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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Human Development and Social Policy, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2001.  
M.A. Human Development and Social Policy, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2001  
B.A. Philosophy (Highest Honors), Bates College, Lewiston, ME, 1992

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University. July 2018 – present.  
Associate Professor, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University. July 2011- June 2018.  
Assistant Professor, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University. August 2002- June 2011.  
Secondary appointment, Department of Sociology, Duke University, 2004 – present

### OTHER POSITIONS

Director, Undergraduate Studies, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University. July 2018-  
June, 2022.  
Associate Member, Nuffield College, Oxford University, August 2017 – July 2018.  
Faculty Fellow, Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University, 2002 – present.  
Research Affiliate, Social Science Research Institute, Duke University, 2008 – present.  
Faculty Fellow, Social Science Research Institute, Duke University, 2006-2007.  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Princeton University, July 2001-July 2002.

### PUBLICATIONS

\* Graduate student/postdoctoral fellow co-author  
† Undergraduate student co-author

- In press. Boen, C., Keister, L, Gibson-Davis, C.M., and Luck, A. “The buffering effect of state eviction and foreclosure policies for mental health during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.
- 2023 Gibson-Davis, C.M., Boen, C., Keister, L., and Lowell, W. “Net worth poverty and physical and mental health.” *Social Science and Medicine*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115614>
- 2022 Rackin, H. and Gibson-Davis, C.M. “Familial deaths and first birth timing.” *Population Development and Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/padr.12522>
- 2022 Gibson-Davis, C.M., Keister, L., and Gennetian, L. “Net worth poverty and child development.” *Socius*. 8-18.
- 2022 Percheski, C. and Gibson-Davis, C.M. “Marriage, kids, and the picket fence?”

- Family structure and wealth among U.S. households, 1989-2019.” *Sociological Science*. 9:159-183.
- 2021 Gibson-Davis, C.M., and Hill, H. “Childhood wealth inequality in the United States: Implications for social stratification and well-being.” *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 7(3) 1-26.
- 2021 Tome, R., Rangel, M.A., Gibson-Davis, C.M., and Bellows, L. “Heightened immigration enforcement impacts US citizens’ birth outcomes: Evidence from early ICE interventions in North Carolina.” *PLOS ONE*  
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0245020>
- 2020 Gibson-Davis, C.M., Gennetian, L., and Keister, L. “Net worth poverty in child households by race and ethnicity, 1989–2019.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 83 (3), 667-682
- 2020 Percheski, C. and Gibson-Davis, C.M. “A penny on the dollar: Racial inequalities in wealth among households with children. *Socius*. 6: 1-17.
- 2020 Holbein, J., Hillygus, D., Gibson-Davis, C.M., Lenard, M., and Hill, D. “The development of students’ engagement in school, community, and democracy.” *British Journal of Political Science*. 50: 1439–1457
- 2018 Gibson-Davis, C.M., Gassman-Pines, A., and \*Lehrman, R. ““His” and “hers”:  
Meeting the economic bar to marriage.” *Demography* 55: 2321-2343
- 2018 Rackin, H. and Gibson-Davis, C.M. “Social class divergence in family transitions: The importance of cohabitation.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 80: 1271-186.
- 2018 Gibson-Davis, C.M. and Percheski, C. “Children and the elderly: Wealth inequality among America’s dependents.” *Demography*. 55:1009–1032.
- 2017 Rackin, H. and Gibson-Davis, C.M. “Low-income childless young adults’ marriage and fertility frameworks.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 79: 1096–1110.
- 2017 Ananat, E., Gassman-Pines, A., Francis, D., and Gibson-Davis, C.M. “Linking job loss, inequality, mental health, and education.” *Science*. 356: 1127-1128.
- 2017 \*Schenck-Fontaine, A. Gassman-Pines, A., Gibson-Davis, C.M., and Ananat, E. Local job losses and child maltreatment: The importance of community context.” *Social Service Review*. 91: 233-263.
- 2017 Gassman-Pines, A., Gibson-Davis, C. M., †Vernot, C., †Hall, N., †Butler, M., †Taylor, L., †Zhang, X., & †Eastwood, K. “They should say “I don’t”: Norms about midpregnancy marriage and job loss.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 79: 405-418.

