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Education

- 2006 Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Dissertation: “Reproductive Patterns and Women’s Later Life Health”
- 2002 Master of Science, Sociology
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2000 Bachelor of Arts, Sociology (major) Asian Studies (minor)
University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

Professional Experience

- 2016- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Lehman College, City University of New York
- 2009-2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Lehman College, City University of New York
- 2006- 2009 NIA and NICHD funded Postdoctoral Scholar, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- 2005-2006 Project Co-Evaluator, Florida Department of Revenue, Division of Child Support Enforcement
- 2004-2005 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Florida State University
- 2003 Research Assistant, Dr. Melissa Hardy, Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy
Florida State University
- 2001-2003 Research Assistant, Dr. Jorge Delva and Dr. D.F. Sly, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University

Publications

- Spence, Naomi J.** and Susan A. Dumais. 2022. "'Foster Care History, Profiles of Adolescence, and Educational Attainment.'" *The Journal of Foster Care*, 3(1): 14-32.
- Russell, David, **Spence, Naomi J.**, Chase, J. D., Schwartz, T., Tumminello, C. M., & Bouldin, E. 2022. Support amid uncertainty: Long COVID illness experiences and the role of online communities. *SSM: Qualitative research in health*, 2, 100177. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmqr.2022.100177>
- Spence, Naomi J.**, Rachel Anderson, Sherryse Corrow, Susan A. Dumais, and Lisa Dierker. 2022. "Passion-Driven Statistics: A course-based undergraduate research experience (CURE)." *The Mathematics Enthusiast*. Vol. 19 : No. 3 , Article 7. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.54870/1551-3440.1575>
- Dumais, Susan A. and **Naomi J. Spence**. 2021. "There is just a certain armor you put on": Navigating Higher Education as a Former Foster Youth." *Child Welfare*, 99(2).
- Russell, David, Kelly M. Thames, **Naomi J. Spence**, and Callie M. Koeval. 2020. "Where the Fault Lies: Representations of Addiction in Audience Reactions to Media Coverage of the Opioid Epidemic." *Contemporary Drug Problems* 47(2): 83-102.
- Spence N.J.** (2019) Family Demography. In: Gu D., Dupre M. (eds) *Encyclopedia of Gerontology and Population Aging*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-69892-2_319-1
- Spence N.J.** (2019) Family Formation and Dissolution. In: Gu D., Dupre M. (eds) *Encyclopedia of Gerontology and Population Aging*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-69892-2_320-1
- Spence N.J.** (2019) Crowded Nest. In: Gu D., Dupre M. (eds) *Encyclopedia of Gerontology and Population Aging*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-69892-2_315-1
- Russell, David, **Naomi J. Spence**, and Kelly M. Thames. 2019. 'It's so scary how common this is now:' frames in media coverage of the opioid epidemic by Ohio newspapers and themes in Facebook user reactions. *Information, Communication & Society* 22(5), <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2019.1566393>
- Spence, Naomi J.** 2016. Opportunity Costs and Latinas' Family Formation Attitudes. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, DOI: 10.1177/0739986316636370, 1–20.
- Spence, Naomi J.**, Kathryn Henderson, and Glen H. Elder. 2013. "Does Adolescent Family Structure Predict Military Enlistment? A Comparison of Post-high School Activities". *Journal of Family Issues*, 34(9), 1194-1216.
- Lin Wang, Glen H. Elder Jr., **Naomi J. Spence**. 2012. Status Configurations, Military Service and Higher Education. *Social Forces*, 91(2), 397-421
- Spence, Naomi J.**, Daniel E. Adkins, and Matthew E. Dupre. 2011. "Socioeconomic, Family, and Physical Health Influences on Racial Differences in Trajectories of Depressive Symptoms among Older Women." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 52(4).
- Miranda A.L. van Tilburg, **Naomi J. Spence**, William E. Whitehead, Shrikant Bangdiwala, and David Goldston. 2011. "Chronic pain in adolescents is associated with suicidal thoughts

and behaviors.” *The Journal of Pain* 12(10).

Cislo, Andrew M., **Naomi J. Spence**, and Mathew D. Gayman. 2010. “The Mental Health and Psychosocial Adjustment of Cuban Immigrants in South Florida.” *Social Science & Medicine*, 71:1173-1181.

