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EDUCATION

- 2024 **Ph.D., Sociology**
Harvard University
Dissertation: “Women Without Children: Cultural Perspectives on a Demographic Phenomenon”
Committee: Mary Brinton (Chair), Alexandra Killewald, Paul Chang
- 2019 **M.A., Sociology**
Harvard University
Qualifying Paper: “To Follow the Prescribed Pathway? How Female Graduate Students Respond to Institutional Career Pressures”
- 2015 **B.A., International and Global Studies** (East Asia Focus), *magna cum laude*
Middlebury College

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Family; Gender; Qualitative Methods; Mixed Methods Fertility; Childlessness; East Asia; Work

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Hummer, Holly.** 2024. “Motherhood Myths and Mystiques: How Childless Women Navigate Cultural Beliefs About Motherhood.” *The Journal of Marriage and Family* (Online First, 2024)
- Hummer, Holly.** 2023. “COVID-19 and Childlessness among Women in the United States.” *Population and Development Review* (Online First, 2023).
- Hummer, Holly.** 2021. “To Follow the Prescribed Pathway? Aspiring Professional Women and Anticipations of Work-Family Conflict.” *Sociological Forum* 36(4):1095-1115.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Hummer, Holly. “Being Childless: A Qualitative Model.” (working paper)

Hummer, Holly. “Paradoxes of Childlessness in Two Divergent Family Contexts.”
(working paper)

OTHER WRITING

Hummer, Holly. 2024. “A Good Time to Not Have Children.” *Contexts Blog*. (published [here](#) in January 2024)

TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Teaching

- Fall 2020 Sociology of Asian America, Teaching Fellow
Harvard Sociology Department
Derek Bok Center Award for Distinction in Teaching
- Spring 2020 Models of Social Science Research, Teaching Fellow
Harvard Sociology Department
Special Commendation Award for Extraordinary Teaching in
Extraordinary Times (online teaching during COVID-19)
- Spring 2019 Sex, Gender, and Sexuality, Teaching Fellow
Harvard Sociology Department
- Fall 2019 Men, Women, and Work, Teaching Fellow
Harvard Sociology Department

Advising

- 2021-2022 Undergraduate Thesis Advisor to Fahima Begum
Harvard Sociology Department
Thesis won Albert M. Fulton Prize for Best Thesis in Sociology
Thesis won Harvard Hoopes Prize
Thesis received highest honors
- 2020-2021 Undergraduate Thesis Advisor to Rachel Freed
Harvard Social Studies Department
Thesis received highest honors

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

- 2023 Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$44,802)
- 2023 Harvard Population Center for Development Studies Travel Grant (\$500)
- 2022 Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Emergency Term-Time Grant (\$15,000)
- 2021 Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Supplementary Dissertation Research Grant (\$30,000)
- 2021 Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies Summer Bridging Grant (\$5,000)
- 2021 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Dissertation Writing Grant (\$15,280)
- 2020 Derek Bok Center Award for Distinction in Teaching
- 2020 Harvard Population Center for Development Studies Dissertation Research Grant (\$1,000)
- 2019 Population Association of America Annual Meeting Poster Award in the Economy, Labor Force, Education, & Inequality Session
- 2019 Harvard Population Center for Development Studies Travel Grant (\$500)
- 2018 Weatherhead Initiative on Gender Inequality Small Research Grant (\$2,000)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Paradoxes of Childlessness in Two Divergent Family Contexts.”
Research on East Asian Demography and Inequality, Student and Postdoc Seminar, Princeton University, Virtual
- 2023 “Childlessness in the U.S. and Japan.”
Center for Contemporary Japanese Studies, Graduate Student Forum, University of Tokyo, Virtual

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Paradoxes of Childlessness in Two Divergent Family Contexts.”
Conference on Gender and Social Inequality in Fertility, Oslo, Norway
(oral session, presented virtually)
- 2023 “Paradoxes of Childlessness in Two Divergent Family Contexts.”

Social Demography Seminar at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge MA

- 2023 “Being Childless: A Qualitative Model.”
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA (oral session)
- 2023 “Confronting the Motherhood Mystique: How the Cultural Significance of Motherhood Matters for Childless Women.”
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA (oral session)
- 2021 “Pathways to Non-Parenthood: Insights from Qualitative Data.”
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Virtual (oral session)
- 2019 “How Graduate School Shapes Women’s Career and Family Plans.”
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Austin, TX (poster presentation, winner of best poster award)
- 2019 “To Follow the Prescribed Pathway? How Women in Graduate School Make Job Decisions.”
Culture and Social Analysis Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge MA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2020 Research Assistant to Mary Brinton
Conducted follow-up interviews with U.S. men and women about work and family life
- 2017-2018 Research Assistant to Alexandra Killewald
Conducted statistical analyses of ATUS and NLSY survey data

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2016 Assistant Language Teacher of English
Japan Exchange and Teaching Program, Tokyo, Japan

SERVICE

- 2019 – Occasional Reviewer

Contemporary Japan; Gender and Society; Population Research and Policy Review; Sociological Forum

2018-2021 Social Demography Seminar Student Coordinator
Harvard University

2017-2019 Sociology Graduate Student Organization Social Committee Co-Chair
Harvard University

2017-2018 Graduate Student Council Sociology Department Representative
Harvard University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association; Association for Asian Studies; Population Association of America; International Union for the Scientific Study of Population

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Language: Proficiency in Japanese Language; JLPT N2 certification

Software: NVivo; STATA; R

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

2018 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, University of Washington, WA

REFERENCES

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