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Curriculum Vitae
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- 2005 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dissertation: *Why Are Our Waistlines Expanding? Age-Period-Cohort Analyses of the Obesity Epidemic and a Critical Examination of Mass Preparation Theory*
Committee: Robert Hauser (chair), Karen Swallen, Gary Sandefur, Stephanie Robert (Social Work), Patrick Remington (Population Health Sciences)
- 2001 M.S. in Population Health, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1998 Graduate Study in Sociology (1998-99), University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 1996 M.A. in Sociology, Northern Illinois University
M.A. Thesis: *Availability, Entitlements and Conflict: Elements of an Integrated Explanation of World Hunger*
Committee: Charles Cappell (chair), Robert Suchner, Susan Miller
- 1994 B.A. in Sociology (with highest distinction), Concordia College-Nebraska

POSITIONS HELD

- 2005- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Utah State University, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology
- 2002-04 Research Assistant, Wisconsin Public Health and Health Policy Institute, Department of Population Health Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1999-00 Project Assistant, Institute on Aging, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 1997-99 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Social Sciences, Concordia University-Nebraska
- 1996-97 Adjunct Faculty, Instructor of Sociology and Supervisor of Sociology Quantitative Research Laboratory (SOCQRL), Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University
- 1996 Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University
- 1994-96 Research Assistant, Center for Governmental Studies, Northern Illinois University

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles (denotes student coauthor)*

- Reither, Eric N.**, Robert M. Hauser and Karen C. Swallen. Forthcoming in February 2009. "Predicting Adult Morbidity and Mortality from Adolescent Facial Characteristics in Yearbook Photographs." *Demography*.
- Reither, Eric N.**, Hyojun Park,* Nao Xiong,* and Matthew McCabe.* 2008. "The Distribution and Determinants of Overweight Among Adolescents in the Intermountain West." *Utah's Health: An Annual Review*.
- Barth Cottrell, Erika K.,* Sang Lim Lee,* and **Eric N. Reither**. 2008. "Widening Racial and Ethnic Disparities in AIDS Incidence in Salt Lake City-Ogden, Utah, 1990-2000." *Utah's Health: An Annual Review*.
- Reither, Eric N.**, and Sang Lim Lee*. 2007. "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in AIDS Incidence: An Examination of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1990-2000." *Wisconsin Medical Journal* 106(7):25-29.
- Reither, Eric N.**, Paul E. Peppard, Patrick Remington, David Kindig. 2006. "Educational Disparities in Mortality, 1990-2000: Evidence from the State of Wisconsin." *Wisconsin Medical Journal* 105(7):38-41.
- Swallen, Karen C., **Eric N. Reither**, Steven A. Haas and Ann M. Meier. 2005. "Overweight, Obesity, and Health-Related Quality of Life Among Adolescents: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health" *Pediatrics* 115:340-347.
- Robert, Stephanie A., and **Eric N. Reither**. 2004. "A multilevel analysis of race, community disadvantage, and body mass index among adults in the US" *Social Science & Medicine* 59(12): 2421-2434.
- Insigna, Ralph P., **Eric N. Reither**, Patrick L. Remington and Laura Stephenson-Vine. 2001. "Trends in Malignant Melanoma Incidence and Mortality in Wisconsin, 1979-1997." *Wisconsin Medical Journal* 100(6):27-31.
- Sausen, Janet, Kristin Bray, Burke Richmond and **Eric Reither**. 2001. "Suicide Trends in Wisconsin and the United States 1979-1998: Good News for Young and Old." *Wisconsin Medical Journal* 100(2):35-38.

Book Chapters

Reither, Eric N. Forthcoming in December 2008. "Allostatic Load." in *Encyclopedia of the Life Course and Human Development*. Deborah Carr, Robert Crosnoe, Mary Elizabeth Hughes and Amy Pienta, editors. Gale Publishing: Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Articles Currently under Revise and Resubmit Status at Refereed Journals

Glass, Christy M., Steven A. Hass, and **Eric N. Reither**. "The Skinny on Success: Gender, Obesity and Labor Market Attainment Over the Life Course." at *Social Forces*.