Spence, Naomi J. and Karin L. Brewster. 2010. “Adolescents' Sexual Initiation: The Interaction of Race/Ethnicity and Immigrant Status.” *Population Research and Policy Review* 29(3): 339-362.

Glen H. Elder Jr., Lin Wang, **Naomi J. Spence**, Daniel E. Adkins, and Tyson H. Brown. 2010. “Pathways to the All-Volunteer Military.” *Social Science Quarterly* 91(2): 455-475.

Spence, Naomi J. and Isaac W. Eberstein. 2009. “Age at First Birth, Parity, and Post-Reproductive Mortality among White and Black Women in the US, 1982-2002.” *Social Science & Medicine* 68(9): 1625-1632.

Spence, Naomi J. 2008. “The Long-Term Consequences of Childbearing: Physical and Psychological Well-Being of Mothers in Later Life.” *Research on Aging* 30(6): 722-751.

Papers in Progress

Spence, N. J., Russell, D., Tumminello, C. M., Schwartz, T., Bouldin, E. *Resubmitted*. “Getting Back to Normal? The Consequences of Long COVID for Adult Identities and Social Roles.”

Yavuz, D. and N.J. Spence. *In progress*. "Globalization, State Capacity, and COVID-19 Vaccination Campaigns."

Grants and Honors

Yavuz, D. (Principal), Spence, N. J. (Co-Principal), "State Capacity and COVID-19 Vaccination Campaigns," Sponsored by PSC-CUNY, Local, \$5,934.16. (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023).

Spence, N. J. (Principal), "Foster Youths' Transition into Adulthood and Postsecondary Education," Sponsored by PSC-CUNY, Other, \$3,499.50. (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018).

Dumais, S. (Principal), Spence, N. J. (Co-Principal), "A Mixed-Methods Investigation of Foster Youths' Transition into Adulthood and Postsecondary Education: Identifying Supports and Barriers," Sponsored by OREPS Foster Youth Initiative, Lehman College - CUNY, \$39,998.48. (August 2016 - June 2018).

Spence, N. J. (Principal), "Key Influences on Latinas' Attitudes about Fertility and Family Size," Sponsored by Shuster Award Program, Lehman College, Lehman College - CUNY, \$2,250.00. (2015 - 2016).

Spence, N. J. (Principal), "Latino Families in the U.S.: An Authentic Research Experience for Undergraduates," Sponsored by American Sociological Association Carla B. Howery Teaching Enhancement Fund, Private, \$2,000.00. (September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2016).

Spence, N.J., E. Waring. Graduate Research Technology Incentive grant. “Data Storage and Server for Training and Collaborating with Undergraduates in Secondary Analysis of Social Science Datasets.” \$3450.00 for equipment. 2014-15

Spence, N.J. PSC-CUNY Grant, “Culture or Structure? Key Influences on Latinas' Attitudes about Fertility and Family Size.” Award #67640-00 45. \$5793.00 for a course release and supplies. 2014-2015.

Spence, N.J. Selected Participant, Faculty Fellowship Publication Program, Office of the Dean for Recruitment and Diversity, CUNY. 2012-2013

Spence, N.J. PSC-CUNY Grant, “Fertility-Related Attitudes and Behaviors among Latinas: A Focus Group Approach to Understanding Key Influences.” Award # 65602-00 43. \$5806.27 for summer salary, Research Assistants, focus group subject incentives, supplies. 2012-2013.

Spence, N.J. Stewart Travel Award, CUNY Academy. 2012

Spence, N.J. PSC-CUNY Grant, “Family Formation Patterns among Contemporary U.S. Military Service Members,” Award # 60041-40 41, \$4,067. 2010-2011

Spence, N. J. Postdoctoral Award for Research Excellence. Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 2008.

Spence, N.J. Poster Award, Population Association of America, for “Transition to First Intercourse among Adolescents: The Intersection of Race/Ethnicity and Immigrant Status.” 2008

Spence, N.J. Junior Scholar Award, symposium on Inequalities in Health and Well-Being across the Life Course. Ohio State University. 2006.

Spence, N.J. Selected Participant, Seminar on “Longevity: Early-life Conditions, Social Mobility and Other Factors that Influence Survival to Old Age” in Lund Sweden, IUSSP Committee on Historical Demography. 2006.

Spence, N.J. Dissertation Research Grant, Florida State University. 2005-2006.

