

Curriculum Vitae
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Personal Information

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Education

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Colorado at Boulder, August 2010.
Dissertation: *Birth Weight in the United States: Disparities by Race/Ethnicity and Maternal Age* – Co-chairs Stefanie Mollborn and Richard G. Rogers
-Graduate Certificate in Demography, Population Program, CU-Boulder.
M.A., Sociology, Texas Tech University, May 2006.
B.A., Sociology, Texas Christian University, May 2003. *Cum Laude*.

Employment

August 2016 – present: Assistant Professor. Department of Public Health. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX. (primary appointment)
Administrative appointment: Director of MPH Applied Practice Experience – 8/1/2017 – present.

April 2016 – present: Adjunct faculty, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work. Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX.

November 2016 – present. Non-clinical Assistant Professor. J.T. & Margaret Talkington Department of Internal Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX.

September 2015 – July 2016: Research Assistant Professor. J.T. & Margaret Talkington Department of Internal Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX.

September 2010 – August 2015: Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Social Sciences, University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa, TX.

Areas of Research Interest

Social determinants of health, health services research, mental health, demography, race/ethnicity, birth outcomes

Areas of Teaching Interest

Social epidemiology, aging & the life course, research ethics, public health communication, research methods & design

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Dennis, J. A., Zhang, Y., Zhang, F., Kopel, J., Abohelwa, M., Nugent, K. In press. Comparison of 30-Day Mortality and Readmission Frequency in Women versus Men with Acute Myocardial Infarction. *Baylor University Medical Center Proceedings*. DOI: 10.1080/08998280.2021.1945364
- Zhang, Y., Lauche, R., Cramer, H., Munk, N., & Dennis, J. A. (2021). Increasing trend of yoga practice among US adults: Findings from NHIS 2002 to 2017. *Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1089/acm.2020.0506>
- Dennis, J. A., Zhang, Y., Zhang, F., De La Cruz, N., Hannabas, G., Mi, N. (2021). Sex differences in stroke incidence, 30-day mortality, and readmission in a southwestern U.S. medical center. *Southern Medical Journal*, 114:1-6. DOI: 10.14423/SMJ.0000000000001221
- Dennis, J. A., Gittner, L. S., George, A. K., & Queen, C. M. (2021). Opioid use disorder terminologies and the role of public health in addressing stigma. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, 39:110-118. DOI:10.1080/07347324.2020.1787118
- Rivas, A.M., Pena, C., Kopel, J., Dennis, J. A., Nugent, K. (2021). Hypertension and hyperthyroidism: association and pathogenesis. *The American Journal of the Medical Sciences*, 361: 3-7. DOI: [10.1016/j.amjms.2020.08.012](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amjms.2020.08.012)
- Khan, S., Ike, C, Dennis, J. A., Nugent, K. N. 2021. The prevalence and characteristics of adults with latent tuberculous infection in the United States and the implications for healthcare in Texas. *Southwest Respiratory and Critical Care Chronicles*, 9:1-10.
- Thavaraputta, S., Dennis, J. A., Ball, S., Laoveeravat, P., & Nugent, K. (2021). The association between hematologic inflammatory markers and obesity in healthy participants in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2011-2016. *Baylor University Medical Center Proceedings*, 34: 17-21. DOI:10.1080/08998280.2020.1799482