Reither, Eric N., Robert M. Hauser and Yang Yang. "Do Birth Cohorts Matter? Age, Period and Cohort Analyses of the Obesity Epidemic in the United States." at *Social Science and Medicine*.

Articles Currently under Initial Review at Refereed Journals (denotes student coauthor)*

Utz, Rebecca L., Norman J. Waitzman, Jae Whan Kim and **Eric N. Reither**. "The Role of Prenatal Exposures and Maternal Resources on the Risk of Childhood Obesity." at *American Journal of Public Health*.

Reither, Eric N. and Rebecca L. Utz. "A new procedure to correct proxy-reported weight in the National Health Interview Survey, 1976-2002." at *Population Health Metrics*.

Ruel, Erin, **Eric N. Reither**, Stephanie A. Robert and Paula M. Lantz. "Examining Neighborhood Disadvantage and Racial Disparities in Body Mass Index Trajectories." at *Obesity*.

Mumah, Joyce N.*, and **Eric N. Reither**. "Educational status and HIV disparities in Cameroon: Are the uneducated at reduced risk of HIV infection?" at *African Population Studies*.

Working Papers

Eric N. Reither, Robert M. Hauser, and Karen C. Swallen. 2006. "Looks that kill: predicting adult health and mortality from adolescent facial characteristics in yearbook photographs." CDE Working Paper Series, 2006-11, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Technical Reports

Dran, Ellen M., and **Eric N. Reither**. 1994. "Use of Car Safety Seats: A Survey of AFDC Recipients." Prepared for the Illinois Department of Public Aid. Center for Governmental Studies: Northern Illinois University.

Shankman, Kathleen, Ellen M. Dran, Debra S. Krankavitch and **Eric N. Reither**. 1994. "A Survey of Illinois Homecare Workers." Center for Governmental Studies: Northern Illinois University.

Selection of Papers in Preparation for Submission (denotes student coauthor)*

Reither, Eric N., Steven A. Haas, Ann M. Meier, Karen C. Swallen and Nao Xiong. "The Influence of Adolescent Weight Change on Health-Related Quality of Life."

Reither, Eric N. "A Reassessment of the Demographic and Psychological Implications of Mass Preparation Theory."

Marquart-Pyatt, Sandra T., **Eric N. Reither** and Christy M. Glass. "Obesity and Social Capital over the Life Course: Does Gaining Weight Mean Bowling Alone?"

Xiong, Nao,* Hyojun Park,* **Eric N. Reither**, Julie Gast, and Maria Norton. "Monitoring the Adolescent Obesity Epidemic in Wisconsin: Racial and Ethnic Disparities from 1999 to 2007."

Reither, Eric N., Karin Abel,* Theresa Fedor,* and Daniel Hatch.* "Socioeconomic Disparities in Diabetes Prevalence in the State of Utah, 1990-2007."

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Conferences (denotes student coauthor)*

Utz, Rebecca L., and **Eric N. Reither**. "The Role of Prenatal and Maternal Characteristics on the Risk of Childhood Obesity." *American Sociological Association*. Boston, Massachusetts. August, 2008.

Reither, Eric N. Discussant. Session Title: Obesity, Health, and Mortality. *Population Association of America*. New York, New York. April, 2008.

Ruel, Erin, **Eric N. Reither**, Stephanie A. Robert, and Paula Lantz. "A Longitudinal Analysis of Body Mass Index by Individual and Neighborhood Level Race and SES Characteristics." *Population Association of America*. New York, New York. April, 2008.

Mumah, Joyce N.*, and **Eric N. Reither**. "Educational status and HIV disparities in Cameroon: Are the uneducated at reduced risk of HIV infection?" *Union for African Population Studies: Fifth African Population Conference*. Arusha, Tanzania. December, 2007.

Sandra T. Marquart-Pyatt, **Eric N. Reither**, and Christy M. Glass. "Obesity and Social Capital Over the Life Course: Does Gaining Weight Mean Bowling Alone?" *Population Association of America*. New York, New York. March, 2007.

