# Kristen Lagasse Burke

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## Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida. 2025 -
Department of Population Health Sciences, College of Medicine

Postdoctoral Scholar, University of California, San Francisco. 2024 - 2025.
NIH Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) Program
Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health

## Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. 2024.
Dissertation: "Gendered institutions and fertility patterns in the 2010s United States"
Co-chairs: Kelly Raley and Abigail Weitzman

M.A. in Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. 2019.

B.A. in Political Science, University of Florida, *summa cum laude*. 2014.

## Interests

Fertility, Reproductive Health, Gender, Family, Demography, Social Policy

## Publications

Hecht, Hannah K, Jennifer Yarger, Kristine Hopkins, **Kristen L. Burke**, Irene Rossetto, Biftu Mengesha, Julia R. Steinberg, Luisa Alejandra Tello-Perez, Madeline Molennor, Jennifer Kerns, Lucy Ogbu-Nwobodo, and Cynthia C. Harper. "Depression, anxiety, and stress and fulfillment of contraceptive preferences among young people in Texas and California." *PLoS One.* Forthcoming.

**Burke, Kristen L.** 2026. "Decoupled? The persistent relevance of marriage for childbearing in the 2010s United States." *Demography* 63(2): 695-714.

**Burke, Kristen L.** 2026. "Working toward parenthood: Employment and first births among different-sex couples in the United States." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 88(3): 615-628.

Potter, Joseph E., **Kristen L. Burke**, Michelle A. Eilers, and Daniel Powers. 2025. "Meeting contraceptive preferences: A counterfactual analysis." *Studies in Family Planning* 56(3): 599-620.

**Burke, Kristen L.** and Laura D. Lindberg. 2024. "Gender, power, and unsatisfied contraceptive preferences: Results from a national survey of pregnancy-capable people in the United States." *Socius* 10.

**Burke, Kristen L.** and Joseph E. Potter. 2023. "Meeting preferences for specific contraceptive methods: An overdue indicator." *Studies in Family Planning* 54(1): 281-300.

Carpenter, Emma, Hillary Gyrus, **Kristen L. Burke**, Danielle Czarnecki, Kari White, Danielle Bessett, and Michelle McGowan. 2023. "Seeking abortion care in Ohio and Texas during the COVID-19 pandemic." *Contraception* 118: 109896.

**Burke, Kristen L.**, Gracia Sierra, Klaira Lerma, and Kari White. 2022. "Service delivery at Title X sites in Texas during the COVID-19 pandemic." *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 54(4): 198-207.
- W. Parker Frisbie Publication Award, UT Population Research Center, 2022

**Burke, Kristen L.** and R. Kelly Raley. 2022. "Declines in non-marital births among Black women between 2004 and 2014: Are recent trends the result of increases in contraception?" *Population Research and Policy Review* 41(5): 2267–2288. (Equal co-authors listed alphabetically).

Ela, Elizabeth J., Kathleen Broussard, Katie Hansen, **Kristen L. Burke**, Lauren Thaxton, and Joseph E. Potter. 2022. "Satisfaction, resignation, and dissatisfaction with long-acting reversible contraception among low-income postpartum Texans." *Women's Health Issues* 32(4): 334-342.

Potter, Joseph E., **Kristen L. Burke**, Kathleen Broussard, Kristine Hopkins, Daniel Grossman, and Kari White. 2021. "Improving assessment of demand for postpartum tubal ligation among publicly insured women in Texas." *Contraception* 104(5): 518-523.

Bearak, Jonathan M., Anna Popinchalk, **Kristen L. Burke**, and Selena Anjur-Dietrich. 2021."Does the impact of motherhood on women's employment and wages differ for women who plan their transition into motherhood?" *Demography* 58(4): 1301–1325.

**Burke, Kristen L.**, Lauren Thaxton, and Joseph E. Potter. 2021. "Short-acting hormonal contraceptive continuation among low-income postpartum women in Texas." *Contraception: X* 2: 100052.

**Burke, Kristen L.**, Joseph E. Potter, and Kari White. 2020. "Unsatisfied contraceptive preferences due to cost among women in the United States." *Contraception: X* 2: 100032.

Kavanaugh, Megan L., Mia R. Zolna, and **Kristen L. Burke**. 2018. "Use of health insurance among clients seeking contraceptive services at Title X–funded facilities in 2016." *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 50(3): 101-109.

Bearak, Jonathan M., **Kristen L. Burke**, and Rachel K. Jones. 2017. "Disparities and change over time in distance women would need to travel to have an abortion in the USA: a spatial analysis." *The Lancet Public Health* 2(11): e493-e500.