- Dennis, J. A., Gittner, L. S., Payne, J. D., Nugent, K. (2020). Characteristics of U.S. adults taking prescribed antipsychotic medications, NHANES 2013-2018. *BMC Psychiatry*. doi:10.1186/s12888-020-02895-4
- Rao, S., Ali, K., Dennis, J. A., Berdine, G., Test, V., Nugent, K. (2020). Analysis of glucose levels in patients hospitalized with COVID-19 during the first phase of the pandemic in west Texas. *Journal of Primary Care and Community Health*. doi.org/10.1177/2150132720958533
- Dennis, J. A., Zhang, Y., Curtis, S., Brismée, J. M., Sizer, P. S. (2020). Conventional and complementary healthcare approaches used by American adults reporting joint pain: Patterns from the NHIS 2012. *Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*, 26:1080-1083. DOI:10.1089/acm.2020.0237
- Rivas, A.M., Dennis, J. A., Pena, C., Kopel, J., Nugent, K. (2020). The association of hypertension and hyperthyroidism in a subspecialty clinic and a national database. *Southern Medical Journal*, 113, 607-611. DOI:10.14423/SMJ.0000000000001186
- Dennis, J. A. (2020). Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Triage Scores Among Pediatric Emergency Department Fever Patients. *Pediatric Emergency Care*. Published online first 3/2/2020. doi:10.1097/PEC.0000000000002072
- Kopel, J., Dennis J. A., Nugent K. (2020). Electronic cigarette survey characteristics. *Journal of Community Hospital Internal Medicine Perspectives*, 10(3):216-223. doi: 10.1080/20009666.2020.1766841
- Ball, S., Dennis, J. A., Bedanie, G., & Nugent, K. (2020). Relation between mean platelet volume and C-reactive protein. *Baylor University Medical Center Proceedings* (pp. 1-6). <https://doi.org/10.1080/08998280.2019.1710658>
- Bradatan, C.*, Dennis, J. A.*, Flores-Yeffal, N., & Swain, S. (2020). Child health, household environment, temperature and rainfall anomalies in Honduras: a socio-climate data linked analysis. *Environmental Health*, 19(1), 10. doi:10.1186/s12940-020-0560-9
- *denotes equal contributions. Listed alphabetically.
- Lung, J., Tsen, A., Evans, E., & Dennis, J. A. (2020). Financial safety net and subjective happiness in medical students. *College Student Journal*, 54(3), 317-326.
- Thavaraputta, S., Dennis, J. A., Laoveeravat, P., Nugent, K., & Rivas, A. M. (2019). Hypothyroidism and its association with sleep apnea among adults in the United States: NHANES 2007–2008. *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, 104(11), 4990-4997. <https://doi.org/10.1210/jc.2019-01132>. - <http://www.sleepreviewmag.com/2019/10/study-connection-hypothyroidism-sleep-apnea/>

- Wongsaengsak, S., Dennis, J. A., Arevalo, M., Ball, S., & Nugent, K. (2019). Significance of platelet counts in health and disease: Insights from a population study using data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. *The Southwest Respiratory and Critical Care Chronicles*, 7(30), 4-11. doi: 10.12746/swrccc.v7i30.558
- Mangold, C., Dennis, J. A., Dame, M., Grossman, O., & Peiris, A. N. (2019). Temporal characteristics of missed clinic appointments in an academic center in west Texas. *Journal of Medical Practice Management*.
- 3rd place poster MS1-2 category. TTUHSC Student Research Week, March 2016
 - Texas Student Research Poster finalist - American College of Physicians meeting, Washington, D.C., May 2016.
- Dennis, J. A., Wright, N. S., & Gittner, L. S. (2019). A Justice and Mental Health Collaborative in Lubbock County, Texas. *Psychiatric Services*, 70(7), 636-636. doi: 10.1176/appi.ps.70702
- Ball, S., Arevalo, M., Wongsaengsak, S., Dennis, J. A., & Nugent, K. (2019). Implications of mean platelet volume in health and disease: A large population study on data from National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. *Thrombosis research*, 175, 90-94.
- Zhang, Y., Dennis, J. A., Bishop, F. L., Cramer, H., Leach, M., Lauche, R., ... & Sibbritt, D. (2019). Complementary and alternative medicine use by US adults with self-reported doctor-diagnosed arthritis: Results from the 2012 National Health Interview Survey. *Pm&r*, 11(10), 1059-1069. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pmrj.12124>
- Dennis, J. A. (2019). Birth weight and maternal age among American Indian/Alaska Native mothers: A test of the weathering hypothesis. *SSM-population health*, 7, 100304.
- Adams, L., Tucker, A., Dennis, J. A., & Dissanaik, S. (2019). Impact of time spent in the trauma bay on mortality outcomes among level 1 trauma patients. *Trauma*, 21(4), 295-300. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1460408618789964>
- Dennis, J. A., Alazeh, A., Kumfer, A. M., McDonald-Thomas, R., & Peiris, A. N. (2018). The Association of Unreported Sleep Disturbances and Systemic Inflammation: Findings from the 2005-2008 NHANES. *Sleep disorders*. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2018/5987064>
- Denney, J. T., Saint Onge, J. M., & Dennis, J. A. (2018). Neighborhood concentrated disadvantage and adult mortality: Insights for racial and ethnic differences. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 37(2), 301-321.
- Received 2018 IPUMS Research Award, Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation, University of Minnesota

