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EDUCATION

- 2013 (expected) Ph.D., Demography and Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
- Dissertation: Comparative Studies of Health and Mortality
Committee: Irma T. Elo (chair), Samuel H. Preston, Jason Schnittker
- Demography Exams: Master's Exam 2010, Ph.D. Exam 2011
Sociology Exams: Qualifying Exam (with distinction) 2011,
Comprehensive Exam in Medical Sociology 2011
- 2010 M.A., Demography, University of Pennsylvania
- 2009 B.A., Economics and Health and Societies (with distinction),
minor in English, *summa cum laude*, University of Pennsylvania

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Demography, medical sociology, health disparities, aging and the life course, health care systems, stratification, population health, international comparisons, quantitative methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Ho, Jessica Y. and Irma T. Elo. 2013. "The Contribution of Smoking to Black-White Differences in U.S. Mortality." Forthcoming in Demography.

Martikainen, Pekka, Jessica Y. Ho, Samuel H. Preston, and Irma T. Elo. 2012. "The Changing Contribution of Smoking to Educational Differences in Life Expectancy: Indirect Estimates for Finnish Men and Women from 1971 to 2010." Forthcoming in Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.

Preston, Samuel H. and Jessica Ho. 2011. "Low Life Expectancy in the United States: Is the Health Care System at Fault?" Pp. 259-298 in International Differences in Mortality at Older Ages: Dimensions and Sources. Eileen Crimmins, Samuel H. Preston, and Barney Cohen, editors. National Academies Press. Washington, D.C.

Featured in The New York Times article "To Explain Longevity Gap, Look Past Health System" by John Tierney (<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/22/science/22tier.html>), the Becker-Posner Blog, Greg Mankiw's Blog, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Times, and Significance.

Ho, Jessica Y. and Samuel H. Preston. 2010. "U.S. Mortality in an International Context: Age Variations." Population and Development Review 36(4): 749-773.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Ho, Jessica Y. 2012. "Lagging U.S. Life Expectancy: The Overlooked Role of Under 50 Mortality and Accidents and Injuries."

Ho, Jessica Y. and Irma T. Elo. 2012. "Sources of Black-White Differences in Cancer Screening and Mortality."

WORKING PAPERS

Preston, Samuel H. and Jessica Ho. 2009. "Low Life Expectancy in the United States: Is the Health Care System at Fault?" National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper #15213, July 2009. Also issued as Population Studies Center Working Paper #11, March 2009.

PRESENTATIONS

2012 Ho, Jessica Y. "International Comparisons of U.S. Mortality: Identifying Causes of the U.S.'s Low Life Expectancy Ranking." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, August 2012.

2012 Ho, Jessica Y. and Irma T. Elo. "Sources of Black-White Differences in Cancer Screening and Mortality." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, August 2012.

2012 Ho, Jessica Y. "International Comparisons of U.S. Mortality." Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, May 2012.

2012 Ho, Jessica Y. and Irma T. Elo. "Sources of Black-White Differences in Cancer Screening and Mortality." Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, May 2012.

- 2011 Ho, Jessica Y. and Irma T. Elo. "The Contribution of Smoking to Black-White Differences in Mortality." Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, March/April 2011.
- 2011 Martikainen, Pekka, Jessica Y. Ho, and Irma T. Elo. "The Changing Contribution of Smoking to Educational Differences in Life Expectancy: Estimates for Finnish Men and Women from 1971 to 2005." Presented by Pekka Martikainen at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, March/April 2011.
- 2011 Ho, Jessica. Y. "International Comparisons of U.S. Mortality." Presented at the National Academy of Sciences Panel on Understanding International Health Differences in High-Income Countries Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2011.
- 2010 Ho, Jessica Y. and Samuel H. Preston. "U.S. Mortality in an International Context: Age Variations." Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Dallas, April 2010.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Dean's Scholar, University of Pennsylvania, 2011-2012. Awarded to the top 9 students in the School of Arts and Sciences who exhibit exceptional academic performance and intellectual promise.

RAND Summer Institute Scholarship, 2011.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2010-2013.

GAPSA Research Student Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2010, 2011.

SAS Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Pennsylvania, 2010, 2011, 2012.

Presidential Prize Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2010. Awarded to exceptional graduate students to support summer study and research.

Class of 1939 Graduate Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2009.

Fontaine Society Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2009.

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Pennsylvania, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Consultant to the National Academy of Sciences Panel on Understanding International Health Differences in High-Income Countries, July 2011-January 2012

Member, American Sociological Association, 2011-present

Sections: Aging and the Life Course, Medical Sociology, Sociology of Population

Member, Population Association of America, 2009-present

Reviewer, Population and Development Review, Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest lecture in Poverty, Race, and Health (SOCI 264), “The U.S. Health Care System, Cross-National Comparisons, and Health Disparities,” University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY TRAINING

RAND Summer Institute: Mini-Medical School for Social Scientists, Santa Monica, CA 2011

RAND Summer Institute: Workshop on Aging (Demography, Epidemiology, and Economics of Aging), Santa Monica, CA 2011

Computer Skills: STATA, R/S-PLUS, MS Office

Language Skills: English (native), French (intermediate), Mandarin (speaking)

REFERENCES

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