

Curriculum Vitae

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Duke University

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Education

University of Michigan
PhD, Health Behavior and Health Education 2006
Cognate: Social Demography

Doctoral Dissertation: *The Color of Money: Race-Ethnicity, Socioeconomics, Culture and Discrimination: What Really Matters for Health?*
Committee: Arline T. Geronimus (Chair), Harold Neighbors, Gilbert Gee, John Bound

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
MPH, Health Behavior and Health Education 1996

North Carolina Central University
BS, Community Health Education 1991

Employment

Assistant Professor, Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy Fall 2012-Present

Kellogg Foundation Postdoctoral Scholar, University of California San Francisco 2010-2012

Assistant Project Director, NIA-sponsored project, 2008-2010
Race/Ethnicity, Psychosocial and Environmental Stressors & Telomere Length,
University of Michigan Population Studies Center

NIA Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Michigan Population Studies Center 2006-2008

Instructor, Department of Health Education, North Carolina Central University, 1997-1999
Durham, NC

Project Director, Safe Homes Farm worker Health Program.
Project Director, Partnership Effort for the Advancement of Children's Health

Outreach Program Coordinator, Okeechobee, FL; Migrant & Seasonal Farm worker Health Educator, Shelbyville, KY, Farmworker Health Services Incorporated.	1996 –1997
Research Scholar, North Carolina Governor’s Institute on Alcohol & Substance Abuse	1995-1996
Program Evaluator, North Carolina Community Based Public Health Initiative, Chapel Hill.	1995-1996
Latino Outreach Project Coordinator, North Carolina Occupational Safety & Health Project, Durham.	1994-1995
Program Evaluator, Harvest House Farm worker Substance Abuse Recovery Center, Newton Grove, NC	1994-1995
Health Educator, East Coast Migrant Health Project, Apopka, Fl and Winchester, VA	1993 –1994
Child Survival Health Specialist, United States Peace Corps, Honduras, Central America	1991-1993

Honors, Grants, Awards

Co-PI, Underlying differences in lived social experience by social identity category funded by NIH (Seth Sanders, PI)	2013-Present
Co-PI, Gender differences in stress-mediated wear and tear with age among Mexican immigrants to the US, pilot project funded by NIA through MiCDA	2009 -2012
Co-Investigator, Exploring the Import of Health-related Migration to Local Area Studies, funded by the National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (Arline T. Geronimus, PI)	2009-2011
Co-Investigator, Race/Ethnicity, Psychosocial and Environmental Stressors & Telomere Length, funded by NIA (Arline T. Geronimus, PI)	2008 -2011
National Institute on Aging Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan	2006-2008
National Institute of Health Pre-doctoral Trainee, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan	2005-2006
Rackham Merit Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan	1999-2005
W. K. Kellogg Foundation Health Policy Research Fellowship	1999-2004

Center for Research on Ethnicity Culture and Health, Pre-Doctoral Assistantship, 2000-2003
School of Public Health, University of Michigan

North Carolina Governor's Institute on Alcohol and Substance Abuse Fellowship 1995-1996

Air Force ROTC Scholarship 1986-1989

State of North Carolina Chancellor's Award 1986-1988

Additional Training

Summer Biomarker Institute, Cells to Society Center, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern, 2009.

NIA Summer Institute in Demography, Economics, and Epidemiology of Aging, RAND, 2007.

Peer-reviewed Publications

Geronimus AT., **Pearson JA.**, Linnenbringer E., Schulz AJ., Reyes A., Epel E., Lin J. and Blackburn E. (2015) Racial/Ethnic and Socioeconomic variation in Telomere Length in a Community-Based Sample of Detroit Adults *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

Braveman PA., Egerter S., Marchi K., Parker-Dominguez T., Cubbin C., Fingar K. **Pearson JA.**, and Curtis M. (2014) The Role of Socioeconomic Factors in Preterm Birth. *American Journal of Public Health*

Hasson, RE., Adam, TC., **Pearson JA.**, Davis JN., Spruijt-Metz, D., and Goran MI (2013) Sociocultural and Socioeconomic Influences on Type 2 Diabetes Risk in Overweight/Obese African American and Latino-American Children and Adolescents *Journal of Obesity* Volume 2013

