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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

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

* denotes graduate student co-author at writing

Behrman, J.A., Marshall, E., and Keusch, F. (2025) An Experimental Approach to Assessing Young Women's Childbearing Preferences: A Research Note on the United States. *Demography*, 62(3): 773–785.

Weitzman, A., **Behrman, J.A.** and Ascherio, M.* (2025) Quantitative Data Availability and Measurement of U.S. Immigrant and Immigration Policies: IMR Methods Note. *International Migration Review*, 59(2): 929-948.

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

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 & MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Public facing writing

- Is There a Strong Two-Child Norm Among U.S. Women? NIUSSP Blogpost.
- International migration from Africa to France and contraception use. NIUSSP Blogpost, 2022.
- Migration from Africa to France: New Findings on Fertility Change. Institute for Policy Research Rapid Research Report, 2022.

Research cited in

- Business Insider Article on the "Millennial Case Against Having Baby Number 3", 2025.

- UNICEF Policy Report on "Inform: Using available data to optimize education investments in Africa", 2024.
- United Nations General Assembly Economic and Social Council Report to the Secretary General, 2024.
- UNFPA State of the World, 2023.
- UNFPA Policy Brief on the Climate Crisis and Sexual and Reproductive Health, 2021.
- World Bank Policy Report on "Empowering Women and Girls for Shared Prosperity", 2014.
- Population Reference Bureau Brief on "Population and Food Security", 2012.
- UN Women Policy Report on "Rural Women's Access to Science and Technology", 2011.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL

National Science Foundation (NSF) Funded Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) 2023

"Measuring Fertility Preferences"

(with Emily Marshall and Heather Rackin).

National Science Foundation (NSF) Funded Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) 2023

"Childbearing Preferences in the Face of Work, Family, and Financial Constraints"

(with Emily Marshall and Florian Keusch)

National Science Foundation (NSF), Sociology Grant 2019-2022

Principal Investigator (PI)

"Collaborative Research: Understanding Migration and Fertility"

(with Abigail Weitzman, Co-I): 260,000 USD.

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.

INTERNAL

Undergraduate Research Assistant Program Award 2025

Undergraduate Research Office, Northwestern University: (approx) 1,660 USD.

Graduate Research Assistance Award 2025

Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University: (approx) 22,000 USD.

Trienens Institute for Sustainability and Energy Seed Grant 2023-2025

Northwestern University: 64,428 USD.

Graduate Research Assistance Award Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University: (approx) 18,480 USD.	2023
Baker Faculty Research Grant Northwestern University: 8,917 USD.	2023
COVID-19 Research Recovery Grant Northwestern University: 9,985 USD.	2023
Institute for Policy Research Seed Grant Northwestern University: 3,500 USD.	2022
Global Campus Collaborative Virtual Visitorship Grant Northwestern University: 5,000 USD.	2022
Weinberg College Research Recovery Grant Northwestern University.	2022
Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellowship Nuffield College, University of Oxford.	2017-2018
Dean's Dissertation Fellowship New York University, declined.	2017-2018
Global Research Institute Fellowship New York University. 3,175 USD.	2017
Henry MacCracken Fellowship for Graduate Study New York University.	2012-2017
Graduate Support Scheme Fellowship London School of Economics.	2007

HONORS & AWARDS

AT&T Research Fellow Northwestern University.	2024-2026
Editor's Choice Award Demographic Research.	2017
American Sociological Association Population Section Award for Best Graduate Student Paper.	2017
Population Association of America Poster Award from Poster Section 6.	2016

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

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.

EXTERNAL AFFILIATIONS

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

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

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

Dissertation Committee	
Elif Buyukakbas (NU Sociology), Chair	Ongoing
Sharif Ibrahim El Shishtawy Hassan (NU Sociology), Member	Ongoing
Hanbo Wu (Oxford Sociology), External Examiner	2023
Ilze Plavgo (EUI Sociology), External Examiner	2021
Second Year Paper Reader (PhD)	
Amanda Buechele (NU Sociology)	2026
Victoria Ylizariturri Fernandez (NU Sociology)	2026
Elif Buyukakbas (NU Sociology)	2022
Bambang Trihadmojo (NU Sociology)	2021
Ewurama Okai (NU Sociology)	2021
Perdana Roswally (NU Sociology)	2020
Mirna Nadia (NU Sociology)	2019

First Year Adviser (PhD)

Lilian Anazube (NU Sociology)	2025-2026
Amanda Buechele (NU Sociology)	2024-2025
Karin Yndestad (NU Sociology)	2020-2021
Carrie Stallings (NU Sociology)	2019-2020

Independent Study Supervisor (PhD)