- 2016 Gibson-Davis, C.M., Ananat, E., and Gassman-Pines, A. "Midpregnancy marriage and divorce: Why the death of shotgun marriage has been greatly exaggerated." *Demography*. 53: 1693–1715.
- 2016 Gibson-Davis, C.M. "Single and cohabiting parents and poverty" Marriage, partnering, and fertility" in D. Brady and L. Burton (Eds) *The Oxford Handbook of the Social Science of Poverty*. New York: Oxford University Press, 417-437.
- 2015 Gassman-Pines, A., Gibson-Davis, C.M., Ananat, E. "How economic downturns affect children's development: An interdisciplinary perspective on pathways of influence." *Child Development Perspectives*. 9: 233-238.
- 2014 Gibson-Davis, C.M. "Magic moment? Maternal marriage for children born out of wedlock." *Demography*. 51: 1345-1356.
- 2014 Gibson-Davis, C.M. and Rackin, H. "Marriage or carriage? Trends in union context and birth type by education." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 76: 506–519.
- 2014 Gassman-Pines, A., Ananat, E. and Gibson-Davis, C.M. "Effects of statewide job losses on adolescent suicide-related behaviors." *American Journal of Public Health*. 104: 1964-1970.
- 2013 Ananat, E., Gassman-Pines, A, and Gibson-Davis, C. "Community-wide job loss and teenage fertility: Evidence from North Carolina." *Demography*. 50: 2151-2171. [alphabetical authorship to reflect equal contributions]
- 2013 Ananat, E., \*Francis, D., Gassman-Pines, A, and Gibson-Davis, C.M. "Children Left behind: The effects of statewide job loss on student achievement." NBER Working paper #17104.
- 2012 \*Rackin, H. and Gibson-Davis, C.M. "The role of pre- and postconception relationships for first time parents." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 74: 526-539.
- 2011 Gibson-Davis, C.M. "Mothers but not wives: The increasing lag between nonmarital births and marriage." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 73: 1-15
- 2011 \*Jiang, M., Foster, E.M, and Gibson-Davis, C.M. "Breastfeeding and child cognitive outcomes: A propensity score matching approach". *Maternal and Child Health Journal*. 15: 1296-1307.
- 2010 Foster, E.M, \*Jiang, M, and Gibson-Davis, C.M. "The effect of the WIC program on the health of newborns." *Health Services Research* 45: 1083-1104
- 2010 \*Jiang, M, Foster, E.M, and Gibson-Davis, C.M. "The effect of WIC on breastfeeding: A new look at an established relationship." *Children and Youth Services Review* 32: 264-273.

- 2010 Gibson-Davis, C.M., and Gassman-Pines, A. "Early childhood family structure and mother-child interactions: Variation by race and ethnicity." *Developmental Psychology* 46: 151-164.
- 2009 Gibson-Davis, C. M. "Money, marriage, and children: Testing the Financial Expectations and Family Formations theory." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 71: 146-161.
- 2008 Gibson-Davis, C.M. "Family structure effects on maternal and paternal parenting in low income families." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 70: 452-465
- 2007 Gibson-Davis, C.M. and Brooks-Gunn, J. "The association of couples' relationship status and quality with breastfeeding initiation." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 69: 1107-1117.
- 2006 Gibson-Davis, C.M. and Brooks-Gunn, J. "Breastfeeding and verbal ability of three-year-olds in a multi-city sample." *Pediatrics* 118: e1444 - e1451.
- 2006 Duncan, G.J. and Gibson, C.M. "Connecting childcare quality to child outcomes: Drawing policy lessons from nonexperimental data." *Evaluation Review* 30: 611-630
- 2006 Gibson-Davis, C.M. and Brooks-Gunn, J. "Couples' immigration and ethnicity as determinants of breastfeeding." *American Journal of Public Health* 96: 641-646.  
- Abstracted in (2006) *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 38: 171.
- 2006 Gibson-Davis, C.M. and Foster, E. M. "A cautionary tale: Using propensity scores to estimate the impact of Food Stamps on food insecurity." *Social Service Review* 80: 93-126.
- 2005 Gibson-Davis, C.M., Edin, K., and McLanahan, S. "High hopes but even higher expectations: The retreat from marriage among low income couples." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 67: 1301-1312.
- 2005 Gibson-Davis, C.M., Magnuson, K., L. Gennetian, and Duncan, G.J. "Employment and the risk of domestic abuse among low-income women." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 67: 1149-1168.
- 2003 Gibson, C. M. "Privileging the participant: The importance of sub-group analysis in social welfare evaluations." *American Journal of Evaluation* 24: 443-470.
- 2002 Gibson, C. M. and Weisner, T. "Rational and ecocultural circumstances of program take-up among low-income working parents." *Human Organization* 61: 154-166.
- 2001 Huston, A., Bos, J., Granger, R., Duncan, G., Brock, T., McLloyd, V., Crosby, D., Gibson, C., Magnuson, K., Romich, J. and Ventura, A. "Work-based anti-poverty

