

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**CYNTHIA G. COLEN**

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**Academic Positions**

2015 - present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University  
2007 - 2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University  
2007 - present Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Population Research, Ohio State University  
2005 - 2007 Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy & Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

**Education**

2005 Ph. D., Health Behavior & Health Education, School of Public Health, University of Michigan  
Concentration in Social Demography, Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan  
1998 M.P.H., Health Behavior & Health Education, School of Public Health, University of Michigan  
1992 B.A., Women's Studies, College of Literature, Science, and Arts, University of Michigan, magna cum laude

**Research Interests**

Social Disparities in Health      Lifecourse Epidemiology      Racial and Ethnic Relations  
Social Demography      Quantitative Methods

**Peer Reviewed Journal Publications (\*Indicates graduate student collaborator)**

2015 Colen, Cynthia G., David M. Ramey\*, Christopher R. Browning. Declines in Crime and Teen Childbearing: Identifying Potential Explanations for Contemporaneous Trends. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. Forthcoming.  
2015 Trent Steidley\* and Cynthia G. Colen. Framing the Gun Control Debate: Press Releases and Framing Strategies of the National Rifle Association and the Brady Campaign. *Social Science Quarterly*. Forthcoming.  
2014 Colen, Cynthia G. & David M. Ramey.\* 2014. Is Breast Truly Best? Estimating the Effects of Breastfeeding on Long-Term Child Health & Wellbeing Using Sibling Comparisons. *Social Science & Medicine* 109:55-65. Featured in the NY Times, CNN, Huffington Post, NPR, Yahoo, Time, Slate, and others.

- 2014 Clouston, Sean A.P., Marcie S. Rubin\*, Cynthia G. Colen, Bruce G. Link. Social Inequalities in Suicide: The Role of Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors. *American Journal of Epidemiology* 180:696-704.
- 2013 \*Saldana, Nallely. Sean A. P. Clouston\*, Marcie S. Rubin\*, Cynthia G. Colen & Bruce G. Link. Fundamental Causes of Colorectal Cancer Mortality: Understanding the Importance of Socioeconomic Status in Creating Inequality in Mortality. *American Journal of Public Health* 103:99-104.
- 2012 \*Wang, Andrew, Sean A.P. Clouston\*, Marcie S. Rubin\*, Cynthia G. Colen & Bruce G. Link. Fundamental Causes of Colorectal Cancer Mortality: The Implications of Informational Diffusion. *Milbank Quarterly* 90:592-618.
- 2011 Wray, Matt, Cynthia G. Colen & Bernice Pescosolido. The Sociology of Suicide. *Annual Review of Sociology* 37:505-528.
- 2011 Colen, Cynthia G. Addressing Racial Disparities in Health Using Lifecourse Perspectives: Toward a Constructive Criticism. *DuBois Review* 8:79-94.
- 2011 Geronimus, Arline T., John Bound & Cynthia G. Colen. Excess Black Mortality in the United States and in Select Black or White High Poverty Areas, 1980 – 2000. *American Journal of Public Health* 101:720-729.
- 2011 Geronimus, Arline T., John Bound & Cynthia G. Colen. Public Health Implications of Medical Care Discontinuity for Imprisoned Black Men, Geronimus et al. Respond. *American Journal of Public Health* 101:1541-1541.
- 2010 \*Rubin, Marcie S, Cynthia G. Colen & Bruce G. Link. Relative Measures Alone Tell Only Part of the Story, Rubin et al. Respond. *American Journal of Public Health* 100:2015-2016.
- 2010 \*Rubin, Marcie S, Cynthia G. Colen & Bruce G. Link. Examination of Inequalities in HIV/AIDS Mortality in the United States from a Fundamental Cause Perspective. *American Journal of Public Health* 100:1053-1059.
- 2006 Colen, Cynthia G., Arline T. Geronimus, John Bound and Sherman A. James. Upward Maternal Socioeconomic Mobility and Black-White Disparities in Infant Birthweight. *American Journal of Public Health* 96:2032-2039.
- 2006 Colen, Cynthia G., Arline T. Geronimus and Maureen G. Phipps. Getting a Piece of the Pie? The Economic Boom of the 1990s and Declining Teen Birth Rates in the United States. *Social Science and Medicine* 63:1531-1545.
- 2006 Geronimus, Arline T., Cynthia G. Colen, Tara Shochet\*, Lori Barer Ingber\* and Sherman A. James. Urban-Rural Differences in Excess Mortality among High-Poverty Populations: Evidence from the Harlem Household Survey and the Pitt County, North Carolina Study of African American Health. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* 17:532-558.