- Zhang, Y., Dennis, J. A., Leach, M. J., Bishop, F. L., Cramer, H., Chung, V. C., ... & Adams, J. (2017). Complementary and alternative medicine use among US adults with headache or migraine: results from the 2012 National Health Interview Survey. *Headache: The Journal of Head and Face Pain*, 57(8), 1228-1242.
- Riosmena, F., Everett, B. G., Rogers, R. G., & Dennis, J. A. (2015). Negative acculturation and nothing more? Cumulative disadvantage and mortality during the immigrant adaptation process among Latinos in the United States. *International Migration Review*, 49(2), 443-478.
- Dennis, J. A., & Mollborn, S. (2013). Young maternal age and low birth weight risk: An exploration of racial/ethnic disparities in the birth outcomes of mothers in the United States. *The Social science journal*, 50(4), 625-634.
- Mollborn, S., & Dennis, J. A. (2012, December). Explaining the Early Development and Health of Teen Mothers' Children. *Sociological Forum* (Vol. 27, No. 4, pp. 1010-1036).
- Riosmena, F., & Dennis, J. A. (2012). Importation, SES-selective acculturation, and the weaker SES-health gradients of Mexican immigrants in the United States. *The Social science journal*, 49(3), 325-329.
- Mollborn, S., Fomby, P., & Dennis, J. A. (2012). Extended household transitions, race/ethnicity, and early childhood cognitive outcomes. *Social science research*, 41(5), 1152-1165.
- Mollborn, S., & Dennis, J. A. (2012). Ready or not: Predicting high and low school readiness among teen parents' children. *Child indicators research*, 5(2), 253-279. DOI: 10.1007/s12187-011-9126-2
- Mollborn, S., & Dennis, J. A. (2012). Investigating the life situations and development of teenage mothers' children: Evidence from the ECLS-B. *Population research and policy review*, 31(1), 31-66. DOI: 10.1007/s11113-011-9218-1
- Mollborn, S., Fomby, P., & Dennis, J. A. (2011). Who matters for children's early development? race/ethnicity and extended household structures in the United States. *Child indicators research*, 4(3), 389-411. DOI:10.1007/s12187-010-9090-2
- Burton, L. J., Grappendorf, H., Henderson, A. C., Field, G. B., & Dennis, J. A. (2008). The relevance of intercollegiate athletic participation for men and women: Examination of hiring preferences to entry level management positions based on role congruity theory. *International Journal of Sport Management*, 9(2), 175.

Book Chapters and Other Publications

- Gittner, L. S., & Dennis, J. A. In press. Diversion for justice involved individuals with mental health issues: A public health perspective. In American Society of Criminology Division on Corrections and Sentencing's *Handbook on Pretrial Justice*. Eds. Jennifer Copp, Stephen DeMuth, Christine Scott-Hayward.
- Dennis, J.A. (2019). Bridging clinical perspectives with population health research. *The Southwest Respiratory and Critical Care Chronicles*, 7(31), 56-58.
- Dennis, J. A. (2016). Using “big data” to improve health care services and research. *The Southwest Respiratory and Critical Care Chronicles*, 4(13), 49-51.
- Carson, S. A. & Dennis, J. A. (2013). Social science and health. *Social Science Journal* 50:405-407.
- Riosmena, F. & Dennis, J. A. (2012). A Tale of Three Paradoxes: The Weak Socioeconomic Gradients in Health Among Latino Immigrants in the Context of Their Healthy Aging, the Hispanic Health Paradox, and the Negative Acculturation Hypothesis. Pp. 95-110 in *Aging, Health, and Longevity in the Mexican-Origin Population*, Jacqueline Angel, Fernando Torres-Gil, and Kyriakos Markides, eds. New York: Springer.