programs for parents can enhance the school performance and social behavior of children.” *Child Development* 72: 318-338.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2016 Gibson-Davis, C. M. “Single and cohabiting parents and poverty” Marriage, partnering, and fertility” in D. Brady and L. Burton (Eds) *The Oxford Handbook of the Social Science of Poverty*. New York: Oxford University Press, 417-437.
- 2011 Ananat, E., Gassman-Pines, A., and Gibson-Davis, C.M. “The effects of plant closings on children's educational achievement.” In G. J. Duncan and R. Murnane (Eds) *Whither Opportunity? Rising Inequality, Schools, and Children's Life Chances*. New York: Russell Sage, 299-313
- 2007 Gibson-Davis, C.M. “Expectations and the economic bar to marriage among low income couples.” In K. Edin and P. England (Eds) *Unmarried Couples with Children* New York: Russell Sage, pgs. 84-103.
- 2007 Magnuson, K. and Gibson-Davis, C.M. “Explaining the patterns of child support among low income noncustodial fathers” In K. Edin and P. England (Eds) *Unmarried Couples with Children* New York: Russell Sage, pgs. 228-251.
- 2005 Gibson-Davis, C.M. and Duncan, G.J. “Qualitative/quantitative synergies in a random assignment program.” in T. Weisner (Ed) *Discovering Successful Pathways in Children's Development: New Methods in the Study of Childhood and Family Life* Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, pgs 283-303.

#### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- 2023 Nura, A.A., Leibbrand, C., Curran, S., Votruba-Drzal, E., and Gibson-Davis, C. “Managing and minimizing online survey fraud: Lessons from the Triple C Project.” *Revise and resubmit*.
- 2023 Zang, E. Gibson-Davis, C.M., and Li, H. “Beyond parental wealth: Grandparental wealth and the transition to adulthood.”
- 2023 Gibson-Davis, C.M., Keister, L, Gennetian, L, and Lowell, W. “Poverty, wealth, and children: Racial differences.”
- 2023 Rackin, H, Gibson-Davis, C.M, and Williams, C. “Polarized baby bump or bust? Partisan divergence in fertility change before and during the pandemic in Florida.”

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- 2022 Keister, L, Gibson-Davis, C.M., and Gibson, N. “Net worth poverty and food insecurity”.

2022 Gibson-Davis, C.M. “The kids are alright: The rise in non-marital births and child well-being.”

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

National Institutes of Health

Role: PI

Title: Net Worth Poverty and Child Development

Costs: \$275,000

Dates: 8/1/22-7/31/24

Russell Sage Foundation

Role: Investigator

Title: Wealth Inequality and Child Development: New Evidence for Policy and Practice

Costs: \$35,000

Dates: 1/1/19 – 6/31/20

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (M. Rangel, Principal Investigator)

Title: Immigration Enforcement and Birth Outcomes: Evidence from North Carolina

Costs: \$136,138

Dates: 1/1/18 – 6/31/19

William T. Grant Foundation

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (E. Ananat, Principal Investigator)

Title: The Racial Marriage Gap and Student Achievement: A New Look at an Old Conundrum

Costs: \$229,411

Dates: 7/1/16 – 6/31/18

Administration for Children and Families, US Department of Health and Human Services

Role: Principal Investigator (along with A. Gassman-Pines)

Title: Meeting the Bar: A Propensity Score Analysis of BSF Impacts by Couples' Economic Status

Costs: \$100,000

Dates: 1/1/15 – 5/3/16

National Science Foundation

Role: Principal Investigator (along with D. S. Hillygus)

Title: Education, Engagement, and Well-Being among Adolescents

Costs: \$249,999

Dates: 9/1/14 – 8/31/16

National Science Foundation

Role: Principal Investigator (along with C. Percheski)

Title: Collaborative Research: Family Structure and Economic Inequality in Contemporary America.

