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POSITIONS

2018-present Postdoctoral Fellow, Texas Policy Evaluation Project, University of Texas at Austin

EDUCATION

2018 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Michigan

Dissertation title: *"I should be pregnant so many times by now": Numeracy, risk perception, and young women's contraceptive use*

Committee: Jennifer Barber (chair), Renee Anspach, Sarah Burgard, Yasamin Kusunoki

2014 M.A., Sociology, University of Michigan

2010 B.A., Sociology & French, Bowling Green State University

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Demography, Reproductive Health, Reproductive Health Policy, Medical Sociology, Social Statistics

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Barber, J.S., **Ela, E.J.**, Gatny, H., Kusunoki, Y., Fakhri, S., Batra, P., & Farris, K. (Forthcoming). Contraceptive desert? Black-white differences in young women's access to pharmacies. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.

Hall, K.S., Morhe, E., Manu, A., Harris, L., **Ela, E.J.**, Loll, D., Kolenic, G., Dozier, J., Challa, S., Zochowski, M., Boakye, A., Adanu, R., & Dalton, V. (2018.) Factors associated with sexual and reproductive health stigma among adolescent girls in Ghana. *PLoS ONE*, 13(4), e0195163.

Ela, E.J. & Budnick, J.L. (2017). Non-heterosexuality, relationships, and young women's contraceptive behavior. *Demography*, 54(3), 887-909.

Hall, K.S., Manu, A., Morhe, E., Harris, L.H., Loll, D., **Ela, E.J.**, Koenic, G., Dozier, J.L., Challa, S., Zochowski, M.K., Boakye, A., Adanu, R., & Dalton, V.K. (2017). Development and validation of a scale to measure adolescent sexual and reproductive health stigma: Results from young women in Ghana. *The Journal of Sex Research*, 7, 1-13.

Hall, K.S., **Ela, E.J.**, Zochowski, M.K., Caldwell, A., Moniz, M., McAndrew, L., Steel, M., Challa, S., Dalton, V.K., & Ernst, S. (2016). "I don't know enough to feel comfortable using them": Women's knowledge of and perceived barriers to long acting reversible contraceptives on a college campus. *Contraception*, 93(6), 556-564.

Kusunoki, Y., Barber, J.S., **Ela, E.J.**, & Bucek, A. (2016). Black-White differences in sex and contraceptive use among young women. *Demography*, 53(5), 1399-1428.

Wu, J.P., Kusunoki, Y., **Ela, E.J.**, & Barber, J. (2016). Patterns of contraceptive consistency among young adult women in southeastern Michigan: Findings based upon weekly level journal data. *Women's Health Issues*, 26(3), 305-312.

Chang, T., Davis, M.M., Kusunoki, Y., **Ela, E.J.**, Hall, K.S., & Barber, J.S. (2015). Sexual behavior among adolescent women by weight status: A longitudinal analysis. *The Journal of Pediatrics*, 167(3), 586-592.

RESEARCH BRIEFS

White, K., **Ela, E.**, Hopkins, K., & Potter, J.E. (2019). Providers' barriers to offering contraception in the Health Texas Women (HTW) program. *Texas Policy Evaluation Project Research Brief*.

WORKING PAPERS

Ela, E.J., Broussard, K., Hansen, K., Burke, K., Thaxton, L., & Potter, J.E. LARC satisfaction and continuation among postpartum Texas women.

Ela, E.J., McLoughlin, I.H., White, K., & Potter, J.E. Religiosity, Safety Beliefs, and Texas Voters' Support for Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers.

Ela, E.J. Numeracy and young women's contraceptive behavior.

Ela, E.J. "I should be pregnant so many times by now": Reciprocal relationships between perceived pregnancy risk and fertility behaviors.

Ela, E.J. Side effect concerns and young women's contraceptive behavior.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

2016-2017	Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
2015-2016	NICHD Predoctoral Traineeship, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
2015	Marshall Weinberg Research Fellowship, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan (\$3,812)
2015	Rackham Summer Award, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan (\$8,000)
2015	Best Research Poster Award, University of Michigan Health Services Adolescent Health Initiative Conference
2012	Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
2011-2014	NICHD Predoctoral Traineeship, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Ela, E.J., Broussard, K., Hansen, K., Burke, K., Thaxton, L., & Potter, J.E. LARC satisfaction among postpartum Texas women. Paper presented at the 2019 Psychosocial Workshop, April 9-10, Austin, TX.

