

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

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SPOTLIGHT ON A NEW PUBLICATION

Our newest recommendation comes from Ingrid van Dijk appears in the latest online issue of *Population Studies*. Ingrid van Dijk, MSc (1989) is a PhD researcher for the project Genes, Germs and Resources. Ingrid’s PhD project focuses on the effect of early-life exposure to high mortality on the life course, including adult mortality and mortality in the second generation and timing of marriage and fertility.

Early-life mortality clustering in families: A literature review

Abstract:

Research on early-life mortality in contemporary and historical populations has shown that infant and child mortality tend to cluster in a limited number of high-mortality families, a phenomenon known as ‘mortality clustering’. This paper is the first to review the literature on the role of the family in early-life mortality. Contemporary results, methodological and theoretical shortfalls, recent developments, and opportunities for future research are all discussed in this review. Four methodological approaches are distinguished: those based on sibling deaths, mother heterogeneity, thresholds, and excess deaths in populations. It has become clear from research to date that the death of an older child harms the survival chances of younger children in that family, and that fertility behaviour, earlier stillbirths, remarriages, and socio-economic status all explain mortality clustering to some extent.

 [Read the full paper here!](#)

SAVE THE DATE

African Population Conference 2019

Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) announces their Eighth African Population conference Kampala, Uganda November 18-22, 2019. Theme: “Harnessing Africa’s Population Dynamics for Sustainable Development: 25 Years after Cairo and Beyond”. We’ll keep you updated as more conference

information becomes available.

EPC 2020

The next European Population Conference (EPC 2020) will convene in Padova, Italy from 24-27 June 2020. Make sure to reserve these dates and join us in Italy!

OPEN CALLS

Living Conditions and Demographic Change in Pre-Industrial Societies Short Course - Lund

The Center for Economic Demography and Department of Economic History at Lund University will host a 2 week intensive course on Living Conditions and Demographic Change in Pre-Industrial Societies from September 2-12, 2019. This advanced course in economic demography equips students with sources and methods for analyzing living standards in the past. Using event-history analysis and combining longitudinal individual level demographic data with information on socioeconomic factors at household level, and macro data on food prices, wages, temperature, and rainfall, we investigate short and long-term economic stress and early life exposures on later life outcomes as well as inter-generational social and biological transfers.

Submission Deadline: **May 31, 2019.**

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SSHA 2018

The submission system for 45th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association (SSHA) conference is now open. The conference will take place in Chicago, Illinois, November 21-24, 2019. The program committee welcomes individual paper and panel proposals on all aspects of social science history.

Submission Deadline: **March 1, 2019.**

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Workshop: Health, Morbidity and mortality in Europe and Beyond

The European Association for Population Studies Working Group on Health, Morbidity and Mortality will host a workshop on "Health, Morbidity and Mortality in Europe – and Beyond", to be held

Wednesday, 4th September – Friday, 6th September 2019, at the Medical Sociology Unit, Hannover Medical School. As in previous EAPS workshops, there will be no registration fee, but participants will need to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Further information on the workshop can be found in the attachment. Researchers interested in presenting their work are invited to contact Jon Anson at anson@bgu.ac.il with an abstract or preliminary conceptualisation by **March 15, 2019**. Responses and tentative programme by the middle of April, 2019.

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ESSHC 2020

The European Social Science History Conference will take place in Leiden, the Netherlands, 18 - 21 March 2020. Pre-registration of paper and session proposals is now open on their website.

The deadline for sending in a proposal is **April 15, 2019.**

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WEHC 2021

The 19th gathering of the World Economic History Congress will convene July 25 – 30, 2021 in Paris, France. The Executive Committee of the IEHA welcomes proposals from all members of the international economic history community, whatever their institutional affiliation or status, as well as from scholars in related disciplines.

First call for Sessions closes on **June 30, 2019**

 [Apply here](#)

VACANCIES

- PhD scholarships, University of Southern Denmark

Applications are invited for one or more PhD scholarships at the Department of Business and Economics, to be filled as soon as possible. The research and teaching activities at the department areas are organized within four groups: Accounting; Finance; Microeconomics and Management Science and Econometrics and Economic History. As part of the PhD programme, an individual education programme within the field of Economics must be completed.

Deadline: **Deadline: March 1, 2019**

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- AYHD Ambassadors

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:

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

NEW PUBLICATIONS BY YOUNG RESEARCHERS

1. Helgertz, J., Önnersfors, M., 2019. [Public water and sewerage investments and the urban mortality decline in Sweden 1875–1930](#). *The History of the Family* 0, 1–32.
2. Paiva, D., P. Teodoro de Matos . Fonseca 2018. [To stay or to migrate: siblings and life transitions in 19th century Ribeira Seca, Azores](#). *The History of the Family*, 23:4, 568–593.
3. Riswick, T. 2018. [Testing the conditional resource-dilution hypothesis: the impact of sibship size and composition on infant and child mortality in the Netherlands, 1863–1910](#) . *The History of the Family*, 23:4, 623-655.
4. Rosenbaum-Feldbrügge, M. 2018. [Gender differences in response to family crisis: changes in household composition and migration of widowed parents with minor children in the Netherlands, 1863–1910](#). *The History of the Family*, 23:4, 679–705.
5. Torres, C., Canudas-Romo, V., Oeppen, J., 2019. [The contribution of urbanization to changes in life expectancy in Scotland, 1861–1910](#). *Population Studies* 0, 1–18.
6. Van Dijk, I.K., A. Janssens, K.R. Smith, 2018. [The Long Harm of Childhood: Childhood Exposure to Mortality and Subsequent Risk of Adult Mortality in Utah and The Netherlands](#). *European Journal of Population*.
7. Walhout, E. 2019. [An Infants' Graveyard? Region, Religion, and Infant Mortality in North Brabant, 1840-1940](#). Tilburg University.