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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **Northwestern University**, Assistant Professor of Sociology 2018-Present
 - Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University (2018-Present)
 - Associate Member, Nuffield College, University of Oxford (2018-present)
 - Faculty Affiliate, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin at Madison (2020-Present)
- **University of Oxford, Nuffield College**, Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow in Sociology 2017-2018

EDUCATION

- **New York University** 2017
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Sociology New York, NY
- **New York University** 2015
Master of Arts (M.A.), Sociology New York, NY
- **London School of Economics** 2008
Master of Science (MSc.), Anthropology and Development (merit) London, UK
- **Williams College** 2006
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Sociology (Cum Laude) Williamstown, MA
- **University College London** 2005
Semester abroad, Anthropology London, UK

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Family, gender, migration, demography, fertility, education, inequality, health**

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

* denotes graduate student co-author at writing

- **Behrman, J.A.** and Weitzman, A. Point of reference: A multi-sited exploration of African migration and fertility in France. Forthcoming at *International Migration Review*.
- **Behrman, J.A.**, Eilers, M.*, McLoughlin-Brooks, I.*, and Weitzman, A. International Migration and Modern Contraceptive Use: A Research Note on African Migrants to France. Forthcoming at *Demography*.
- Andriano, L.* **Behrman, J.A.** and Monden, C. Mapping Husbands' Dominance in Wives' Health Decision-Making: A Diffusion Perspective in Sub-Saharan Africa. Forthcoming at *Demography*.
- Jeylan Erman* and **Behrman, J.A.** Childhood Origins, Migration and First Modern Contraceptive Use in Turkey. Forthcoming at *Studies in Family Planning*.
- **Behrman, J.A.** and Frye, M. [Rejection of intimate partner violence in dyadic perspective: Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa](#). Forthcoming (online first) at *Demography*.
- Shiffer-Sebba, D. and **Behrman, J.A.** (2021) [Gender and wealth in demographic research: A research note on a new method and application](#). *Population Research and Policy Review*. 40(4): 643–659
- Andriano, L.* and **Behrman, J. A.** (2020) [The effects of growing-season drought on young women's life course transitions in a sub-Saharan context](#). *Population Studies*. 74(3): 331–350.

- Kashyap, R. and **Behrman, J. A.** (2020) [Gender discrimination and excess female under-five mortality in India: a new perspective using mixed-sex twins.](#) *Demography.* 57, 2143–2167.
- Gruijters, R. J. and **Behrman, J. A.** (2020). [Learning Inequality in Francophone Africa: School Quality and the Educational Achievement of Rich and Poor Children.](#) *Sociology of Education.* 93(3):256-276
- **Behrman, J. A.** and Gonalons-Pons, P. (2020). [Women’s employment and fertility in a global perspective \(1960 – 2015\).](#) *Demographic Research.* 43(25), 707- 744.
- **Behrman, J. A.** (2020). [Mother’s relative educational status and early childhood height-for-age z scores: A decomposition of change over time.](#) *Population Research and Policy Review.* 39(1), 147-173.
- **Behrman, J. A.** [Polygynous unions and intimate partner violence in Nigeria: An examination of the role of selection \(2019\).](#) *Journal of Marriage and Family.* 81(4): 905-919.
- **Behrman, J. A.** (2019). [Contextual declines in educational hypergamy and intimate partner violence.](#) *Social Forces.* 97(3): 1257-1282.
 - American Sociological Association Section on Population Graduate Student Paper Award (2017)
- **Behrman, J. A.** and Erman, J.* (2019). [An exploration of differences in ideal family size between Muslim and non-Muslim women in France.](#) *Demographic Research.* 41(22):617-648.
- Pesando, L.* and the GFC team (Castro, A.*, Andriano, L.*, **Behrman, J. A.**, Billari, F., Mondon, C., Furstenberg, F., Kohler, H-P.) (2019). [Global family change: Persistent diversity with development.](#) *Population and Development Review* 45(1):133-168.
- Aberman, N.,**Behrman, J. A.**, and Birner, R. (2018). [Gendered perceptions of power and decision-making in rural Kenya.](#) *Development Policy Review* 36(4): 389-407.
- **Behrman, J. A.**, Quinn Wright, K.*, Grant, M., and Soler, E. (2018). [Trends in modern contraceptive use among young adult women in sub-Saharan Africa 1990 to 2014.](#) *Studies in Family Planning* 49(4): 319-344.
- Quisumbing, A., Kumar, N. and **Behrman, J. A.**, (2018). [Do shocks affect men’s and women’s assets differently? Evidence from Bangladesh and Uganda.](#) *Development Policy Review* 36(1), 3-34.
- **Behrman, J. A.** and Duvisac, S.* (2017). [The relationship between women’s paid employment and women’s stated son preference in India.](#) *Demographic Research* 36(52), 1601-1636.
 - Demographic Research editor’s choice award
- **Behrman, J. A.** (2017). [Women’s land ownership and participation in decision-making about reproductive health in Malawi.](#) *Population and Environment* 38(4), 327-344. [Lead article, special issue on the environmental dimensions of fertility decision-making].
- **Behrman, J. A.** Peterman, A., and Palermo, T. (2017). [Does keeping girls in school prevent against forced sex? Quasi-experimental evidence from Eastern and Southern Africa.](#) *Journal of Adolescent Health* 60(2), 184-190.
- Weitzman, A.*, and **Behrman, J. A.** (2016). [Disaster, disruption to family life, and intimate partner violence: The case of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.](#) *Sociological Science,* 3, 167-189.
- **Behrman, J. A.** and Weitzman, A.* (2016). [The effect of the 2010 Haiti earthquake on women’s reproductive health: a difference-in-difference analysis.](#) *Studies in Family Planning* 47(1), 1-15. [Lead article]
 - American Sociological Association Section on Sociology of Development Section Graduate Student Paper Award (2015).
 - Population Association of America Poster Award (2015).
 - 4th most downloaded article in Studies in Family Planning in 2016.

