

## MEGAN KATHARINE BECKETT

### *EDUCATION*

Ph.D., Sociology, 1997, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
M.H.S.A., Health Management and Policy, 1992, School of Public Health, University of Michigan  
B.A., Psychology, 1988, Willamette University, Salem, OR

### *RESEARCH EXPERIENCE*

2001-present Sociologist, RAND, Santa Monica, CA  
1999-2001 Associate Sociologist, RAND  
1999 Lecturer, Andrus Center of Gerontology, University of Southern California  
1997-1999 National Institute on Aging Post-doctoral Fellow, RAND, Santa Monica, CA  
1995-1997 Statistician, HCIA, Ann Arbor, MI.  
1992-1997 National Institute on Aging Pre-doctoral Fellow, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan  
1996-1999 Consultant, Office of Population Research, Princeton University (PI: Noreen Goldman)

### *TEACHING EXPERIENCE*

2006-present Professor, RAND Graduate School of Public Studies, Santa Monica, CA

### *RESEARCH INTERESTS*

#### Substantive

Socioeconomic Disparities  
After-School Programs  
Adolescent Health

#### Methodological

Demographic Projections  
Survey Methodology  
Propensity Score Techniques

### *PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AT RAND*

2009 Chair, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee, RAND Graduate School (Hu)  
2006 Member, Selection Committee, Review of Bidders for New Orleans Study, 2006  
2006- Member, RAND Summer Institute Recruitment Committee  
2006-present Member, Selection Committee, Fellows in Population Studies and the Study of Aging, Labor and Population Program  
2004-present Chair, Sociologist and Demographer Recruiting Committee, Labor and Population Program  
2004 Acting Quality Assurance Director, Labor and Population Program  
2001-2003 Member, Sociologist and Demographer Recruiting Committee, Labor and Population Program  
2001-present Member, Recruiting Committee for Summer Associates Program

*OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE*

*Journals*

Referee/Reviewer

American Journal of Public Health, AIDS and Behavior, Biosociology, Demography, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, International Family Planning Perspectives, Journal of Clinical Outcomes Management, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journal of Social Psychology Quarterly, Population Research and Policy Review, Population Studies, Research on Aging, Social Science & Medicine, Sociological Focus

*Conferences*

2007 Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America  
2006 Presenter, Workshop on Comparative International Research Based on HRS, ELSA, and SHARE  
2005 Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America  
2004 Presenter, Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, June 2004  
2004 Session organizer, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America  
2003 Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America  
2002 Discussant, Presenter, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America  
2000 Presenter, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America  
1999 Presenter, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association  
1998 Presenter, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America  
1997 Presenter, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America  
1996 Presenter, Annual Meetings of the American Public Health Association  
1996 Presenter, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America  
1995 Presenter, Annual Meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, November 1995.  
1994 Presenter, Singapore Workshop on Aging in Asia  
1993 Presenter, Annual Meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, November 1993.

*Expert Panels*

2010-present Member, Advisory Committee, Social Inclusion in Guatemala Project, Norwegian Research Institute  
2009 Chair, Practice Guide for Out-of-School Time Panel, U.S. Department of Education, Institute for Education Sciences  
2005 Member, Expert Panel on Extracurricular Education Reform, Fast Company Magazine  
2005 Member, After-School Project Technical Working Group, funded by U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Evaluation

*COURSES TAUGHT*

Program Evaluation, RAND Graduate School, 2006  
Demography, RAND Graduate School, 2007  
Sociology of Aging, University of Southern California, School of Public Health, 1998

*PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (26)*

- Elliott, MN, EG Goldstein, WG Lehrman, P Cleary, L Giordano, C Cohea, **MK Beckett**. Forthcoming. "National Changes in Patient Hospital Experiences during the First Two Years of HCAHPS," Health Affairs.
- Beckett MK**, MN Elliott, DE Kanouse, R Corona, S Martino, D Klein, MA Schuster. 2010. "Is the Big Talk after the Fact? Timing of Parent and Child Communication about Sexuality Relative Children's Sexual Behaviors." *Pediatrics*, 10.1542/10.1542/peds.2008-1536.
- Clayman, S, MN Elliott, J Heritage, **MK Beckett**. (2010). "A Watershed in White House Journalism," *Political Communication*, 27: 229-247.
- Beckett, MK.**, Borman, G., Capizzano, J., Parsley, D., Ross, S., Schirm, A., & Taylor, J. (2009). Structuring out-of-school time to improve academic achievement: A practice guide. (NCEE #2009-012). Washington, DC: National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. Retrieved from <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/publications/practiceguides>.
- Beckett, MK**, MN Elliott, R Mangioni-Smith. 2009. "Outpatient Satisfaction: the Role of Nominal versus Perceived Communication," *Health Services Research*, 44(5): 1735-49.
- Beckett, MK**, PA Morrison. 2009. "Assessing the Need for a New Medical School: A Case Study in Applied Demography," *Population Research and Policy Review*, DOI 10.1007/s11113-009-9145-6.
- Lehrman W, MN Elliott, E Goldstein, **MK Beckett**, D Klein, LA Giordano. 2009. "Characteristics of Hospitals Demonstrating Superior Performance in Patient Experiences and Clinical Process Measures of Care," *Medical Care Research and Review*, 10.1177/1077558709341323.
- Elliott, MN, DF McCaffrey, BK Finch, DJ Klein, **MK Beckett**, N Lurie. 2009. "Improving Disparity Estimates for Rare Racial/Ethnic Groups with Trend Estimation and Kalman Filtering: An Application to the National Health Interview Survey", *Health Services Research*, 44(1): 1622-39.
- Elliott MN, WG Lehrman, E Goldstein, K Hambarsoomian, **MK Beckett**, LA Giordano. 2009. "Do Hospitals Rank Differently for HCAHPS for Different Patient Subgroups?" *Medicare Care Research and Review*, 10.1177/1077558709339066.
- Elliott MN, A Zaslavsky, K Hambarsoomians, E Goldstein, W Lehrman, **MK Beckett**, L Giordano. 2009. "The Effects of Survey Mode, Patient Mix, and Nonresponse on CAHPS® Hospital Survey (HCAHPS) Scores," *Health Services Research*, 44(2): 501-518.
- Elliott MN, **MK Beckett**, K Chong, K Hambarsoomians, RD Hays. 2008. "How Do Proxy Responses and Proxy-Assisted Responses Differ from What Medicare Beneficiaries Might Have Reported about Their Health Care?" *Health Services Research*, 43(3).
- Elliott MN, Finch BK, Klein D, Ma S, Do P, **Beckett MK**, Orr N, Lurie N. 2008. "Sample Designs for Measuring the Health of Small Racial Ethnic Subgroups," *Statistics in Medicine*, 27(10):4016-4029.
- Cowgill B, **MK Beckett**, R Corona, MN Elliott, A Zhou, and M Schuster. 2007. "Children of HIV-infected parents: Custody status in a nationally representative sample," *Pediatrics*, 120:e494-e503.
- Cowgill B, **MK Beckett**, R Corona, MN Elliott, A Zhou, and M Schuster. 2007. Guardianship Planning among HIV-infected Parents in the United States," *Pediatrics*, 119:e981-8.
- Elliott, MN, **MK Beckett**, DE Kanouse, K Hambarsoomians, S Bernard. 2007. "The Effects of Proxy Use on Medicare Fee-for-Service CAHPS Survey Outcomes Using Propensity Score Weights," *Health Services Review*, 64:600-614.
- Elliott, MN, **MK Beckett**, D Kanouse, L Shulamit. 2007. "Problem-Oriented Reporting of CAHPS Consumer Evaluations of Healthcare," *Medical Care Research and Review*, 64(5):600-614.

