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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### Northwestern University

AT&T Research Fellow	2024-2026
Associate Professor of Sociology	2024 – present
Assistant Professor of Sociology	2018 – 2024
Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research	2018 – present
Faculty Affiliate, Trienens Institute	2023 – present

### University of Oxford

Postdoctoral Prize Fellow in Sociology, Nuffield College	2017 – 2018
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## EDUCATION

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### New York University

PhD in Sociology	2017
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### New York University

MA in Sociology	2015
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### London School of Economics

MSc in Anthropology & Development	2008
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### Williams College

BA in Sociology (Cum Laude)	2006
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## PUBLICATIONS

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\* denotes graduate student co-author at writing

**Behrman, J.A.**, Marshall, E., and Keusch, F. An Experimental Approach to Assessing Young Women's Childbearing Preferences: A Research Note on the United States. Forthcoming at *Demography*.

Weitzman, A., **Behrman, J.A.** and Ascherio, M.\* Quantitative Data Availability and Measurement of U.S. Immigrant and Immigration Policies: IMR Methods Note. Online first at *International Migration Review*.

Mark, N., Weitzman, A., **Behrman, J.A.** (2024) Fear among Hispanic and Non-Hispanic White Youth in Texas During a Period of Punitive Immigration Policies (2009-2017.) *Socius*, 10.

**Behrman, J.A.** (2024) Ideal Family Size and Reproductive Orientations: An Exploration of Change Over Time in the United States. *Demography*, 61(5): 1535–1557.

- Rodriguez-Caceres\*, A. and **Behrman, J.A.** (2024) Demarcation and Difference: Language and Indigenous Self-Identity in Latin America *Socius*, 10.
- Behrman, J.A.** and Weitzman, A. State-Level Immigrant Policies and Ideal Family Size in the United States. (2024) *Population and Development Review* 50(2): 375-401.
- Okai, E\* and **Behrman, J.A.** (2023) Identificational Orientations Among Three Generations of Migrants in France. *Social Forces* 102(1): 63-91.
- Behrman, J.A.** (2023) A Brief Report on COVID-19 and Ideal Family Size in the US. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 85(2): 645-656.
- Behrman, J.A.** Buyukakbas, E.\*, and Weitzman, A. (2022) Migrating to New Contraceptive Contexts: The Case of Migrants from Turkey to France. *Socius*, 8.
- Behrman, J.A.** and Weitzman, A. (2022) Point of reference: A multi-sited exploration of African migration and fertility in France. *International Migration Review* 56(3): 911-940.
- Behrman, J.A.**, Eilers, M.\*, McLoughlin-Brooks, I.\*, and Weitzman, A. (2022) International Migration and Modern Contraceptive Use: A Research Note on African Migrants to France. *Demography*. 59(1):27–36
- Andriano, L.\* **Behrman, J.A.** and Monden, C.(2021) Mapping Husbands' Dominance in Wives' Health Decision-Making: A Diffusion Perspective in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Demography*. 58(5):1955–1975
- Erman, J\* and **Behrman, J.A.**.(2021) Childhood Origins, Migration and First Modern Contraceptive Use in Turkey. *Studies in Family Planning*. 52(4): 539-555.
- Behrman, J.A.** and Frye, M. (2021) Rejection of intimate partner violence in dyadic perspective: Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa. *Demography* 58(3):1143–1170.
- 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.
- Grujters, 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.

**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.

**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]

**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].

**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

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**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.

## PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

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Migration from Africa to France: New Findings on Fertility Change Institute for Policy Research Rapid Research Report.

