

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

PhD	<b>Columbia University School of Social Work</b> Concentration in Social Policy and Policy Analysis <i>Degree awarded with distinction</i>	2010
MSW	<b>University of Minnesota</b> Concentration in Community Practice	2003
BA	<b>Hamline University, St. Paul, MN</b> Major: Political Science and Urban Studies	1999

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2012- Present	Assistant Professor and Helen V. Narramore Scholar. School of Social Work, University of Washington
2017-Present	Adjunct Assistant Professor. Department of Sociology, University of Washington
2010-2012	Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Office of Population Research, Princeton University

### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Martinson, M.L.**, Chang, Y.L, Han, W., & Wen, J. (2018). Child Overweight and Obesity in Shanghai, China: Contextualizing Chinese Socioeconomic and Gender Differences. *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 25(1), 141-149.
- Moore, M., **Martinson, M. L.**, Nurius, P. S., & Kemp, S. P. (2018). Transdisciplinarity in Research: Perspectives of Early Career Faculty. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 28(3), 254-264.
- Miller, D.P., Allen, H., Bazzi, A., **Martinson, M.L.**, Salas-Wright, C., Jantz, K., Crevi, K., & Rosenbloom, D. (2017). A Social Work approach to policy: Implications for Population Health. *American Journal of Public Health*, 107(S3), S243-S249.

- Martinson, M.L.**, Tienda, M., & Teitler, J.O. (2017). Immigrant low birthweight in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia. *Social Science and Medicine*, 194, 168-176.
- Teitler, J.O., **Martinson, M.L.**, & Reichman, N.E. (2017). Cohort variability in immigrant health from 1970 to 2009. *International Migration Review*. 51(1), 37-66.
- Martinson, M.L.**, Teitler, J.O., Plaza, R., & Reichman, N. (2016). Income disparities in cardiovascular health across the lifespan. *SSM – Population Health* 2 (2016): 904-913.
- Martinson, M.L.** & Vasunilashorn, S. (2016). The long-arm of adolescent weight status on later life depressive symptoms. *Age and Ageing*. 45(3), 389-395.
- Martinson, M.L.** & Reichman, N.E. (2016). Socioeconomic inequalities in low birthweight in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia. *American Journal of Public Health*. 106(4): 748-754.
- Martinson, M.L.** & Tienda, M. (2015). Birthing, nativity, and maternal depression: Australia and the United States. *International Migration Review*. 50(3), 793-824.
- Martinson, M.L.**, S. McLanahan, & J. Brooks-Gunn. (2014). Variation in Child Body Mass Index Patterns by Race/Ethnicity and Maternal Nativity Status in the United States and England. *Maternal and Child Health* 19:373–380.
- Pilkaukas, N.V. & **Martinson, M.L.** (2014). Three generation family households in early childhood: Comparisons between the United States, United Kingdom, and Australia. *Demographic Research* 30:1639-1652.
- Vasunilashorn, S. & **Martinson, M.L.** (2013). Weight status in adolescence is associated with later life functional limitations. *Journal of Aging and Health* 25(5):758-75.
- Martinson, M.L.** (2012). Income inequality in health at all ages: A comparison of the United States and England. *American Journal of Public Health*. 102(11): 2049-2056.
- Manuel, J.I., **Martinson, M.L.**, Bellamy, J.L., & Bledsoe, S.E. (2012). The influence of stress and social support on depressive symptoms in new birth mothers with young children. *Social Science and Medicine* 75(11): 2013-2020.
- Martinson, M.L.**, S. McLanahan, & J. Brooks-Gunn. (2012). Race/ethnic and nativity disparities in child overweight in the United States and England. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 643: 219-238.
- Martinson, M.L.**, J.O. Teitler, & N.E. Reichman. (2011). Health across the life span in the United States and England. *American Journal of Epidemiology* 173(8): 858-865.
- Martinson, M.L.**, J.O. Teitler, & N.E. Reichman. (2011). Response to Invited Commentary: The search for explanations of the American health disadvantage relative to the English. *American Journal of Epidemiology* 173(8): 870.

Teitler, J.O., N.E. Reichman, L. Nepomnyaschy, & **M.L. Martinson**. (2007). A Cross-National comparison of racial and ethnic disparities in low birth weight in the United States and England. *Pediatrics* 120(5): e1182-e1189.