- **Behrman, J. A.** (2015). [Do targeted stipend programs reduce gender and socioeconomic inequalities in school attainment? Insights from rural Bangladesh.](#) *Demography* 52(6), 1917-1927.
- **Behrman, J. A.** (2015). [Does schooling affect women's desired fertility? Evidence from Malawi, Uganda and Ethiopia.](#) *Demography* 52(3),787-809.
- **Behrman, J. A.** (2015). [The effect of increased primary schooling on adult women's HIV status in Malawi and Uganda: Universal Primary Education as a natural experiment.](#) *Social Science and Medicine* 127, 108-115 [Special Issue on Education and Adult Health: Contextualizing Causality].
 - American Sociological Association David Stevenson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in Sociology of Education (2014).
 - Sociologist AIDS Network Martin Levine Graduate Student Paper Prize (2014).
 - Society for the Study of Social Problems Health, Health Policy and Health Services Honorable Mention for Best Graduate Student Paper (2014).
- **Behrman, J. A.,** Meinzen-Dick R. and Quisumbing A. (2012). [The Gender Implications of Large-Scale Land Deals.](#) *Journal of Peasant Studies* 39(1), 51-81.
- Peterman A., Quisumbing A.R., **Behrman, J. A.,** and E. Nkonya. (2011). [Understanding the complexities of gender differences in agricultural productivity in Uganda and Nigeria.](#) *Journal of Development Studies* 47(10), 1482-1509.
- Behrman J. R.,**Behrman, J. A.,** and Perez N. (2011). [Out of Sync? Demographic and Other Social Science Research on Health Conditions in Developing Countries.](#) *Demographic Research* 24(2), 45-47.
- Behrman J. R.,**Behrman, J. A.,** and Perez N. (2009). [On What Diseases and Health Conditions Should New Economic Research on Health and Development Focus?](#) *Health Economics* 18(1), 109-128.

BOOK REVIEWS

- **Behrman, J. A.** (2020). Review of "No Alternative: Childbirth, Citizenship, and Indigenous Culture in Mexico" by Rosalyn A. Vega. *American Journal of Sociology* 125(5), 1460-1462.
- **Behrman, J. A.** (2019). Review of "When the Light is Fire: Maasai Schoolgirls in Contemporary Kenya" by Heather D. Switzer. *Gender and Society* 33(5), 826-828.

