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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology 2026 -
 - Faculty Fellow, Carolina Population Center 2026 -
 - Faculty Affiliate, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado-Boulder 2025 -
 - Visiting Faculty Fellow, Heldrich Center for Workforce Development, Rutgers University 2025 -

Rutgers University–New Brunswick

Assistant Professor, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy 2023 - 2026
 - Faculty Affiliate, Ralph W. Voorhees Center for Civic Engagement
 - Faculty Affiliate, Housing & Health Equity Cluster
 - Graduate Faculty, Department of Sociology
 - Associate Member, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research

University of Michigan

NIA Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Studies Center 2021 - 2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Policy, **Cornell University** (*formerly Policy Analysis and Management*) 2021
 - Concentration in Sociology and minor in Demography
 - Dissertation: “Politics, Stigma, and the Market: Access to Health Care for the Poor in the United States, 1965-2020”
 - Committee: Laura Tach (Chair), Vida Maralani, Sharon Sassler, Erin York Cornwell

M.A., Public Policy, **Cornell University** 2018

B.A., Sociology, **American University** 2012
 Honors: *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

Health and Social Policy, Poverty and Inequality, Gender and Family, Spatial Demography

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Mleczko, Matthew, **Emily Parker**, and Laura Tach. “How do LIHTC and Other Federal Place-Based Policies Shape Neighborhood Amenities?” *Forthcoming, Housing Policy Debate*.

Tach, Laura, **Emily Parker**, Alexandra Cooperstock, and Sam Dodini. 2025. [U.S. Federal Place-Based Policy and the Geography of Inequality, 1990-2019](#). *Social Forces*.

Parker, Emily, Rebecca Anna Schut, and Courtney Boen. 2025. [The Promise and Limits of Inclusive Public Policy: Federal Safety Net Clinics and Immigrant Access to Health Care in the U.S.](#) *Social Forces* 103(3):992–1017.

Parker, Emily. 2024. Poverty Governance in the Delegated Welfare State: Privatization, Commodification, and the U.S. Health Care Safety Net. *Social Problems*.

Glass, Jennifer, Sharon Sassler, Kara Takasaki, **Emily Parker.** 2023. Finding a Job: An Intersectional Analysis of Search Strategies and Outcomes Among STEM Graduates. *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 83:100758.

Parker, Emily, Laura Tach, and Cassandra Robertson. 2022. Do Federal Place-Based Policies Improve Economic Opportunity in Rural Communities? *RSF: Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 8(4):125–54.

Robertson, Cassandra, **Emily Parker,** and Laura Tach. 2022. Historical Redlining and Contemporary Federal Place-Based Policy: A Case of Compensatory or Compounding Neighborhood Inequality? *Housing Policy Debate* 33(2):429–52.

Parker, Emily. 2021. Spatial Variation in Access to the Health Care Safety Net for Hispanic Immigrants, 1970-2017. *Social Science & Medicine* 273:113750.

Parker, Emily, Sharon Sassler, and Laura Tach. 2021. Fatherhood and Racial-Ethnic Differences in the Progression of Romantic Relationships. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 83(4):985–1003.

Parker, Emily. 2021. Gender Differences in the Marital Plans and Union Transitions of First Cohabitations. *Population Research and Policy Review*. 40(4):673–94.

Manuscripts in Preparation or Under Review

Parker, Emily, Sara Hoose, Myron Gutmann, and Laura Tach. “U.S. Federal Place-Based Policy and Midlife Mortality in Disadvantaged Communities, 1990-2019.” *Invited for Special Issue of The Milbank Quarterly*.

Xie, Siqiao, Sara Hoose, Myron Gutmann, **Emily Parker,** and Stefan Leyk. “Policy Liberalism vs Neoliberalism: How State Policy Buffers Deindustrialization and the Rural Mortality Penalty—The Macro-Shock and the Rural Penalty.” *Invited for Special Issue of Rural Sociology*.

Parker, Emily. “Market Failures and Moral Politics: Diverging Trajectories of U.S. Health Policy for the Poor, 1965-2001.”

- Winner of Best Comparative Policy Paper Award, APPAM
- Winner of Ronald Burt Outstanding Student Paper Award, Economic Sociology Section, ASA

Tach, Laura and **Emily Parker.** “The Cumulative Impact of Federal Place-Based Policies on Neighborhood Inequality, 1990-2019.”

Parker, Emily. “The Impact of U.S. Health Care Safety Net Clinics on Immigrant Mortality, 1990-2019.”

Cooperstock, Alexandra, **Emily Parker,** Margot Jackson, and Laura Tach “Person-Based and Place-Based Investment in Children and Families, 1998-2019.”

Manduca, Robert, **Emily Parker,** and Laura Tach. “People vs. Place? Spatial Patterns of Federal Person-Based and Place-Based Investments, 1990-2019.”

Logue-Conroy, Becky, **Emily Parker,** Andrea Hetling, Stephanie Walsh, & Kirsten Meidlinger “Utilization of Temporary Disability and Family Leave Insurance in New Jersey: Evidence from Administrative Data, 2020–2025.”