Spence, N.J. Dissertation Research Grant, Center for Demography and Population Health, Florida State University. 2010-2011

Spence, N.J. Allen/Klar Graduate Student Research Award, Department of Sociology, Florida State University. 2003.

Courses Taught

Quantitative Analysis of Sociological Data, Upper Division Undergraduate (Lehman)

Topics in Sociology, Graduate/Masters (Lehman)

Sociology of Stress and Health, Lower Division Undergraduate (Lehman)

Immigration and Adaptation, Upper Division Undergraduate (Lehman College)

Sociology of the Family, Lower Division Undergraduate (Lehman College)

Fundamentals of Sociology, Lower Division Undergraduate (Lehman College)

Population Problems/Population and Society, Upper Division Undergraduate, standard in-class, online hybrid, and distance learning (Lehman College and FSU)
Social Statistics, Upper Division Undergraduate (FSU)

Professional Development Activities

- 2022 Meeting Attendee “Bringing Project-Based Learning to Introductory Courses.” AALAC award to L. Dierker (PI; Wesleyan University).
- 2021-22 Seminar Participant. "CUNY HyFlex Seminar: Professional Development for HyFlex Course Design," Office of Online Education.
- 2021 Workshop Participant. "Creating an Interactive Syllabus," Online Learning Consortium.
- 2018- Implementation Partner. NSF IUSE grant "Data-Driven: A flexible, accessible, multidisciplinary superhighway breaking disparities and opening the data analytics economy to everyone." Lisa Dierker and Jennifer Rose (PIs; Wesleyan University).
- 2019 Participant, Growth Mindset & Beyond: Helping Students Navigate College with Mindset GPS professional development workshop.
- 2012-2013 Faculty Fellowship Publication Program. Office of the Dean for Recruitment and Diversity, CUNY
- 2011 Writing-in-the-Majors (WIM) Event, *Writing in Upper Division Courses*, Lehman College, CUNY
- 2010-2011 Quantitative Reasoning across the Curriculum Workshop Series, Lehman College, CUNY
- 2010 Gen Ed Workshop, *Course Portfolios for Gen Ed Assessment, Showing What Our Students are Learning*, Lehman College, CUNY
- Writing across the Curriculum Workshop, *Teaching Academic Writing*, Lehman College, CUNY.
- 2007 Short Course on *Multilevel Analysis for Grouped and Longitudinal Data*, H.W. Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- 2005 National Longitudinal Surveys User’s Workshop, The Ohio State University and Center for Human Resource Research
- 2002 Summer Program in Statistics, Courses on *Longitudinal Analysis* and *Structural Equation Modeling*, The Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan

Presentations

Spence, N. J. (Presenter & Author), Russell, D., Tumminello, C. M., Chase, J.-A. D., Schwartz, T., Bouldin, E. "From Viral to Chronic Illness: The Effects of Long-COVID on Adult Identities." American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA. (August 2022).

Russell, D., Spence, N. J., Chase, J.-A. D., Schwartz, T., Tumminello, C. M., Bouldin, E. "Support Amid Uncertainty: Long COVID Illness Experiences and the Role of Online Communities," American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA. (August 2022).

Dumais, S., Spence, N. J., Annual Meeting, Society for the Study of Social Problems, "'There's Just a Certain Armor That You Have to Put On': Navigating Higher Education as a Foster Care Alumnus.," Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY. (August 2019).

Dumais, S. (Presenter & Author), Spence, N. J. (Author Only), Population Association of America Annual Meeting, "Foster Youths' Transition into Adulthood and Postsecondary Education: Risk and Protective Factors," Population Association of America, Denver, Colorado. (April 26, 2018).

Dumais, S. (Presenter & Author), Spence, N. J. (Author Only), Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, "Foster Youth's Transition to Adulthood and Postsecondary Education: Findings from Qualitative Research," Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA. (April 7, 2018).

Spence, N. J., Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, "An Evaluation of an Authentic Research Experience: A Course on Latino Families in the U.S.," American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA. (August 2016).

Spence, N. J. (Author Only), Campbell, E. B. (Author Only), Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, "Quantitative Reasoning for Life: Evaluating an Integrative, Emotional Approach to Student Learning," Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA. (March 2016).

Dumais, S. (Presenter & Author), Spence, N. J. (Presenter & Author), Integrating Research into the Curriculum, "Creating Authentic Research Experiences in Sociology at Lehman College," CUNY, John Jay College. (March 11, 2016).