2001 Geronimus, Arline T., John Bound, Timothy A. Waidmann, Cynthia G. Colen and Dianne Steffick. Inequality in Life Expectancy, Functional Status, and Active Life Expectancy Across Selected Black and White Populations in the United States. *Demography* 38:227-251.

\*Indicates graduate student

### **Policy Briefs and Op-Eds**

2014 Colen, Cynthia G. Most Women Can't Afford to Breastfeed. *New York Times. Room for Debate. May 22, 2014.*

### **Manuscripts under Review**

Colen, Cynthia G., Patrick Krueger & Bethany Boettner\*. Health Disparities among Middle-Class African Americans: Exposure to Childhood Disadvantage or Diminished Returns to Socioeconomic Status. Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Health & Social Behavior*.

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

Colen, Cynthia G., David M. Ramey\*, Elizabeth Cooksey. The Health Impacts of Discrimination: Differences Across Racial/Ethnic Groups.

Colen, Cynthia G., Patrick Krueger, Bethany Boettner\*. Do Rising Tides Lift All Boats? Racial Disparities in the Health Returns to Intragenerational Socioeconomic Mobility and the Role of Structural Level Inequalities.

Colen, Cynthia G., Corinne Reczek, Zhe Zhang\*. Grandparents Know Best: Multigenerational Coresidence and Psychological Distress during Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood.

Colen, Cynthia G., Kerry Ard & Elizabeth Conrey. Black/White Disparities in Preterm Birth: Exposure to Air Pollution as a Source of Neighborhood Disadvantage.

Colen, Cynthia G. & Bethany Boettner\*. Racial Disparities in Suicide: The Changing Role of Religion in Explaining Unexpected Advantages among African American Adolescents.

Colen, Cynthia G. & Matt Wray. Cohort Differences in the Association between Social Integration and Suicide among Baby Boomers and the Millennials.

Quinn, Celia, Cynthia G. Colen & Elizabeth Conrey. Breastfeeding Status and the Risk of Obesity in a High-Risk Population.

### **Invited Presentations:**

2015 Colen, Cynthia G. Health Disparities among Middle-Class African Americans: Childhood Disadvantage or Restricted Returns to SES. Center for Inequalities and the Life Course. Yale University. New Haven, CT.

- 2014 Colen, Cynthia G. Breastfeeding and Childhood Obesity: Correlation or Causation? Symposium on Early Childhood Obesity, Public Health Obesity Prevention Initiative, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- 2014 Colen, Cynthia G. The Association between Teen Childbearing and Crime: Can We Make Causal Connections? Roundtable on Understanding Crime Trends in the United States. National Research Council of the National Academies. Washington, DC.
- 2014 Colen, Cynthia G. Social Inequalities in Maternal and Child Health: Suggestions for Interventions and Policy Recommendations. College of Public Health Summer Program. Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.
- 2009 Colen, Cynthia G. The Hidden Health Costs of Socioeconomic Mobility for African-Americans in the United States. Center for Family and Demographic Research, Bowling Green State University. Bowling Green, OH.
- 2009 Colen, Cynthia G. Addressing Racial Disparities in Health Using Lifecourse Perspectives: Toward a Constructive Criticism. Annual Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society. Chicago, IL.
- 2008 Colen, Cynthia G. The Gift That Keeps on Giving: Racial Inequalities, Socioeconomic Mobility, and Health Across the Lifecourse. CityMatCH Annual Conference. Albuquerque, NM.
- 2007 Colen, Cynthia G. Upward Mobility, Lifecourse Processes, and Infant Birthweight Among African Americans: Ascending the Ladder Not Tipping the Scale. Poorest of the Poor Conference of the Institute of the Humanities and Center for International and Comparative Studies, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2006 Colen, Cynthia G. Upward Socioeconomic Mobility and Physical Health Status Among African Americans and Whites in the United States. Annual Meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program. Washington DC.
- 2004 Geronimus, Arline T., John Bound, Cynthia G. Colen, Lori Barer Ingber and Tara Shochet. Urban/Rural Differences in Excess Mortality Among High Poverty Populations: Evidence from the Harlem Household Survey and Pitt County Hypertension Study. Vulnerable Populations Research Conference of the Economic Research Initiative on the Uninsured. Ann Arbor, MI.

