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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, Duke University (2010)

- **Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies**, Duke University (2010)

M.A. Sociology, Duke University (2007)

Qualifying Exams: Medical Sociology and Stratification

B.A. Sociology and American Studies, California State University, Fullerton (2005)

Summa cum laude (and with University Honors)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2013 – present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Faculty Associate, Center on Aging and the Life Course
Purdue University

2010 – 2013 NICHD Postdoctoral Fellow
Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

PUBLICATIONS

(*denotes graduate student co-author)

Umberson, Debra, Mieke Beth Thomeer, Kristi Williams, Patricia A. Thomas, and Hui Liu.
(*published Advanced Online*). "Childhood Adversity and Men's Relationships in
Adulthood: Life Course Processes and Racial Disadvantage." *The Journals of
Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*.

Thomas, Patricia A. 2016. "The Impact of Relationship-Specific Support and Strain on
Depressive Symptoms across the Life Course." *Journal of Aging & Health*, vol. 28(2):
363-382.

*Xu, Minle, Patricia A. Thomas, and Debra Umberson. 2016. "Marital Quality and Cognitive
Limitations in Late Life." *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences
and Social Sciences*, vol. 71(1): 165-176.

Umberson, Debra, Kristi Williams, Patricia A. Thomas, Hui Lui, and *Mieke Thomeer. 2014.

- “Race, Gender, and Chains of Disadvantage: Childhood Adversity, Social Relationships, and Health.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, vol. 55(1): 20-38.
- Zheng, Hui and Patricia A. Thomas. 2013. “Marital Status, Self-Rated Health, and Mortality: Overestimation of Health or Diminishing Protection of Marriage?” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, vol. 54(1): 128-143.
- Thomas, Patricia A. 2012. “Trajectories of Social Engagement and Mortality in Late Life.” *Journal of Aging & Health*, vol. 24(4): 547-568.
- Sautter, Jessica, Patricia A. Thomas, Matthew E. Dupre, and Linda K. George. 2012. “Socioeconomic Status and the Black-White Mortality Crossover.” *American Journal of Public Health*, vol. 102(8): 1566-1571.
- *McFarland, Michael J., *Cheryl A. Smith, Loren L. Toussaint, and Patricia A. Thomas. 2012. “The Relationship between Forgiveness of Others and Health: Do Race and Neighborhood Matter?” *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, vol. 67B(1): 66-75.
- Thomas, Patricia A. 2011. “Trajectories of Social Engagement and Limitations in Late Life.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, vol. 52(4): 430-443.
- Thomas, Patricia A. 2011. “Gender, Social Engagement, and Limitations in Late Life.” *Social Science & Medicine*, vol. 73: 1428-1435.
- Thomas, Patricia A. 2010. “Is It Better to Give or to Receive? Social Support and the Well-Being of Older Adults.” *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, vol. 65B(3): 351-357.
- Thomas, Patricia A. 2008. “The Shifting Roles of Fathers and the Consequences of Father Absence and Presence.” in *Battleground: The Family, vol. 1*, edited by Kimberly P. Brackett. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
- Thomas, Patricia A., Edythe M. Krampe, and Rae R. Newton. 2008. “Father Presence, Family Structure, and Feelings of Closeness to the Father among Adult African American Children.” *Journal of Black Studies*, vol. 38(4): 529-546.

UNDER REVIEW

- Thomas, Patricia A. and Debra Umberson. “Do Older Adults’ Relationships with Their Adult Children Affect Cognitive Limitations, and Does this Differ for Mothers and Fathers?” (Revise & Resubmit)
- Thomas, Patricia A., *Amy Lodge, and Corinne Reczek. “Does Relationship Quality with Adult Children Affect Parents’ Physical Activity, and is it Different by Gender?”
- *Kim, Seoyoun and Patricia A. Thomas. “Social Support, Psychological Resources, and Chronic Inflammation: Potential Pathways?”

PRESENTATIONS

Thomas, Patricia A. and Debra Umberson. "Relationship Quality with Adult Children: Gender and Cognitive Limitations among Older Adults." International Sociological Association. Vienna, Austria, July 2016.

Thomas, Patricia A. "The Impact of Relationship-Specific Support and Strain on Depressive Symptoms across the Life Course." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2015.

Thomas, Patricia A. Student Forum Workshop. Ten Things I Wish I Knew in Graduate School: Advice from Assistant Professors. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2015.

Thomas, Patricia A. "Does Relationship Strain Benefit Adult Health?" Invited talk for Center on Aging and the Life Course, Purdue University, February 2015.

Thomas, Patricia A. "Does Relationship Strain Benefit Adult Health?" Invited talk for Social Psychology, Purdue University, February 2015.

Kim, Seoyoun and Patricia A. Thomas. "Social Support, Psychological Resources, Mental Health, and Inflammation: Potential Pathways?" The Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2014.

Xu, Minle, Patricia A. Thomas, and Debra Umberson. "The Effects of Marital Quality on Cognitive Decline among Older Adults." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2014.

Umberson, Debra, Kristi Williams, Patricia A. Thomas, Hui Lui, and Mieke Thomeer. "Race, Gender, and Chains of Disadvantage: Childhood Adversity, Social Relationships, and Health." International Conference on Social Stress Research, Vancouver, Canada, June 2014.

Thomas, Patricia A. *Discussant*, "Demographic Processes and Mental Health." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 2014.

Williams, Kristi, Patricia A. Thomas, Debra Umberson, and Cynthia Colen. "Adult Life Course Transitions, Social Ties, and Mental Health." Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies International Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, September 2013.

