and Gender Specific Mediating Effects of Cigarette Smoking." *Social Science Research* 39(4):662-673.

Pampel, Fred C., Patrick M. Krueger, and Justin T. Denney. 2010. "Socioeconomic Disparities in Health Behaviors." *Annual Review of Sociology* 36:349-370.

Denney, Justin T. 2010. "Family and Household Formations and Suicide in the United States." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 72(1):202-213.

\*2009 Outstanding Doctoral Student Paper Award, *Southwestern Sociological Association*

Denney, Justin T., Richard G. Rogers, Patrick M. Krueger, and Tim Wadsworth. 2009. "Adult Suicide Mortality in the United States: Marital Status, Family Size, Socioeconomic Status, and Differences by Sex." *Social Science Quarterly* 90(5):1167-1185.

Belknap, Joanne, Heather C. Melton, Justin T. Denney, Ruth E. Fleury-Steiner, and Cris M. Sullivan. 2009. "The Levels and Roles of Social and Institutional Support Reported by Survivors of Intimate Partner Abuse." *Feminist Criminology* 4(4):377-402.

Boardman, Jason D., Jarron M. Saint Onge, Richard G. Rogers, and Justin T. Denney. 2005. "Race Differentials in Obesity: The Impact of Place." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 46:229-43.

Denney, Justin T., Patrick M. Krueger, Richard G. Rogers, and Jason D. Boardman. 2004. "Race/ethnic and Sex Differentials in Body Mass Among U.S. Adults." *Ethnicity & Disease* 14:389-98.

#### *Book Reviews*

Denney, Justin T. 2011. Review of *Religion, Families, and Health: Population Based Research in the United States*. Christopher G. Ellison and Robert A. Hummer (eds). New Brunswick, NJ. Rutgers University Press. *Contemporary Sociology* 40:577-578

#### *Encyclopedia Entries*

Denney, Justin T., Patrick M. Krueger, and Fred C. Pampel. 2014. "Socioeconomic Status and Health Behaviors." in *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

#### *Invited Commentary*

Denney, Justin T. and Bridget K. Gorman. 2014. "Introduction: Population Perspectives on Sexual Minorities." *Population Research and Policy Review* 33(4):479-484.

Denney, Justin T., Patrick M. Krueger, Richard G. Rogers, and Jason D. Boardman. 2004. "For the Patient: Overweight and Obesity Can Be Prevented." *Ethnicity & Disease* 4:454-55.

#### **PAPERS UNDER REVIEW (titles altered to preserve anonymity)**

Kranjac, Ashley W., Justin T. Denney, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Brady S. Moffett, and Keila N. Lopez. "Children's health and neighborhood context." Under Review.

Tuthill, Zelma, Justin T. Denney and Bridget K. Gorman. "Racial Disparities in Health Among LGB Adults." Under Review.

Denney, Justin T., Jarron Saint Onge, Bridget K. Gorman, and Patrick M. Krueger. "Health Behaviors across Same-sex and Different-sex Coupled Adults." Under Review.

Kranjac, Ashley W., Justin T. Denney, Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Brady S. Moffett, and Keila N. Lopez. "Child Obesity and Family and Neighborhood Context." Under Review.

Denney, Justin T., Jarron M. Saint Onge, and Jeff A. Dennis. "Neighborhood Disadvantage and Racial Differences in Mortality." Under Review.

## **GRANTS**

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### ***Received***

2016-2017 (Co-PI) University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research. "Counties of Risk: Assessing Family Resilience and Vulnerability to Food Insecurity." (Rachel Tolbert Kimbro PI; Mackenzie Brewer Co-I). \$30,000.

2015-2017 (PI) Foundation for Child Development, Young Scholars Program Grant. "Food Insecurity in Neighborhood Context: Investigating Disparities Among a Racially Diverse Sample of Young Children." \$146,000.

