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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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: <i>For Richer and Poorer: Disentangling the Association between Income Inequality and Health</i>	
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." Forthcoming. Co-edited volume (with Lisa Berkman) funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Oxford University Press.

Beth C. Truesdale, Lisa Berkman, and Alexandra Mitukeiwicz. Forthcoming. "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.

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

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. 2016. "Income Inequality and Health: Strong Theories, Weaker Evidence." *Frontiers in Public Health Services and Systems Research* 5(5):30-37.

WORKING PAPERS

Beth C. Truesdale. "Coming of Age in an Unequal State: The Life Course Effects of Economic Inequality on Individual Health."

Beth C. Truesdale. "Do Health Disparities Grow When Income Inequality Rises? It Depends How You Measure the Gaps."

Beth C. Truesdale. "Income Inequality, Economic Mobility, and Health Disparities in U.S. States."

Beth C. Truesdale. “The Blue Collar Penalty: Explaining Educational Class Gaps in Work Disability.”

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

SELECTED MEDIA AND PRESENTATIONS

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

“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.

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

“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.

“Truth, Justice, and America’s Aging Workforce.” November 13, [2019](#). Invited 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.

Invited 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 Oliver Lazarus (Producer), Tanzina Vega (Host), *The Takeaway*. New York: PRI and WNYC.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

White House Office of Management and Budget Washington, D.C.
Intern in the Education, Income Maintenance and Labor Division Summer 2013

- 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:

- For the LankellyChase Foundation: *Bringing Everything I Am Into One Place: An inquiry into young people facing severe and multiple disadvantage*. 2014.
- For Realising Ambition, a £25m UK Big Lottery Fund project: *Design and Refine: Developing effective interventions for children and young people*. 2013.
- For the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: *Achieving Lasting Impact at Scale*, 2012.
- For the Department for Education (UK): *An Introduction to Evidence-based Programmes for Children and Families*. 2012.

Social Research Consultant London, UK
Independent Consultant 2009-2010

- 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

- 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 Cambridge, MA
Teaching Fellow 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