- Heritage, J, J Robinson, ME Elliott, **MK Beckett**, M Wilkes. 2007. "Reducing Patients' Unmet Concerns in Primary Care: The Difference One Word Can Make," *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 22(10):1429-33.
- Corona R, **MK Beckett**, BO Cowgill, MN Elliott, DA. Murphy, AJ Zhou, MA Schuster. 2006. "Do Children Know Their Parent's HIV-Status? Parental Reports of Child Knowledge in a Nationally Representative Sample." *Ambulatory Pediatrics*. 6: L38-44.
- Schuster M, **MK Beckett**, R Corona, and A Zhou. 2005."Hugs and Kisses: HIV-Infected Parents' Fears about Contagion and the Effects on Parent-Child Interaction in a Nationally Representative Sample." *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*. 159: 173-179.
- Beckett MK** and A Pebley. 2003. "Ethnicity, Language, and Economic Well-Being in Guatemala." *Rural Sociology*, 68:434-458.
- Beckett MK**, A Burnam, R Collins, D Kanouse, and R Beckman. 2003. "Substance Use and High-Risk Sex Among People With HIV." *AIDS and Behavior*. 7:209-19.
- Beckett MK**, N Goldman, M Weinstein, IF Lin, and YL Chuang. 2002. "Social Environment, Life Change, and Health Among the Elderly in Taiwan." *Social Science & Medicine*, 55:191-209.
- Beckett MK** and MN Elliott. 2001. "Mortality and Sample Selection: Reply to Noymer." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 42:328-331.
- Beckett MK**, J DaVanzo, C Panis, C Peterson, and N Sastry. 2001. "A Review of Retrospective Data Quality Evaluations in the Malaysian Family Life Survey." *Journal of Human Resources*, 36:593-625.
- Goldman, N, A Pebley, and **MK Beckett**. 2001. "Diffusion of Ideas About Personal Hygiene and Contamination in Poor Countries: Evidence From Guatemala." *Social Science & Medicine*, 52:53-69.
- Beckett MK**. 2000. "Converging Health Inequalities in Later Life: An Artifact of Mortality Selection?" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 41(1):106-119.
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- Beckett, MK**. 2008. "Current Generation Youth Programs: What Works, What Doesn't, and at What Cost?" Rand Technical Report.
- Castaneda, LW, MC Harrell, DM Varda, KC Hall, **MK Beckett**, S Stern. 2008. Deployment Experiences of Guard and Reserve Families: Implications for Support and Retention. RAND MG-645-OSD.
- Beckett MK**, PA Morrison. 2007. Forecasting the Supply of and Demand for Physicians in the Inland Southern California Area. RAND TR-524-UCR.
- Beckett M**, N Lim, T Louis, D Knopman, et al. "Issues Associated With Environmental Exposures and the Beckett MK, PA Morrison. 2007. Forecasting the Supply and Demand for Physicians in the Inland Southern California Area. RAND TR-524-UCR.
- Wynn, BO, **MK Beckett**, LH Hilborne, MM Scott, B Bahney. 2007. Evaluation of Severity-Adjusted DRG Systems: Interim Report. RAND WR-434-CMS.