Costs: \$50,250

Dates: 7/1/2015 – 6/30/16

National Science Foundation

Role: Investigator (K. Dodge and D. Figlio, PIs)

Title: Collaborative Research: Leveraging matched administrative datasets to improve educational practice and long run life outcomes: toward building a national interdisciplinary network

Costs: \$443,994

Dates: 9/15/12 – 8/31/15

Social Science Research Institute, Duke University

Education and Human Development incubator

Role: Principal Investigator (along with E. Ananat and A. Gassman-Pines)

Title: A Proposal to Expand North Carolina Matched Parental Marital History, Birth, and School Records.

Costs: \$24,999

Dates: 9/1/2014 - 8/31/2015

Initiative on Education and Human Development, Duke University

Role: Principal Investigator (along with E. Ananat and A. Gassman-Pines)

Title: The Causal Effect of Marriage on Children's Academic Achievement

Costs: \$25,000

Dates: 09/1/2013 - 08/31/2014

Population Research Institute Small Grant, Duke University

Role: Principal Investigator (along with E. Ananat and A. Gassman-Pines)

Title: An Investigation of a Possible Instrument for Parental Marriage: The Interaction of Local Job Losses and Pregnancy Timing

Costs: \$17,000

Dates: 7/1/2013 – 6/30/2014

William T. Grant Scholars Award

Title: Marriage and Parenthood in the Lives of Adolescents and Young Adults

Role: Principal Investigator

Costs: \$350,000

Dates: 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2013

Smith Richardson Foundation

Title: Beyond Test Scores: Schooling and Life-Course Outcomes in Early Adulthood

Role: Co-investigator; C. Clotfelder, principal investigator

Costs: \$692,514

Dates: 1/1/2009-12/31/2010

National Institutes of Health

Title: Duke Center for Geospatial Medicine

Role: Co-investigator; M.L. Miranda, principal investigator  
Costs: \$1,780,000  
Dates: 9/29/2004 – 7/31/2007

Social Science Research Institute, Duke University  
Title: Understanding Family Change and Diversity  
Role: Faculty Fellow  
Dates: 8/1/2006 – 5/31/2007

Duke University Provost Common Fund  
Title: Initiative on Geospatial Medicine  
Role: Co-investigator; M.L. Miranda, principal investigator  
Costs: \$50,000  
Dates: 6/30/2004 – 7/1/2006

Smith Richardson Foundation  
Title: Moving Towards the Altar? Understanding the Marriage Trajectories of Low-Income Couples  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Costs: \$60,000  
Dates: 1/1/2005 – 12/31/2005

U.S. Department of Agriculture Small Grants Program  
Title: The Effect of Food Stamps on Food Insecurity for Children of the ECLS-K  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Costs: \$20,000  
Dates: 8/1/2003 – 12/31/2004

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Winner of the 2010 Reuben Hill Award from the National Council on Family Relations for best article to combine theory and research for article “Money, Marriage, and Children: Testing the Financial Expectations and Family Formation Theory”.

Winner of the 2007 Frank R. Bruel Memorial prize for best article in *Social Service Review*, “A cautionary tale: Using propensity scores to estimate the impact of Food Stamps on food insecurity.”

#### **INVITED TALKS (Since 2008)**

Maxwell School of Public Policy, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, October 2019

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs,, College of Education, Colorado Springs, CO, November 2019

Sociology Department, University of Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2018

Quantitative Social Science Seminar Series, University College London, London, UK, March 2018.



International Social and Public Policy Seminar Series, London School of Economics, London, UK, January 2018.

L'Institut National D'études Démographiques (INED) seminar series, Paris, France, January 2018.

Sociology Department, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, October 2017.

ESRC Centre for Population Change, University of Southampton, Southampton, UK, December 2017.

Social Science Research Institute, Duke University, March 2017

Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, November 2010.

Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of North Carolina – Greensboro, February 2010.

Center for Human Potential and Public Policy, University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, November 2008.

Institute of Human Development and Social Change, New York University, The Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, January 2008.

#### **PEER REVIEW**

*Demography, Journal of Marriage and Family, Social Forces, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

#### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

Work has been profiled or cited in the following: Associated Press, *The New York Times*, *New York Daily News*, *Denver Post*, (UK) *Daily Mail*, *Detroit News*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Calgary Herald*, *Japan Times*, *Himalayan Times*, *Huffington Post*, *Boston Globe*, ABC News, CBS News, and *USA Today*.