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

Undergraduate Advising

Shreya Wojno (NU), Honors Thesis Adviser (SESP)	2025-2026
Mitra Nourbakhsh (NU), Honors Thesis Adviser (International Studies)	2025-2026
Sophie Langenhuizen (NU), 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), Honors Thesis Adviser (MMSS)	2020-2021
Karina Aguilar (NU), Honors Thesis Adviser (Sociology) & URAP Faculty Mentor	2020-2021

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Ohio State University fertility goals webinar	2026
CPC-CG virtual seminar series at the University of Southampton	2026
Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University	2025
Yale Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality (CERSI) workshop	2025
University of Wisconsin at Madison Feminism Seminar	2024
German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM)	2024
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Population Research Center	2023
University of Oxford Nuffield College Sociology Colloquium	2023
The Israeli Community of Stratification and Social Inequality	2023
Spencer Foundation Convening on "Education and Equity in a Changing Climate"	2023
Institute for Sustainability and Energy (ISEN) at Northwestern Annual Symposium	2022
University of Toronto, Department of Sociology	2022
Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University	2022
George Mason University, Schar School of Policy and Government	2022
European University Institute (virtual)	2021
University of Pennsylvania, Population Studies Center	2021
University of Chicago, Department of Sociology	2021
University of California at Irvine, Department of Sociology (virtual)	2021
University of Texas at Austin Department of Sociology	2021
University of Wisconsin at Madison Center for Demography and Ecology	2020
University of Oxford, Nuffield College Sociology Colloquium (virtual)	2020
University of Maryland, Population Research Center (virtual)	2020
Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University	2019
Program for African Studies at Northwestern University	2019
University of Washington, Center for Studies of Ecology and Demography	2019
Buffet Institute for Global Affairs at Northwestern University	2019
University of Oxford, Nuffield College	2018

National Academy of Sciences Committee on Population Workshop	2017
Northwestern University, Department of Sociology	2016
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology	2016
University of Oxford, Nuffield College	2016
University of California Los Angeles, Department of Sociology	2016
Government of Malawi Land Symposium	2016

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2025
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2025
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2023
Chicagoland Demography Mini-Conference	2023
Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2022
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2022
Fertility Preferences Mini Conference at the University of Texas at Austin	2022
Population Association of America Annual Meeting (virtual)	2021
Population Association of America Annual Meeting (canceled)	2020
European Population Conference (canceled)	2020
Global Family Change Conference at University of Pennsylvania	2019
Sociology of Development Annual Meeting Invited Panel	2019
International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 Meeting	2019
Population Association of America Annual Meetings	2019
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2019
Population Association of America Annual Meetings	2018
European Population Conference	2018
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2018
Population Association of American Annual Meeting	2017
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2017
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population Meeting	2017
Population Association of American Annual Meeting	2016
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2016
Sociology of Development Annual Meeting	2015
Population Association of American Annual Meeting	2015
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2015
Comparative and International Education Society Annual Conference	2015
Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2014
Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting	2014
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2014
Sociology of Development Annual Conference	2013
American Sociological Association Annual Conference	2013

SERVICE

EDITORIAL

Editorial Board, <i>Demography</i>	2024-Present
Editorial Board, <i>Studies in Family Planning</i>	2020-2023

ADVISORY BOARDS

PEER REVIEW**Journals**

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

Organizations

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

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Session Discussant, Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2026
Member, American Sociological Association Population Section Distinguished Paper Committee	2026
Mentor, American Sociological Association Population Section Mentoring Program	2025
Mentor, American Sociological Association Family Section Mentoring Program	2025
Discussant, Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2025
Session Organizer, Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2025
Session Chair, Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2025
Session Organizer, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2023
Organizer, Chicagoland Demography Workshop	2023
Discussant, Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2023
Organizer, Fertility Preferences Mini-Conference	2022
Session Organizer, Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2022
Session Chair, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2022
Session Chair, Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2022
Session Organizer, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	2020
Program Committee, Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2019
Session Organizer, Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2019
Session Chair, North East Universities Development Consortium Conference	2019
Session 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

HOME INSTITUTION

Northwestern University

Reviewer for Buffet Research Fellowship Program, Buffet Institute for Global Affairs	2025
Correspondence Tutor, Northwestern Prison Education Program (NPEP)	2020-2021
Executive Committee, Program on African Studies	2018-2019

Northwestern Department of Sociology

Graduate Admissions Committee Member, Department of Sociology	2025-2026
Graduate Admissions Committee Member, Department of Sociology	2024-2025
Graduate Affairs Committee Member, Department of Sociology	2024-25
Committee on Teaching Track Promotion, Department of Sociology	2022
Graduate Admissions Committee Member, Department of Sociology	2021-2022
Graduate Admissions Committee Member, Department of Sociology	2020-2021
Committee on Teaching Track Promotion, Department of Sociology	2020
Colloquium Organizer, Department of Sociology	2019-2020
Karpf Peace Award Review Committee, Department of Sociology	2019
Sociological Field Research Fellowship Review Committee, Department of Sociology	2019
Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology	2018-2019