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Mission Statement

The mission of the Population Research Center (PRC) is to provide the resources and culture that are necessary to facilitate the highest level of population-related research through the submission of federal and foundation grants, the training of graduate students and postdoctoral scholars, the production and publication of population-related knowledge, and the dissemination of this work through scholarly meetings, presentations, workshops, teaching, media outlets, and the web. The PRC is an NICHD-funded center.

Departmental Affiliations

- African and African Diaspora Studies
- College of Education
- College of Pharmacy
- Dell Medical School
- Economics
- Geography and the Environment
- Government
- Human Development and Family Sciences
- Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs
- McCombs School of Business
- Mexican American and Latino/a Studies
- Moody College of Communication
- Nutritional Sciences
- Psychology
- School of Architecture
- School of Nursing
- Sociology
- Statistics and Data Sciences
- Steve Hicks School of Social Work

Number of Faculty Affiliates: 105

Key Areas of Research

- **Population Health**
- **Reproductive Health**
- **Family Demography and Intergenerational Relationships**
- **Education, Work, and Inequality**

Domestic Research Projects

- Biopsychosocial Pathways Linking Discrimination and Adolescent Health
- Educational Attainment, Geography, and U.S. Adult Mortality Risk
- Demography, Health, and Contraceptive Use of Repeat Teenage Mothers
- Nonprofits, Civic Infrastructure, and the Health and Well-Being of Individuals and Communities
- Race/Ethnic Differences in Life Course Exposure to Death: Consequences for Health
- Math Classrooms, Student Mindsets and STEM Pathways in High School
- Immigrant Destinations, Institutional Supports, and Early Childhood Health among Latinos/as
- Environmental, Genetic, and Epigenetic Mechanisms for Hormonal Change at Puberty
- Educational and Early Life Predictors of Mild Cognitive Impairment: New Evidence about Mediators and Moderators from High School & Beyond
- Getting Through the Gateway: Can Corequisite Algebra Improve STEM Progress and Degree Attainment at Community and Technical Colleges?
- School-Based Marginalization, Social Behavioral Competencies, and Achievement: A Meta-Analysis
- International Migration and Fertility: Towards a Multidimensional Understanding
- A Binational study of the dementia trajectory and Living arrangements in the U.S and Mexico
- Disrupted Educational Trajectories and Compensating Support in the Time of COVID-19
- English Learner Status and Postsecondary Outcomes: Exploring Patterns and Policy Levers to Close Gaps
- Single Parent Families and Young Adolescents' Substance Use
- Identifying the Optimal Levels and Timing of Family and School Influences on Child and Youth Development
- Community Resources that Promote Mexican Origin Children's STEM Education across Diverse Contexts
- Adolescence to Adulthood: Factors Influencing Trajectories of Suicide Ideation and Attempt among Sexual Minorities
- Health profiles of African American Women on the Tenure Track and Beyond
- Bilingual Language Broker Profiles, Executive Functioning, and Academic Outcomes in Mexican American Adolescents
- JUNTOS(TOGETHER): Development of a family-based Latino youth alcohol use preventive intervention

Domestic Research Projects cont'd

- Psychosocial Stress and Cognitive Aging in Racially and Ethnically Diverse Adults
- Improving the Teaching of Genetics in High School to Avoid Instilling Misconceptions about Gender Differences
- Dissecting The Multivariate Genetic Architecture of Psychiatric Diseases
- The Effects of Stressful Exposure on Pregnancy Among Late Adolescents
- Identifying and Assessing Multi-Level Barriers to Equitable Postpartum Sterilization

International Research Projects

- Reproductive Responses to the Zika Virus Epidemic in Brazil
- The Development of Teaching and Social Learning Across Cultures
- Evaluating Longitudinal Changes in the Human Structural Connectome in Relation to Cognitive Aging
- Projecting the Future of Early Life Mortality in the Developing World
- The Consequences of Formal Education for Science and Religion

Regional Research Projects

- Longitudinal Study of Mexican American Elderly Health
- Mississippi Women's Health Experiences Project
- Louisiana Admitting Privileges Project

In the News

- "The Problem That Psychology Can't Shake." *The Atlantic*, January 25, 2020.
- "Coronavirus: Will We Ever Shake Hands Again?" *BBC News*, May 6, 2020.
- "Gay Couples Can Teach Straight People a Thing or Two About Arguing." *The New York Times*, June 1, 2020.
- "Cause of Death: COVID-19, Police Violence or Racism?" *Los Angeles Times*, June 2, 2020.
- "The New Boomerang Kids Could Change American Views of Living at Home." *The Atlantic*, July 7, 2020.
- "Cities Turn to Software to Predict When Police Will Go Rogue." *Bloomberg*, July 15, 2020.
- "Education Benefits the Brain Over a Lifetime." *U.S. News & World Report*, August 12, 2020.
- "Coronavirus Shows How Ageism Is Harmful to Health of Older Adults." *The Conversation*, December 2, 2020.

Research to Policy

- The Texas Policy Evaluation Project
- National Study of Learning Mindsets

Funding Sources

- National Institutes of Health
- National Science Foundation
- Institute of Education Sciences
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Corporation for National and Community Service
- Greater Texas Foundation
- New Venture Fund
- Raikes Foundation
- Russell Sage Foundation
- Spencer Foundation
- St. David's Foundation
- The Issachar Fund
- UBS Optimus Foundation
- William T. Grant Foundation

Organizational Collaborations

- American University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Michigan State University
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- Stanford University
- Syracuse University
- Tufts University
- University of Alabama Birmingham
- University of Arizona
- University of California, San Francisco
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Louisville
- University of Maryland College Park
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
- University of Southern California
- University of Sydney
- University of Texas Medical Branch – Galveston
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Vrije Universiteit
- Yale University