- Karney BR, **MK Beckett**, R Collins, R Shaw. 2007. Adolescent Romantic Relationships as Precursors of Healthy Adult Relationships: A Review of Theory, Research, and Programs. Report prepared for Administration of Children and Families, DHHS.
- Meili R, SH Berry, MN Elliott, CP Roth, A Griffin, K Leuschner, DD Quigley, **MK Beckett**, Y Lou, C Pham, LH Hilborne. 2007. Redesign of the National Hospital Discharge Survey: Conceptual Framework and Feasibility Study: Final Report. RAND TR-475-HLTH.
- Ryan G, C Berrebi, **MK Beckett**, A Fremont, S Taylor, M Cho, J Adams, E Quiter, H Pincus, K Kahn (RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, Calif.), Development of a Conceptual Model and Assessment of the Feasibility of a National Clinical Research Associates Program: NCRA Final Report, Bethesda, Md.: Final Report prepared for the National Institutes of Health, Contract No. GS-10F-0275P, February 28, 2006.
- Beckett MK**, D Fossum, Connie S. Moreno, Jolene Galegher, Richard S. Marken. 2006. A Review of Current State-Level Adverse Medical Event Reporting Practices: Toward National Standards. RAND TR-383-AHRQ.
- Bodilly, Sue and **MK Beckett**. 2005. "Making Out-of-School-Time Matter: Evidence for an Action Agenda." RAND, MG-242-WF.
- Castaneda, Laura Werber, **MK Beckett**, and MC Harrell. 2005. "Understanding Guard and Reserve Families: Issues for Research." RAND, PM-1941-OSD.
- Meili, R, C. Ross Anthony, **MK Beckett**, D J. Dausey, Lee H. Hilborne, Martha Nelson, et al. 2005. "A Review of Qatar's Health Care System, Strengths and Changes: Interim Report." RAND, AR-7096-1.
- Bikson, Tora, **MK Beckett**, S Gates, C Guarino, K Ross, R Zimmer. 2003. "The Labor Market for Attorneys in the State of California: Past, Present, and Future." RAND, MR-1710-UC.
- Beckett MK** and Elliott MN. (2002). "Does the Association Between Marital Status and Health Vary by Sex, Race, and Ethnicity?" DRU-2869-NIA.
- The Shape Team. 2002. "The SHAPE Study: Shaping the Future of Health Care in Rhode Island." <http://www.shaperi.org/shapereport1122.pdf>, last accessed June 2005.
- Harrell, MC, **MK Beckett**, and CY Chien. 2002. "The Status of Gender Integration in the Military: Analysis of Selected Occupation." RAND National Defense Research Institute, MR-1380-OSD.
- Beckett M**, CY Chien, and MC Harrell. 2002. "The Status of Gender Integration in the Military: Supporting Appendices." RAND National Defense Research Institute, DRR-2520-OSD.
- Beckett M**, A Hawken, and A Jackowitz. 2001. "Accountability for After-School Care: Devising Standards and Measuring Adherence to Them." RAND, MR-1411.
- Hawken A, A Jackowitz, **MK Beckett**, and J Chiesa. 2001. "Measuring Stone Soup's Adherence to After-School Care Practices." RAND, MR-1412.0.
- Jackowitz A, A Hawken, **MK Beckett**, and J Chiesa. 2001. "Measuring Stone Soup's Adherence to After-School Care Practices." RAND Labor and Population Working Paper Series, 01-10, DRU-2576.
- Beckett M**, MC Harrell, and CY Chien. 2000. "Integrating Women Into Previously Closed Military Occupations: A Data Assessment." RAND National Defense Research Institute Project Memorandum, PM-1121-OSD.
- Orvis BR, CA Goldman, L McDonald, **MK Beckett**, MN Elliott, et al. 2000. "Army Recruiting Met Survey: Interim Results." RAND Arroyo Center, AB-427-A.

**Beckett M**, J DaVanzo, N Sastry, C Panis, and C Peterson. 1999. "The Quality of Retrospective Reports in the Malaysian Family Life Survey." RAND Labor and Population Working Paper Series, DRU-2226-NICHD/NIA.

*OTHER PUBLICATIONS (3)*

Peterson, DJ and **MK Beckett**. 2002. "Rating Best Places: Going Beyond Real Estate in Making Location Decisions." Site Selection Magazine, September 562-563.

Goldman, N, A Pebley, and **MK Beckett**. 1998. "Diffusion of Ideas About Personal Hygiene and Contamination in Poor Countries: Evidence From Guatemala." Proceedings of the Workshop on Social Processes Underlying Fertility Change in Developing Countries, Committee on Population, National Academy of Sciences.

**Beckett M** and MT Chong. 1989. La Soya en Mi Hogar, Asociacion de Productores de Ciclo Corto de Quevedo (Ecuador).

*POLICY BRIEFINGS (7)*

"Learning What Works to Structure Out-of-School Time to Improve Academic Achievement," Presented to CEASOM, Anapolis, Maryland, October 2009, REL Mid-Atlantic, Washington DC, October 2009, REL Southwest, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 2009, Pacific REL, January 2010.