Published Abstracts

- Ball S, Wongsasengsak S, Arevalo M, Dennis JA, Nugent K. Implications of total platelet count in health and disease: A large population study on data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. Presented at the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation, February 20-22, 2019, New Orleans. *The Journal of Investigative Medicine* 2019; 67(Issue 2): 593.
- Ball S, Arevalo M, Wongsasengsak S, Dennis JA, Nugent K. Implications of mean platelet volume in health and disease: A large population study on data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. Presented at the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation, February 20-22, 2019, New Orleans. *The Journal of Investigative Medicine* 2019; 67(Issue 2): 431.
- Adams L, Dennis JA, Tucker A, Dissanaik S. 2018. Impact of Time Spent in the Trauma Bay on Mortality Outcomes Among Level 1 Trauma Patients. *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*. 2017; 225(Issue 4), Supplement 2, e180.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jamcollsurg.2017.07.1017>

Research Grants (Awarded/Submitted)

- “Investigating Contextual Components of United States Mortality.” PI: Justin T. Denney, Rice University. Co-I’s Jarron M. Saint-Onge, University of Kansas, and Jeff A. Dennis, UTPB. Texas A&M Census Research Data Center, Proposal Development Grant. \$2,200. Awarded 05/15/12.
- “Gender differences in 30-day mortality rates and unplanned readmission for patients treated for heart attack and stroke” PI: Yan Zhang, TTUHSC. Co-PI: Fangyuan Zhang, TTU. Co-I’s: Jeff A. Dennis, TTUHSC; Brandy Robertson, Carrie Jennings, Mary Ellen Riggins, Allen Sherry, University Medical Center. Laura Bush Women’s Institute for Women’s Health Research Scholar Grant, \$20,000. Awarded 09/18/17. NOTE: PI changed to Jeff Dennis on 06/01/2019 upon departure of Zhang from TTUHSC.
- “Establishing a collaboration to analyze the incarceration of persons with mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse in the Lubbock County Detention Center.” PI: Captain Johnny Jaquess, Lubbock County Detention Center. Co-PI’s: Nathaniel Wright, Texas Tech University & Jeff Dennis, TTUHSC (10% effort). Bureau of Justice Assistance, Category 1 Justice & Mental Health Collaboration grant. \$199,436. Awarded 09/21/17.
- “Consistency and Coordination through Training: It all starts with training.” PI: Lt. Misti Snodgrass, Lubbock Police Department. Jeff A. Dennis & Lisaann S. Gittner, TTUHSC (Consultants, primary grant authors). Bureau of Justice Assistance. Category 2 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant. Total requested: \$99,968. Submitted 6/25/19. Awarded 9/27/19.

Research Grants (Not Awarded)

