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EMPLOYMENT

- 2017 - Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Graduate Group in Demography, University of Pennsylvania
- 2017 - Research Associate, Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania
- 2017 - Research Associate, Population Aging Research Center, University of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D., Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2013 M.A., Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2007 M.P.H., Health Services Management and Policy, Tufts University
- 2006 B.A., Sociology and Community Health, Tufts University, *Summa cum laude*

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Determinants of Health, Racial Health Inequality, Aging and the Life Course, Social Demography, Medical Sociology, Race and Ethnicity

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 **Boen, C.** “Death by a Thousand Cuts: Stress Exposure and Black-White Disparities in Physiological Functioning in Late Life.” *The Journal of Gerontology: Series B, Social Sciences*. Accepted.
- 2018 Y. Claire Yang, K. Schorpp, **C.Boen**, K. Gerken, and K.M. Harris. “Socioeconomic Status and Biological Risks for Health and Illness Across the Life Course.” *The Journal of Gerontology: Series B, Social Sciences*. Accepted.

- 2018 **Boen, C.**, D. Barrow, J. Bensen, L. Farnan, A. Gerstel, L. Hendrix, and Y.C. Yang. “Social Relationships, Inflammation, and Cancer Survival.” *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers, and Prevention*. Accepted.
- 2017 Yang, Y.C., M. Johnson, K. Schorpp, **C.Boen**, & K.M. Harris. “Young Adult Risk Factors for Cancer: Obesity, Inflammation, and Socio-Behavioral Mechanisms.” *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 53(3): S21-S29.
- 2017 Yang, Y.C., K. Gerken, K. Schorpp, **C.Boen**, & K.M. Harris. “Early Life Socioeconomic Status and Adult Physiological Functioning: A Life Course Examination of Biosocial Mechanisms.” *Biodemography and Social Biology* 63(2): 87-103.
- 2016 **Boen, C.** “The Role of Socioeconomic Factors in Black-White Health Inequities Across the Life Course: Point-in-time Measures, Long-term Exposures, and Differential Health Returns.” *Social Science & Medicine* 170: 63-76.
- *Recipient of Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course*
- 2016 **Boen, C.**, & Yang, Y. C. “The Physiological Impacts of Wealth Shocks in Late Life: Evidence from the Great Recession.” *Social Science & Medicine* 150: 221-230.
- 2016 Yang, Y.C., **C. Boen**, K. Gerken, T. Li, K. Schorpp, and K.M. Harris. “Social Relationships and Physiological Determinants of Longevity across Human Life Span.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 113(3): 578-583.
- 2015 Yang, Y.C., **C.Boen**, and K.M. Harris. “Social Relationships and Hypertension in Late Life: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Longitudinal Study of Older Adults.” *Journal of Aging and Health* 27(3): 403-431.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Boen, C. and R.A. Hummer. “Longer—but Harder—Lives?: The Hispanic Health Paradox and the Social Determinants of Racial, Ethnic, and Immigrant-Native Health Disparities from Mid- through Late-Life.” *Revise and Resubmit*.

Boen, C. “Criminal Justice Contacts and Psychophysiological Functioning in Early Adulthood: Population Health Inequality in the Carceral State.” *Under Review*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Boen, C. “Does Integration Produce Equity?: A Longitudinal Study of the Effects of Neighborhood Conditions on Racial Health Inequality.”

Boen, C., K. Kozlowski, and K. Tyson. “Toxic Schools?: School Exposures during Adolescence and Trajectories of Health through Young Adulthood.”

Boen, C., L. Keister, and B. Aronson. “Beyond Net Worth: Racial Differences in Wealth Portfolios and Black-White Health Inequality across the Life Course.”

Boen, C., L. Keister, and N. Graetz. “Household Wealth and Child Health Inequality: Patterns and Intervening Mechanisms.”

Boen, C., Y. Claire Yang, and Daniel Belsky. “Race, Socioeconomic Status, and Trajectories of Biological Aging.”

Boen, C., Nick Graetz, Morgan Peele, and Irma Elo. “Racial Disparities in Trajectories of Cognitive Function.”

Boen, C. and Hajar Yazdiha. “The Psychoemotional Toll of Police Shootings.”

Hoke, M. and **C. Boen.** “Eviction and Health.”

BOOK CHAPTERS

2018 **Boen, C.** and Y. Claire Yang. “Social Relationships and Cardiovascular Health: Underlying Mechanisms, Life Course Processes, and Future Directions.” Pp. 291-296 in *Lifestyle in Heart Health and Disease*, edited by Ronald Ross Watson and Sherma Zibadi. Cambridge, MA: Academic Press.