Thomas, Patricia A. "Support and Strain in Social Relationships: Do They Matter for Health at Different Stages of the Life Course?" Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 2013.

Umberson, Debra, Kristi Williams, Patricia A. Thomas, Hui Lui, and Mieke Thomeer. "Social Ties and Health at the Intersection of Race and Gender." Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies International Conference, Paris, France, October 2012.

- Zheng, Hui and Patricia A. Thomas. "Marital Status, Self-Rated Health, and Mortality: Overestimation of Health or Diminishing Protection of Marriage?" American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, August 2012.
- Thomas, Patricia A. *Discussant*, "Social Capital, Aging, and Well-Being." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, May 2012.
- Umberson, Debra, Isaac Sasson, Patricia A. Thomas, Hui Liu, & Mieke Thomeer. "Widowhood and Health Trajectories: Race/Gender Intersection. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2011.
- Thomas, Patricia A. "Trajectories of Social Engagement and Mortality." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 2011.
- Thomas, Patricia A. "The Effects of Support Received on Support Older Adults Provide to Others." Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2009.
- Thomas, Patricia A. "Pathways between Social Engagement, Physical Impairment, and Cognitive Impairment among Older Adults Using Structural Equation Modeling." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2009.
- Thomas, Patricia A. "Is It Better to Give or to Receive? Helping Relationships and the Well-Being of Older Adults." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2008.
- Smith, Jeff A., Heather M. Rackin, & Patricia A. Thomas. "Perceived Old Age and Interaction." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, April 2008.
- Thomas, Patricia A. "The Effects of Father Presence Despite Nonresidence on the Delinquency of Children." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2007.
- Sautter, Jessica M., Patricia A. Thomas, Matthew E. Dupre, & Linda K. George. "Mortality Crossovers: The Effects of Socioeconomic Status and Race." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New York, NY, March 2007.
- Thomas, Patricia A. & Tracey LaPierre. "Adult Children's Helping Behaviors towards Their Parents: The Role of Reciprocity." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2006.
- Thomas, Patricia A. "African American Fathers' Relationships with Their Children: Are They Absent or Present?" Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, April 2005.
- Thomas, Patricia A. & Lizano, Erica. "Service-Learning for Sociology of Aging: Issues, Challenges, and Experiences." Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Portland, OR, April 2005.

Thomas, Patricia A. "The Welfare of Americans: Success, Wealth, and Government Spending." California Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Riverside, CA, October 2004.

Thomas, Patricia A. "The Perpetuation of Social Inequality: Race, Class, and the Elusive American Dream." *Honors Program Roundtable Session*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA 2004.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

2008 – 2009	Survey construction and data analysis consulting for the Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty, Duke University
2007 – 2009	Editorial Assistant, <i>Demography</i> , for Kenneth C. Land (Editor)
Fall 2004	Data analysis of Financial Literacy Survey, Student Financial Services California State University, Fullerton

TEACHING

Purdue University	Soc 581: Methods of Social Research II (Graduate-level Intro to Statistics) Soc 571: Health and Social Behavior Soc 402: Sociological Theory
Duke University	Soc 129: Gender, Work, and Organizations

Pedagogical Training

2005 – 2009	Sociology Department teaching workshops, Duke University
Spring 2009	"Introduction to College Teaching" course taken, Duke University
Spring 2007	"Teaching Race, Teaching Gender" course taken, Duke University
Spring 2004	Peer Mentor/Service Learning Assistant for two Introduction to Sociology Courses, California State University, Fullerton

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Spring 2016	ASPIRE grant, Purdue University, \$2,500.
Summer 2014	RAND Summer Institute on Aging, Full Scholarship
2009 – 2010	Phillip Jackson Baugh Fellowship (for aging research), Duke University
Spring 2005	Outstanding Undergraduate Award, California State University, Fullerton

Spring 2005	Academic Achievement Award, California State University, Fullerton
Summer 2004	American Sociological Association Honors Program, San Francisco, CA
2001 – 2005	President's Scholarship, California State University, Fullerton

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2009 – present	Manuscript Referee: <i>American Sociological Review</i> , <i>Social Forces</i> , <i>Journal of Health and Social Behavior</i> , <i>Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences</i> , <i>Journal of Aging & Health</i> , <i>Research on Aging</i> , <i>Ageing & Society</i> , <i>Journal of Family Issues</i> , <i>Journal of Comparative Family Studies</i> , <i>Population Research and Policy Review</i> , <i>Journal of Social Structure</i>
April 2013	Chair, “New Perspectives on Suicide” Session at Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
May 2012	Chair, “Families and Health and Nutrition” Session at Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
May 2012	Chair, “Fatal and Non-Fatal Health Outcomes: Comparing Expected Length and Quality of Life by Gender, Race, and National Origin” Session at PAA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
August 2008	Represented Duke University Sociology Department at Graduate School Poster Session, American Sociological Association Meeting, Boston, MA.
2006 – 2010	Co-Editor, Duke Sociology Department Newsletter
2005 – 2009	Rep., Graduate and Professional Student Council, Duke University
2004 – 2005	President, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society, California State University, Fullerton
2004 – 2005	Vice President, Sociology Student Association, Cal State Fullerton

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

- American Sociological Association
 - Member, Aging & the Life Course Section
 - Member, Family Section
 - Member, Medical Sociology Section
 - Member, Race, Gender, and Class Section
- Gerontological Society of America
- Population Association of America