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## **EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**, Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.  
Dissertation entitled, “Full-time Motherhood: Understanding Transition Dynamics” April 2006.  
Committee chair: Professor Suzanne Bianchi.

**Master’s Certificate in Project Management**, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, 2001

**Masters in Public Health (MPH)**, Population Studies, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, LA, 1993

**Bachelors in Arts (BA)**, Political Science and French, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, 1989  
Université de Nice, September 1987-June 1988

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

My research interests focus on women’s labor force participation and work and family policy. I have examined women’s employment, earnings, and wives’ contribution to overall family economic well-being; wives as economic providers and their labor force exits; how families cope with economic turmoil either due to economic restructuring or recessions; the low-wage caregiving workforce; and the interplay between work, family and child care for parents and children.

## **PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Research Professor**, Joint position at The Carsey Institute and Sociology Department, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, July 2006 – present

**Family Demographer**, The Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, September 2004 – 2006

**Statistician / Family Demographer**, US Census Bureau, Suitland, MD, August 1997 – July 2004

**Reporting Committee Chair**, Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, April 2001 – July 2003

**Senior Research Associate**, The Futures Group International, Washington, DC, January 1994 - June 1997

**Research Assistant**, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, LA, October 1992 - May 1993

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Visiting Professor at Dartmouth College, Social Problems, Winter 2009  
Co-taught with Ken Johnson, Social Demography, Spring 2008 at UNH  
Instructor, Data Tools Seminar, Using U.S. Census Bureau Data, Spring 2005 at UNH  
Teaching and Mentoring Research Assistants at UNH  
Sarah Gibbs, September 2007-August 2008  
Siobhan Whalen, Spring 2009  
Megan Henly, Spring 2009  
Kristi Gozjolko, Summer 2009

## **GRANTS**

Public Welfare Foundation, "Paid Sick Days in New Hampshire," \$3,000  
UNH Institute of Health Program and Policies, "Home Health Care Workers in NH," \$10,000  
UNH Cooperative Extension, "Work and Family Balance in NH," (Collaborator)  
W.E Upjohn Institute Mini-Grant, "Opting Out? Explaining Recent Declines in Women's Employment." \$5,000

## **PRIMARY DATA COLLECTION**

NH Direct Care Workforce Survey, Summer 2008  
Paid and Unpaid Leave in New Hampshire, Granite State Poll, Spring 2008  
NH Work and Family Life Survey, Spring 2009

## **RESEARCH PAPERS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

### *Published papers*

Smith, K. and R. Baughman. 2007. "Caring for America's Aging Population: A Profile of the Direct-care Workforce." *Monthly Labor Review*, 130(9):20-25.

Potter, S., A. Churilla, and K. Smith. 2006. "An Examination of Full-Time Employment in the Direct-Care Workforce." *The Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 25(5):1-19.

Casper, L. and Smith, K. 2004. "Self Care: Why Do Parents Leave Their Children Unsupervised?" *Demography*, 41(2):285-301.

Casper, L. and Smith, K. 2002. "Dispelling the Myths: Self-Care, Class, and Race." *Journal of Family Issues*, 23(6):716-727.

*Under Review/ In Progress*

Smith, K and A. Tickamyer. Economic Restructuring and Family Well Being in Rural America. Book manuscript under review.

Smith, K. under review. "Something's Got to Give: Time, Money and Labor Force Exits of Primary Provider Wives." Under review.

Baughman, R. and K. Smith. being revised. "Medicaid Wage pass-Throughs and Compensation for Providers of Long-Term Care." Under review.

Baughman, R. and K. Smith. being revised. "Employment Transitions of Direct Care Workers: The Impact of Wages, Health Insurance, and Occupational Injury."

Mattingly, B and K. Smith. "Husband's Job Loss during the "Great Recession": Are Wives Picking up the Slack?" under review.

*Carsey Institute Reports, Policy Briefs & Fact Sheets*

Smith, K. Forthcoming. "Home Care Workers: Keeping Granite Staters in their Homes as they Age." Issue Brief, Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

Smith, K. 2009. "Paid Sick Time Helps Workers Balance Work and Family." Issue Brief, Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

Smith, K. 2008. "Working Hard for the Money: Trends in Women's Employment, 1970-2007." Report on Rural America No. 5, Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

Smith, K. 2007. "Rural Mothers More Likely to Work, But at Lower Wages." Fact Sheet No. 7, Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

Smith, K and S. Savage. 2007. "Food Stamps and School Lunch Programs Alleviate Food Insecurity in Rural America." Fact Sheet No. 5, Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

Smith, K and R. Baughman. 2007. "Low Wages Prevalent Among Direct Care and Child Care Workforce." Policy Brief No. 7, Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

Smith, K. 2006. "Rural Child Care for Preschoolers of Employed Mothers in Rural America." Policy Brief No. 3, Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

Smith, K and P. Salant. 2005. "Rural America Depends on the Food Stamp Program to Make Ends Meet." Policy Brief No. 1. Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

### *Census Bureau Reports*

Smith, K. 2003. Who's Minding the Kids? Child Care Arrangements: Fall 1999, Detailed Table Package. Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau.