- “Climate Change, Violence and Migration. A study of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.” PI – Cristina Bradatan. Co-PIs: Jeff Dennis, Nadia Flores-Yeffal, Sharmistha Swain. Center for Borders, Trade, and Immigration Research, Houston, TX. \$100,000. Submitted 5/27/16. Not awarded.
- “Migration and environmental issues. Northern Triangle immigrants in the US.” PI: Cristina Bradatan, Texas Tech University. Co-PI’s: Jeff Dennis, TTUHSC; Nadia Flores-Yeffal, TTU. Texas Tech System President’s Collaborative Research Initiative Grant. \$49,316. Submitted 6/23/17. Not awarded.
- “Learning Lessons from Hurricane Harvey: Improving Hospital Natural Disaster Policies and Practices” PI: Patricia Maloney, TTU. Co-PIs: Ming Chyu, Brandon Wagner, TTU; Jeff A. Dennis, TTUHSC (5% effort). National Science Foundation Rapid Response Grant (RAPID). \$133,685. Submitted 09/21/17. Not awarded.
- “Health effect of dust storms in West Texas, based on different air quality levels at different meteorological conditions.” PI: Karin Ardon-Dryer, Texas Tech University. Co-PIs: Berdine, Gilbert, Dennis Jeff A. University of Texas Center

for Energy and Environmental Resources, Air Quality Research Program (AQRP). Amount requested: \$80,293. Submitted 5/17/18. Not awarded.

“Linking the provider recommendation to adolescent HPV vaccine uptake.” PI: Theresa Byrd; Co-PIs: Fatma Levent, Jeff Dennis (5% effort). NIH R03 grant. Total requested (direct and indirect costs): \$153,513. Submitted 2/16/19. Not awarded.

“Effects of Shift-work Schedules, Overtime, and Secondary Employment on the Health, Safety, Performance, and Quality of Life of Correctional Officers in Lubbock County” PI: Lisa Gittner, Co-Is: Jeff Dennis (20% effort), Hafiz Khan, Nathaniel Wright. National Institute of Justice Research and Evaluation in Safety, Health, and Wellness in the Criminal Justice System. Total requested: \$1,923,119. Submitted 5/28/19. Not awarded.

“Transmission Risks of Novel 2019 Coronavirus During Sporting Events.” PI: Emily Bailey. Co-I: Jeff A. Dennis. Consultant: Emanuele Sozzi. NIH R21 grant. Emergency Awards: Rapid Investigation of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Submitted June 2020. Not awarded.

Selected Professional Presentations

Dennis JA, Zhang Y, Zhang F, De La Cruz N, Hannabas G, Mi N. Sex differences in hospitalization, 30-day mortality, and readmission for stroke. American Public Health Association annual meeting (virtual), 10/28/2020.

Zhang Y, Dennis JA, Lauche R, Cramer H, Munk N. Increasing trend of yoga practice among US adults: Findings from NHIS 2002 to 2017. American Public Health Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA. 11/04/19.

Dennis J.A., Lara C., Ahmed H, Patel B. Emergency department use for mental health symptoms, 2009-2015. American Public Health Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA. 11/04/19.

Dennis, J.A., Zhang Y., Zhang F., Mi, N. Gender Differences in Mortality and Procedure for Patients Treated for Stroke at UMC from 2013-2016. Presented at 2019 Laura W. Bush Institute Gender-Specific Medicine and Women’s Health Symposium, Lubbock, TX. October 25, 2019.

Dennis, J.A., Zhang, Y., Curtis, S. Complementary and alternative medicine use among individuals with acute and chronic joint pain: Findings from NHIS 2012. American Public Health Association annual meeting. San Diego, CA. 11/13/18.

Dennis, J.A., Zhang Y, Zhang F. Gender differences in principle procedure received and clinical outcome for patients treated for heart attack at UMC from 2013-2016.