## Refereed Presentations:

- 2015 Colen, Cynthia G & Patrick Krueger. Health Disparities among Middle-Class African Americans: Exposure to Childhood Disadvantage or Diminished Returns to Socioeconomic Status. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. San Diego, CA.
- 2013 Clouston, Sean, Marcie Rubin, Cynthia G. Colen & Bruce Link. On Suicide and Social Inequality: Using FCT to Present a Time-Oriented Examination of Suicide Mortality. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA.
- 2012 Colen, Cynthia G & David M. Ramey. Is Best Truly Best? Estimating the Long-term Consequences of Breastfeeding for Childhood Wellbeing Using Sister Comparisons. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. San Francisco, CA.
- 2011 Colen, Cynthia G & Bethany Boettner. Racial Disparities in Mental Health Outcomes: Possible Explanations for Unexpected Advantages among African American Adolescents. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Washington, DC.
- 2010 Wang, Andrew, Sean Clouston, Marcie S. Rubin, Cynthia G. Colen, and Bruce G. Link. 2010. Fundamental Causes of Colorectal Cancer Outcomes. Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research. Washington, DC.
- 2009 Colen, Cynthia G. & Casey G. Knutson. Do Rising Tides Lift All Boats Equally? Lifetime Socioeconomic Status and Health Outcomes Among Blacks and Whites in the U.S. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Detroit, MI.
- 2009 Belcher, Alexandra A., Sean Clouston, Marcie S. Rubin, Cynthia G. Colen & Bruce G. Link. Fundamental causes of disease and cancer treatment: Examining the life-course of cancer inequality due to the introduction of treatments for Hodgkin's lymphoma. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 Saldana, Nallely. Sean Clouston, Marcie S. Rubin, Cynthia G. Colen & Bruce G. Link. Fundamental Causes of Age-Adjusted Colorectal Cancer Mortality: Understanding the Importance of Socioeconomic Status and Race in Creating Inequality in Mortality. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2008 Rubin, Marcie S., Cynthia G. Colen, Jo C. Phelan and Bruce G. Link. Applying the Fundamental Cause Framework to the Examination of Disparities in HIV/AIDS Mortality in the United States. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. San Diego, CA.
- 2008 Rubin, Marcie, Cynthia G. Colen, Jo Phelan and Bruce Link. Examination of Disparities in HIV Mortality in the United States: A Fundamental Cause Perspective. Annual Meeting of the Society for Epidemiologic Research. Chicago, IL.
- 2008 Colen, Cynthia G, Arline T. Geronimus and John Bound. To Live and Die in the United States: Race, Place, and Health in the 1990s. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA.

- 2006 Colen, Cynthia G. Facing the Realities of the American Dream: Black-White Health Disparities Among Upwardly Mobile U.S. Populations. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Quebec.
- 2005 Colen, Cynthia G., Arline T. Geronimus, John Bound and Sherman A. James. Upward Maternal Socioeconomic Mobility and Black-White Disparities in Infant Birthweight. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003 Colen, Cynthia G., Arline T. Geronimus and Maureen G. Phipps. Getting a Piece of the Pie? Declining Teen Birth Rates During the 1990s. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Minneapolis, MN.