Ela, E.J., McLoughlin, I.H., White, K., & Potter, J.E. (2019). Religiosity, Safety Beliefs, and Texas Voters' Support for Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers. Poster presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 10-13, Austin, TX.

Ela, E.J. (2018). "I should be pregnant so many times by now": Reciprocal influence of fertility behaviors and subjective pregnancy risk.

- Paper presented at the 2018 Psychosocial Workshop, April 24-25, Denver, CO.
- Poster presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 27-29, Chicago, IL.

Ela, E.J. (2016). Numeracy, subjective pregnancy risk, and young women's contraceptive behavior.

- Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, March 31-April 2, Washington, DC.
- Paper accepted to the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 20-23, Seattle, WA.

Hall, K.S., **Ela, E.J.**, Challa, S., McAndrew, L., Steel, M., Zowchowski, M., Dalton, V.K., & Ernst, S. (2016). "I don't know enough about IUDs and implants to feel comfortable using them": Women's LARC knowledge and perceived barriers on a college campus.

- Poster presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine, March 9-12, Washington, DC.
- Poster presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, March 31-April 2, Washington, DC.

Hall, K.S., **Ela, E.J.**, Zochowski, M., Challa, S., McAndrew, L., Steel, M., Dalton, V., & Ernst, S. (2015). College Women's Knowledge of and Perceived Barriers to Long Acting Reversible Contraception.

- Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, October 31-November 5, Chicago, IL.
- Poster presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Society of Family Planning, November 14-16, Chicago, IL.

Caldwell, A. Ernst, S., **Ela, E.J.**, Challa, S., McAndrew, L., Steel, M., Zowchowski, M., Dalton, V.K., & Hall, K.S. (2015). Increasing engagement in contraceptive education through MiLARC: A pilot, web-based intervention to increase college women's acceptability and knowledge of LARC. Poster presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Society of Family Planning, November 14-16, Chicago IL.

Ernst S, **Ela E.J.**, McAndrew, L., Challa, S., Zowchowski, M.K., Steel, M., Dalton, V.K., & Hall, K.S. (2015). Awareness and Knowledge of Long Acting Reversible Contraception Among Young Women on a College Campus:

- Poster presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American College Health Association, May 26-30, Orlando, FL.
- Poster presented at the 2015 University of Michigan Health Services Adolescent Health Initiative Conference, April 23-24, Ann Arbor, MI. (**Best Research Poster Award**)
- Poster presented at the 2015 North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Annual Clinical and Research Meeting, April 16-18, Orlando, FL.

Ela, E.J. & Budnick, J.L. (2015). Relationships and Contraceptive Behavior in a Population-Based Sample of Non-Heterosexual Young Women.

- Poster presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 30-May 2, San Diego, CA.
- Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 16-19, San Francisco, CA.

Chang, T., Davis, M.M., Kusunoki, Y., **Ela, E.J.**, Hall, K.S., & Barber, J.S. (2015). Sexual Behavior Among Adolescent Women By Weight Status: A Longitudinal Analysis. Poster presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, March 18-21, Los Angeles, CA.

Ela, E.J. (2014). Young Women's Medication Beliefs and Social Disparities in Contraceptive Use:

- Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 16-19, San Francisco, CA.
- Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, May 1-3, Boston, MA.

Burgard, S.A., Elliot, M., House, J.S., Mehta, N., Lin, K.Y., & **Ela, E.J.** (2013). Understanding the declining female mortality advantage in the United States: An assessment using prospective data. Paper presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 11-13, New Orleans, LA.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Population Association of America

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Instructor of Record

Sociology 210: Elementary Statistics (undergraduate)

Graduate Student Instructor

Sociology 210: Elementary Statistics (undergraduate)

Sociology 510: Statistics (graduate)

Sociology 993: Graduate Student Instructor Training

Research Mentor

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), University of Michigan

- Brittany Wright, 2015-2016
- Timothy Mayer, 2015-2016
- Kira Schwartz, 2014-2015
- Jayla Johnson, 2013-2014 (poster award, 25th Annual UROP Spring Research Symposium)

Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity (SURO), University of Michigan

- Holly Armstrong, Summer 2013
- Erica Gehringer, Summer 2013

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2019 Co-Organizer, Psychosocial Workshop, April 9-10, Austin, TX
- 2018 Selected Participant, Queer Health Hackathon, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, September 21-23, Cambridge, MA.
- 2014-2015 Student Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee, University of Michigan
- 2013-2014 Student Representative, Sociology Faculty Recruitment Committee, University of Michigan
- 2013 Student Organizer, Demography Workshop, University of Michigan