## Manuscripts in progress

**Burke, Kristen L.** "Occupational characteristics and fertility delays: Exploring the link between women's employment and childbearing in the post-Recession United States." *Under review.*

**Burke, Kristen L.**, Jessica Gipson, and Laura D. Lindberg. "Variation in preferred contraceptive method by reproductive life stage." *Under review.*

Waldrep, Carolyn E. and **Kristen L. Burke**. "Planning for a family while paying down student loans: The evolution of fertility intentions and behaviors in early adulthood." (Equal co-authors). *Under review.*

Yarger, Jennifer, Kristine Hopkins, Hannah Hecht, **Kristen L. Burke**, Irene Rossetto, Adelina Silva, Sophie Morse, Iris Wong, Audrey Sanchez, Carly Young, John Boscardin, and Cynthia C. Harper. "Young people's awareness of contraceptive options amid diverging state policies: A cluster randomized trial in Texas and California." *Under review.*

**Burke, Kristen L.**, Joseph E. Potter, and Kari White. "Comparing prospective and retrospective reports of fertility desires and feelings among postpartum Texans."

## Book Chapters

**Burke, Kristen L.** and Dana M. Johnson. 2024. "Reproductive health in crisis: Access to abortion and contraception in the United States." *Agenda for Social Justice 3: Solutions for 2024.* Policy Press. (Equal co-authors listed alphabetically).

## Research Briefs and Op-Eds

Hopkins, Kristine, Jennifer Yarger, **Kristen L. Burke**, Sophie Morse, Hannah Hecht, Cynthia Harper, Aurora Harris, Martinique Free, Christine Clark. "Cost, coverage, and contraception: How policy can improve access for community college students." Institute for Women's Policy Research Brief, June 2025.

Free, Martinique, Christine Clark, **Kristen L. Burke**, Jennifer Yarger, Hannah Hecht, Cynthia Harper, Kristine Hopkins, and Frances Bernabe. "Contraceptive challenges facing community college students." Institute for Women's Policy Research Brief, January 2025.

**Burke, Kristen L.** "We must secure the right to contraception." Op-Ed in The Progressive, October 2022.

Carpenter, Emma, **Kristen L. Burke**, Elsa Vizcarra, Asha Dane'el, Vinita Goyal, and Kari White. "Texas' executive order during COVID-19 increased barriers for patients seeking abortion care." TxPEP research brief, January 2021.

White, Kari, **Kristen L. Burke**. "Reproductive autonomy shouldn't depend on your employer's beliefs." Op-Ed in Austin American-Statesman, June 2020.

White, Kari, **Kristen L. Burke**, Kristine Hopkins, and Joseph E. Potter. "Texas women's access to reproductive health services since the 2016 statewide reorganization of women's health programs." TxPEP research brief, June 2019.

## Fellowships

2024-2025. NIH BIRCWH Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of California, San Francisco

2023-2024. University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin ($39,000 + tuition)

2023-2024. PEO National Scholar ($20,000)

2020-2023. National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Program ($102,000 + tuition)

2020-2021. NICHD Ruth L. Kirschstein Pre-doctoral Traineeship ($26,000 + tuition; declined)

## Honors and Awards

2024. Honorable Mention, Norval Glenn Prize, UT Austin Department of Sociology

2022. W. Parker Frisbie Publication Award, UT Austin Population Research Center

2022. Excellence Award, UT Austin Department of Sociology

2021. Excellence Award, UT Austin Department of Sociology

2020. Distinction on Comprehensive Exams in Fertility and Family Formation, UT Austin

2018. Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

2014. Best Senior Thesis, University of Florida Department of Political Science

2014. Phi Beta Kappa, University of Florida

2014. Model of Leadership Award, University of Florida Center for Leadership and Service

2014. Champion of Service Award, Volunteer Florida

2012, 2013. J. Wayne Reitz Scholar, University of Florida Vice President of Student Affairs

## Conference Presentations

Morse, Sophie, Hannah Hecht, Jennifer Yarger, **Kristen L. Burke**, Kathryn Fay, Kristine Hopkins, and Cynthia C. Harper. "Intimate partner violence and unfulfilled contraceptive method preference among young women."

- Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, October 2026.

Harper, Cynthia C., Hannah Hecht, **Kristen L. Burke**, Sophie Morse, Miranda Hill, and Jennifer Yarger. "Social media, scientific misinformation and contraception in diverging state policies."
- Poster, UCSF Health Services Research Symposium. San Francisco, CA, May 2026.
- Poster, Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, October 2026.

**Burke, Kristen L.** and Carolyn E. Waldrep. "The parenting life course."
- Poster, Work and Family Researchers Network. Montreal, Canada. June 2026.

**Burke, Kristen L.**, Jennifer Yarger, Hannah K. Hecht, Kristine Hopkins, April Bell, Sophie Morse, Aurora Harris, Irene Rossetto, and Cynthia C. Harper. "Contraceptive information, concerns, and knowledge among community college students."
- Poster, Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA, October 2025.

Yarger, Jennifer, Kristine Hopkins, Hannah K. Hecht, **Kristen L. Burke**, Irene Rossetto, Adelina Silva, Sophie Morse, Iris Wong, Audrey Sanchez, John Boscardin, and Cynthia C. Harper. "Young people's awareness of contraceptive options amid diverging state policies: A cluster randomized trial in California and Texas."
- Poster, Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. June 2025.

**Burke, Kristen L.**, Jessica Gipson, Laura D. Lindberg. "Variation in preferred contraceptive method by reproductive life stage."
- Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. April 2025.