Reither, Eric N., Robert M. Hauser, Karen C. Swallen and Sheri Meland. "Looks that Kill: Predicting Adult Morbidity and Mortality from Adolescent Facial Characteristics in Yearbook Photographs." *Population Association of America*. Los Angeles, California. April, 2006.

Reither, Eric N. "Age, Period and Cohort Effects on Overweight and Obesity in a Nationally Representative Sample of Adults." *Population Association of America*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. April, 2005.

Swallen, Karen C., **Eric N. Reither** and Steven A. Haas. "BMI, BMI Change and Quality of Life: A Prospective Cohort Study." Presented at (1) *Gerontological Society of America*. Washington D.C. November, 2004 and (2) *American Public Health Association*. Washington D.C. November, 2004.

Reither, Eric N. and Teresa E. Seeman. "The Sufficiency and Validity of Allostatic Load: An Examination of Gender Differences in Stress Adaptation." Poster Session on Communicating Sociology. *American Sociological Association*. San Francisco, California. August, 2004.

Reither, Eric N., Karen C. Swallen, Steven A. Haas and Ann M. Meier. "Obesity and Health-Related Quality of Life Among a Nationally Representative Sample of Adolescents: Toward a Longitudinal Approach." *2004 Add Health Users Conference*. National Institutes of Health. Bethesda, Maryland. July, 2004.

Reither, Eric N., Karen C. Swallen and Ann M. Meier. "Obesity, Sociodemographic Characteristics and Quality of Life among a Nationally Representative Sample of Adolescents." *Population Association of America*. Boston, Massachusetts. April 2004.

Invited Lectures, Presentations and Non-refereed Conferences

Reither, Eric N. "Sticks and Stones: The Impact of Obesity on Psychosocial Well-Being in Adolescence." Health, Physical Education & Recreation Spring Colloquium. Utah State University. February, 2008.

Reither, Eric N., Rebecca Utz, and Norman Waitzman. "This is Not Your Father's Weight Gain: Cohort Differences in Obesity Trends." Research Summit: Revisiting the Call to Action on Obesity. University of Utah, October 2007.

Reither, Eric N. "A Critical Examination of the Demographic and Psychological Implications of Mass Preparation Theory." Utah Demography Research Network Seminar Series, University of Utah, December 2005.

Reither, Eric N. "Do Birth Cohorts Matter? Age-Period-Cohort Analyses of the Obesity Epidemic in the United States." Center for Demography of Health and Aging, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2005.

Reither, Eric N. "Health-Related Quality of Life among Obese Adolescents in the United States." Center for Demography of Health and Aging, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004.

Reither, Eric N. "Is Allostatic Load a Valid and Sufficient Construct?" Center for Demography of Health and Aging, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2003.

Reither, Eric N. "Seminar on Data Analysis with SPSS-PC." Department of Sociology Quantitative Research Laboratory (SOCQRL), Northern Illinois University, 1997.

Reither, Eric N. "Urbanization, Economic Stability and Basic Human Needs." Illinois Sociological Association, St. Charles IL, 1996.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

“Adolescent Obesity: A Multi-Level, Multi-Cohort Epidemiological Analysis of School Wellness Policy.” CO-PI. PA-06-151: Secondary Analyses in Obesity, Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIH-R21). Budget: \$428,658. (Denied; will resubmit in 2009).

“Toward A General Model of Multiple Related Outcomes.” Principal Investigators: Herbert K. Hardwick and Eric N. Reither. Utah State University CURI Grant Proposal. 5/1/2007-6/30/2008. Budget: \$27,934.12 (denied).

“The Distribution and Determinants of Obesity: National, Regional and State-Level Analyses.” Principal Investigator: Eric N. Reither. Utah State University Agricultural Experiment Station Research Award. 7/1/2005-6/30/2010. Budget: \$80,000.00.

“Sticks and Stones: The Impact of Obesity on Psychosocial Well-Being in Adolescence.” Principal Investigator: Eric N. Reither. Utah State University New Faculty Research Grant. 5/1/2006-6/30/2007. Budget: \$12,982.00.