2015-2017 (Co-PI) Houston Endowment. Extension to "Particulate Matter and its Relationship to Health Outcomes in Houston." (Robert Griffin PI; Rachel Tolbert Kimbro Co-PI). \$460,000

2013-2015 (PI) Health Disparities Research Loan Repayment Program, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health. Project: The Missing Minority in Population Health Research: Examining Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Among Sexual Minorities. \$24,925.20

2014 (Internal; Co-PI) Faculty Initiatives Fund, Rice University. "Unequal Starts, Uncertain Futures: A Multilayered, Neighborhoods Approach to Understanding Child Obesity." (Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, PI; Keila N. Lopez, Co-PI). \$30,000.

2014 (Co-PI) Texas Research Data Center, Texas A&M University. "Complex Families, State Family Policy, and Child Health Disparities." Proposal Development Grant. (Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, PI). \$6,000.

2013-2014 (PI) University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research. "Contextualizing Childhood Food Security: Do Neighborhood Social Characteristics Shape the Risk?" (Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, Co-PI). \$74,998

2013-2015 (Co-PI) Houston Endowment. "Particulate Matter and its Relationship to Health Outcomes in Houston." (Robert Griffin PI; Rachel Tolbert Kimbro Co-PI). \$700,000

2012 (PI) Texas Research Data Center, Texas A&M University. “Investigating Contextual Components of United States Mortality.” Proposal Development Grant. (Jarron Saint Onge and Jeff A. Dennis, Co-Investigators). \$3,200

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

2011 (Internal; Co-PI) Kinder Institute for Urban Research Program Start-Up Grant. “Urban Health Program.” (Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, PI) \$12,500.

### **INVITED TALKS**

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2017 “Health Behaviors Among Same- and Different-Sex Coupled Adults With and Without Children.” Invited Panelist, Southern Sociological Society mini-conference on health disparities, Greenville, SC.

2016 “Same Sex Families and Health.” Department of Sociology Speaker Series, University of West Virginia.

“Families, Resources, and Adult Health: Where do Sexual Minorities Fit?” Same-sex Families and Health Summit, University of Texas at Austin.

2015 “Same Sex Families and Health.” Population Studies & Training Center Colloquium Series, Brown University

“What's New in Place and Health Research?” Invited Panelist, Building Bridges to Improve Population Health, National Academies, Washington DC.

“Same Sex Families and Health.” Population Research Center Demography Workshop, University of Chicago.

“Contextualizing Childhood Food Security: Do Neighborhood Social Characteristics Shape the Risk?” Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

“Same Sex Families and Health.” Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

2013 “Eat, Drink, Smoke, Love: Same-sex and Different-sex Relationships and Health.” Population Program, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder.

“Contextualizing Childhood Food Security: Do Neighborhood Social Characteristics Shape the Risk?” University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research.

“The Social Environment and Health and Mortality.” April 2013. Baylor College

- of Medicine, VA Hospital Health Disparities Group. Research Seminar Series.
- “Investigating Contextual Components of United States Mortality.”  
Texas A&M University. Census Research Data Center Discussion Series.
- 2012 “The Potentials and Pitfalls of Restricted Use Data for Early Career Scholars.”  
Texas A&M University. Census Research Data Center Workshop.
- 2011 “Families, Resources, and Health: Where do Sexual Minorities Fit?” University of  
Texas at Austin. Population Research Center Lecture Series.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (since 2010)**

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- 2017 “Degrees of Difference: The Unequal Returns of Higher Education for Mortality Risk Across a Diverse Sample of U.S. Adults.” *Population Association of America*.
- 2016 “Neighborhood Concentrated Disadvantage and Mortality: New Insights for Racial and Ethnic Differences.” *Federal Statistical Restricted Data Center Conference*, Texas A&M University.
- 2016 “Race, Ethnic, and Nativity Disparities in Children's Food Insecurity: Do Neighborhood Characteristics Contribute to the Risks?” *Population Association of America*.
- 2016 “Comprehensive Neighborhood Portraits and Child Asthma.” *Population Association of America*.
- 2015 “Neighborhood Socioeconomic Change Over Time and Young Children’s Obesity.” *Population Association of America*.
- 2015 “Environmental Justice for All: Assessing Cumulative Impacts to Understand the Relationship between Environmental Burden, Social Vulnerability and Disease.” *Population Association of America*.
- 2014 “Race, Ethnic, and Nativity Disparities in Children’s Food Insecurity: Do Neighborhood Characteristics Contribute to the Risks?” *Southern Demographic Association* meetings.
- 2014 “Into the Great Unknown: Using Medical Records to Understand the Distribution of Air Quality Health Risks.” *American Sociological Association* meetings.
- 2014 “Helping Out to Get By: The Poverty Paradox in Children’s Food Insecurity.” *Population Association of America* and *International Sociological Association* meetings.
- 2014 “Family Structure and Child Health: Where Do Children in Same-Sex Parent Families Fit?” *Population Association of America* meetings.

