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**POSITIONS**


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

**EDUCATION**


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2018 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Michigan  
 Dissertation: *"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**


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Social Demography, Fertility, Contraceptive Behavior, Reproductive Health Policy, Social Statistics

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**


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Barber, J.S., **Ela, E.J.**, Gatny, H., Kusunoki, Y., Fakih, S., Batra, P., & Farris, K. (2019). Contraceptive desert? Black-White differences in young women's access to pharmacies. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 6(4), 719-732.

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 & OP-EDS**

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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*.

White, K. & **Ela, E.** Austin's Funding Support of Abortions Needed Elsewhere in Texas. Editorial. *Austin American-Statesman.*, 27 September, 2019.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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Coleman-Minahan, K., **Ela, E.J.**, White, K., & Grossman, D. Contraindications to hormonal contraception among postpartum women in Texas. (Revise & Resubmit at *Obstetrics & Gynecology*)

**Ela, E.J.**, Vizcarra, E., Thaxton, L., & White, K. Insurance churn and unmet need for medical care among low-income postpartum women in Texas. (Under review at *Women's Health Issues*.)

Carpenter, E., **Ela, E.J.**, & White, K. Dynamics of low-income women's fertility intentions and contraceptive use in the postpartum period.

**Ela, E.J.** Barriers to routine reproductive healthcare among LGB women in Texas.

**Ela, E.J.** Numeracy and contraceptive risk-taking among young adult women.

**Ela, E.J.** Reciprocal relationships between young women's pregnancy risk perception and contraceptive risk-taking.

**Ela, E.J.**, Broussard, K., Hansen, K., Burke, K., Thaxton, L., & Potter, J.E. Satisfaction, resignation, and dissatisfaction with LARC among low-income postpartum women in Texas.

**Ela, E.J.**, McLoughlin, I.H., White, K., & Potter, J.E. Religiosity, biblical literalism, and Texas voters' support for abortion regulations.

Vohra-Gupta, S., **Ela, E.J.**, Vizcarra, E., Petruzzi, L., Hopkins, K., Potter, J., & White, K. Differences in the provision of evidence-based family planning services among publicly funded providers in Texas.

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 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; declined)
- 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

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Carpenter, E., **Ela, E.J.**, & White, K. Dynamics of low-income women's fertility intentions and contraceptive use in the postpartum period. Paper accepted for presentation at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, May 5-8, 2021.

Coleman-Minahan, K., **Ela, E.J.**, White, K., & Grossman, D. (2020). Contraindications to hormonal contraception among postpartum women in Texas. Virtual poster presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Society of Family Planning, October 9-10, 2020.

Potter, J.E., Eilers, M.A., **Ela, E.J.**, Hopkins, K., Powers, D., Grossman, D., & White, K. (2020). Access to Postpartum Contraception and Rapid Repeat Births among Low-income Women in Texas. Paper accepted for presentation at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 22-25, Washington, DC. (Cancelled due to 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic)

**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.
- Poster presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society of Family Planning, October 19-21, Los Angeles, CA.

**Ela, E.J.**, Broussard, K., Hansen, K., Burke, K., Thaxton, L., & Potter, J.E. (2020). LARC satisfaction among postpartum Texas women.

- Poster accepted for presentation at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 22-25, Washington, DC. (Cancelled due to 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic)
- Poster presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society of Family Planning, October 19-21, Los Angeles, CA.

**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.

**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.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association  
Population Association of America

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING**

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### 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 winner, 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

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2019 Co-Instructor, PRC Methods Blitz, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

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

**OCCASIONAL REVIEWER**

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American Journal of Preventive Medicine  
Demography  
Population Research and Policy Review  
Women's Health Issues