## **SELECTED PRESS AND MEDIA**

*Overweight teen girls more likely to be depressed as adults*  
Reuters and several news outlets, 4/1/16

*Study shows U.S. has greater link between low birth weight and inequality*  
UW Today, 1/28/16

*Even with universal care, the poor suffer*  
KUOW The Conversation, 10/15/12

*Minority children at higher risk for weight problems in both the US and England*  
Science Daily, 09/25/12

*Low income linked to poorer health in both U.S. and England, despite different health systems*  
UW Today, 09/20/12

*England 'healthier than the US'*  
BBC News, 03/09/11

*Americans have worse health than English peers, study finds*  
US News and World Report, 03/09/11

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

Dissertation awarded Distinction, Columbia University of Social Work. Awarded 2010.  
Fellow, New York Academy of Medicine. Awarded 2010.  
Fellow, Columbia Population Research Center. Awarded 2009.  
Doctoral Fellowship, Columbia University School of Social Work. Awarded 2005.  
Graduate Studies Research Fellowship, University of Minnesota School of Social Work.  
Awarded 2002.  
Graduate Studies Fellowship, University of Minnesota College of Human Ecology. Awarded  
2001.  
Honors Scholarship, Hamline University. Awarded 1995-1999.

## **GRANTS: PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR**

Center for the Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington. Seed Grant. The  
US Health Disadvantage in the Early Life Course: A comparison of cardiovascular wellness in  
the United States, England, Canada, and Australia. 2018-2019 (\$22,000)

Institut National D'études Demographiques (INED). Paris, France. Visiting Scholar Award. 2018. (\$2000).

Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities, University of Michigan. Pilot Grant. State Variation in Socioeconomic Disparities in Health. 2016-2017 (\$10,000).

NYU-ECNU Institute for Social Development at NYU Shanghai Research Grant. Chinese Children and Body Weight: Low Birthweight and Obesity Determinants and Disparities. 2015-2016 (\$26,000).

## PEER-REVIEWED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- Martinson, M.L.** & Choi, K. (2018, April). *Low birthweight and child and adolescent health: The role of maternal education*. Paper presented at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Martinson, M.L.** & Zhou, Y. (2018, January). *Socioeconomic status trajectories and later life physical health*. Poster presented at the SSWR Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- Choi, K.H. & **Martinson, M.L.** (2017, April). *Low Birthweight and child health: Disparities by race/ethnicity*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Goisis, A., **Martinson, M.L.**, & Sigle, W. (2017, April). *A complex relationship between ethnicity, socio-economic status and the risk of overweight/obesity in the United Kingdom*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Vasunilashorn, S.M. & **Martinson, M.L.** (2017, April). *Overweight in adolescence is associated with later life cognitive function: The Wisconsin Longitudinal Study*. Poster presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Teitler, J.O., Plaza, R., **Martinson, M.L.**, & Reichman, N.E. (2017, April). *Income disparities in cardiovascular health and functional well-being across the life span*. Poster presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Martinson, M.L.**, Chang, Y.L., Han, W.J., & Wen, J. (2017, January). *Disparities in access to healthcare: Children in Shanghai, China*. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Miller, D.P., **Martinson, M.L.**, Allen, H.A., & Salas-Wright, C.P. (2017, January). *The value-added of a social work policy perspective for population health*. Roundtable. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Martinson, M.L.**, Teitler, J.O., Plaza, R., & Reichman, N.E. (2016, March). *Health disadvantage over the lifecourse*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- Martinson, M.L.**, Chang, Y.L., Han, W.J., & Wen, J. (2016, January). *Social determinants of child overweight and obesity in Shanghai, China: Comparing Chinese and US disparity patterns*. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington DC.

- Martinson, M.L.**, Chang, Y.L., Han, W.J., & Wen, J. (2015, November). *Social determinants of child overweight and obesity in Shanghai, China: Understanding Chinese disparities*. Poster presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference, Miami, FL.
- Martinson, M.L.** & Reichman, N.E. (2015, May). *Socioeconomic disparities in health at the starting gate: Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States compared*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Martinson, M.L.** & Vasunilashorn, S. (2015, January). *Using a lifecourse approach to understand the relationship between adolescent weight status and later life depressive symptoms*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Martinson, M.L.** & Pilkauskas, N.V. (2015, January). *Socioeconomic inequality in childhood obesity: A comparison of the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Martinson, M.L.** & Vasunilashorn, S. (2014, May). *The long-arm of adolescent weight status on later life depressive symptoms*. Poster presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Martinson, M.L.** (2014, January). *Socioeconomic disparities in infant health: An international comparison*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Martinson, M.L.**, Tienda, M., & Teitler, J.O. (2013, April). *Low birthweight among immigrants*. Paper presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Pilkauskas, N.V. & **Martinson, M.L.** (2013, April). *Three generation family households in early childhood*. Paper presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Martinson, M.L.** (2012, May). *Income Inequality in Health at All Ages: A Comparison of the United States and England*. Paper presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Vasunilashorn, S. & **Martinson, M.L.** (2012, May). *Overweight in Adolescence Is Associated with Later Life Functional Limitations*. Paper presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Teitler, J.O., **Martinson, M.L.**, & Reichman, N.E. (2011, November). *Cohort variability in immigrant health*. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Teitler, J.O., **Martinson, M.L.**, & Reichman, N.E. (2011, September). *Cohort variability in immigrant health from 1970 to 2009*. Paper presented at the Census Research Data Center Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Martinson, M.L.**, McLanahan, S., & Brooks-Gunn, J. (2011, April). *Nativity status, ethnicity, and body mass index among children in the United States and England*. Paper presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