2013 “Eat, Drink, Smoke, Love: Same Sex and Different Sex Relationships and Health.” *American Sociological Association*.

2012 “The Social Side of Accidental Death.” *Southern Demographic Association*.

2012 “A New Piece of the Puzzle: Sexual Orientation, Gender, and Health Status.” *Southern Demographic Association*.

2012 “Families, Resources, and Health: Where Do Sexual Minorities Fit?” *American Sociological Association*.

2012 “Suicide in the City: A New Approach to Assessing the Role of Context.” *American Sociological Association*.

2012 “Families, Socioeconomic Status, and Suicide: Combined Effects on Mortality.” *Population Association of America*.

2012 “Neighborhood Context and Racial/Ethnic Differences in Young Children’s Obesity: Structural Barriers to Interventions.” *Population Association of America*.

2011 “Obesity, SES, and Economic Development: A Test of the Reversal Hypothesis.” *Population Association of America*.

2010 “Households, Socioeconomic Status, and Suicide.” *Southern Demographic Association*.

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

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2014 IPUMS Research Award, University of Minnesota Population Center

\*Award honors the best 2013 published research paper using MPC data. Awarded for 2013 *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* piece.

2014 Travel Award to attend the International Sociological Association Meetings in Yokohama, Japan, American Sociological Association through a grant from the Sociology Program at the National Science Foundation.

2011 Travel Award, Mini-Medical School, RAND Labor and Population Summer Program, Santa Monica, CA

2009 Outstanding Doctoral Student Paper Award, Southwestern Sociological Association

\* Awarded for my 2010 *Journal of Marriage and Family* piece.

2009 Carl Kisslinger Graduate Student Research and Creative Work Award, Graduate School, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

\*University-wide award determined by faculty review that acknowledges outstanding research by a graduate student across all disciplines.



2009 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

2009 University Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

2005 Special Achievement Award, United States Bureau of the Census, Kansas City Regional Office, Kansas City, KS

2003 Travel Award, Population Science and GIS Summer Workshop, Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

2000 Outstanding Student of Sociology, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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2011 “Mini-Medical School.” RAND Labor and Population Summer Program, Santa Monica, CA.

2009 “Longitudinal Data Analysis: Hazard Models.” Population Center Summer Short Course, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.

2007 “Biodemography.” Population Center Summer Short Course, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.

2003 “Population Science and GIS.” Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, Summer Workshop Series, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

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

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American Sociological Association: Population, Medical, and Family Sections

- 2015, Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee, Medical Sociology Section
- 2013, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of the Family Section

International Sociological Association

- Organizer, “Same Sex Families and Health” Session, 2016 meetings

Population Association of America

- Organizer, “The Health of Sexual Minorities” Session, 2014 meetings
- Discussant, “SES, Health, and Mortality” Session, 2014 meetings
- Co-Organizer, “Neighborhood, School, and Community Contextual Influences on Health and Mortality” Session, 2013 meetings

Southern Demographic Association

- Vice President, 2016-2017
- Board member (elected), 2015-2017
- Chair, “Health Behaviors” Session, 2012 meetings
- Chair, “Education” Session, 2010 meetings

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science

- Member, 2017 Conference Planning Committee, 2017
- Member, Membership Planning Committee, 2015 – present

Editorial Experience:

- Population Research and Policy Review (guest editor for special issue on population perspectives on sexual minorities, 2012-2014)
- Population and Environment (associate editor, 2008-2009)

Ad-hoc reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Demography*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Insight*

**COURSES**

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SOCI 101: Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

SOCI 422: Social Autopsies: How Society Kills Us (Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2016)

SOCI 583: Quantitative Data Analysis II (Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016)