International migration from Africa to France and contraception use NIUSSP Blogpost.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

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**AT&T Research Fellow** 2024-2026  
Northwestern University

**Trienens Institute for Sustainability and Energy Seed Grant** 2023-2025  
Northwestern University: 64,428 USD.

<b>NSF-Funded Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)</b> “Measuring Fertility Preferences” (with Emily Marshall and Heather Rackin).	2023
<b>NSF-Funded Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)</b> “Childbearing Preferences in the Face of Work, Family, and Financial Constraints” (with Emily Marshall and Florian Keusch)	2023
<b>Graduate Research Assistance Award</b> Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University: (approx) 18,480 USD.	2023
<b>Baker Faculty Research Grant</b> Northwestern University: 8,917 USD.	2023
<b>COVID-19 Research Recovery Grant</b> Northwestern University: 9,985 USD.	2023
<b>Institute for Policy Research Seed Grant</b> Northwestern University: 3,500 USD.	2022
<b>Global Campus Collaborative Virtual Visitorship Grant</b> Northwestern University: 5,000 USD.	2022
<b>Weinberg College Research Recovery Grant</b> Northwestern University.	2022
<b>National Science Foundation, Sociology Grant</b> Principal Investigator (PI) “Collaborative Research: Understanding Migration and Fertility” (with Abigail Weitzman, Co-I): 260,000 USD.	2019-2022
<b>Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellowship</b> Nuffield College, University of Oxford.	2017-2018
<b>Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship</b> New York University, declined.	2017-2018
<b>American Sociological Association</b> Population Section Award for Best Graduate Student Paper.	2017
<b>Global Research Institute Fellowship</b> New York University. 3,175 USD.	2017
<b>Population Association of America</b> Poster Award from Poster Section 6.	2016

**American Sociological Association** 2015  
Sociology of Development Section Award for Best Graduate Student Paper.

**South African Medical Research Council, SVI Grant** 2014-2015  
Co-Principal Investigator.  
“Identifying the casual effect of education on adult women’s experience of intimate partner violence and forced sex in Malawi and Uganda”  
(with Tia Palermo and Amber Peterman, Co-PIs): 48,233 USD USD.

**American Sociological Association** 2014  
American Sociological Association David Stevenson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper on a topic in the Sociology of Education.

**Sociologist AIDS Network** 2014  
Martin Levine Graduate Student Paper Prize.

**Society for the Study of Social Problems** 2014  
Health, Health Policy and Health Services Graduate Student Paper Competition Honorable Mention Award.

**Henry MacCracken Fellowship for Graduate Study** 2012-2017  
New York University.

**Graduate Support Scheme Fellowship** 2007  
London School of Economics.

## **EXTERNAL AFFILIATIONS**

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**German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM)**  
Academic Research Fellow 2024

**University of Haifa**  
Visiting Fellow, Haifa Center on the Politics of Inequality 2023

**University of Pennsylvania**  
Faculty Affiliate, Population Studies Center 2021-2022

**University of Wisconsin at Madison**  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Demography and Ecology 2020-Present

**Institut national d’études démographiques (INED)**  
Visiting Researcher, cut short due to Covid 19 2020

**University of Oxford**  
Associate Member, Nuffield College

2018-2024

## **NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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**Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN**  
Consultant, NYC and Rome 2016

**International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**  
Senior Research Assistant to Research Analyst 2009-2012  
Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division  
Washington D.C. with fieldwork placements in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, and Uganda.

**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

**Jean de Prades Lycée**  
Teaching Assistant, France 2006-2007

## **TEACHING**

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**Second Year Paper (graduate)**  
Instructor, Northwestern University 2024-Present

**Statistical Analysis of Social Data: Regression Analysis II (graduate)**  
Instructor, Northwestern University 2020-Present

**Gender and Society (undergraduate)**  
Instructor, Northwestern University 2019-Present

**Research Design (graduate)**  
Instructor, Northwestern University 2019-Present

## **ADVISING**

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**Dissertation Committee**  
Elif Buyukakbas (NU Sociology), Chair Ongoing

Hanbo Wu (Oxford Sociology), External Examiner	2023
Ilze Plavgo (EUI Sociology), External Examiner	2021

**Masters Paper Reader (2YP)**

Elif Buyukakbas (NU Sociology)	2022
Bambang Trihadmojo (NU Sociology)	2021
Ewurama Okai (NU Sociology)	2021
Perdana Roswaldy (NU Sociology)	2020
Mirna Nadia (NU Sociology)	2019

