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## EMPLOYMENT

- 2016 – Professor of Sociology, Harvard University
- 2015 – 2016 John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences, Harvard University
- 2012 – 2015 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Harvard University
- 2011 – 2012 Researcher, Mathematica Policy Research

## EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D., Public Policy and Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2009 M.A., Statistics, University of Michigan
- 2009 M.A., Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2005 B.S., Mathematics, Economics, and French, University of Michigan  
Highest Distinction, High Honors in Economics

## ARTICLES

- Killewald, Alexandra** and Brielle Bryan. Forthcoming. “Does Your Home Make You Wealthy?” *RSF: The Russell Sage Journal of the Social Sciences*.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Javier García-Manglano. Forthcoming. “Tethered Lives: A Couple-Based Perspective on the Consequences of Parenthood for Time Use, Occupation, and Wages.” *Social Science Research*.
- Killewald, Alexandra**. 2016. “Money, Work, and Marital Stability: Assessing Change in the Gendered Determinants of Divorce.” *American Sociological Review* 81(4): 696-719.
- Xie, Yu, **Alexandra Killewald**, and Christopher Near. 2016. “Between- and Within-Occupation Inequality: The Case of High-Status Professions.” *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 663(1):53-79.

Wood, Robert G., Quinn Moore, Andrew Clarkwest, and **Alexandra Killewald**. 2014. "The Long-Term Effects of Building Strong Families: A Program for Unmarried Parents." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 76(2):446-63.

**Killewald, Alexandra** and Jonathan Bearak. 2014. "Is the Motherhood Penalty Larger for Low-Wage Women? A Comment on Quantile Regression." *American Sociological Review* 79(2):350-7.

**Killewald, Alexandra** and Margaret Gough. 2013. "Does Specialization Explain Marriage Penalties and Premiums?" *American Sociological Review* 78(3):477-502.

- Article of the Year Award, Sociology of the Family Section, American Sociological Association, 2014

**Killewald, Alexandra**. 2013. "A Reconsideration of the Fatherhood Premium: Marriage, Coresidence, Biology, and Fathers' Wages." *American Sociological Review* 78(1):96-116.

**Killewald, Alexandra**. 2013. "Return to *Being Black, Living in the Red*: A Race Gap in Wealth That Goes Beyond Social Origins." *Demography* 50(4):1177-95.

Charles, Kerwin Kofi, Erik Hurst, and **Alexandra Killewald**. 2013. "Marital Sorting and Parental Wealth." *Demography* 50(1):51-70.

Xie, Yu and **Alexandra Killewald**. 2013. "Intergenerational Occupational Mobility in Great Britain and the United States since 1850: Comment." *American Economic Review* 103(5):2003-20.

Gough, Margaret and **Alexandra Killewald**. 2011. "Unemployment in Families: The Case of Housework." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 73(5):1085-1100.

**Killewald, Alexandra**. 2011. "Opting Out and Buying Out: Wives' Earnings and Housework Time." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 73(2):459-71.

**Killewald, Alexandra** and Margaret Gough. 2010. "Money Isn't Everything: Wives' Earnings and Housework Time." *Social Science Research* 39(6):987-1003.

- Dorothy S. Thomas Award, Population Association of America, 2010
- Katherine Luke Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 2010

**Achen, Alexandra C.** and Paul N. Courant. 2009. "What Are Grades Made Of?" *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 23(3): 77-92.

Mok, Wallace K. C., Bruce D. Meyer, Kerwin Kofi Charles, and **Alexandra C. Achen**. 2008. "A Note on 'The Longitudinal Structure of Earnings Losses among Work-Limited Disabled Workers'." *Journal of Human Resources* 43(3):721-28.