GRANTS

National Institute on Aging (R01AG080483), Collaborator, “Addressing the Midlife Mortality Crisis: Place-Based Modeling, Trend Analysis and Policy Interventions,” PI: Dr. Myron Gutmann (2022-present)

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Co-Investigator, “Evaluating the Disability Automated Benefits Processing System Data,” PI: Dr. Andrea Hetling (2025-present): \$230,000

Marshall Weinberg Endowment Fund, “How Socioeconomic and Racial-Ethnic Variation in Access to Safety Net Clinics Affects Health Disparities over the Life Course,” Population Studies Center Small Grant, University of Michigan (2022): \$3,600

Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation, Doctoral Dissertation Grant (2019): \$5,000

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, Doctoral Dissertation Grant (2019): \$7,500

Cornell Office of Engagement Initiatives, Engaged Cornell Graduate Student Grant (2019): \$15,000

Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality, Graduate Student Seed Grant (2019): \$1,000

Cornell University, American Studies Graduate Student Research Grant (2018): \$1,000

Cornell University Graduate School, Research Travel Grant (2018): \$2,000

Cornell Population Center and Cornell Graduate School, Conference Travel Grants (2015-2021)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Syracuse Center for Policy Research/Center for Aging and Policy Studies Conference Fellow (2026)

Population Association of America, Best Poster Award (2025)

University of Michigan Postdoctoral Association, Professional Development Award (2022)

American Sociological Association, Ronald Burt Outstanding Student Paper Award (2021)

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Best Comparative Policy Paper Award (2020)

Engagement Scholarship Consortium, Emerging Engagement Scholar (2019)

INVITED TALKS

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Community Development Research Seminar (2026)

Washington State University, Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy & Public Service (2025)

University of Chicago, Crown School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice (2025)

University of Pennsylvania, Population Studies Center Colloquium (2025)

University of Colorado–Boulder, Institute of Behavioral Science Speaker Series (2025)

University of Colorado–Anschutz, Eugene S. Farley Jr. Health Policy Center (2025)

Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health (2024)

Rutgers University, Rutgers Equity Alliance for Community Health, Housing Conference (2024)

Cornell University, Housing Equity Lab (2024)

Cornell Population Center, Pro-Seminar, Mixed Methods and Qualitative Research in Demography (2019)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Effect of U.S. Health Care Safety Net Clinics on Immigrant Mortality, 1990-2019.”

Population Association of America (2026), *St. Louis, MO*

American Sociological Association (2026), *New York, NY*

“U.S. Federal Place-Based Policy and Midlife Mortality in Disadvantaged Communities, 1990-2019,” with Sara Hoose, Myron Gutmann, and Laura Tach.

Center for Policy Research/Center for Aging and Policy Studies Conference (2026), *Syracuse, NY*

Population Association of America (2026), *St. Louis, MO*

Association of American Geographers (2026), *San Francisco, CA*

“Person-Based and Place-Based Investment in Children and Families, 1998-2019,” with Alexandra Cooperstock, Margot Jackson, and Laura Tach.

Population Association of America (2025), *Washington, D.C.* ***Won Best Poster Award**

American Sociological Association (2025), *Chicago, IL*

“The Promise and Limits of Inclusive Public Policy: Federal Safety Net Clinics and Immigrant Access to Health Care in the U.S.,” with Rebecca Schut and Courtney Boen.

Population Association of America (2023), *New Orleans, LA*

International Sociology Association (2023), *virtual presentation*

American Sociological Association (2023), *Philadelphia, PA*

“Geography of the U.S. Health Care Safety Net and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Mortality”

American Sociological Association (2022), *Los Angeles, CA*

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2022), *Washington, DC*

Population Association of America (2023), *New Orleans, LA*

Social Science History Association (2023), *Washington, DC*

RC28 Summer Meeting (2024), *Providence, RI*

“Geographic Variation in Marriage Prevalence Across U.S. Counties, 1990-2017,” with Jake Hays.

American Sociological Association (2023), *Philadelphia, PA*

Population Association of America (2024), *Columbus, OH*

“The Gentrification State: Federal Place-Based Policy and Racial Stratification in the Public-Private Era,” with Laura Tach.

Population Association of America (2022), *Atlanta, GA*

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2022), *Washington, DC*

American Sociological Association (2022), *Los Angeles, CA*

Urban Affairs Association (2024), *New York, NY*

“The Market Failure Paradox: Political Contention in the U.S. Welfare State, 1965-2001.”

Social Science History Association (2021), *Philadelphia, PA*

American Sociological Association (2021), *virtual presentation*

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2020), *virtual presentation*

International Association for Population Health Science (2020), *virtual presentation*

“Do Federal Place-Based Policies Improve Economic Opportunity in Rural Communities?”

American Sociological Association (2021), *virtual presentation*

Population Association of America (2021), *virtual presentation*

Russell Sage Foundation Conference, Growing Up in Rural America: How Place Shapes Education, Health, Family, and Economic Outcomes (2020), *virtual presentation*

“How the Community Health Center Program Addresses Poverty, Inequality, and Stigma.”