EDITED VOLUMES, RESEARCH MONOGRAPHS BOOK CHAPTERS (SELECT)

- Quisumbing, A., Meinzen-Dick, R., Rainey T., Croppenstadt A., **Behrman, J. A.** and Peterman A. (Eds). (2014). *Gender in Agriculture: Closing the Knowledge Gap.* Springer: New York.
- **Behrman, J. A.,** Meinzen-Dick R. Quisumbing A. (2014). "An interpretation of large-scale land deals within Boserup's theories of agricultural intensification, gender and rural development." In *Ester Boserup's Legacy on Sustainability: Orientations for Contemporary Research.* Fischer-Kowalski et al. (Eds). Springer: New York.
- Quisumbing, A., Meinzen-Dick, R., **Behrman, J. A.,** Biermayr-Jenzano P., Wilde V., Noordeloos M., Ragasa C. Beintema N. (2011). *Engendering Agricultural Research, Development and Extension.* Washington D.C.: International Food Policy Research Institute.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- **National Science Foundation,** Sociology Grant (1918337) on 'Collaborative Research: Understanding Migration and Fertility.' (2019-2021). Principal Investigator (PI), with Abigail Weitzman (Co-Investigator). *260,000 USD.*
- **South African Medical Research Council,** Sexual Violence Research Initiative Grant on 'Identifying the casual effect of education on adult women's experience of intimate partner violence and forced sex in Malawi and Uganda.' (2014-2015). Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI), with Amber Peterman (Co-Principal Investigator) and Tia Palermo (Co-Principal Investigator). *48,233 USD.*

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Northwestern University Weinberg College Research Recovery Grant, 2021.
- Northwestern University Undergraduate Research Assistant Grant, 2021.
- Visiting Researcher, Institut national d'études démographiques (INED), 2020 (Cut short due to Covid 19).
- Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellowship, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, 2017-2018.
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, New York University, 2017-2018 (declined).
- American Sociological Association Population Section Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, 2017.
- Global Research Institute Paris Fellowship, New York University, 2017.
- American Sociological Association Sociology of Development Section Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, 2015.
- Population Association of America Poster Award from Poster Section 6 (migration and urbanization/population, development and the environment), 2015-2016.
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Student Travel Award, New York University, 2015-2016.
- American Sociological Association David Stevenson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper on a topic in the Sociology of Education, 2014
- Sociologist AIDS Network Martin Levine Graduate Student Paper Prize, 2014.
- Society for the Study of Social Problems, Health, Health Policy Health Services Graduate Student Paper Competition Honorable Mention Award, 2014.
- Sociology of Development Section of the American Sociological Association Student Travel Award, 2013.
- Departmental Summer Fellowship, New York University, 2013-2015.
- Henry MacCracken Fellowship for Graduate Study, New York University, 2012-2017.
- Deans Supplementary Fellowship, New York University, 2012.
- Graduate Support Scheme Fellowship, London School of Economics, 2007.
- Class of 1972 Alumni Sponsored Summer Fellowship, Williams College, 2005.

EMPLOYMENT

- **Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations**, Consultant. 2016.
- **International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Poverty, Health Nutrition Division**, Senior Research Assistant to Research Analyst, Washington D.C. with fieldwork placements in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, and Uganda. 2009-2012.
- **Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)**, Consultant, UK. 2009.
- **World Bank, Independent Evaluation Group**, Consultant, Malawi. 2009.
- **Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)/ University College London (UCL)**, Technical Advisor, Malawi. 2008.
- **World Bank, Research Development Group, Consultant**, Malawi. 2007-2008.

TEACHING

- **Northwestern University**

- Department of Sociology, Instructor, Statistical Analysis of Social Data: Regression Analysis II (Graduate)
- Department of Sociology, Instructor, Gender and Society (Undergraduate)
- Department of Sociology, Instructor, Research Design (Graduate)

- **University of Oxford**

- Department of Human Sciences. Tutor, Demography and Population (Undergraduate), 2017-2018

- **New York University**

- Department of Sociology. Teaching Assistant, Statistics for Social Research (Undergraduate), 2016, 2015
- Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Course Assistant, Institutions, Governance International Development (Graduate), 2014, 2013

- **Jean de Prades Lycée**

- Teaching Assistant, English Language. Castelsarrasin, France. 2006 –2007

ADVISING

- **Dissertation Committee** Ilze Plavgo 2021 (EUI)

