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### APPOINTMENTS

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- 2019-present    Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Bowling Green State University  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Demographic and Family Research, BGSU
- 2014-2019      Assistant Researcher, Center on the Family, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
Affiliate Graduate Faculty, Department of Sociology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
Non-Resident Affiliate, California Center for Population Research, UCLA
- 2012-14        NICHD Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Research Center, University of Texas, Austin

### EDUCATION

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- 2012            Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2008            M.A., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles  
Concentrations: Social Demography, Social Stratification
- 2002            B.S., Economics, George Washington University

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Aging and the life course	Health
Demography	International migration
Family	Quantitative research methods
Gender	Social stratification

### PUBLICATIONS (\*Indicates graduate student co-author)

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- Yahirun, J.**, Sheehan, C. & Mossakowski, K. *Forthcoming*. "Black-White Differences in the Association between Offspring College Attainment and Parents' Depressive Symptoms." *Research on Aging*.
- Ma, M., **Yahirun, J.**, Saenz, J. & Sheehan, C. 2021. "The Influence of Offspring Education on Cognition among Older Adults in Mexico." *Demography* 58 (1): 75–109. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-8931725>
- Thomeer, M., **Yahirun, J.**, & \*Lopez, A. 2020. "How Families Matter for Health Inequality during the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Journal of Family Theory & Review* 12(4): 448-463. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jftr.12398>
- Yahirun, J.**, \*Vasireddy, S. & Hayward, M. 2020. "The Education of Multiple Family Members and the Life Course Pathways to Cognitive Impairment." *Journal of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. 75(7): e113–e128. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbaa039>

- Yahirun, J.**, Sheehan, C. & Mossakowski, K. 2020. "Depression in Later Life: The Role of Adult Children's Education for Older Parents in the United States." *Journal of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. 75(2): 389-402. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gby135>
- Yahirun, J.** & Kroeger, R. 2019. "Parent-child Relationships and Interracial First Union Formation in the United States." *Advances in Life Course Research*. 42. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.alcr.2019.100307>
- Yahirun, J.** 2019. "Intermarriage and Mother-Child Relationships." *Social Science Research*. 78: 203-214. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2018.12.005>
- Yahirun, J.** & Arenas, E. 2018. "Offspring Migration and Parents' Emotional and Psychological Well-being in Mexico." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 80(4): 975-991. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12479>
- Yahirun, J.**, \*Park, S. & Seltzer, J. 2018. "Step-grandparenthood in the United States." *Journal of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. 73(6): 1055-1065. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbx164>
- Yahirun, J.**, \*Sheehan, C. & Hayward, M. 2017. "Adult Children's Education and Changes to Parents' Physical Health in Mexico." *Social Science and Medicine*. 181: 93-101. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2017.03.034>
- Yahirun, J.**, \*Sheehan, C. & Hayward, M. 2016. "Adult Children's Education and Parents' Functional Limitations in Mexico." *Research on Aging*. 38(3): 322-345. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/0164027515620240>
- Ambugo, E. & **Yahirun, J.** 2016. "Remittances and Risk of Major Depressive Episode and Sadness among New Legal Immigrants to the United States." *Demographic Research*. 34(8): 243-258. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4054/DemRes.2016.34.8>
- Fingerman, K. & **Yahirun, J.** 2015. "Emerging Adulthood in the Context of Family: Young Adults' Relationships with Parents." *Oxford Handbook of Emerging Adulthood*. Ed. Jeffrey Jensen Arnett. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Yahirun, J.** & Hamplova, D. 2014. "Children's Union Status and Contact with Mothers: A Cross-National Study." *Demographic Research*. 30(51): 1413-1444. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4054/DemRes.2014.30.51>
- Seltzer J. & **Yahirun, J.** 2014. "Diversity in Old Age: The Elderly in Changing Economic and Family Contexts" in *Diversity and Disparities: America Enters a New Century*. Ed. John Logan. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. Pg. 270-305.
- Yahirun, J.**, Perreira, K. & Fuligni, A. 2013 "Family Obligation across Contexts: Latino Youth in North Carolina and Southern California." *Journal of Family Issues*. 36 (10): 1296-1323. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/0192513X13501664>
- Seltzer, J., **Yahirun, J.** & Bianchi, S. 2013. "Coresidence and Geographic Proximity of Mothers and Adult Children in Stepfamilies" *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 75(5): 1164-1180. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12058>
- Yahirun, J.** 2012. "Take Me Home: Return Migration among Germany's Older Immigrants." *International Migration*. 52(4): 231-254. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/imig.12009>
- Soehl, T. & **Yahirun, J.** 2011. "Timing of Union Formation and Partner Choice in Immigrant Societies: The United States and Germany." *Advances in Life Course Research*. 16(4):205-216. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.alcr.2011.09.004>