- Martinson, M.L.** (2010, June). *Racial and ethnic disparities in health across the life span in the United States and England*. Paper Presentation at the Society for Epidemiological Research Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Martinson, M.L.**, Teitler, J.O., & Reichman, N.E. (2010, June). *Health across the life span in the United States and England*. Paper Presentation at the Society for Epidemiological Research Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Martinson, M.L.**, Teitler, J.O., & Reichman, N.E. (2010, April). *Health across the life span in the United States and England*. Paper Presentation at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Martinson, M.L.** (2010, April). *Racial and ethnic disparities in health across the life span in the United States and England*. Poster Presentation at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Manuel, J., Bellamy, J. L., Bledsoe, S.E., & **Martinson, M.L.** (2008, January). *Estimated Effects of Family Structure on New Birth Mothers' Mental Health: An Examination of Postpartum Depression in a Nationally Representative Sample*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Teitler, J., Reichman, N., Nepomnyaschy, L., **Martinson, M.L.** (2007, May). *A cross-national comparison of racial and ethnic disparities in low birthweight in the United States and England*. Paper presented at the NICHD-NES Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Birth Cohort Conference on Child Health and Development, Bethesda, MD.
- Manuel, J., **Martinson, M.L.**, Bellamy, J. L. & Bledsoe, S. E. (2007, January). *Chronic Stress, Social Support, and Depression among New Birth Mothers in Urban Cities*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

## INVITED TALKS AND INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Martinson, M.L.** & Choi, K. (2018, June). *Low birthweight and subsequent child health: Variation by maternal education*. Paper presented at the European Population Conference (EPC), Brussels, Belgium.
- Vasunilashorn, S.M. & **Martinson, M.L.** (2017, October). *Overweight in adolescence is associated with later life cognitive function: The Wisconsin Longitudinal Study*. Paper presented at the International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Martinson, M.L.** (2017, April). *State Variation in Socioeconomic Health Inequalities*. Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities Annual Research Meeting, Chicago, IL. Invited Talk.
- Martinson, M.L.**, Goisis, A., Sigle, W. (2017, September). *A complex relationship between ethnicity, socioeconomic status and the risk of child obesity/overweight in the UK*. Paper presented at the European Population Conference, Mainz, Germany.

- Martinson, M.L.**, Chang, Y.L., Han, W.J., & Wen, J. (2015, October). *Social determinants of childhood obesity in Shanghai, China: a cross-sectional child cohort survey*. Poster presented at The Lancet and Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences Health Summit, Beijing, China. Abstract published in The Lancet.
- Martinson, M.L.** & Reichman, N.E. (2015, March). *Socioeconomic disparities in health at the starting gate: Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States compared*. Social Development Seminar, NYU-ECNU Institute for Social Development at NYU Shanghai, China. Invited Talk.
- Martinson, M.L.** & Reichman, N.E. (2014, June). *Socioeconomic disparities in low birthweight: A comparison across Anglophone countries*. Paper presented at the European Population Conference, Budapest, Hungary.
- Martinson, M.L.** (2013, April). *Health inequalities in the United States and United Kingdom*. Putting Health Disparities in Place Symposium, Columbia University, NY. Invited Talk.
- Martinson, M.L.** (2012, October). *Income inequalities in low birthweight in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia*. Paper presented at the Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies International Conference, Paris, France.
- Pilkuskas, N.V. & **Martinson, M.L.** (2012, October). *Three generation family households in early childhood: Comparisons between the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia*. Paper presented at the Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies International Conference, Paris, France.
- Martinson, M.L.**, Teitler, J.O., & Reichman, N.E. (2012, September). *Does life in the United States take a toll on health?* Northwest Data Research Center opening. Seattle, WA. Invited Talk.
- Martinson, M.L.**, Tienda, M., & Teitler, J.O. (2012, June). *Low birthweight among immigrants in Australia and the United Kingdom*. Paper presented at the European Public Health Association's Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, Milan, Italy.
- Teitler, J.O., **Martinson, M.L.**, & Reichman, N.E. (2012, June). *Variability in immigrant health across cohorts and duration in the United States*. Paper presented at the European Population Conference, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Martinson, M.L.** (2011, September). *The income gradient in health in England and the United States*. Paper presented at the British Society for Population Studies, York, UK.
- Martinson, M.L.**, McLanahan, S., & Brooks-Gunn, J. (2011, June). *Nativity status, ethnicity, and body mass index among children in the United States and England*. Paper presented at the INSIDE Conference, Barcelona, Spain. Invited Talk.
- Martinson, M.L.** & Tienda, M. (2011, June). *Birth, nativity, and maternal depression: Australia and the United States*. Paper presented at the INSIDE Conference, Barcelona, Spain. Invited Talk.
- Martinson, M.L.**, Teitler, J.O., & Reichman, N.E. (2010, September). *Health across the life span in the United States and England*. Poster Presentation at the European Population Conference, Vienna, Austria.
- Martinson, M.L.** (2010, April). *Racial and ethnic disparities in health in the United States and England*. Poster Presentation at the New York Academy of Medicine Student Night, New York, NY. Invited.