Arzola, R., Farrell, R., Waring, E., Dumais, S., Spence, N. J., "Innovation: Research Across the Disciplines," Lehman College - Leonard Lief Library. (2014).

Spence, N. J. (Presenter & Author), Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, "'Family Formation and Military Service among a Contemporary Cohort of Americans.," Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA. (April 11, 2013).

Naomi J. Spence, Jennifer de Jesus, Leticia King, and Brenda Perez. "Fertility-Related Attitudes and Behaviors among Latinas in the Bronx." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, March 24, 2013. (Note: co-authors are CUNY undergraduate students listed in alphabetical order).

Naomi J. Spence. "Family Formation and Military Service among a Contemporary Cohort of Americans." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA, April 11, 2013.

Naomi J. Spence and Andrew M. Cislo. "Access to Medicaid and Recidivism among Female Prison

- Releases with Psychiatric Disorders.” Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. New York, NY. February 24, 2012.
- Wang, Lin and Naomi J. Spence. “Internalizing Versus Externalizing Problems: Influences of Academic Performance, Gender and Coping Resources.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 20, 2011.
- Spence, Naomi J. and Andrew M. Cislo. “Access to Medicaid and Recidivism among Female Prison Releases by Psychiatric Disorder.” Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY, *February 24, 2012*.
- Wang, Lin and Naomi J. Spence. “Internalizing Versus Externalizing Problems: Influences of Academic Performance, Gender and Coping Resources.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 20, 2011.
- Hussey, Jon M, Chen, Ping, Richardson, Liana J, Spence, Naomi J, Strutz, Kelly L. “Linking pregnancy history to future health and mortality: a national study.” Poster Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER), Montreal, Quebec, Canada, June 20-21, 2011.
- Spence, Naomi J. “Fertility and Women’s Later Life Health.” Women’s Studies Fall Lecture Series, Lehman College. October 13, 2010.
- Spence, Naomi J., Daniel E. Adkins, and Matthew E. Dupre. “The Race Gap in Women’s Later Life Trajectories of Depression.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, August 17, 2010.
- Spence, Naomi J. and Daniel E. Adkins. “Parenthood and trajectories of distress among women in later life: race differences.” Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Detroit, MI, April 30, 2009.
- Cislo, Andrew M., Mathew D. Gayman, and Naomi J. Spence. “Contexts of Immigrant Reception and Mental Health: Differences among Cubans in Miami.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Boston, MA., July 31, 2008.
- Spence, Naomi J., Kathryn A. Henderson, and Glen H. Elder, Jr. “Soldier, Student, or Employee: Does family structure matter for post-high school careers?” 2008 Add Health User’s Conference. Bethesda, MD, July 24-25.
- Spence, Naomi J. and Karin L. Brewster. 2008. “Transition to First Intercourse among Adolescents: The Intersection of Race/Ethnicity and Immigrant Status.” Poster presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA, April 17-19.
- Nguyen, Quynh, Naomi J. Spence, and Jon Hussey. 2008. “Pathways Linking Child Maltreatment to Adolescent Intimate Partner Violence.” Society for Adolescent Medicine Annual Meeting, Greensboro, NC March 26-29.
- Spence, Naomi J. and Kathryn A. Henderson. 2008. “Leaving Family Turmoil for Military Service: The Case of Young Women.” Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Chicago, IL March 6-9.

Marsh, Kris and Naomi Spence. 2007. "The Mental Health of Black Middle Class Adolescents." Diversity Challenge 2007: Race and Culture Intersections in Scientific Research and Mental Health Service Delivery for Children, Adolescents, and Families in Boston, MA October 19-20.

Elder, Glen H. Jr., Lin Wang, Daniel Adkins, Naomi J. Spence, and Tyson Brown. 2007. "Determinants of Post-High School Activities: Service in the U.S. Volunteer Armed Forces." Conference on Military Service, Social (Dis)advantage, and the Life Course, Syracuse, NY, Oct. 4-6.

Spence, Naomi J. 2007. "Timing of Childbearing and Disability in Older Age." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

Spence, Naomi J. 2006. "The Timing of Childbearing, Parity, and Self-Rated Health in Later Life." Southern Demographic Association Annual meeting in Durham, NC November 2-4.