“The Influence of Adolescent Body Mass and Gender on Occupational Stratification.” Principal Investigators: Christy Glass, Steven Hass, Sandra Marquart-Pyatt and Eric Reither. 7/1/2006-6/30/2007. Budget: \$10,000 (denied).

COURSES TAUGHT

Utah State University

Fall 2008: Sociology 3120, Social Statistics (two sections)
Sociology 6800, Population and Health

Spring 2008: Sociology 6230, Demographic Techniques

Fall 2007: Sociology 3200, Population and Society
Sociology 3120, Social Statistics

Spring 2007: Sociology 6800, Population & Health
Sociology 3200, Population and Society
Sociology 3120, Social Statistics

Spring 2006: Sociology 6230, Demographic Techniques
Sociology 3120, Social Statistics

Fall 2005: Sociology 3200, Population and Society

Beloit College

Spring 2004: Sociology 300, Survey of Research Methods

Concordia University-Nebraska

- Spring 1999: Sociology 101, Introduction to Sociology (two sections)
Sociology 425, Behavioral Science Seminar
- Fall 1998: Sociology 101, Introduction to Sociology (two sections)
Sociology 306, Introduction to Social Research Methods
- Spring 1998: Sociology 101, Introduction to Sociology (three sections)
Sociology 361, Social Theory
- Fall 1997: Sociology 101, Introduction to Sociology (two sections)
Sociology 221, Social Problems
Sociology 306, Introduction to Social Research Methods

Northern Illinois University

- Spring 1997: Sociology 170, Introduction to Sociology (two sections)
- Fall 1996: Sociology 170, Introduction to Sociology (two sections)
- Spring 1996: Sociology 170, Introduction to Sociology (one section)

Ph.D. DISSERTATIONS

- Current. Nao Xiong, Chair. (Overweight and obesity among recent adolescent migrants from Southeast Asia)
- Current. Hyojun Park, Chair. (Demographic decision making and health outcomes)
- Current. Sang Lim Lee, committee member. (Socioeconomic influences on migration decisions)
- Current. Joyce Mumah. committee member. (Socioeconomic disparities in HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa)
- Current. Sydney Davies. committee member. (Ph.D. student in Psychology at USU).
- Current. Daniel Hatch. committee member (Ph.D. student in Psychology at USU).

M.S. THESES

- 2006 Phillip B. Mason, Chair. *The Relationship Between Religious Involvement, Health Behaviors, and Body Mass* (August 2006).
- Current. Theresa Fedor. (Hispanic Migration and Health Issues).

REFEREE

Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Social Science & Medicine, Sociological Perspectives, Journal of Family Issues, BMC Public Health

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America

ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE SERVICE

- 2008- Member, Social Problems and Inequality Committee, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Sociology, Utah State University
- 2007- Chair, Demography Committee. Utah State University. Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology
- 2007- Member, Sociology Graduate Program Executive Committee. Utah State University. Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology
- 2007- Associate, Center for Advanced Nutrition. Utah State University.
- 2006-08 Member, Research Methods Committee, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Sociology, Utah State University
- 2005-07 Member, Undergraduate Curricula Committee. Utah State University. Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology
- 2005-06 Member, Demography Committee. Utah State University. Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology

AWARDS AND HONORS

National Institute on Aging (NIA) Predoctoral Traineeship. Center for Demography of Health and Aging (CDHA), University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2004 to August 2005

Full Scholarship, RAND Mini-Medical School and Workshop on Aging, Santa Monica CA, July 7-10, 2004

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Predoctoral Traineeship. Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE), University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2000 to August 2002

Rollover contract awarded in May of 1999 after two years of service as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Concordia University-Nebraska (offer declined)

The Waldo Burchard Award, presented in 1996 for outstanding graduate work in Sociology at Northern Illinois University

Nominee: Midwestern Distinguished Master's Thesis Award, Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, 1996

The Outstanding General Liberal Arts Graduate Award, presented at Concordia College's commencement ceremony, Seward NE, 1994

Graduated with High Distinction from Concordia College, 1994

Presidential Award, 1990-1994

Concordia Academic Award, 1991-1994