**Yahirun, J.** 2011. "Thai Americans" in *Multicultural America: An Encyclopedia of the Newest Americans*. Ed. Ronald Bayor. Phoenix: Greenwood Press. Pp. 2097-2134.

### **PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS**

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Arenas, A., **Yahirun, J.**, Teruel, G., & Ruvalcaba, R. "Gender, Family Separation, and the Mental Health of Recent Mexican Migrants to the United States." (*Revise and Resubmit*)

Torres, J., **Yahirun, J.**, Sheehan, C., Ma, M., & Sáenz, J. "Adult child socio-economic disadvantage and cognitive decline among older Mexican adults" (*Revise and Resubmit*)

Kroeger, R. & **Yahirun, J.** "A Decomposition of Trends in Multiracial Births in the United States: 1992-2016."

### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS RECEIVED**

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| 2020      | Jenjira Yahirun (P.I.) "Older Adults' Cognitive Health and the Role of Offspring Education." Building Strengths Major Research Grant, Bowling Green State University.         |
| 2013      | Jenjira Yahirun (Co-P.I.), Mark Hayward (Co-P.I.). "Children's Resources and Parents' Health in Mexico" Pilot Grant, Population Research Center, University of Texas, Austin. |
| 2011-2012 | National Institute on Aging Trainee Fellowship, California Center for Population Research, UCLA (full tuition and fellowship)   |
| 2010      | Jenjira Yahirun (Co-P.I.), Erika Arenas (Co-P.I.) "Children's Migration and Parents' Mental Health." Wilshire Foundation Grant.   |
| 2008-2010 | National Science Foundation IGERT Interdisciplinary Relationship Science Program Trainee Fellowship (full tuition and fellowship)   |
| 2008-09   | American Sociological Association, Minority Fellowship Program Alternate  |
| 2008      | Poster Award, Population Association of America   |
| 2008      | UCLA Summer Research Fellowship Program   |
| 2007-2008 | UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship (full tuition and fellowship)  |
| 2007      | UCLA Summer Research Fellowship Program   |
| 2006-2007 | UC Eugene Cota-Robles Graduate Fellowship (full tuition and fellowship)   |
| 2002-2003 | Congress- Bundestag Youth Exchange Fellowship, U.S. State Department  |
| 1998-2002 | George Washington University Honors Program Scholarship Recipient   |

### **REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS**

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| 2020 | <b>Yahirun, J.</b> , Sheehan, C. & Mossakowski, K. "Black-White Differences in the Association between Offspring College Attainment and Parents' Depressive Symptoms." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC (cancelled due to COVID-19) |
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- Yahirun, J.,** \*Vasireddy, S. & Hayward, M. “The Education of Family Members and Older Adult Cognitive Health: Differences Across Racial Groups.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 Ma, Mingming, **Yahirun, J.**, Saenz, J. & Sheehan, C. “The Influence of Offspring Education on Cognition among Older Adults in Mexico.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Austin, TX
- Yahirun, J.**, Vasireddy, S. & Hayward, M. “Linked Lives and the Intergenerational Pathways to Cognitive Impairment.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Hawaii Sociological Association, Honolulu, HI. Also presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Austin, TX
- 2018 **Yahirun, J.**, Sheehan, C. & K. Mossakowski. “Depression in Later Life: The Role of Adult Children’s Education for Older Parents in the United States.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA. Also presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Denver, CO.
- 2017 Voorpostel, M., **Yahirun, J.**, & Nazio, T. “What Is a Family? Family Definitions in France, Germany, and the Netherlands.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL.
- Arenas, E. & **Yahirun, J.** “Remittances and Immigrant Health.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 Voorpostel, M., **Yahirun, J.**, Nazio, T., Lesnard, L. “Family Definitions and Family Inclusion in France and the Netherlands.” European Society on Family Relations, 8<sup>th</sup> Congress. Dortmund, Germany.
- 2015 **Yahirun, J.**, Sheehan, C. & Hayward, M. “Children’s Resources and Changes to Older Parents’ Health in Mexico.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL. Also presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.
- Yahirun, J.**, Park, S. & Seltzer, J. “Step and Biological Grandparenthood in the United States.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.
- 2014 **Yahirun, J.**, Sheehan, C. & Hayward, M. “Children’s Resources and Parents’ Health in Mexico: Evidence for Upward Transfers of Intergenerational Resources.” Paper presented at the International Conference on Aging in the Americas, Boulder, CO.
- Yahirun, J.** & Seltzer, J. “Biological and Step Grandparenthood in the United States.” Paper Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Yahirun, J.**, Sheehan, C. & Hayward, M. “Children’s Resources and Parents’ Health in Mexico: Evidence for Upward Transfers of Intergenerational Resources.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA.
- 2013 **Yahirun, J.** “Parent-Child Relationships, Marital Timing and Offspring’s Partner Choice.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