## BOOKS

Xie, Yu and **Alexandra Killewald**. 2012. *Is American Science in Decline?* Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

Clarkwest, Andrew, **Alexandra Killewald**, and Robert G. Wood. 2015. "Stepping Up or Stepping Back: Highly Disadvantaged Parents' Responses to the Building Strong Families Program." Pp. 444-70 in *The Cultural Matrix: Understanding Black Youth*, edited by Orlando Patterson and Ethan Fosse. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

## UNDER REVIEW

Pfeffer, Fabian T. and **Alexandra Killewald**. "How Rigid Is the Wealth Structure and Why? A Life-Course Perspective on Intergenerational Correlations in Wealth." (Revised and resubmitted to *American Sociological Review*.)

**Killewald, Alexandra** and Ian Lundberg. "New Evidence against a Causal Marriage Wage Premium." (Revised and resubmitted to *Demography*.)

**Killewald, Alexandra** and Xiaolin Zhuo. "Mothers' Long-Term Employment Patterns." (Invitation to revise and resubmit from *Demography*.)

**Killewald, Alexandra**, Fabian T. Pfeffer, and Jared Schachner. "Wealth Inequality and Accumulation." Invited manuscript from *Annual Review of Sociology*.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

**Killewald, Alexandra** and Brielle Bryan. "Falling Behind: The Black-White Wealth Gap in Life Course Perspective."

**Killewald, Alexandra** and Hope Harvey. "The Effect of Maternal Employment Experiences on Adolescent Outcomes."

Pfeffer, Fabian T., **Alexandra Killewald**, and Andreja Siliunas. "Intergenerational Transfers and the Concentration of Wealth within Family Lineages."

## WORKING PAPERS

Furgeson, Joshua, Brian Gill, Joshua Haimson, **Alexandra Killewald**, Moira McCullough, Ira Nichols-Barrer, Bing-ru Teh, Natalya Verbitsky-Savitz, Melissa Bowen, Allison Demeritt, Paul Hill, and Robin Lake. 2012. "Charter-School Management Organizations: Diverse Strategies and Diverse Student Impacts." Mathematica Policy Research ([http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/publications/PDFs/education/cmo\\_final\\_updated.pdf](http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/publications/PDFs/education/cmo_final_updated.pdf)).

**Killewald, Alexandra**, Patricia Andreski, and Robert Schoeni. 2011. "Trends in Item Non-Response in the PSID, 1968-2009." Panel Study of Income Dynamics Technical Series Paper #11-02 ([http://www.psidonline.isr.umich.edu/Publications/Papers/tsp/2011-02\\_Killewald\\_Andreski\\_Schoeni.pdf](http://www.psidonline.isr.umich.edu/Publications/Papers/tsp/2011-02_Killewald_Andreski_Schoeni.pdf)).

**Achen, Alexandra C.** and Frank P. Stafford. 2005. "Data Quality of Housework Hours in the Panel Study of Income Dynamics: Who Really Does the Dishes?" (<http://www.psidonline.isr.umich.edu/Publications/Papers/achenproxyreports04.pdf>).

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015 Panel Study of Income Dynamics, University of Michigan, “Intergenerational Transfers and the Concentration of Wealth within Family Lineages” (Fabian Pfeffer, PI; \$10,117)
- 2015 Russell Sage Foundation, “How Rigid is the Wealth Structure and Why? Intergenerational Correlations and Determinants of Family Wealth” (Fabian Pfeffer, PI; \$72,285)
- 2014 Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Emerging Scholars Small Grant, “Falling Behind: The Black-White Wealth Gap in Life Course and Intergenerational Perspective” (\$20,000)
- 2014 W.E. Upjohn Institute, Early Career Research Award, “Moms at Work: The Dynamics of Maternal Employment” (\$5,000)
- 2013 William F. Milton Fund, Harvard University, “Whose Money Matters? Understanding the Role of Financial Resources in Couples’ Risk of Divorce” (\$20,765)
- 2010 Marshall Weinberg Research Fellowship, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
- 2010 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan
- 2008 Community of Scholars Fellowship, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan

