

AYHD Newsletter

Your quarterly update from the Association for Young Historical Demographers. The AYHD newsletter brings you up to date with current and forthcoming events in Historical Demography and related social science fields. It gives you a chance to publicise your new research and opportunities to the right audience. If you would like to contribute or subscribe to the newsletter, please contact Jeanne Cilliers who is the PR-Officer responsible for editing the newsletter. You can also join our Facebook group for more frequent announcements and updates.

— The AYDH Team

FROM THE AYHD BOARD

by TIM RISWICK

Behind the scenes a lot of things are happening again in our association. And of course we would like to share the most important issues with you too. We are trying to create more opportunities to interact both online and offline with all young historical demographers. While the final efforts are made to organize an informal event at the International Population Conference of the IUSSP in Cape Town on Monday 30 October (keep an eye out on the Facebook page for the invitation), we are now also promoting published articles of our members. This is mainly being done by our new item [Paper of the Week](#) on the Facebook page, in which we promote recently published articles. So if you have any new publications, let us know! Another innovation in our newsletter (see below) is an item in which we place a research article or project into the *spotlight*. By doing so we hope to be able to share some information about important work being done by young historical demographers. A last item we are setting up is a monthly blog called [From the Archives](#) in which young historical demographers write about their own research projects and the archives or databases they use. This will be featured on our website. If you recently spent time in the archives, or have developed a new database and wish to share your experience with us, please contact ✉ [Edward Morgan](mailto:Edward.Morgan@ekh.lu.se)

SPOTLIGHT ON A NEW PUBLICATION



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Published by the French Institute for Demographic Studies

Changes in Family Size over the Generations in France (1850-1966), by Sandra Bree. *Population, English Edition*, Vol. 72(2), 2017.

Abstract:

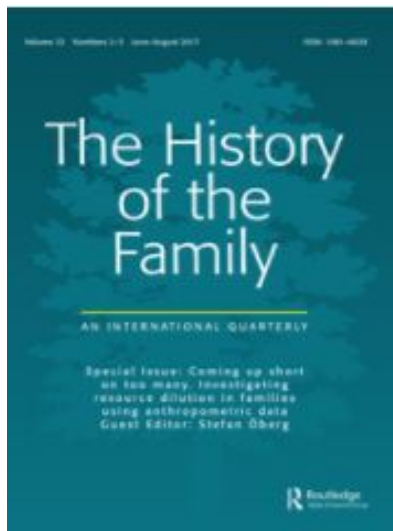
Through a longitudinal analysis of parities and parity progression ratios, this article charts the fertility of the cohorts of women born in France between 1850 and 1966. After reviewing the available sources and data (population censuses and family surveys), and the methods used for retrospective cohort analysis of fertility, the author proposes estimates of changing family sizes over more than a

century. The simultaneous study of trends in family size and completed fertility enhances our understanding of fertility trends, and more specifically the impact of changes in each family size on overall fertility patterns. This refines the conclusions that can be drawn from an interpretation of averages (completed fertility) by showing that, for the same completed fertility, the parity distribution can be highly variable, and demonstrates that family size should always be taken into account when analysing fertility. This research also highlights the value of differentiating between the fertility of all women, of ever-married women and of never-married women, particularly when analysing childlessness and low fertility (one child).

Sandra Bree is currently a Postdoctoral researchers at the Centre for Demographic Research, Université Catholique de Louvain.

[🌐 Read the full paper](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON A SPECIAL ISSUE



The latest special issue of *The History of the Family* (volume 22, issue 2-3, 2017) is edited by Stefan Öberg and is titled 'Coming up short on too many. Investigating resource dilution in families using anthropometric data'. This special issue contains a collection of ten papers that study how children are affected by their sibship size, using anthropometric data.

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FRANKLIN RESEARCH GRANTS

The American Philosophical Society's Franklin Research Grants support the cost of research leading to publication in all fields of knowledge. Applicants are expected to have a doctorate or to have published work of doctoral character and quality. The Society is particularly interested in supporting the work of young scholars who have recently earned the Ph.D. Funding is offered up to a maximum of \$6,000. Deadlines: **2 October 2017**, for a January 2018 decision for work in February 2018 through January 2019. **1 December 2017**, for a March 2018 decision for work in April 2018 through January 2019.

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'POPULATION' YOUNG AUTHOR PRIZE

Who is eligible to compete?

- Students enrolled in PhD or Master's programs
- Young researchers who have defended their PhD thesis in the last seven years

What types of paper are eligible to compete?

- Papers written under the researcher's own name
- Papers may also be co-authored by several young researchers.

What are the rules for submitting a paper?