### **Funded Research**

- 2014-2015 *Firearm Legislation and Firearm Violence across Space and Time: A Comprehensive Data Collection Effort*. Co-Principle Investigator with Dana Haynie. National Institute of Justice. Total Award: \$39,992.
- 2011-2013 *Racial Disparities in Mental Health Outcomes: Possible Explanations for Unexpected Advantages Among African-American Adolescents*. Principle Investigator. Initiative for Population Research, Ohio State University. Total Award: \$28,556.
- 2006-2008 *Intergenerational Upward Mobility, Self-Rated Health, and Functional Disability Among Minority Populations in the United States: The Impact of Structural Level Racial Inequalities*. Principal Investigator. Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program, Columbia University. Total Award: \$9,810; No salary.
- 2006-2008 *Determinants of Mortality in the United States: Is Incarceration a Fundamental Cause of Health Disparities?* Co-Principal Investigator with Bruce Link. Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program, Columbia University. Total Award: \$29,000; No salary.

### **Honors and Awards**

- 2004 Rackham Dissertation Fellowship, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 1998-2003 National Institute for Child Health and Development Predoctoral Fellowship in Social Demography, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
- 2001 Harold and Vivian Shapiro Award, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 1998 Margaret Dow Towsley Scholarship, Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan
- 1996-1997 School of Public Health Merit Award, University of Michigan
- 1992 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, University of Michigan

## Courses Taught

<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>
Population, Health & the Lifecourse		OSU
Health Disparities in a Social Context	OSU	
Statistics in Sociology	OSU	
Multiple Regression Analyses		OSU
Techniques of Survey Research		Michigan
Introduction to Women's Studies	Michigan	

## Graduate Students Supervised

- Ph.D. Dissertation Chair  
David Ramey, Ohio State University, 2014 [Penn State University]  
Bethany Boettner, Ohio State University, 2011 [Ohio State University]
- Ph.D. Dissertation Committee  
Zhe Zhang, Ohio State University  
Marisol Becerra, Ohio State University  
Leigh Fine, Ohio State University, 2012 [Kansas State University]  
Marcie Rubin, Columbia University, 2011 [Columbia University]  
Dan Carlson, Ohio State University, 2010 [Georgia State University]  
Adrienne Frech, Ohio State University, 2009 [University of Akron]
- Master's Thesis Chair  
Mary McKay, Ohio State University  
Korrie Johnson, Ohio State University
- Master's Theses Committee  
Lauren Gebhardt-Kram, Ohio State University, 2015  
Trent Steidley, Ohio State University, 2012  
Emily Shrider, Ohio State University, 2011  
Sri Thakkilapati, Ohio State University, 2009  
DeShauna Jones, Ohio State University, 2009

## Departmental & Professional Service

- 2015-2016 Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University  
Diversity & Inclusion Committee (Chair), Department of Sociology, Ohio State University  
Undergraduate Public Health/Sociology Major Committee, College of Public Health, Ohio State University
- 2014-2015 Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University
- 2013-2014 Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University
- 2012-2013 Graduate Placement Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University

- 2012-2013 Library Representative, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University
- 2011-2012 Salary and Workload Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University
- 2011-2012 Computing & Laboratory Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University
- 2010-2011 Instructional Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University
- 2009-2011 Complex Systems Working Group, Initiative for Population Research, Ohio State University (Co-Chair)
- 2007-2011 Grade Grievance Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University (Chair)
- 2007-2008 Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University
- 2005-2006 Professional Development and Diversity Committee, Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars, Columbia University

**Editorial Board Member**

Demography

**Manuscript Reviewer**

American Sociological Review  
 Demography  
 Demographic Research  
 DuBois Review  
 Journal of Health and Social Behavior  
 Population Research and Policy Review  
 Sociological Focus  
 Social Forces  
 Social Problems  
 Sociological Quarterly

American Journal of Public Health  
 American Journal of Preventive Medicine  
 Health Affairs  
 Journal of Urban Health  
 Social Science and Medicine

**Professional Affiliations**

American Public Health Association  
 American Sociological Association  
 Population Association of America