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2020), *virtual presentation*

International Association for Population Health Science (2020), *virtual presentations*

American Sociological Association (2020), *virtual presentation*

“Mixed Methods and Qualitative Research in Demography” with Maureen Waller (Invited talk)

Cornell Population Center Graduate Training Seminar (2019), *Ithaca, NY*

“Spatial Variation in Access to the Health Care Safety Net for Hispanic Immigrants, 1970-2017.”

American Sociological Association (2019), *New York City, NY*

Population Association of America (2019), *Austin, TX*

“Historical Redlining and Contemporary Federal Place-Based Policy: A Case of Compensatory or Compounding Neighborhood Inequality” with Laura Tach and Cassandra Robertson.

American Sociological Association (2019), *New York City, NY*

APPAM International Conference (2019), *Barcelona, Spain*

“The Place-Based Turn in Federal Policymaking, 1990-2015” with Laura Tach, Sam Dodini, and Alexandra Cooperstock.

Urban Affairs Association (2019), *Los Angeles, CA*

Population Association of America (2019), *Austin, TX*

“How Housing and Labor Market Conditions Influence the Progression of Romantic Relationships” with Laura Tach, Sharon Sassler, and Mariana Amorim.

Population Association of America (2019), *Austin, TX*

“Early Transitions into the Workforce Among Engineering Majors: Does Gender Matter?” with Sharon Sassler.

American Sociological Association (2019), *New York City, NY*

Population Association of America (2018), *Denver, CO*

“Gender Differences in the Marital Plans and Union Transitions of First Cohabitations.”

Population Association of America (2018), *Denver, CO*

American Sociology Association Annual Meeting (2017), *Montreal, QB*

“Fatherhood and Racial-Ethnic Differences in the Progression of Romantic Relationships” with Sharon Sassler and Laura Tach.

American Sociology Association Annual Meeting (2017), *Montreal, QB*

Population Association of America (2017) *Chicago, IL*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New York State Health Foundation, <i>Program Assistant</i>	2012-2015
Developed and managed a portfolio of \$5.2 million in grants. Research specializations in expanding health insurance coverage; improving primary care access & capacity; and integration of health care with housing, mental health, and social services.	

TEACHING

Rutgers University

Advanced Qualitative Methods (Graduate)	FA 2023, FA 2024
Health and Public Policy (Undergraduate)	SP & FA 2024, SP & FA 2025, SP 2026
Health Care Policy (Graduate)	SP & FA 2024, SP & FA 2025, SP 2026
Advanced Topics in Health Disparities (Undergraduate)	SP 2025, SP 2026
Health Disparities (Graduate)	SP 2025, SP 2026

Cornell University

Teaching Assistant, Population and Public Policy	SP 2016
Teaching Assistant, U.S. Health Care System	FA 2015

MENTORING

Rutgers University

Bloustein Honors Research Program, Mentor	2023-2025
Primary Mentor: Shreya Bheemavarapu, current MD student, Drexel University	
Secondary Mentor: Maggie Nickel, current MPH student, University of Washington	
New Jersey Policy Lab Summer Internship Program, Mentor	2024

Cornell University

Graduate Student Mentor, Cornell Office of Academic Diversity and Inclusion	2018-2021
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MEDIA

What About Rural Health? Podcast : "Safety Nets and Silent Struggles: How Policy Shapes Rural Health"	2025
The Daily Targum , "Rutgers professor published study on health centers for immigrant communities"	2024
EJB Talks Podcast : "Understanding the Politics of Community Health Centers"	2024

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Service

Program Committee, PAA Annual Meeting	2026
Thematic Session Organizer, ASA Annual Meeting	2026
Session Discussant: Place-Based Investment and Local Policy Implementation, APPAM	2025
Program Committee, PAA Annual Meeting	2025
Session Organizer: Family, Law, and Public Policy, PAA	2025
Session Discussant: Migrant Health, APPAM	2023
Session Discussant: Social Policy, Poverty, and Inequality, PAA	2023

Session Discussant: New Perspectives on Political Conflicts, APPAM	2022
Session Discussant: Infant Health and Mortality in Context, PAA	2022
Session Chair: Social Relationships and Health Disparities, PAA	2022
Session Chair: Politics of Markets, Social Science History Association	2021
Session Discussant: Immigrant and Immigration Policy, PAA	2021
Co-editor of the Newsletter Student Section, ASA Medical Sociology Section	2019-2020

Journal Reviewer

American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, Demography, Social Problems, Journal of Marriage and Family, International Migration Review, Social Science & Medicine, Population Research and Policy Review, Health and Place, Sociological Science, Social Science & Medicine—Population Health, Housing Policy Debate, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Social Service Review, The Milbank Quarterly, Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space

Grant Reviewer

National Science Foundation; Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Social Science History Association, Scholars Strategy Network

Service to the University

Rutgers University – New Brunswick

Poster Judge, Bloustein Research Day (2025)

Reviewer, Krueckeberg Scholarship (2025)

Organizer, Bloustein Research Seminar Series (2024-2025)

Cornell University

Graduate Student Fellow, Finger Lakes Chapter of Scholars Strategy Network (2017-2018)

President, Graduate Students in Policy Analysis and Management (2016-2017)