- Compliance with the journal's editorial rules
- Paper written in English or French
- Proof of enrolment in a Master's or PhD program, or of PhD completion

What is the prize for the winner?

- Accelerated publication
- Immediate online open access to the newly published article
- One-year free subscription to *Population*

The competition results will be announced on 28 February 2018. Mention you are competing in the young author prize when submitting your paper.

Deadline: **15 November 2017**.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPEN CALLS

DUTCH DEMOGRAPHY DAY 2017

The Netherlands Demographic Society (NVD) invites you to join the 10th edition of the Dutch Demography Day on Wednesday 22 November 2017, in the Academy Building of Utrecht University (Domplein). At this anniversary of the Dutch Demography Day the most recent findings in the broad and interdisciplinary field of population studies will be presented. The scientific program comprises a Keynote Address and several rounds of English language parallel sessions, as well as a poster session. Abstracts from a wide variety of disciplines including sociology, economy, health, history and planning are invited. At DDD 2017 other formats than sessions, such as workshops, panel discussions and the like are invited.

NIDI-NVD Master Thesis Award 2017

This Award honors the best master thesis in population studies in the Netherlands, with a certificate and a 500 Euro prize. It is jointly sponsored by the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) and the Netherlands Demographic Society.

NVD Poster Award 2017

This Award is for the best poster presented at the Dutch Demography Day 2017. Poster authors will have 2 minutes to pitch their work during the Plenary Poster Pitch session. For the rules of play for this competition click here or go to the end of this page for downloads. The Poster Award is sponsored by the Netherlands Demographic Society (NVD) and includes a certificate and a 100 Euro prize. Posters will be judged during the Dutch Demography Day.

Deadline: **Friday 15 September 2017**

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PAA 2018

The Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America will take place in Denver, April 26 - April 28, 2018. Submissions are made online at the 2018 Annual Meeting submission website. The submission process is similar to past years. Authors are asked to submit both: a) a short abstract (150 words) to be entered online; and b) either an extended abstract (2-4 pages, including tables) or a

completed paper to be uploaded to the website following instructions available online.

Deadline: **29 September 2017.**

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SECOND INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE ACTIVE AGING INDEX

Prospective authors are invited to submit an abstract (max 800 words). The abstracts and papers should be submitted in English. The research material included in the paper must not be already published or submitted for publication. Submission should be made by the author who will attend the Seminar. The authors of the accepted papers will be invited to present their work at the Seminar in the form of either a presentation or a poster. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered for the lead authors of accepted papers. Three to five best papers entered by early career researchers will be awarded. To be eligible for the award a lead author should demonstrate enrolment in a PhD or post-doctoral programme. Some of the selected papers might be considered for publication in a journal or in an edited book.

Deadline: **29 September 2017.**

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'GENESIS' CALL FOR PAPERS

The journal Genesis calls for contributions for a monographic issue dedicated to analyze, in a gender perspective, maternity and paternity outside marriage from the early modern period to the XXI century. The focus is on the following research topics:

- Methods and implications in the research on paternity and maternity;
- Representation of paternity and maternity in the political, legal and religious discourse, as well as in social practice;
- Family and affection ties between natural fathers/mothers and illegitimate children;
- Continuity and innovation in the legal framework;
- The role of founding hospitals in the attribution of responsibility - to fathers, to mothers, to the community, etc. - for the raising of abandoned children.

Proposals for articles: Proposals for unpublished articles, in Italian, English, French, and Spanish need

to include an abstract of no more than 300 words and a short scientific profile of the author with a list of publications. Proposals must be sent to the editors of the issue: Stefania Bartoloni (stefania.bartoloni@uniroma3.it) and Daniela Lombardi (daniela.lombardi@unipi.it).

Deadline: **30 September 2017**.

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EPC 2018

The European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) invites contributions to the next European Population Conference which will be held in Brussels, Belgium from 6-9 June 2018. EPC 2018 will convene at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and is a general scientific population conference where the topic 'Population, Diversity and Inequality' will receive special attention. Submissions should be made to one of the conference themes, which will be developed into a series of sessions by the convener of each theme. At EPC 2018 only one submission as first (presenting) author is allowed. Participants may however co-author other papers or posters. Submissions may take the form of an abstract although full papers are preferred. Authors will be informed about acceptance of their submission by January 2018. Abstracts/papers for EPC 2018 can only be submitted at the [conference website](#)

Deadline: **1 October 2017**.

