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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

Ph.D., Sociology and Demography, May 2015 (*expected*)

Dissertation: "Safety Nets and Social Reproduction: Three essays on child fostering in sub-Saharan Africa"

Committee: David Johnson, Brian King, Nancy Luke, Kevin Thomas, Jenny Trinitapoli (chair)

Quantitative Methodology Certificate, January 2014

M.A., Sociology and Demography, August 2012

Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts

B.A., *Cum Laude*, International Relations, May 2006

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Family; Fertility and Reproductive Health; and Survey Methodology.

PUBLICATIONS

Bachan, Lauren. 2014. "Anticipatory Child Fostering and Household Economic Security in Malawi." *Demographic Research*. 30:1157-1188.

*Winner, Best Working Paper Award 2012, Department of Sociology, Penn State University

*Designated *Replicable* article.

Johnson, David R. and Lauren **Bachan**. 2013. "What can we learn from studies based on small sample sizes? Comment on Regan, Lakhanpal, and Anguiano (2012)." *Psychological Reports*. 113(1):221-224.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Bachan, Lauren & Margaret Frye. "No longer up to God: A multi-country assessment of non-numeric fertility intentions."

*Winner, Best Working Paper Award 2013, Department of Sociology, Penn State University

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS[‡]

Choi, Yoonjung, Lauren **Bachan**, Madeleine Short-Fabric, & Jacob Adetunji. "Interview Length and Data Quality in Demographic and Health Surveys"

Bachan, Lauren. "Concomitant Trends in Child Fostering and the AIDS Epidemic Across sub-Saharan Africa"

Bachan, Lauren & Jenny Trinitapoli. "Fostering and Fertility: (Re)Examining Child Fostering as a Determinant of Fertility Preferences"

[‡]*Manuscripts available upon request.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Population Association of America Conference, Boston, MA. **May 2014**

"Interview Length in Demographic and Health Surveys: Trends, Patterns, and Implication for Data Quality"

Population Association of America Conference, New Orleans, LA. **April 2013**

"The Decline in Non-Numeric Desired Family Size: A Cross-Regional Analysis." *Also presented at*

the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population conference in Busan, South Korea in August 2013.

Population Association of America Conference, San Francisco, CA. **May 2012**
“Anticipatory Child Fostering and Household Economic Stability in Malawi.”

6th African Population Conference, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. **December 2011**
“Fostering and Fertility: (Re)Examining Child Fostering as a Determinant of Fertility Preferences.”

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Tsogolo La Thanzi (TLT) Project

Balaka, Malawi & University Park, Pennsylvania

PIs: Jenny Trinitapoli & Sara Yeatman

Research Assistant

August 2010 - August 2012

- Maintained and updated TLT survey instrument.
- Assisted field staff in Balaka, Malawi with processing longitudinal household data.
- Designed and piloted a qualitative interview guide on experiences with child fostering and oversaw data collection.

Population Training and Research Capacity for Development

University Park, Pennsylvania

Research Consultant

May - June 2012

Consulted on the use of Structural Equation Modeling to produce a sexual self concept scale among adolescents in Ghana.

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

United States Agency for International Development

Washington, D.C.

Global Health Fellows Program Intern, Demographic and Health Surveys

Summer 2013

Empirically evaluated the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) core questionnaire revision process. Wrote a strategic information report for the DHS management team in preparation for the upcoming questionnaire revision.

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Menlo Park, California

Program Associate, Philanthropy Program

2007- 2010

Managed grants administration for a \$6 million grant portfolio. Worked with the Office of the President on internal evaluation initiatives.

Marketing and Planning Systems (MaPS)

Waltham, Massachusetts

Research Analyst and Consultant

2006-2007

Designed survey instruments, managed data collection, and maintained datasets for various quantitative studies.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Instructor, L^AT_EXworkshop, Population Research Institute at Penn State

Guest lecturer, SOC 001 Introduction to Sociology, Penn State

Guest lecturer, SOC 422 Population and Policy Issues, Penn State

GRANTS AND
AWARDS

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development
Predoctoral Traineeship **2012, 2013**

Penn State Sociology Student Paper Award, First place in Working Paper Category **2013 & 2013**

Joan Huber and William Form Scholarship **2012**

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention **2011**

Demography Scholar Award, The Pennsylvania State University **2010**

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Reviewer, *Population Research and Policy Review* **2012**

Treasurer, Graduate Student Travel Committee, Penn State Sociology Department **2013**

Member, Recruitment Committee, Penn State Sociology Department **2011, 2012**

Member, Population Research Institute Demographic Methods Workshop Committee **2011**

Contributor, *Contemporary Sociology* **2010, 2011, 2012**

Contributor, "Right-Sizing the Grantmaking Process", a publication of Project Streamline **2010**

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Population Association of America

SKILLS

- Statistical Packages: STATA, MPlus, R
- Software: Adobe Creative Suite, L^AT_EX, GIFTS, RaisersEdge
- Languages: Hebrew (conversational)