**First Year Adviser (PhD)**

Amanda Buechele (NU Sociology)	2024-2025
Karin Yndestad (NU Sociology)	2020-2021
Carrie Stallings (NU Sociology)	2019-2020

**Independent Study Supervisor (PhD)**

Victoria Ylizaliturri Fernandez (NU Sociology)	2025
Elif Buyukakbas (NU Sociology)	2022
Ewurama Okai (NU Sociology)	2021

**Undergraduate Advising**

Sophie Langenhuizen (NU), Undergraduate Honors Thesis Adviser (MMSS)	2025-2026
Sophia Scott (NU), Baker Faculty Mentor	2023
Gina Yoo (NU), Baker Faculty Mentor	2023
Aditi Ghei (NU), SURA Faculty Mentor	2022
Sierra Erdman-Luntz (NU), URAP Faculty Mentor	2021
Anisha Bhattacharya (NU), Undergraduate Honors Thesis Adviser (MMSS)	2020-2021
Karina Aguilar (NU), Undergraduate Honors Thesis Adviser & URAP Faculty Mentor	2020-2021

**CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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*\* denotes invited presentations*

**2025**

Yale Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality (CERSI) workshop\*  
 Population Association of America Annual Meeting  
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

**2024**

University of Wisconsin at Madison Feminism Seminar\*  
 German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM)\*

**2023**

Population Research Center at University of North Carolina\*  
 Sociology Colloquium, Nuffield College at University of Oxford\*  
 The Israeli Community of Stratification and Social Inequality\*  
 Spencer Foundation Convening on "Education and Equity in a Changing Climate convening"\*  
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

## Chicagoland Demography Mini-Conference

### 2022

Institute for Sustainability and Energy (ISEN) at Northwestern University Annual Symposium\*  
Department of Sociology at University of Toronto\*  
Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University\*  
Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University\*  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting  
Fertility Preferences Mini Conference at the University of Texas at Austin\*

### 2021

European University Institute (virtual)\*  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting (virtual)  
Population Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania\*  
Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago\*  
Department of Sociology at the University of California at Irvine (virtual)\*  
Department of Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin\*

### 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 (canceled)  
European Population Conference (canceled)

### 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\*  
 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**

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**Editorial Boards**

Demography	2024-Present
Studies in Family Planning	2020-2023

**External Advisory Boards**

Population Council, GIRL CENTER	2020-present
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**Grant Reviews**

U.S.-Israel Binational National Science Foundation	2025
Swiss National Science Foundation	2022
Austrian Science Fund	2021

**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 Development Economics; 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; Proceedings of the National Academy of Science; Sociology Compass;

Sociology of Education; Social Problems; Social Science and Medicine; PLOS One; Studies in Family Planning; Vienna Yearbook of Population Research

### **Conference Organizer**

Chicagoland Demography Workshop 2023  
Fertility Preferences Mini-Conference 2022

### **Conference Program Committee**

Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2019

### **Conference Session Organizer**

Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2025  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2023  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2022  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2020  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2019

### **Conference Session Chair**

Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2025  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2022  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2022  
North East Universities Development Consortium Conference 2019  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2019  
Comparative and International Education Society Annual Conference 2015

### **Conference Session Discussant**

Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2025  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2023  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2018  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2016

### **Mentor**

American Sociological Association Population Section Mentoring Program 2025

### **Northwestern University**

Buffet Institute for Global Affairs, Reviewer for Buffet Research Fellowship Program 2025  
Department of Sociology Teaching Track Committee on Promotion 2020, 2022  
Department of Sociology Karpf Peace Award Review Committee 2019  
Department of Sociology Sociological Field Research Fellowship Review Committee 2019  
Northwestern Prison Education Program (NPEP), Correspondence Tutor 2020-2021  
Department of Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee Member 2021, 2022, 2025  
Department of Sociology Graduate Affairs Committee Member 2024-2025  
Department of Sociology Colloquium Organizer 2019-2020  
Program on African Studies Executive Committee 2018-2019  
Undergraduate Affairs Committee 2018-2019