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**EDUCATION**

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**Ph.D.** Sociology (expected 2018)

**Rice University**, Houston, Texas

Department of Sociology

Comprehensive Exam Areas: Population Health and Gender

Advisor: Dr. Rachel Tolbert Kimbro

**M.A.** Sociology (2015), conferred with distinction

**Rice University**, Houston, TX

Department of Sociology

Thesis title: "Cumulative Inequality and Race/Ethnic Disparities in Low Birthweight: Differences by Early Life SES."

Committee: Drs. Rachel T. Kimbro, Bridget K. Gorman, and Jenifer Bratter

**B.A.** Psychology (2011), conferred magna cum laude

**University of Houston**, Houston, Texas

Minor: Quantitative Social Science

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**AREAS OF INTEREST**

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Medical Sociology, Life Course Health, Neighborhood Effects, Social Stratification, and Theory

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**PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES**

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Freeman, Laura and Mackenzie Brewer. 2013. "Family Matters: Links Between Family Structure and Early Child Health." *Journal of Applied Research on Children*, 4(1): 6.

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**MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

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Freeman, Laura L., "Cumulative Inequality and Race/Ethnic Disparities in Low Birthweight: Differences by Early Life SES." Under review at *Journal of Marriage and Family*

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION FOR SUBMISSION

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Freeman, Laura L., Justin T. Denney, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. "Family Structure and Child Health: Where Do Children in Same-Sex Parent Families Fit?"

Kimbro, Rachel Tolbert, Laura L. Freeman, and Cathy Boyd. "Family Complexity, Family Transitions, and Child Wellbeing: A Descriptive Portrait from the New ECLS-K Cohort."

Fahey, Lynn, Bridget K. Gorman, Laura L. Freeman, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro. "Revisiting the Long-Arm of Childhood: Gender Similarity and Difference in Health at Later Life"

Freeman, Laura L. "Body of Work: Intersectional Masculine and Feminine Identities."

## GRANTS

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2014 (Co-PI) TXCRDC Program Grant, "Complex Families, State Family Policy, and Child Health Disparities." \$6,000.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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2015 *Winner*, Everett S. Lee Graduate Paper Award, Southern Demographic Association, for "Cumulative Inequality and Race/Ethnic Disparities in Low Birthweight: Differences by Early Life SES."

2014 *Winner*, Walter and Helen Hall Graduate Paper Prize, Rice University, for "Body of Work: Intersectional Masculine and Feminine Identities."

2014 *Honorable Mention*, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, for "Re-examining Racial Birth Outcome Disparities: The Role of Early Life Poverty and Socioeconomic Disadvantage."

2013 *Honorable Mention*, Walter and Helen Hall Graduate Paper Prize, Rice University, for "Family Matters: Links Between Family Structure and Early Child Health."

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2015 "Family Complexity, Family Transitions, and Child Wellbeing: A Descriptive Portrait from the New ECLS-K Cohort." Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, with Rachel T. Kimbro and Justin Denney.

2015 "Cumulative Inequality and Race/Ethnic Disparities in Low Birthweight: Differences by Early Life SES." Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

- 2015 “Body of Work: Intersectional Masculine and Feminine Identities.” Roundtable session. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Cumulative Inequality and Race/Ethnic Disparities in Low Birthweight: Differences by Early Life SES.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- 2014 “Family Structure and Child Health: Where Do Children in Same-Sex Parent Families Fit?” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, with Justin Denney and Rachel Kimbro.
- 2014 “Body of Work: Intersectional Masculine and Feminine Identities.” Rice University, Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Annual Graduate Symposium, Houston, TX.
- 2013 “Reexamining Black-White Birth Outcome Disparities: A Life Course Study.” Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting, Montgomery, AL.

#### **CONFERENCE POSTERS**

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- 2015 “Family Complexity and Child Wellbeing: A Descriptive Portrait from the New ECLS-K Cohort.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, with Rachel Kimbro and Justin Denney.

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2015 *Teaching Assistant*, Medical Sociology (SOC 345), Rice University  
Instructor: Dr. Rachel Tolbert Kimbro
- 2014 *Guest Lecturer*, Sociology of Gender (SOC 306), “Gender and Medicalization”  
Instructor: Dr. Erin Cech, Rice University
- 2013 *Teaching Assistant*, Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101), Rice University  
Instructor: Dr. Rachel Tolbert Kimbro

#### **TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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- 2016 Texas A&M University, “Theory of Structural Equation Modeling”  
Instructor: Dr. Oi-Man Kwok, Texas A&M University
- 2015 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR),  
“Longitudinal Data Analysis, Including Categorical Outcomes”  
Instructor: Dr. Donald Hedeker, University of Chicago

- 2014 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR),  
“Models for Categorical Outcomes Using Stata: Specification, Estimation, and  
Interpretation”  
Instructor: Dr. J. Scott Long, Indiana University
- 2013 Disparities in Health Workshop, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer  
Center
- 2013 Data Tools for Decision-Making Workshop, Texas Economic and Demographic  
Association

## SERVICE

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### Departmental

- 2015 - 2016 *Graduate Student Representative*, Department of Sociology, Rice University  
2013 *Graduate Student Selection Committee*, Department of Sociology, Rice  
University

### Editorial

*Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer*: American Sociological Review, Population Research and Policy  
Review, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Applied Research on Children

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association

*Sections*: Medical Sociology; Aging and the Life Course; Inequality, Poverty, and  
Mobility; Race, Class, and Gender; Population

Population Association of America

Southern Demographic Association