## AWARDS

- 2016 Kahrl Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Sociology, Harvard University
- 2014 Article of the Year Award, Sociology of the Family Section, American Sociological Association
- 2010 Dorothy S. Thomas Award, Population Association of America
- 2010 Katherine Luke Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2008 High Pass on Social Demography preliminary examination, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

## TEACHING

Instructor, Harvard University

- Sociology 156, *Quantitative Methods in Sociology* (Spring 2014, Spring 2016)
- Sociology 211 (previously 203b), *Analysis of Longitudinal Data* (Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2016)
- Sociology 255, *Social Stratification* (Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Fall 2015)
- Sociology 318, *Quantitative Methods in Sociology Workshop* (2013-2014, 2015-2016)
- Social and Urban Policy 923, *Proseminar on Inequality and Social Policy III* (Fall 2016)

## SELECTED INVITED TALKS

- Killewald, Alexandra** and Ian Lundberg. 2016. "New Evidence against a Causal Marriage Wage Premium."
- Graduate School of Business Organizational Behavior Seminar, Stanford University. January 20.
  - Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, Stanford University. May 19.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Ian Lundberg. 2014-2015. "Men's Labor Market Outcomes: Is There a Case for Marriage?"
- Departmental Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley, October 13, 2014.
  - Center for Wealth and Inequality Seminar Series, Columbia University, November 6, 2014.
  - School of Public Affairs Faculty Seminar, Baruch College, February 11, 2015.
  - Research Seminar Series, Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology, University of Cologne, April 22, 2015.
  - Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, May 12, 2015.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Javier García-Manglano. 2014. "Tethered Lives: A Couple-Based Perspective on Partners' Wage and Work Responses to Parenthood." Chair's Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Princeton University, September 22.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Cassandra Robertson. 2014. "Whose Money Matters? Understanding the Role of Financial Resources in Couples' Risk of Divorce."
- Nuffield College Sociology Seminar, Oxford University, January 22.
  - Methodological Innovations in Inequality and Social Policy Research Conference, WZB, May 20.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Javier García-Manglano. 2013. "His Gain, Her Pain? The Motherhood Penalty and Fatherhood Premium within Coresidential Couples."
- Population Studies & Training Center Colloquium Series, Brown University, March 7.
  - Center for Advanced Social Science Research Seminar Series, Department of Sociology, New York University, October 2.
  - Maryland Population Research Center Seminar Series, University of Maryland, October 28.
- Killewald, Alexandra**. 2012. "Return to *Being Black, Living in the Red*: A Race Gap in Wealth that Goes Beyond Social Origins." Politics, Economy, and Culture Workshop, Indiana University, March 2.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(Since 2011)

- Pfeffer, Fabian T. and **Alexandra Killewald**. "How Rigid Is the Wealth Structure and Why? Inter- and Multigenerational Associations in Family Wealth." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Ian Lundberg. 2016. "New Evidence against a Causal Marriage Wage Premium." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Hope Harvey. 2016. "The Effect of Maternal Employment Experiences on Adolescent Outcomes." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

- Pfeffer, Fabian, **Alexandra Killewald**, and Andreja Siliunas. 2016. "Intergenerational Transfers and the Concentration of Wealth Within Family Lineages." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Xiaolin Zhuo. 2015. "Mothers' Long-Term Employment Patterns." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Fangsheng Zhu. 2015 "Does Your Home Make You Wealthy?" Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Brielle Bryan. 2015. "Falling Behind: The Black-White Wealth Gap in Life Course and Intergenerational Perspective."
- Conference on Families and Wealth: New Perspectives on Economic Wellbeing, Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology, University of Cologne.
  - Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Ian Lundberg. 2014. "How Do Married Men Get Ahead? A Process-Based Examination of the Male Marriage Premium." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Cassandra Robertson. 2013-2014. "Whose Money Matters? Understanding the Role of Financial Resources in Couples' Risk of Divorce."
- 2013. Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC.
  - 2014. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Javier García-Manglano. 2013. "His Gain, Her Pain? The Motherhood Penalty and Fatherhood Premium within Coresidential Couples."
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
  - American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- Killewald, Alexandra**. 2012. "Return to *Being Black, Living in the Red*: A Race Gap in Wealth that Goes Beyond Social Origins." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Killewald, Alexandra**. 2011. "Intergenerational Transmission of Wealth and the Black-White Wealth Gap." Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Killewald, Alexandra** and Margaret Gough. 2011. "Assessing the Wage Premium for Married Women." International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Stratification Spring Meeting, Essex, England.

