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## **RESEARCH PROGRAM**

I research financial wellbeing, with special interests in wealth and disadvantaged populations

## **EDUCATION**

- PhD            December 2019 Columbia University School of Social Work  
Concentration in Social Policy and Policy Analysis  
Dissertation Title: The Gender Wealth Gap in the United States, 2008-2013  
Committee: Irwin Garfinkel (sponsor), Jane Waldfogel, Julien Teitler,  
Liana Fox, and Thomas DiPrete
- MSW            December 2014 Washington University of St. Louis,  
George Warren Brown School of Social Work  
Concentration: Social and Economic Development
- B.S.            May 2012 University of Nebraska at Omaha Grace Abbott School of Social Work

## **EMPLOYMENT**

- 2020-            Postdoctoral Research Scientist, Columbia Population Research Center, Columbia  
University, New York, NY

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Sariscsany, L.** Garfinkel, I., & Nepomnyaschy, L. (2019). Understanding child support trajectories. *Social Service Review*. 93(2) 143-182.
- Sariscsany, L.** (2019). "They can't convict anyone anyway: The trials of the Omaha lynching and riot of 1919". *Nebraska Historical Society*. 100(3) 152-162.
- Muchomba, F.M., Wimer, C., Garfinkel, I., **Sariscsany, L.** (2019). Using assets to improve poverty measurement: Comparing official, supplemental, consumption, and assets-augmented poverty measures. (under review)
- Sariscsany, L.**, Zewde, N.B., Hamilton, D. (2020). The importance of family characteristics in wealth inequalities: A study of the confluence of race, ethnicity, education, and family structure and their influence on household wealth. *The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*. (Accepted).
- Garfinkel, I., **Sariscsany, L.**, & Vargas, L. (2019). The American Welfare State in the Lives of Children. In Falkingham, J.C., Evandrou, M., & Vlachantoni, A. (Eds.) *Handbook of Demographic Change and the Lifecourse*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing. (Forthcoming)

## **WORK-IN-PROGRESS**

- Sariscsany, L.**, Garfinkel, I. (2019). The impact of a net-worth augmented poverty measure: A cross-national study.
- Sariscsany, L.** (2019). The gender wealth gap in the United States, 2008-2013.

**Sariscsany, L.** (2019). The drivers of the gender wealth gap in the U.S.  
**Sariscsany, L.** (2019). The comprehensive gender gap in economic resources.

## RESEARCH BRIEF

**Sariscsany, L.** (2015). [Care and home ownership among low-income families in the Great Recession: Differences by family structure and race/ethnicity](#). *Russell Sage Foundation*.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Sariscsany, L.** The drivers of the Gender Wealth Gap in the U.S.  
2020 Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. Washington, D.C. (*scheduled*)

**Sariscsany, L.** The Gender Wealth Gap in the United States, 2008-2013.  
2020 Society for Social Work and Research, Washington D.C. (*scheduled*)  
2019 Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. Austin, TX.  
2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference. Washington D.C.

**Sariscsany, L.** Economic Resources.  
2018 Panelist at the Fragile Families Summer Data Workshop. Columbia University School of Social Work. New York, NY.

Garfinkel, I., **Sariscsany, L.**, & Vargas, L. The American welfare state in the lives of children.  
2018 Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. Denver, CO.  
2018 Fragile Families Working Group Series. New York, NY.  
2017 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference. Chicago, IL.

**Sariscsany, L.** Garfinkel, I., & Nepomnyaschy, L. Understanding child support trajectories.  
2018 Annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington D.C.  
2017 Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL.  
2017 Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.  
2016 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference, Washington D.C.  
2016 Fragile Families Working Group Series. New York, NY.

**Sariscsany, L.** Longitudinal study of childhood placements and long-term net worth.  
2015 Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.  
2014 Research without Walls Symposium. Washington University in St. Louis.

**Sariscsany, L.** The poor we will always have: A look at the new knowledge based economy and its effects on low to middle income individuals.  
2012 Grace Abbott's School of Social Work Research Fair. Omaha, NE.

## EXPERIENCE

### Research

2019 Reviewer, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*  
2018- Research Assistant to Dr. Christopher Wimer, Center on Poverty & Social Policy, School of Social Work, Columbia University, New York, NY

- 2015-2019 Research Assistant to Dr. Irwin Garfinkel, Columbia Population Research Center, School of Social Work, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2014 Research Intern to Ms. Aubrey Mancuso, Voices for Children, Omaha, NE
- 2013-2014 Research Assistant to Mr. Mike Rochelle, Center for Social Development, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2011-2012 Research Assistant to Mr. Fred Schott, Robert B. Daugherty Foundation, Omaha, NE

**Practice**

- 2012-2013 Case Advocate, Individual Development Account and Financial Education Family Housing Advisory Services, Omaha, NE
- 2011-2013 Social Work Intern, Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition, Omaha, NE
- 2008-2012 Direct Support Associate, Mosaic, Omaha, NE

**Community and University Service**

- 2019- Volunteer Mentor, Columbia School of Social Work Doctoral Student Mentoring Program.
- 2017- Member, Payday Lending Action Committee, Omaha Together One Community, Omaha, NE.
- 2017-2018 Co-Organizer with Dr. Ronald Mincy. Fragile Families Summer Data Workshop. Columbia University School of Social Work.

**Teaching**

- Fall 2019 Adjunct Professor, Social Welfare Policy. Columbia School of Social Work
- Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant, Advanced Research & Statistics, Sections 001 & 002. School of Social Work, Columbia University
- 2018 Guest Lecturer. “The American Welfare State in the Lives of Children,” Applied Quantitative Research Program, New York University.
- 2013 Guest Lecturer. Financial Education in Social Work. University of Nebraska, Grace Abbott School of Social Work.

**HONORS & AWARDS**

- 2016- Fellow, Columbia Population Research Center
- 2017- Awardee, Columbia Population Research Center Travel Grant
- 2015-2019 Awardee, Columbia University School of Social Work Scholarship
- 2014 Awardee, Brown School Practicum Scholarship
- 2013 Awardee, Brown School Scholar Award
- 2012 Awardee, Grace Abbott Independent Scholarship
- 2012 Placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Grace Abbott School of Social Work Research Fair

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Society for Social Work and Research
- Population Association of America
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- Columbia Population Research Center Fellow
- Columbia IRB Certification for research in human subjects
- Omaha Together One Community