Smith, K. 2002. Who's Minding the Kids? Child Care Arrangements: Fall 1997. *Current Population Reports* P70-86. Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau.

Fields, J., Smith, K., Bass, L., and Lugaila, T. 2001. "A Child's Day: Home, School, and Play." *Current Population Reports*, Series P-7068. Washington, DC, U.S. Census Bureau.

Smith, K., B. Downs, and M. O'Connell. 2001. "Maternity Leave and Employment Patterns: 1961-1995." *Current Population Reports* P70-79. Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau.

Smith, K. 2000. Who's Minding the Kids? Child Care Arrangements: Fall 1995. *Current Population Reports* P70-70. Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau.

### *Presentations*

Smith, K. and R. Glauber. 2009. "Exploring the Spatial Wage Penalty for Women: Does it Matter Where You Live?" Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings in San Francisco, CA.

Smith, K. 2009. "Opting Out? Explaining Recent Declines in Mothers Employment." Poster presented at the Population Association of America meetings in Detroit, MI.

Smith, K. and A. Churilla. 2008. "Low-Income Status Among Female Direct Care and Child Care Workers: The Intersection of Race and Other Family Income." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings in Boston, MA.

Smith, K. and D. Litcher. 2008. "Opting Out? Explaining Recent Employment Declines Among Rural Mothers." Paper presented at the Rural Sociological Society meetings in Manchester, NH.

Smith, K. 2008. "Using Research to Support Policies for Children in NH." Presented at the Early Learning Conference.

Smith, K. and A. Churilla. 2008. "Low-income and Immigrant Families in Northern New England." Presented at the Community Action Group Annual Meeting in NH.

Smith, K. 2007. "Primary Provider Wives, Other Family Income and Labor Force Exits: Does She Exit if She Earns More?" paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings in New York, NY.

Smith, K. and A. Churilla. 2007. "Exploring the Intersection of Race and Other Family Income in Determining Low-Income Status Among Female Direct Care and Child Care Workers." paper presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CareWork Conference in New York, NY.

Smith, K. 2006. "Wives' Relative Earnings and Labor Force Participation: Does She Exit if She Earns More?" Presentation given at the Carsey Institute Women and Work Colloquium.

Smith, K. 2006. "The Role of Age at First Birth on Married Mothers Labor Force Transitions: A Life Course Perspective." Paper presented at the Population Association of America meetings in Los Angeles, CA.

Baughman, R. and Smith, K. 2006. "The Labor Market for Direct Care Workers: An Analysis of Employment Spells." Poster presented at the Population Association of America meetings in Los Angeles, CA.

Potter, S., Churilla, A., Smith, K., and Duncan, M. 2005. "Is This a Sustainable Occupation? A Profile of the Direct Caregiver Workforce in the United States." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings in Philadelphia, PA.

Smith, K. and Fields, J. 2004. "Transition Dynamics for Stay-at-Home Parenthood." Paper presented at the Population Association of America meetings in Boston, MA.

Downs, B. and Smith, K. 2003. "The Great Juggling Act: First-Time Mothers' Employment in the First Year." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings in Atlanta, GA.

Smith, K., R. Kominski, and J. Overturf. 2003. "Changes in the Lives of U.S. Children: 1990-2000." Poster presented at the Population Association of America meetings in Minneapolis, MN.

Downs, B. and K. Smith. 2001. "Maternity Leave Among First-Time Mothers." Paper presented at the Population Association of America meetings, Washington, DC.

Smith, K. 2001. "Multiple Child Care Arrangements: The Role of Fathers, Finances, and Subsidies in the Post Welfare Reform Era." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA.

Smith, K. 2000. "Who Enrolls in Head Start? Comparing Enrollees and Non-enrollees Among Low Income Families, Fall 1995." Poster presented at the Annual Head Start meeting, Washington, DC.

Fields, J. and Smith, K. 1999. "A National Portrait of Fertility Expectations: Certainty and Reasons in 1998." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association.

Smith, K. and Casper, L. 1999. "Home Alone: Reasons Why Parents Leave Their Children Unsupervised." Paper presented at the Population Association of America meetings, New York, NY.

Smith, K. and Bachu, A. 1998. "Women's Labor Force Attachment Patterns and Maternity Leave: A Review of the Literature." Paper prepared for the Southern Demographic Association meeting in Annapolis, MD.

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

### Professional Organizations

Member, Population Association of America, 1994—present

Member, American Sociological Association, 1999—present

Member, Rural Sociological Society, 2008

Adhoc Reviewer for *Demography*, *Social Science Research*

### Board Member

NH Women's Lobby (Secretary), 2006—2008

Livable Wage Study Advisory Board member, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, 2005

Member, NH Legislative Task Force on Work and Family, 2007—present

### Computer experience

More than 10 years computer programming experience in SAS, Stata, and SPSS.

Experience with a variety of operating system including SUN Unix, DOS, Windows.

### Data experience

Analyze Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), Current Population Survey (CPS), Decennial Census Data, Survey of Program Participation (SPD), and American Community Survey (ACS) data.