Carolyn E. Waldrep and **Burke, Kristen L.** . "Planning for a family while paying down student loans: The evolution of fertility intentions and behaviors in early adulthood." (Equal co-authors listed alphabetically).
- Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Columbus, OH. April 2024.

**Burke, Kristen L.**, Joseph E. Potter, and Kari White. "Comparing prospective and retrospective reports of fertility intentions among postpartum women."
- Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Columbus, OH. April 2024.

**Burke, Kristen L.** and Joseph E. Potter. "Meeting preferences for specific contraceptive methods: An overdue indicator of need for and quality of care."
- Presentation, IUSSP Expert Meeting on Rethinking Demand-side Family Planning Measures with a Reproductive Justice and Rights Framework. Mombasa, Kenya. March 2024.

**Burke, Kristen L.** and Laura Lindberg. "Unsatisfied contraceptive preferences and reasons for non-preferred use among pregnancy-capable people in the United States, 2021."
- Poster, Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. October 2023.

**Burke, Kristen L.** "Women's employment and fertility in the United States, 2013-2018."
- Poster, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. April 2023.

**Burke, Kristen L.** "Economic uncertainty and fertility in the contemporary United States."
- Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. April 2022.

**Burke, Kristen L.**, Gracia Sierra, Klaira Lerma, and Kari White. "The impact of COVID-19 on family planning service delivery at Title X-supported clinics in Texas."
- Poster, Office of Population Affairs Title X Grantee Conference. Baltimore, MD. July 2023.
- Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. April 2022.

Potter, Joseph E., **Kristen L. Burke**, Michelle A. Eilers, and Daniel Powers. "Meeting contraceptive preferences: A counterfactual analysis."

- Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. April 2022.

**Burke, Kristen L.** "Contraceptive preference dynamics among postpartum women in Texas."
- Poster, Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting. Virtual. October 2021.
- Poster, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Virtual. May 2021.

**Burke, Kristen L.** and R. Kelly Raley. "The surprising decline in non-marital fertility: are recent declines the result of increases in contraception?" (Equal co-authors listed alphabetically).
- Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Virtual. April 2020.

**Burke, Kristen L.**, Lauren Thaxton, and Joseph E. Potter. "Hormonal contraceptive continuation among postpartum women in Texas."
- Poster, Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. October 2019.

Bearak, Jonathan M., Anna Popinchalk, **Kristen L. Burke**, and Selena Anjur-Dietrich. "Does the impact of motherhood on women's earnings differ for women who plan their transition to motherhood?"
- Presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY. August 2019.
- Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Austin, TX. April 2019.

## Teaching Experience

Instructor, UT Austin Extension

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| *Health and Society*, Lockhart Correctional Facility | Spring 2023 |

Guest lecturer

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| *Fertility and Reproduction*, UT Austin | Fall 2026 |
| *Fertility and Reproduction*, Texas Tech University | Fall 2026 |
| *Medical Sociology*, University of Central Florida | Fall 2025 |
| *Women in Global Perspectives*, Clemson University | Fall 2024 |
| *American Families: Past and Present*, UT Austin | Fall 2023, Spring 2024 |
| *Sociology of Gender*, UT Austin | Summer 2023, Summer 2024 |
| *Fertility and Reproduction*, UT Austin | Spring 2022 |

Statistical consultant, UT Austin Population Research Center — August 2021 - August 2023

## Research Experience

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| Graduate Research Assistant, Texas Policy Evaluation Project | September 2018 - August 2023 |
| Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Kelly Raley | Summers 2019, 2020 |
| Research Assistant, Guttmacher Institute | April 2015 - July 2018 |

## Professional Service

Session chair, "Partners' impacts on fertility attitudes, behaviors, and outcomes." Population Association of America Annual Meeting. St. Louis, MO. May 2026.

Graduate writing group organizer, UT Austin Population Research Center — 2021 - 2024.

Session chair, "Policy shocks and abortion." Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Columbus, OH. April 2024.

Discussant, "Demographic consequences of abortion restrictions." Population Association of America Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. April 2023.

Session chair, "Fertility preferences, desires, and intentions." Population Association of America Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. April 2023.

Session organizer, "Past as prologue: Using the history of family planning to inform our path forward." Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. December 2022.

Conference organizer, Psychosocial Workshop. Austin, TX. April 2019.

Ad hoc reviewer: *American Journal of Public Health, American Sociological Review, BMJ Sexual and Reproductive Health, Contraception, Demographic Research, Demography, Health Services Research, International Journal of Women's Health, Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Population and Development Review, Population Research and Policy Review, Public Health Reports, Studies in Family Planning, Women's Health Issues.*

## Additional Experience

Postpartum contraception navigation tool consultant — Austin, TX January 2020 - August 2023
*Collaborated with local Federally Qualified Health Center, People's Community Clinic, and physicians at UT Dell Medical School to develop an evidence-based tool for postpartum contraception navigation.*

AmeriCorps VISTA — Spartanburg, SC July 2014 - April 2015
*Assisted in opening a free clinic for people without health insurance in September 2014.*

## Professional affiliations

Population Association of America
American Sociological Association
Society of Family Planning
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
Scholar Strategy Network