- Presented at 2018 Laura W. Bush Institute Gender-Specific Medicine and Women's Health Symposium, Lubbock, TX. October 26, 2018.
- Dennis, Jeff A. and Chelsea Burroughs. "Evaluating birth outcomes of Native American Mothers." American Public Health Association annual meeting. Atlanta, GA. 11/5/17.
- Dennis, Jeff A. "Birth Weight and Maternal Age among American Indian/Alaska Native Mothers: A Test of the Weathering Hypothesis." TTUHSC Amarillo Annual Research Days. Amarillo, TX. 6/1/16.
- Dennis, Jeff A. "Racial/ethnic disparities in birth outcomes in rural vs. urban U.S. women." Annual Texas Tech Conference on the Advancement of Women. Lubbock, TX. 4/15/16.
- Saint Onge, Jarron M., Jeff A. Dennis, and Justin T. Denney. 2015. "Neighborhood Disadvantage and Mortality: New Insights for Racial and Ethnic Differences." Population Association of America annual meeting. San Diego, CA.
- Dennis, Jeff A., Angela C. Henderson, Shannon Boepple, Samantha Fox, and Hannah Hamilton. 2014. "Eating Behaviors and the Feminine Apologetic in College Females." Western Social Science Association meeting, Albuquerque, NM.
- Dennis, Jeff A. 2013. "Maternal Age and Low Birth Weight: The Impact of Background SES in the Weathering Hypothesis." American Sociological Association annual meeting. New York, NY.
- Dennis, Jeff A. 2012. "An Examination of Parity in Low Birth Weight Outcomes Among African American and White Mothers." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Denver, CO.
- Dennis, Jeff A. 2011. "Racial/Ethnic Differences in Low Birth Weight in the United States: An Examination of Maternal Age and Parity." Population Association of America annual meeting. Washington, D.C.
- Riosmena, Fernando, Richard G. Rogers, Bethany Everett, & Jeff A. Dennis (presenter). 2011. "Paradox Lost (Over Time)? Acculturation and All- and Cause-Specific Adult Mortality Among Major Hispanic Immigrant Groups." Population Association of America annual meeting. Washington, D.C.
- Dennis, Jeff A. and Stefanie Mollborn. 2009. "An Exploration of Factors Contributing to the Weathering Hypothesis in Low Birth Weight Using Nationally Representative U.S. Data." Southern Demographic Association annual meeting. Galveston, TX.
- Mollborn, Stefanie and Jeff A. Dennis. 2009. "Teenage Parenthood, Social Disadvantage, and Children's Early Development." American Sociological

Association annual meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Dennis, Jeff A. 2009. "Differential Socioeconomic Gradients in Early Childhood Developmental Outcomes by Race/Ethnicity and Nativity." American Sociological Association annual meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Mollborn, Stefanie and Jeff A. Dennis. 2009. "Social Disadvantage and the Early Development of Teenage Parents' Children." Population Association of America annual meeting. Detroit, MI.

Riosmena, Fernando and Jeff A. Dennis. 2009. "Health Selectivity and SES gradients in Mexico – U.S. Migration at the Ecological Level." Population Association of America annual meeting. Detroit, MI.

Teaching Experience

August 2016 – present: GSPH 5224 - Public Health in Practice (Fall 2016); GSPH 5327 - Social Epidemiology (Spring 2017; Spring 2018; Spring 2019; Summer 2020; Spring 2021); GSPH 5230 - Scientific Writing and Communication in Public Health (Fall 2017). GSPH 5316 - Responsible Conduct of Research and Communication in Public Health (Fall 2018; Summer 2019; Fall 2019; Fall 2020; Summer 2021). Department of Public Health, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

7/18-8/18; 7/19-8/19; 7/20-8/20: *Sickness, Health, & Society* – online (Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2020) – Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Work, Texas Tech University.

September 2010 – August 2015: Introduction to Sociology, Introductory Social Statistics, Sociology of Aging, Population Dynamics, Sociology of Health & Illness, Sociological Theory, Social Research Methods, Self in Society, Health Disparities Research & Ethics, First Year Seminar. University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Invited Talks and Guest Lectures

Dennis, Jeff A. "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Outcomes; Study Design Fundamentals." P3-C week lecture, TTUHSC Lubbock, March 8, 2021.

Panelist – Student Research Week COVID-19 Panel – Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, March 12, 2021.

Dennis, Jeff A. "Social and Economic Determinants of COVID-19" – Guest lecture for GSPH 5388, Public Health Aspects of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Feb. 24, 2021.