YOUNG DEMOGRAPHERS CONFERENCE

The department of Demography and Geodemography and the Geographical Institute (Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Science) will host the 9th Demographic Conference of Young Demographers called traditionally "Actual Demographic Research of Young Demographers (not only) in Europe". The conference is planned for two days (15th and 16th February 2018) and will take place at the Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague. All participants will have the possibility to present their actual research and discuss it with colleagues from other countries or fields of study. Although the conference is focused mostly on Ph.D. students of Demography, all young (or a bit older) researchers (not only demographers – a section for non-demographers is planned) will be welcomed. The working language will be English

and except for a few online posters all presentations are expected to be in oral form. At least one section will be devoted to presentations of research based on usage of the SAS software. The SAS Institute of the Czech Republic and the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, partners of the conference, will award a prize of the best presentation using the SAS software or the best presentation with social context.

Deadline: **15th November 2017**.

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ESS ERIC ACADEMIC PUBLISHING WORKSHOP

Going beyond the country: Exploring sub-national effects on socio-demographic phenomena with European Social Survey data. The ESS ERIC Academic Publishing Workshop will take place from 18 - 19 January 2018 at the University of Southampton. The workshop will bring together academics who are interested in exploring the sub-national dimension in socio-demographic studies and will promote ESS as an invaluable instrument in this respect. No fee is required to participate in the workshop. Lunches and coffee breaks will be provided, but participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs. A limited number of travel and accommodation grants are available (preference will be given to early-career researchers). Please specify whether you would like to apply for a travel grant when submitting an application.

Deadline: **15 November 2017**.

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EHS 2018

The Economic History Society Annual Conference will take place 6 - 8 April 2018 at Keele University. The Society welcomes sole-authored posters from graduate students at an early stage of pursuing their PhD; collaborative work is not eligible. Graduate students who have presented a poster will be eligible to apply to present a paper in the New Researcher session in a subsequent year, but may present a poster session only once during their graduate career.

Deadline: **20 November 2017**.

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WEHC 2018

Call for Dissertations

Students who have completed their dissertations between June 2014 and August 2017 are encouraged to submit their theses for the dissertation panel/competition. Dissertation will be shortlisted and considered for awards in three separate categories: Ancient/medieval/early modern period; the long 19th century; and 20th century. The three finalists in each category will be invited to present their work in the dissertation panel. Theses written in languages other than English will also be considered, although the abstract needs to be in English.

Deadline: **1 December 2017**.

Call for Poster Submissions

PhD students and junior postdoc researchers in economic history are invited to present their ongoing research to an international audience with a poster at the World Economic History Congress in Boston July 29 - August 3, 2018. We welcome historical applications in any field of economics or cognate social sciences, business history, demographic history, environmental history, global and world history, social history, urban history, methodological approaches to historical research, history of economics and economic thought, and other related fields. Digital posters will also be considered, pending space constraints. Posters will be selected on a competitive basis, and the best posters will receive an award (in three categories: ancient/medieval/early modern; the long 19th century; and 20th century).

Deadline: **31 January 2018**.

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INDEPENDENT COURSES

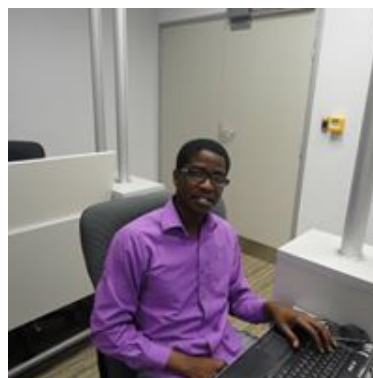
ADVANCED STATA

Advanced STATA: Programming and other techniques to make your life easier. A five day course from the Population Studies Group, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Date: Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November 2017. The course is aimed at researchers and other professionals, from any discipline, who regularly use Stata for analysis but want to learn how to work more efficiently. It would be particularly suited to those who are about to embark on large analyses.

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AYHD AMBASSADORS

We would like to welcome our newest AYHD Ambassador for Africa, Chanda Chiseni.



Chanda Michael Chiseni completed his Master's degree in Economics at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa. For his master's dissertation, he looked at the "Spatial Distribution of White Living Standards in South Africa during the mineral Revolution". This year, he has joined the department of Economic History at Lund University as a PhD candidate. He is currently work on a project that is looking at the current population developments in Africa from a historic perspective.

