
AYHD Newsletter

Welcome to the newly revived newsletter series providing regular updates from the Association for Young Historical Demographers! The AYHD newsletter keeps you up to date with events, conferences, and calls for papers in Historical Demography and other related fields. It also gives you a chance to publicize your research or events to a diverse audience. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, you can email egd28@cam.ac.uk. Visit our website to sign up for future newsletters and get further information about the association. <https://www.younghistoricaldemographers.com/>

From the AYHD Board

Emma Diduch

The nature of the Association for Young Historical Demographers means that both the composition of the board and our target audience are always in flux. If you've ever wondered what defines 'young' historical demographers, it's really a catch-all term for anyone getting started in the field – whether PhD student, postdoc, or early career researcher. The purpose of the AYHD is to support our peers and colleagues by fostering connections, promoting professional development, and amplifying new voices. Recently this has mostly taken the form of organizing social and networking events at international conferences, including at the European Society for Historical Demography Conference last August and the Social Science History Association Conference in November. Speaking from experience, these events are a great way to make the prospect of presenting at a conference for the first time a lot less daunting!

Since 2024 is a quieter year for some conferences, we've instead decided to switch focus to outreach by reviving the AYHD newsletter to promote events, calls for papers, and highlight new articles by young historical demographers. We'll also use this opportunity to introduce ourselves as the board and encourage you to get involved in an open call for new board members. Feel free to share this newsletter far and wide to spread the word about young historical demographers and **sign up to the newsletter mailing list:** <https://www.younghistoricaldemographers.com/newsletter-sign-up/>

I'm the newest of the four members of the AYHD board, having joined at the end of last year. I'm in the second year of my PhD at the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure, studying women's labour force participation and fertility in late nineteenth-century England (so far, I've mostly been going cross-eyed doing record linking and transcribing wage records to build my dataset). In the next newsletters we'll rotate through the rest of the board to introduce ourselves and hopefully connect with more of you!

Open Call for New Board Members

AYHD needs YOU to be a board member!

If you are a young historical demographer looking to connect with peers in the field and contribute to the work of AYHD, we are looking to expand the board with two new members! Expectations are not onerous; we meet virtually every few months or so to check in on ongoing projects like the newsletter and plan for events like conferences and webinars. If you're interested in joining or would like to learn more, send an expression of interest (a few sentences tops) to egd28@cam.ac.uk.

Upcoming events and deadlines

European Social Science History Conference

Leiden, NL

26-29 March 2025

Submission deadline: 15 April 2024

More information: <https://esshc.iisg.amsterdam/en>

Summer School in Economic and Social History

Ponte de Sor, Portugal

26-28 June 2024

Submission deadline: 15 April 2024

More information: https://aphes.pt/images/Docs.pdf/2024/III_SummerSchoolAPHES_CFP.pdf

European Society for Historical Demography webinar

23 April 2024

Jeanne Cilliers (Lund): Fertility responses to short-term economic stress: Price and wealth shocks in a pre-transitional settler colony

More information: <https://www.eshd.eu/eshd-webinar-series/>

Annual conference of the British Society for Population Studies

Bath, UK

9-11 September 2024

Submission deadline: 30 April 2024

More information: <https://www.lse.ac.uk/international-development/research/british-society-for-population-studies/annual-conference>

Workshop 'Tuberculosis: The White Death as a Social Disease'

Alghero, Italy

26-28 September 2024

Submission deadline: 30 April 2024

More information: <https://iussp.org/en/tuberculosis-white-death-social-disease>

Spotlight article

Every newsletter we will spotlight one article or working paper by a young historical demographer or researcher in an adjacent field. Would you like to have your work shared? Send an email to Emma (egd28@cam.ac.uk) or Joris (joris.kok@iisg.nl) with information on the research you would like to share.

This newsletter's spotlight article is:

**Did the 1918 influenza pandemic cause a 1920 baby boom?
Demographic evidence from neutral Europe**

Published in *Population Studies* by Hampton Gaddy and Mathias Mølbak Ingholt.

You can read the full article here:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00324728.2023.2192041>