Pearson, JA, Geronimus, AT (2011) Race/ethnicity, Socioeconomic Characteristics, Co-ethnic Social Ties and Health: Evidence from the National Jewish Population Survey *American Journal of Public Health*. Volume 101 (7)

Geronimus AT, Hicken MT, **Pearson JA**, Seashols SJ, Brown KL and Dawson-Cruz T. (2010) Do US Black Women experience stress related accelerated biological aging? A novel theory and first population- based test of Black White Differences in Telomere Length. *Human Nature*

Kaestner R, **Pearson JA**, Keene D, Geronimus AT. (2009). Stress, Allostatic Load, and Health of Mexican Immigrants. *Social Science Quarterly*. Volume 9 (5): 1090-1111

Pearson JA (2008). Can't Buy Me Whiteness: New Lessons from the Titanic on Race, Ethnicity & Health. *DuBois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, Volume 5(1): 27-47.

Manuscripts under review

“Jedi Public Health: Co-creating an Identity Safe Culture to Reduce Health Inequity” in collaboration with Arline Geronimus et al.

“My life would be worse than a street dog:” A cross-cultural, qualitative inquiry of orphanhood and stigma” in collaboration with Rachel Whetten et al.

Manuscripts in Progress

Pearson JA. Geronimus AT. Gender, Nativity and Allostatic Load among the Mexican Origin Population in the US.

Winkler M **and Pearson JA** A Socio-Structural Assessment of Obesity among Black American Women and Girls

Pearson JA Objective and Subjective Assessments of Health by Race, Ethnicity and National Origin.

Pearson JA Bootstraps of Oppression: A Conceptual Framework of Structural Inequality and Persistent Health Inequity.

Presentations and Guest Lectures

“Race, Poverty and Distress in Detroit” Association of Black Sociologists Chicago IL. August 20th, 2015

“Objective and Subjective Assessments of Health by Race, Ethnicity and National Origin” Global Blackness Conference, Duke University November 8th, 2014.

“Race, Socioeconomic Resources and Health: The Challenge of Justice in a Multi-National Context” 13th World Congress on Public Health: Health Equity a Global Challenge Addis Ababa Ethiopia April 24th, 2012

“How the History of SES has Influenced Impoverished Race and Ethnicity Variables” Society for Epidemiological Research, Montreal Quebec Canada June 23rd, 2011

“Race, Ethnicity, Socioeconomic Status, Culture and Discrimination: What really matters for health?” American Public Health Association, Denver Colorado November 14th 2010

“Socio-Structural and Cultural Model of Health Inequalities.” Society for Epidemiological Research. Chicago, IL June 25th, 2008.

“Stress, Allostatic Load, & the Health of Mexican Immigrants.” 2007 annual meeting of the Population Association of America, New York City, May 2007.

“The Color of Money: Race, Ethnicity, Socioeconomics and Culture. What Really Matters for Health?” Invited lecture - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. October 31st, 2007.

“The Latino Health Advantage: Paradox or Paradigm? Examining Social/Cultural Determinants as an Explanatory Framework for Health Characteristics for the Mexican-Immigrant Population.” Kellogg Health Policy Fellows Annual Symposium. Washington, DC June 23, 2003.

Teaching Experience

Courses taught at Duke University	2012-Present
Policy Induced Social Determination of Structural Inequality and Health Inequity	
Policy Choice as Value Conflict: Ethical Considerations of Public Policy	
Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), University of Michigan	2008-2010
Courses taught at North Carolina Central University:	1997-1999
Introduction to Epidemiology and Biostatistics	
Personal Health and Wellness	
Community Health	
History, Organization and Philosophy of Public Health	

University Service

Masters of Public Policy Admissions Committee	2013-Present
Diversity and Inclusion Committee Co-Chair, Duke Sanford School of Public Policy	2013-Present
Advisor for 4 masters of public policy projects and committee member for 10 masters of public policy projects	

External Service

Referee for The DuBois Review, Social Science and Medicine, The Journal of Social Forces, The Journal of Health and Social Behavior and The Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies.

Panelist for National Resource Council of the National Academy Ford Fellowship awards for diversity in the academy pre-doctoral, doctoral and post-doctoral selection committee.

Program Committee Member Population Association of America 2016 National Meeting

Languages

Spanish: Fluent

Portuguese: Courteous
Haitian Creole: Courteous