- Dennis, Jeff A., Jaquess, Johnny, and Braus, Ryan. "Criminal Justice and Mental Health." Guest lecture for HONS 1302, Seminar in Healthcare. Texas Tech University. April 28, 2020.
- Dennis, Jeff A. "Population research, retrospective research, and publishing." Clinical Research Institute Summer Research Course. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. June 10, 2019.
- Dennis, Jeff A. "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Outcomes and Patient Experience." P3-C week lecture, TTUHSC Lubbock, March 10, 2020; March 18, 2019; March 19, 2018; March 6, 2017; & March 7, 2016.
- Dennis, Jeff A. and Julie St. John. "Using community partners for communication course group projects." Texas Tech 14th Annual Advancing Teaching and Learning Conference. Lubbock, TX. March 2, 2018.
- Dennis, Jeff A. "Social & behavioral contributors to health outcomes" – P3-B week lecture to first year medical students, TTUHSC Lubbock, Oct. 23, 2019, Oct. 23, 2018; Oct. 24, 2017.
- Dennis, Jeff A. "Cohort Studies in Epidemiology: Methods and Applications" Guest lecture for Introduction to Epidemiology course, TTUHSC Department of Public Health. April 7, 2017.
- Dennis, Jeff A. "Survey of Global Health Risks." Global Health Elective-4th year medical students, TTUHSC School of Medicine. March 27, 2017.
- "Aging & Health" – McMurry University Sociology of Aging class, Abilene, TX. Feb. 16, 2017.
- Panel roundtable - Public & Applied Work: What "Doing Sociology" Looks Like In & Outside the Traditional Academy. Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology annual conference – Denver, CO, Oct. 7, 2016.
- Jeff A. Dennis and Camille Forbes. "Social Disparities in Pediatric Emergency Department Admissions, 2005-2011." Pediatrics Grand Rounds, TTUHSC Lubbock. Sept. 23, 2016.
- Xu, Tom and Jeff A. Dennis. "Retrospective Research with Large Databases." Clinical Research Institute Student Summer Research Symposium. TTUHSC Lubbock, June 6, 2016.
- Dennis, Jeff A. "Understanding the Health Profile of Immigrants and Their Relevance to the Health Care System." Office of Global Health lecture series, TTUHSC Lubbock, Feb. 17, 2016.

Dennis, Jeff A. “Social Epidemiology and Measuring the Occurrence of Disease.” Guest lecture for Epidemiology graduate seminar. Department of Public Health, TTUHSC Lubbock, January 2016.

Mangold, Cheyenne and Jeff A. Dennis. “Missed Appointments: Who is not showing up, and how can we fix it?” Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, TTUHSC Lubbock, TX. Oct. 15, 2015.

Dennis, Jeff A. and William F. Harlow. “Implementing AVID Strategies in Freshman Seminar Courses.” Texas Tech 10th Annual Advancing Teaching and Learning Conference. Lubbock, TX. February 28, 2014.

Dennis, Jeff A. and Stefanie Mollborn. “Sociodemographic Differences in Birth Outcomes.” Invited presentation for Frontiers in Pregnancy Research. University of Colorado – Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora, CO. Sept. 17, 2009.

Honors

Texas Tech University President’s Emerging Engaged Scholarship Award – awarded to Justice & Mental Health Collaborative (with Drs. Nathaniel Wright & Lisa Gittner) March 22, 2019.

President’s Research Award. 2012. University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

UTPB Nominee for University of Texas System Regents Teaching Award – 2014. (Sole Tenure-track nominee for UTPB.)

Nominee – President’s Teaching Award. 2013. University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Departmental nominee for Regents Teaching Award. Department of Social Sciences, University of Texas of the Permian Basin. 2011-12 & 2013-14.

Professional and Community Service

Office of Global Health Seed Grant Review Committee. TTUHSC, Fall 2020/Spring 2021.

TTUHSC Clinical Affairs Council. September 2020-present. Co-leader of subcommittee on Defining Health Care Disparities using EMR.

TTUHSC Student Wellness Quality Enhancement Plan steering committee. January 2020-present.

