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## EDUCATION

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- (2020) Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Preliminary exams: Demography, Sociology of the Family  
Predoctoral Trainee, Center for Demography and Ecology, Supported by the National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development (T32) and the National Institute on Aging (T32)
- 2017 M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2010 Master of Public Policy, University of Chicago
- 2004 B.A., Anthropology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
B.A., International Studies, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
*Summa cum laude*

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## PUBLICATIONS

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- Jessica Polos** and Jason Fletcher. "Caesarean Section and Children's Health: A Quasi-Experimental Design." *Population Studies*, 2019.
- Fletcher, Jason and **Jessica Polos**. "Nonmarital and Teen Fertility." In *The Oxford Handbook of Women and the Economy*. Ed. Susan L. Averett, Laura M. Argys, and Saul D. Hoffman: Oxford University Press, 2018.

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## WORKING PAPERS

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- Ophir, Ariane and **Jessica Polos**. "Care Life Expectancy: Gender and Unpaid Work in the Context of Population Aging." (*Under review*)

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## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- Polos, Jessica. "Health Reification and the Generation of Health Inequalities."
- Polos, Jessica. "Linking Kin Networks and Mortality in the Context of the U.S. Demographic Transition."
- Polos, Jessica and Ariane Ophir. "Does Context or Composition Matter More for Care Life Expectancy: A Counterfactual Approach."

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## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2020 Polos, Jessica. "Linking Kin Networks and Mortality in the Context of the U.S. Demographic Transition," Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (invited poster)
- 2020 Ophir, Ariane and **Jessica Polos**. "Lifelong Caring: Caregiving across the Life Course in the Context of Population Aging," CDHA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium, Madison, WI.
- 2018 Ophir, Ariane and **Jessica Polos**. "Lifelong Caring: Caregiving across the Life Course in the Context of Population Aging," Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2016 **Polos, Jessica** and Jason Fletcher. "Cesarean Section, the Gut Microbiome and Children's Health: A Quasi-Experimental Design," Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 **Polos, Jessica**. "Breastfeeding and the Black-White Education Gap," Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

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## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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- 2019 - 2020 National Institute on Aging Traineeship
- 2015 - 2019 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Traineeship
- 2008 - 2010 Harris School of Public Policy, Irving B. Harris Fellowship
- 2004 University of Illinois, Bronze Tablet Honors
- 2000 - 2004 University of Illinois, James Honors Scholar

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

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- 2019 – Present Aging, Health, and Place Working Group
- 2014 – Present Member, Population Association of America
- 2018 – 2020 Member, Center for Reproductive Equity
- 2014 – 2019 Member, WiscPAL
- 2015 – 2016 Graduate Student Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty
- 2015, 2017 Mentor for new graduate students
- 2016 Member, American Sociological Association
- 2009 Leadership in Chicago Fellow

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## SERVICE

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- 2020 Search Committee, Department of Sociology

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## PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2010 – 2014 University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy  
*Founding Associate Director*, Energy Policy Institute at Chicago, 2011-2014  
*International Program Coordinator*, 2010-2011
- 2005-08 Illinois Office of the Comptroller  
*Policy Analyst*  
*Government Career Trainee*

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## SKILLS & SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

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Languages: Spanish (fluent); French (basic)

Statistical Programs: STATA, R

Census Bureau, Special Sworn Status for Work within Research Data Centers

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## REFERENCES

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