**Yahirun, J.** “The Effects of Marriage and Partner Choice on Intergenerational Relationships.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA.

2012 Seltzer J., **Yahirun, J.** & Bianchi, S. “Co-residence and Geographic Proximity of Parents and Adult Children in Blended Families.” Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America's 65th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, CA.

**Yahirun, J.** “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?: Intergenerational Relationships and Offspring’s Partner Choice.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA.

2011 **Yahirun, J.** “Intergenerational Obligation: A Comparison of Immigrants and Natives in Germany and the Netherlands.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.

Soehl, T. & **Yahirun, J.** “Timing of Union Formation and Partner Choice in Two Immigrant Societies: The U.S. and Germany.” Roundtable discussion at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.

Seltzer, J., Bianchi, S., McGarry, K. & **Yahirun, J.** “Co-residence and Geographic Proximity of Mothers and Adult Children in Intact and Step Families.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC.

2010 **Yahirun, J.**, Perreira, K. & Fuligni, A. “We are Family” - Family Identity and Obligation Across Contexts: A Comparison of Latino Youth in North Carolina and Southern California. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Dallas, TX.

Arenas, E. & **Yahirun, J.** Left Behind: The Effects of Children's Migration on Elderly Parents' Health. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Dallas, TX.

2009 **Yahirun, J.** Take Me “Home”: Determinants of Return Migration among Later-Life Immigrants in Germany. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

**Yahirun, J.** To Stay or To Go: Work and Family Determinants of Return Migration among Older Immigrants. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Detroit, MI.

2008 **Yahirun, J.** Take Me “Home”: Determinants of Return Migration among Later-Life Immigrants in Germany. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA.

2004 **Yahirun, J.** Comparing Thai Marriage Migration in a Multi-National Framework: Family Reunification Policies in Denmark and Germany. Paper presented at the Changes in Migration Governance Conference, Florence, Italy.

## INVITED TALKS

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2020 **Yahirun, J.** “Racial Disparities in the Link Between Offspring Education and Older Parents’ Health.” National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Committee on Population Spring Meeting Seminar on Persistent and Large Racial/Ethnic Disparities: Beyond the Role of Socioeconomic Status (SES). (Virtual)

- 2017 Arenas, A., **Yahirun, J.** & Teruel, G. "Burden or Joy: Differential Influence of Sending Remittances on Mental Health by Immigrant Family Type." Expanding Bridges and Overcoming Walls. Broom Center for Demography: University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2016 Zan, H. & **Yahirun, J.** "Hawai'i's Older Adults: A Demographic Profile." Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society Biennial Conference: Converging Paths, Building Resilience. Honolulu, HI.
- 2015 **Yahirun, J.** "Adult Children's Resources and Parents' Health in Mexico." The Sixth EWC-KIHASA Joint Seminar on Low Fertility and Population Aging. East-West Center, Honolulu, HI.
- Yahirun, J.** "Adult Children's Resources and Parents' Health in Mexico." Monday Seminar. Institute for Social and Economic Research. University of Essex, UK.
- Yahirun, J.,** Park, S. & Seltzer, J. "Step and Biological Grandparenthood in the United States." Invited Panelist to a Critical Dialogue Session on Grandparenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 **Yahirun, J.** "Adult Children's Resources and Parents' Health in Mexico." Research Friday Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
- Yahirun, J.** "Intergenerational Relationships across the Life Course." Spring 2014 Brownbag Speaker Series, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2011 **Yahirun, J.** & Hamplova, D. "The Effects of Children's Relationship Status on Intergenerational Relationships: A Cross-National Study Survey of Health, Aging, and Retirement in Europe." Workshop of the Relations across Nations Network, Lausanne, Switzerland.