Dissertation committee member, David Smith, PT, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Spring 2021-present.

Session co-moderator, “Socially Distanced Behavioral Health Interventions.” American Public Health Association annual meeting, 10/27/2020.

Mayor’s Committee on Homelessness, Lubbock, TX. August 2019-December 2019.

Editorial Board, *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*. August 2019-present.

Member of TTUHSC Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Development Task Force, March 2018-March 2019.

Editor, Department of Public Health Newsletter. Fall 2016-Spring 2020.

Committees: Department of Public Health: Online MPH; Admissions (chair – 12/16-9/18); Abilene Faculty Search; Curriculum; Recruitment (co-chair).

TTUHSC School of Medicine: Medical Student Summer Research Program faculty mentor – 2016 – (4) Camille Forbes, Chelsea Potter, Cheyene Bayer, Aaron Kruger; 2019 – (3) Hijab Ahmed, Bianca Patel, Collin Telchik.

Summer research preceptor. Jessica Solis, MD/MBA Program. Summer 2019. An interdisciplinary and multi-department study of patient no shows.

Faculty advisor, MS4 – Interdisciplinary Studies research rotation – Cheyenne Mangold. MS4_LUB_MIDS, 11/18-12/18.

TTUHSC School of Medicine P3 Honors project mentor: John Lung, Adam Tsen, Ethan Evans. 2016/17 academic year.

Lubbock area Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Coalition. June 2016-present.

Thesis committee: Cain Lara, Public Health, Fall 2019-Spring 2020; Rosy Kamrunnaher, Sociology, Texas Tech University, Spring 2020; Vanessa Leos, Sociology, Texas Tech University, Spring 2016.

Poster judge: TTUHSC Student Research Week - Spring 2016; Spring 2021; TTU Undergraduate Research Week 2016

Institutional Review Board – University of Texas of the Permian Basin 2011-2015. Interim chair – March 2013-May 2013. Chair – September 2013-August 2015.

UT IRB network. Member – May 2015 – August 2015. Group of UT System IRB officials collaborating to improve research ethics protocols across and between system institutions. Inaugural meeting, May 15, 2015, Austin, TX.

Guest Editor, *Social Science Journal* special issue on social science and health. Published 2013, Volume 50, Issue 4.

Original undergraduate research projects mentored for UTPB Undergraduate Research Program: Joseph Little 2011-12; Hannah Hamilton 2012-13.

Ad hoc reviewer: *Demography, PLOS One, Population Research and Policy Review, Journal of Marriage and Family, Scientific Reports, Family Relations, SSM – Population Health, BMJ Open, American Journal of Perinatology, Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly, Demographic Research, Complementary Therapies in Medicine, Early Childhood Research Quarterly, Journal of Children and Poverty, Journal of Adolescent Health, Sociological Perspectives, Social Science Journal, Open Access Journal of Contraception, Journal of Public Health, BioMed Research International, Texas Public Health Journal, Journal of Primary Care and Community Health*

University Curriculum Committee – University of Texas of the Permian Basin. 2011-14.

Additional Training

TeamSTEPS Master Training course. TTUHSC Office of Interprofessional Education, Sept. 11, 2020.

AVID Summer Teaching Institute. Dallas, TX. June 2012; June 2013.

Methodist Hospital IRB Symposium – Dallas, TX. September 2012.

Early Childhood Longitudinal Study – Kindergarten class of 1998-99 Database Training Seminar. Hosted by National Center for Education Statistics and Synergy Enterprises, Inc. Aug. 4-6, 2009. Washington, D.C.

Short course in Environmental Demography. Hosted by Population Program, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado at Boulder. Summer 2008.

Short course in Biodemography. Hosted by Population Program, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado at Boulder. Summer 2007.

Short course in Longitudinal Data Management & Analysis: Exploring Developing Countries' Rural Population and Health Issues. Hosted by Population Program, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado at Boulder. Summer 2007.

Professional Affiliations

American Public Health Association