GRANTS

2018-2019 “Psychosocial Stress Exposure, Biological Functioning, and Cognitive Change Across the Life Course.”
Source: Institute on Aging, University of Pennsylvania
Role: Principal Investigator
Amount: \$50,000

2017-2018 “Biological Risk, Physical Functioning, and Psychosocial Stress among Older Age Hispanics.”
Source: “Quartet” Pilot Research Project Competition, Population Aging Research Center, University of Pennsylvania
Role: Principal Investigator
Amount: \$16,890

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018 – 2021 Axilrod Faculty Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

2018	Best Dissertation Award, American Sociological Association Mental Health Section
2017	Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course
2016	Recipient of Odum Award for Research Excellence, UNC-Chapel Hill
2016 – 2017	Royster Society of Fellows Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill (\$20,000)
2016	Summer Research Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill (\$4,000)
2012 – 2015	NIH/NICHD Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Predoctoral Traineeship (~\$22,000/year)
2014	Distinction on Sociology of Health & Illness Comprehensive Exam, UNC-Chapel Hill
2013	Distinction on Race/Ethnicity Comprehensive Exam, UNC-Chapel Hill
2013	UPenn Social Science and Policy Forum Summer Institute and Predissertation Fellowship on Inequality (\$1,500)
2006	Winner of Tufts Sociology Prize
2004 & 2005	Recipient of the Class of 1947 Victor Prather Scholarship, Tufts University

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Death By a Thousand Cuts or One Sharp Blow? Chronic Strains, Acute Stressors, and Black-White Health Disparities in Late Life.”

- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.*
- *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Denver, CO, April 2018.*

“Longer--but Harder--Lives?: Psychosocial Stress Exposure, Biological Risk, and Physical Functioning Among Older Age Hispanics.” (with Robert A. Hummer)

- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.*
- *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Denver, CO, April 2018.*

“Beyond Net Worth: Racial Differences in Wealth Portfolios and Black-White Health Inequality across the Life Course.” (with Lisa Keister and Brian Aronson).

- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.*

“Race, Criminal Justice Contacts, and Health: Stress-Related Disparities in the Carceral State.”

- *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL, April 2017.*

“Toxic Schools?: School Exposures during Adolescence and Trajectories of Health through Young Adulthood.” (with K. Kozlowski, and K. Tyson)

- *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL, April 2017.*
- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, August 2016.*

“Stress and the Biodemography of Black-White Health Disparities in Late Life.”

- *Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, March 2016.*

“Does Integration Produce Equity?: A Longitudinal Study of the Effects of Neighborhood Conditions on Racial Health Inequality.”

- *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA, April 2015.*
- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2014.*
- *Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD, February 2014.*

“The Physiological Impacts of Wealth Shocks in Late Life: Evidence from the Great Recession.” (with Y. Claire Yang)

- *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA, April 2015.*

“Early Life Socioeconomic Status and Adult Physiological Functioning: A Life Course Examination of Biosocial Mechanisms.” (with Y. Claire Yang, Karen Gerken, Kristen Schorpp, and Kathleen Mullan Harris)

- *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA, April 2015.*

“Social Relationships and Hypertension in Late Life: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Longitudinal Study of Older Adults.” (with Y. Claire Yang and Kathleen Mullan Harris)

- *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA, May 2014.*

“Social Relationships and Physiological Determinants of Longevity across Human Life Span.” (with Yang Claire Yang, Karen Gerken, Kristen Schorpp, and Kathleen Mullan Harris)

- *Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, Boston, MA, May 2014.*

“The Role of SES in Racial Health Inequality Across the Life Course.”

- *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 2013.*

INVITED TALKS

2018 “Race, Socioeconomic Status, and Trajectories of Biological Aging,” Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University

- 2018 “Criminal Justice Contacts and Psychophysiological Functioning in Early Adulthood: Population Health Inequality in the Carceral State,” Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania
- 2018 “Life Course Exposures and Trajectories of Racial Health Inequality,” Institute on Aging, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016 “Race, Incarceration, and Health: Stress Related Disparities in the Carceral State,” Department of Sociology, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2014 “Does Integration Produce Equity?” Demography Daze, Duke University

TEACHING

Instructor

- Social Inequality and Health, University of Pennsylvania (Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017)
- Sociology of Health and Mental Illness, UNC-Chapel Hill (Spring 2016)

ADVISING

Master’s Papers

- 2019 Hannah Olson, Demography, University of Pennsylvania (Chair)
- 2019 Nick Graetz, Demography, University of Pennsylvania (Committee member)
- 2018 Morgan Peele, Demography, University of Pennsylvania (Committee member)

Dissertations

- 2019 Allison Russell, Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania (Committee member)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2019 – Co-organizer, Medical Sociology Workshop, University of Pennsylvania
- 2018 – 2019 Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
- 2017 – 2018 Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
- 2017 – 2018 Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2018 – 2019 Communication Committee, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science
- 2018 – 2019 Nominations Committee, Section on Medical Sociology, American Sociological Association
- 2018 Discussant, “Social and Spatial Disparities in Disability,” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 2018
- 2013-2016 Associate Editor, *Social Forces*
- 2015 Session Organizer and Chair, “Environmental Stressors and Health,” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 2015

REVIEWER FOR PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

American Sociological Review, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Demography, Social Forces, Social Science & Medicine, Social Problems, Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health, Cancer Causes and Control, Journal of Gerontology Series B: Social Sciences

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science
Population Association of America