**Martinson, M.L.** (2009, October). *Health status in the United States and England*. Paper Presentation at the Impact of Family Socio-Economic Status on Outcomes in Childhood and Adolescence (IFSSOCA) Monthly Seminar, University of Bristol, UK. Invited Talk.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Research**

2012-Present                      Research Affiliate, Center Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington  
2013-Present                      Research Affiliate, Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, University of Washington  
2013-Present                      Faculty Affiliate, West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington  
2012-Present                      Research Associate, Columbia University Population Research Center  
2007-2010                         Research Assistant. Professor Julien Teitler, Columbia University  
2002-2003                         Research Assistant. Rainbow Research, Minneapolis, MN  
2002-2003                         Research Assistant. School of Social Work, University of MN  
1998                                 Research Assistant. Urban Coalition, St. Paul, MN

### **Practice**

2004-2005                         Social Worker. Looked after Children Department, Hammersmith and Fulham Children's Services, London, UK  
2003-2004                         Social Worker. Referral and Assessment, Brent Children's Services, London, UK

### **Service Practice**

2000-2001                         AmeriCorps\* VISTA Leader. Minnesota Literacy Council, St. Paul, MN  
1999-2000                         AmeriCorps\* VISTA. Wilder Foundation in Collaboration with Jobs Plus, St. Paul, MN

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING**

### **University Courses**

SW 512 Macro Practice I: Organizations, Community, Policy Practice. University of Washington. *Lead Instructor* (2015-2018). Winter 2013, Winter 2014, Winter 2015 (2 sections), Winter 2016, Winter 2017, Winter 2018  
SW 519B Health-Mental Health Policy and Services. University of Washington. Winter 2013, Winter 2014, Winter 2015, Winter 2016, Winter 2017, Winter 2018  
SW 556A West Coast Poverty Center Seminar. University of Washington. Spring 2018  
CSDE 501: Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology Seminar Series Chair. University of Washington. 2015-2016, 2016-2017  
SW 6801 United States Social Welfare Policy. Columbia University. 2007-2009 (6 sections total)

### **Formal Mentoring**

Dissertation Committee Chair (1 student)  
Dissertation Committee Member (5 students)

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Qualifying Paper Committee Member (4 students)  
Qualifying Paper Reviewer (3 students)  
Supervisor, Doctoral Teaching Practicum (3 students)  
Supervisor, Doctoral Research Practicum (5 students)  
Independent Studies (8 students)  
BASW Honors Thesis Supervisor (1 student)

## **SERVICE**

### **School of Social Work**

2014-Present Faculty Council. School of Social Work, University of Washington  
2014-Present Faculty Council Elections Subcommittee. School of Social Work, University of Washington  
2017-Present Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Track Committee. Doctoral Program. School of Social Work, University of Washington  
2016-2017 PhD Curriculum Planning Subcommittee. School of Social Work, University of Washington  
2012-2014 MSW Program Committee. School of Social Work, University of Washington

### **University**

2017-Present Graduate School Council Representative, University of Washington  
2015-Present Training Committee. Center Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington  
2016-2017 Seminar Committee. Center Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington (Chair)  
2013 Reviewer for Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)  
Member, Population Association of America (PAA)  
Member, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS)  
Member, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)  
Member, European Association of Population Studies (EAPS)

## **AD-HOC REVIEWER**

### **Journals**

*American Journal of Public Health, Demography, Social Science and Medicine, Pediatrics, PLOS ONE, Age and Ageing, Pediatrics, American Journal of Epidemiology, Journal of Ageing and Health, International Migration Review*

**Conferences**

*Society for Social Work Research*