- **Second Year Paper Reader** Mirna Nadia 2019 (NU); Perdana Roswaldy 2020 (NU); Ewurama Okai 2021 (NU); Elif Buyukakbas, 2022 (NU)

- **First Year PhD Adviser** Carrie Stallings 2019-2020 (NU); Karin Yndestad 2020-2021 (NU)

- **Undergraduate Honors Thesis Adviser** Karina Aguilar 2020-2021 (NU); Anisha Bhattacharya 2020-2021 (NU)

- **Undergraduate Research Assistance Program Faculty Mentor** Sierra Erdman-Luntz 2021 (NU)

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

**denotes invited presentations*

- **2021** European University Institute (virtual)*; Population Association of America (virtual); American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (virtual); Population Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania*

- **2020** Center for Demography and Ecology at University of Wisconsin at Madison*; Nuffield College at University of Oxford (virtual)*; Population Research Center at University of Maryland (virtual)* Population Association of America Annual Meeting (cancelled); European Population Conference (cancelled)

- **2019** Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University*; Program for African Studies at Northwestern University*; Global Family Change Conference at University of Pennsylvania*; Sociology of Development Annual Meeting Invited Panel*; Center for Studies of Ecology and Demography at University of Washington*; International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 Meeting; Population Association of America Annual Meetings; American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Buffet Institute for Global Affairs at Northwestern University*

- **2018** Nuffield College at University of Oxford*; Population Association of America Annual Meetings; European Population Conference; American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

- **2017** Population Association of American Annual Meeting; American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; International Union for the Scientific Study of Population Meeting; National Academy of Sciences Committee on Population Workshop on the Demographic Effects of Girls' Education in Developing Countries*
- **2016** Department of Sociology at Northwestern University*; Department of Sociology at University of Michigan* ; Nuffield College at University of Oxford*; Department of Sociology at University of California Los Angeles*; Population Association of American Annual Meeting; Government of Malawi, Land Symposium: The complexities of land issues in Malawi and their implications for agricultural commercialization*; American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
- **2015** Sociology of Development Annual Meeting; Population Association of American Annual Meeting; American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Comparative and International Education Society Annual Conference
- **2014** Population Association of America Annual Meeting; Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting; American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- **2013** Sociology of Development Annual Conference; American Sociological Association Annual Conference; New York University Department of Sociology Graduate Student Conference.

SERVICE

- **Discipline**

- Session Organizer and Chair, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2022)
- External Advisory Committee, Population Council, GIRL Center (2020-Present)
- Session Organizer, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2020)
- Session Chair, NEUDC Conference Northwestern University (2019)
- Program Committee, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2019)
- Session Organizer and Chair, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. (2019)
- Discussant, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2018)
- Discussant, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2016)
- Session Chair, Comparative and International Education Society Annual Conference. (2015)

- **Journal Reviews**

- *American Journal of Public Health; American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; Comparative Education Review; Culture, Health and Sexuality, Demographic Research; Demography; Education Economics; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Gender and Society; Global Public Health; Globalizations; International Migration Review; Journal of Family Issues; Journal of Family Studies; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Journal of Marriage and Family; Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics; Population and Development Review; Population and Environment; Population Studies; Social Problems; Social Science and Medicine; PLOS One; Studies in Family Planning*

- **Grant Reviews**

- Austrian Science Fund

- **Editorial Boards**

- Studies in Family Planning (2020-present)

- **Northwestern University**

- Department of Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee Member (2021-2022)
- Northwestern Prison Education Program (NPEP), Correspondence Tutor (2020-2021)

- Department of Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee Member (2020-2021)
- Department of Sociology Colloquium Organizer (2019-2020)
- Program on African Studies Executive Committee (2018-2019)
- Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2018-2019)

- **University of Oxford**

- Nuffield College Sociology Research Seminar co-organizer Hilary Term (2018)
- Nuffield College Postdoctoral Research Fellow Seminar co-organizer (2017-2018)

- **International Food Policy Research Institute**

- Research Support Staff Committee (2010-2011)
- Gender Task Force (2009-2012)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- **Discipline**

- Population Association of America (2014-present)
- American Sociological Association (2013-present)
- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (2017-present)
- European Association for Population Studies (2018-present)

REFERENCES

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