✉ [Get in touch with Chanda](#)

There are currently still several vacancies for AYHD regional ambassadors. Ambassadors are the vital link between the executive board and the community of a certain geographical area. We are still looking for ambassadors for:

- Western Europe - North America - Latin and South America - and Oceania. For more information on how to become an AYHD ambassador contact our chairperson, ✉ [Tim Riswick](#)

VACANCIES

- Post-doctoral fellow, Oxford

The Department of Sociology, University of Oxford is seeking to appoint a Postdoctoral Researcher to work on the project 'Critical Life Events and the Dynamics of Inequality: Risk, Vulnerability, and Cumulative Disadvantage'. This is a transnational research programme involving four institutions: University of Amsterdam, University of Oxford, Stockholm University and the University of Lausanne. The project's main objectives are to understand (1) how job loss and union dissolution contribute to the accumulation of (dis)advantage over

life course: (2) what mechanisms explain the (unequal) impact of these events: and (3) which work and family policies are effective in targeting these mechanisms in order to reduce inequality. The successful candidate will hold or expect to obtain a PhD in sociology, demography, economics, social statistics, social policy or some related discipline. Strong grounding in quantitative research methods (methods for longitudinal data analysis, in particular), demonstrated by published (or accepted) research papers in academic journals, with evaluation judged relative to career stage, and a knowledge of the broadly defined subject area - inequalities over the life-course. The post is full-time, on a fixed-term contract for 36 months starting as soon as possible.

Deadline: **13 September 2017**.

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- PhD scholarship, University of Southern Denmark

PhD scholarship in Economics at the Department of Business and Economics. Topic: The Origins of Creativity: How Human Relations Matter. Applications are invited for a PhD scholarship at the Historical Economics and Development Group (HEDG) at the Department of Business and Economics, University of Southern Denmark in Odense, to be filled as soon as possible. This PhD position is funded by the Danish Research Council. The project is entitled 'The Origins of Creativity: How Human Relations Matter', and the PhD project will use detailed historical data to explore the long-term development, geographic spread, and individual motivations to engage in creative activity, as well as how human interplay relates to these dynamics. As part of the PhD programme, an individual education programme within the field of Economics has to be completed. You will be expected to complete a six-month stay at a research institution abroad and, over the period of the programme, to acquire experience of teaching or dissemination activities. You are also expected to participate in the various activities at the department and - apart from your stay abroad - to be regularly present at the department.

Deadline: **14 September 2017**.

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- Junior Research Fellowships at King's College Cambridge

Each year, the college holds competitions for Stipendiary Junior Research Fellowships. These support gifted young researchers for four years; generally Junior Research Fellows are appointed within two years of the award of a doctorate. The Fellowships give young researchers an opportunity to establish their career before moving on to become fully independent researchers. Junior Research Fellows have freedom to carry out their chosen research projects within the academic environment of the College and the University departments.

Deadline: 9am UK time **19 September 2017**

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- Research Scientist / Post-doc Positions MPIDR

The Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) is recruiting 1-2 full-time post-doctoral research scientists to work in one of the following research groups: Population Health, Labor Demography, or Fertility and Well-Being. Please see www.demogr.mpg.de for descriptions of these research groups. The positions are initially for 3 years, with the possibility of an extension. Starting date is flexible, with latest start fall 2018. The MPIDR is a leading institute in demographic research hosting a diverse range of research groups with interdisciplinary topics. The working language of the MPIDR is English. We offer a competitive salary, an excellent research environment, and institutional support for conference attendance and continuous education.

Deadline: **1 October 2017**

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- Student Assistant MPIDR

The Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) is seeking a student assistant for the Labor Demography project of the Laboratory of Population Health. The candidate should have a background in demography, economics, sociology, or a related field. An interest in demography and experience with statistical software (R, Stata) are desired. A good command of English is essential.

Deadline: **1 November 2017**

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NEW PUBLICATIONS BY YOUNG RESEARCHERS

- Brée S., de la Croix, D., 2017. 'Key forces behind the decline of fertility: lessons from childlessness in Rouen before the industrial revolution', *Cliometrica* 🌐 [Read it](#)
- Czapla Z., Liczbińska G., Piontek J. 2017. Body mass index values in the gentry and peasantry in nineteenth- and early twentieth-century Poland. *Journal of Biosocial Science* 🌐 [Read it](#)
- Liczbińska G., Czapla Z., Piontek J. Malina R. M. 2017. 2017. Body size of young adult Polish college-age women born before, during and after WWII. *American Journal of Human Biology*. 🌐 [Read it](#)
- Liczbińska G. 2017. Between religion and environment. Mortality and its causative factors in Greater Poland in the 19th century. *Historical Social Research* 🌐 [Read it](#)
- Rubio Velasco P., 2017. 'Social inclusion and life course of foreigners in the region of Ciudad Rodrigo (XVIII-XIX centuries)' in *Revista de Demografía Histórica*
- Van Rossem T., Deboosere P., Devos I., 2017. 'Death at work? Mortality and industrial employment in Belgian cities at the turn of the twentieth century', *Explorations in Economic History* 🌐 [Read it](#)