## **OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2020 Participant. Causal Inference Workshop lead by Felix Elwert. Center for Family and Demographic Research, BGSU.
- 2013 Participant. Rand Summer Institute. Mini-Medical School for Social Scientists and Conference on Demography, Economics, Psychology and Epidemiology of Aging. Santa Monica, CA.
- 2010-2011 Research Assistant, Suzanne Bianchi and Judith Seltzer  
Department of Sociology, UCLA
- 2007-2008 Research Assistant, Ruth Milkman  
Department of Sociology and UC Institute for Labor and Employment, UCLA
- 2006 Survey Statistician, Education and Social Stratification Branch, Population Division  
U.S. Census Bureau, Washington DC

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### Bowling Green State University

SOC 2120: Population and Society (Fall 2019)

SOC 3170: Wealth, Power, and Inequality (Spring 2020, Spring 2021)

SOC 3610: Sociology of the Family (Fall 2020)  
 SOC 6560: Family Demography (Spring 2021)

University of Hawaii at Mānoa

2016-2019 HDFS 340: Intimacy, Marriage and Families  
 2018 (Spring) SOC 699: Directed Reading in Demographic Methods

**STUDENT MENTORING**

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Bowling Green State University

Corinne Wiborg (Graduate Advisor)  
 Alyssa Vielee (MA Committee Member)  
 David Snoberger (MA Committee Member)

University of Hawaii at Mānoa

Sindhu Vasireddy (PhD Committee Member, Economics)  
 Omar Bird (PhD Committee Member, Sociology)

University of California – Los Angeles

*Undergraduate Honors Research Mentor* (2010-2012)

**DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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Bowling Green State University

Undergraduate Council Committee Member, Spring 2021  
 BGSU Perspectives Committee Member, Fall 2020-Spring 2021  
 Graduate Sociology Committee Member, Fall 2020-Spring 2021  
 OSPR: Search Committee, Sr. Grants Manager, Fall 2020; Focus Group for Grant Development, Spring 2021  
 Graduate College Awards Committee Member, Fall 2020-Spring 2021  
 Undergraduate Sociology Committee Member, Fall 2019-Spring 2020  
 Undergraduate Symposium on Research and Scholarship (Judge), Spring 2020  
 Undergraduate Symposium on Diversity (Judge), Fall 2019  
 Undergraduate Research Symposium Sociology (Judge), Fall 2019

University of Hawaii at Mānoa

Brown Bag Seminar Series Coordinator, Center on the Family, UH-Mānoa, 2017- 2019  
 UH - Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Faculty Senate, 2015- 2019

- Executive Committee Member, 2017 - 2019
- Senator, Member of Research Subcommittee, 2015 - 2017

University of California

2009-2011 Graduate Student Coordinator, UCLA Sociology of the Family Working Group  
 2008-2009 Co-President, UCLA Sociology Graduate Student Association

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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2020-Present Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Marriage and Family*

2010-Present Ad hoc Reviewer for *Advances in Life Course Theory, American Sociological Review, Demography, Demographic Research, Economics and Human Biology, European Sociological Review, International Migration Review, Journal of Ageing and Society, Journal of Child and Family Studies, Journal of Comparative Family Studies, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences; Journal of Marriage and Family, Population Research and Policy Review, Research on Aging, Social Currents, Social Science and Medicine, Social Science and Medicine – Population Health, Sociology of Education, Social Forces*

2006-Present Population Association of America

- PAA Program Committee, Sub-committee for Children, Youth, and Intergenerational Ties, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, St. Louis, 2021
- Session discussant, “International Migration and Child Well-Being”, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Session discussant, “Interpersonal Relationships in Families,” Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Austin, TX, 2019
- Session chair, “Psychosocial Factors and Population Health,” Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Denver, CO, 2018

2006-Present American Sociological Association

- Session discussant, “Trends and Disparities in American Health and Mortality,” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, 2018
- Session discussant and organizer, “Family Relationships Across the Life Course,” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, 2017