Spence, Naomi J. and Isaac W. Eberstein. 2006. Reproductive Patterns and Later Life Mortality among Women in the United States, 1967-2003. IUSSP Seminar on "Longevity: Early-life Conditions, Social Mobility and Other Factors that Influence Survival to Old Age". Lund Sweden, June 8-10.

Spence, Naomi J. 2006. Women's Reproductive Patterns and Adult Mortality: A Life Course Approach. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Spence, Naomi J. 2006. Reproductive Patterns and Depression in Later Life Among a Cohort of Mature Women. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Spence, Naomi J. 2005. Fertility and Women's Health: Exploring the Mechanisms. Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, Charlotte, N.C.

Giblin, Bryan M., K.M. Heyman, and N.J. Spence. 2004. "The Impact of Migration to the United States and Costa Rica on Nicaraguan Fertility." Poster Presentation at the Population Association of America annual meeting, Boston, MA.

Giblin, Bryan M., K.M. Heyman, and N.J. Spence. 2003. "The Effects of International Migration on the Fertility of Nicaraguan Women: The Roles of Assimilation, Diffusion, and Separation." Southern Demographic Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C.

Reid, Lori, S.W. Burge, N.J. Spence, S.A. Schmidt, M.D. Barnett, A.H. Eliassen, K. Snodgrass, and K. Taylor. 2003. "Soft-Skill Discrimination and the Race Gap in Employment." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Spence, Naomi J. 2003. "Transition to First Intercourse: The Interaction Between Immigrant Generational Status and Race/Ethnicity." Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Service

Editor, Family Demography Section, *Encyclopedia of Gerontology and Population Aging*. Editors-in-Chief: Danan Gu and Matthew Dupre. Springer.

Occasional Reviewer, *Demography, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Social Forces, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Social Science & Medicine, European Journal of Population, Social Biology, Sociological Perspectives, Social Problems, Information, Communication and Society, The Journal of Foster Care*.

- 2022 Workshop co-Facilitator. "Creating a welcoming (and empowering) experience that develops statistical and data literacy skills for every student," Electronic Conference on Teaching Statistics (eCOTS).
- 2021 Workshop co-Facilitator. "More than a Seat in the Classroom: Creating a Welcoming (and Empowering) Place at the Table for Introductory Statistics Students," U.S. Conference on Teaching Statistics (USCOTS).
- 2020-2020- Member, Department Personnel and Budget Committee, Lehman College, CUNY
- 2020-2020- Faculty Mentor for Online Teaching, School of Natural and Social Sciences, Lehman College, CUNY
- 2018- Member, Teaching Observation Panel, Department of Sociology, Lehman College
- 2017- Member, Data Science Minor Advisory Committee, Lehman College, CUNY
- 2016-19 Co-coordinator, Quantitative Reasoning Program, Lehman College, CUNY
- 2017-19 Member, Steering Committee, Pathways to Student Stem Success (PTS3), Lehman
- 2017-19 Chair, Cultural Capital Subcommittee, PTS3, Lehman College, CUNY
- 2018 Member, Faculty Research Advisory Board, School of Natural and Social Science, Lehman
- 2011-20 Chair, Educational Policy Committee, Department of Sociology, Lehman College, CUNY
- 2013-17 Senator at Large, Lehman College, CUNY
- 2014 Participant, Library Focus Group/Library-Sociology Project, Lehman College, CUNY
- 2012-14 Alternate Senator, University Faculty Senate, CUNY
- 2012 Scorer, Critical Thinking Assessment Test (CAT), Lehman College, CUNY
- 2011-13 Member, Academic Integrity Committee, Department of Sociology, Lehman College
- 2011 Discussant, Graduate Center Immigration Working Group Conference, CUNY
- 2011 Participant: Focus Group for Forthcoming Sociology Textbook, Pearson Education
- 2010-11 Working Group Member: Quantitative Reasoning Initiative, Lehman College, CUNY
- 2011- Member: Committee on Academic Freedom, College Senate, Lehman College, CUNY
- 2009 Poster Judge and Session Chair, PAA Annual Meeting
- 2007 Discussant: ASA Annual Meeting
- 2004-05 Graduate Student Member: Admissions and Aid Committee, FSU Dept. of Sociology
- 2004 Member: Honors and Awards Committee, FSU Dept. of Sociology
- 2001-02 Graduate Student Representative, Departmental Policy Committee, FSU Dept. of Sociology