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RESEARCH POSITIONS

W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research	Kalamazoo, MI
Research Fellow	August 2021-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research focus: Economic and social inequalities in work, health, and aging	
Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies	Cambridge, MA
Visiting Scientist	2021-present
Research Associate	2019-2021
Sloan Postdoctoral Fellow on Aging and Work	2017-2019

EDUCATION

Harvard University	Cambridge, MA
Ph.D. Sociology	2017
University of Oxford (Rhodes Scholar)	Oxford, UK
M.St. Theology	2000
B.A. History and English, First Class Honours	1999
St. Olaf College	Northfield, MN
B.A. Chemistry and English, Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa	1997

PUBLICATIONS

Overtime: America's Aging Workforce and the Future of Working Longer. September 2022. Co-edited volume (with Lisa Berkman) funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Oxford University Press.

Beth C. Truesdale, Lisa Berkman, and Alexandra Mitukiewicz. September 2022. "[When I'm 54: Working Longer Starts Younger Than We Think](#)." In *Overtime: America's Aging Workforce and the Future of Working Longer*. Oxford University Press.

Berkman, Lisa, and Beth C. Truesdale. September 2022. "Is Working Longer in Jeopardy?" In *Overtime: America's Aging Workforce and the Future of Working Longer*. Oxford University Press.

Berkman, Lisa, Beth C. Truesdale, and Alexandra Mitukiewicz. September 2022. "What Is the Way Forward? American Policy and Working Longer." In *Overtime: America's Aging Workforce and the Future of Working Longer*. Oxford University Press.

Beth C. Truesdale. 2020. "[Better Jobs, Longer Working Lives: Policy Proposals to Improve the Low-wage Labor Market for Older Workers](#)." Brookings Institution.

- Cited in [Forbes](#), December 17, 2021.

Beth C. Truesdale and Christopher Jencks. 2016. "[The Health Effects of Income Inequality: Averages and Disparities](#)." *Annual Review of Public Health* 37(1):413-30.

Beth C. Truesdale and Christopher Jencks. "[Income Inequality and Health: Strong Theories, Weaker Evidence](#)." *Frontiers in Public Health Services and Systems Research* 5(5):30-37.

SELECTED MEDIA AND PRESENTATIONS

“[Uncovering the Facts Behind Unretirement](#).” May 31, 2022. Extended radio interview with Melissa Harris-Perry (Host), Deborah Goldstein (Producer), *The Takeaway*. New York: GBP, PRX, and WNYC Studios.

“[Improving economic opportunity for older workers](#).” November 19, 2020. One of four labor experts invited to discuss challenges to work at older ages and propose policy reforms at this Brookings Institution event.

“[Sociologist Beth Truesdale speaks on the challenges facing America’s aging workforce](#).” December 10, 2019. Radio broadcast and news coverage of public lecture at St. Olaf College. *MPR News Presents*. Minnesota Public Radio.

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“[At 99, iconic producer Norman Lear doesn’t want to quit working. Can work help us all live longer?](#)” June 3, 2022. Interview with Sandee LaMotte, *CNN*.

“American Policy and Working Longer: Bringing Labor Force Policy Into the Retirement Policy Conversation.” May 11, 2022. Political Economy of Aging Seminar, Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis, The New School for Social Research.

“[Millions retired early during the pandemic. Many are now returning to work, new data shows](#).” May 6, 2022. Interview with Abha Bhattarai, *The Washington Post*.

“Promoting Self-Employment Among Older Workers.” October 1, 2021. Presentation for AARP’s Office of Policy Development and Integration.

“[How Biden could help older workers](#).” December 14, 2020. Interview with Chris Farrell, *PBS Next Avenue*.

“Social Determinants of Healthy Aging.” February 13, 2020. Presentation at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS) Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington.

“[Truth, Justice, and America’s Aging Workforce](#).” November 13, 2019. Public lecture at the St. Olaf College Institute for Freedom and Community.

“[Individuals shouldn’t have to bear burden of a secure retirement](#).” September 6, 2019. *Boston Globe*, Letter to the Editor.

Panelist, Tobin Project Conference on Inequality and Decision Making, April 2019.

“[Poverty touches not just pocketbooks, but mental health](#).” May 17, 2018. Radio interview with Tanzina Vega (Host), Oliver Lazarus (Producer), *The Takeaway*. New York: PRI and WNYC.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

Program on the Global Demography of Aging, Harvard University, <i>Young Folks’ Jobs: Socioeconomic Disparities in Work and Health in the Run-up to Retirement</i> (\$50,000)	2019
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, <i>Is Working Longer in the U.S. in Jeopardy?</i> Funding for edited volume (PI: Lisa Berkman) (\$500,000)	2018
Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course, for “Coming of Age in an Unequal State: The Life Course Effects of Economic Inequality on Health.”	2018

Russell Sage Foundation, <i>The Effects of Income Inequality on Health Disparities in the U.S.</i> (PI: Christopher Jencks) (\$54,000)	2016
Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, Graduate Fellowship in Ethics	2015
Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University, Research Grant	2015
Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University, Richmond Fellowship	2014
Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, Dissertation Fellowship	2014
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Research Grant	2014
Tobin Project, Graduate Student Fellowship in Democracy and Markets	2014
Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Doctoral Fellowship	2011
Rhodes Scholarship	1997
Fulbright Scholarship (declined)	1997

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

White House Office of Management and Budget	Washington, D.C.
Intern in the Education, Income Maintenance and Labor Division	Summer 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked on federal regulation intended to improve employment of people with disabilities • Presented proposals at the White House to top Department of Labor staff 	
Social Research Unit at Dartington	Devon, UK
Associate	2010-2017
Developmental editing of publications for non-profit and government, including:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the LankellyChase Foundation: <i>Bringing Everything I Am Into One Place: An inquiry into young people facing severe and multiple disadvantage.</i> 2014. • For Realising Ambition, a £25m UK Big Lottery Fund project: <i>Design and Refine: Developing effective interventions for children and young people.</i> 2013. • For the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: <i>Achieving Lasting Impact at Scale,</i> 2012. • For the Department for Education (UK): <i>An Introduction to Evidence-based Programmes for Children and Families.</i> 2012. 	
Social Research Consultant	London, UK
Independent Consultant	2009-2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted qualitative research, wrote public reports, and developed training programs for clients including the UK's National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE), the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the UK's Department of Health 	
Ubiquis UK	London, UK
Founding Director of Public Consultation Analysis Unit	2006-2009
Project Manager to Head of Production	2003-2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruited, trained and led teams of writers and analysts in analyzing the results of public consultation and public comment processes • Wrote public reports to inform policy on issues including city planning, media regulation, and the future of the BBC 	
Freelance Researcher and Journalist	London, UK
	2000-2003

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University

Teaching Fellow

Cambridge, MA

2012-2016

- Quantitative methods, social science writing, and sociology courses

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editorial Board Member, *Work, Aging, and Retirement*

Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Social Science & Medicine*, and *Science Advances*

Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee Member