## **ADVISING**

### Academic Adviser

Brielle Bryan, Hope Harvey, Alexandra Mitukiewicz, Andreja Siliunas

### Dissertation Committees

In process: Kreg Steven Brown, Anny Fenton, Hope Harvey (co-chair), EunSil Oh, Kristin Perkins, Beth Truesdale, Yun Zhou

2015: Tracey Shollenberger, Jackelyn Hwang

### Qualifying Papers

In process: Preeya Mbekeani, Miguel Quintana Navarrete, Jared Schachner, Linda Zhao

2016: Blythe George

2015: Brielle Bryan, Hope Harvey, Nathan Wilmers, Alix Winter

2014: Yun Zhou, Cassandra Robertson, LeTian Zhang

2013: Kreg Steven Brown, EunSil Oh, Kristin Perkins, Beth Truesdale

### Oral Exams

2014: EunSil Oh

2013: Kristin Perkins

### Senior Honors Theses

2015: Ian Lundberg (awarded Fulton Thesis Prize; co-advised with Chris Winship)

2013: Haoyu Sun

## **SERVICE**

### Harvard University

#### Department of Sociology

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2012-2013, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 (chair)

Graduate Written Examination Committee, 2015-2016

Committee on Undergraduate Degrees, 2013-2014

Junior Search Committee, 2013-2014

#### Kennedy School

Director of Graduate Studies, Ph.D. Program in Social Policy, 2015-2016

Social Policy Graduate Admissions Committee, 2012-2013, 2015-2016

#### Committee on Degrees in Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

Standing Committee, 2013-2014, 2015-2016, 2016-2017

Junior Search Committee, 2016-2017

Senior Search Committee, 2016-2017

#### Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Dean's Faculty Resources Committee, 2016-2017

Hoopes Prize Social Science Committee, 2013, 2014, 2016

Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Engineering Mentoring Program, 2013-2014

Harvard College, Women's Leadership Award Selection Committee, 2013

### American Sociological Association

Organizer, Section on the Sociology of the Family, "Work and Family Intersections," Annual Meeting, 2016

Organizer, Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility, "Field Advantage: What Aspects of Inequality Are Sociologists Comparatively Better Equipped to Tackle?" Annual Meeting, 2015

Nominations Committee, Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility, 2013-2014, 2015-2016

Organizer, "Labor Market," Annual Meeting, 2014

Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of the Family Section, 2013

### Population Association of America

Discussant, "Household Division of Labor", Annual Meeting, 2016

Discussant, "Social Determinants of Wealth and Income", Annual Meeting, 2016

Organizer, "Gender, Work, and Family: Policies and Inequalities," Annual Meeting, 2015

Discussant, "Marriage and Family in a Legal Context," Annual Meeting, 2015  
Discussant, "Family Demography and Economic Inequality," Annual Meeting, 2014  
Discussant, "Contextual and Network Influences on Educational Outcomes," Annual Meeting, 2014

*Journal of Marriage and Family*, Editorial Board, 2015-present

*Demography*, Editorial Board, 2013-present

Reviewer: *Advances in Life Course Research*, *AERA Open*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Economics Letters*, *European Sociological Review*, *Gender & Society*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science Research*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Methods & Research*, *Sociological Science*, *The Sociological Quarterly*

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

### Faculty Affiliate

Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University  
Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard University  
Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University

### Member

Population Association of America  
American Sociological Association