"Current Generation Out-of-School Time Programs: What Works, What Doesn't, and At What Cost." Presented at Growth & Justice Smart Investments Education Summit, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 2007.

"After School Programs in the United States." Briefing to Netherlands' Minister for Social Affairs and Employment (Aart Jan de Geus), Political Adviser for the Minister of Social Affairs and Employment (Jeroen Wybe Jacob de Graaf), and Secretary General for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (Maarten Anthony Ruijs) on after-school care policy and programs in the United States, March 2006.

"Accountability for After-School Care." Presented to Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania's Education Roundtable, September 2004.

"After-School Care Research: Where the Field Stands and Where Do We Go From Here?" Promising Practices Network Board, February 2004.

"What We Know about After-School Care." Presented to California Congressional Delegation staffers, October 2002; Barbara Inatsugu, League of Women Voters, October 2002; Miriam Simmons, Child Policy Deputy for L.A. County Supervisor Burke, October 2002.

"After-School Care." Presented to Southern California Association of Philanthropist Forum on After-School Care, April, 2001.

*SPECIAL INVITED PANELS AND CONFERENCES (1)*

What Works Clearinghouse Panel for the 2009 REL Directors Meeting. July 23, 2009, Washington, D.C.

*COMMENTARY/OP-ED/PRESS INTERVIEWS (9)*

“Why We Need to Study the Tutors”, Commentary in Education Week, January 20, 2010.

Interviewed for release of “Timing of Parent and Child Communication” by Roger Greer (Focus on the Family radio show), Lancaster (PA) Sunday News, CNN Headline News, Chicago Parent, Women Make News.com, ABC News, AOL Corp, CBS News Radio, HealthDay.com, Australian Child (webchild.com), O: The Oprah Magazine in December 2009-March 2010.

Interviewed for release of “Current Generation Youth Programs: What Works, What Doesn’t, and at What Cost?” with Santa Monica Daily Times, March 7, 2008.

“Using a Framework Approach to Improve Youth Participation in Informal Learning,” (with S Berry and K Leuschner), Harvard Evaluation Exchange (Volume IX, No. 2, Summer 2003)

Interview for “After-School Report Called Into Question” in Education Week, May 21, 2003.

Interview with Times Education Editorial writer, March 2003.

“Let’s Make Sure Prop. 49 Pays Off,” Orange County Register, February 27, 2003.

“Monitor After-School Care Programs Carefully,” San Diego Tribune, January 2, 2003 and reprinted in Los Angeles Daily News (January 3, 2003), San Francisco Examiner (January 3, 2003), and North County Times (January 4, 2003).

“Don’t Make After-School Care the Next Big Myth,” Commentary, RAND Review, December, 2002.

***FUNDED GRANTS AND CONTRACTS:***

Project Title: Weathering Hypothesis and Socioeconomic Status

Client: Panel Survey of Income Dynamics Project

Funding Dates: 8/1/09-7/31/10

Total Funding: \$15,000

Role: Principal Investigator

Project Title: Testing the Weathering Hypothesis Planning Grant

Client: RAND Population Research Center

Funding Dates: 1/2/09-8/1/09

Total Funding: \$36,000

Role: Principal Investigator

Project Title: Adherence to Preventive and Medical Regimens

Client: National Institutes of Health/OBSSR

Funding Dates: 10/17/07-6/17/08

Total Funding: \$283,181

Role: Principal Investigator

Project Title: Projecting Demand and Supply for Healthcare Providers in Inland Empire

Client: Riverside County

Funding Dates: 9/16/06-5/01/07

Total Funding: \$73,000

**BECKETT/8**

Role: Principal Investigator

Project Title: Stone Soup After-School Programs

Client: Stone Soup

Funding Dates: 1/1/2000-12/31/2000

Total Funding: \$60,000

Role: Principal Investigator

Project Title: Marital Status and Health in Late Life

Client: National Institute of Aging

Funding Dates: 1/1/99-12/31/99

Total Funding: \$57,000

Role: Principal Investigator