



EXPLORATIONS IN THE DEMOGRAPHY OF FATHERHOOD

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About the Talk

The merging of the "separate spheres" that began with women's mass entry into the labor force has left the study of men and family, and particularly fatherhood, a challenge for demographers. The fact that the preponderance of custody decisions after union dissolution leave children disproportionately living with their mothers means that nonresident parenthood is much more common for men than for women, and repartnering after separation means that men are much more likely to live with their new partner's children than is the case for women. And there are almost no demographic studies of single fatherhood or of nonresident motherhood. I will review the landscape of fatherhood for men, and describe several studies of men's transition to fatherhood and to stepfatherhood.

About the Speaker

Frances Goldscheider is Professor of Sociology, emerita, at Brown University and College Park Professor of Family Science at the University of Maryland. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1971. Her studies on living arrangements include analyses of leaving and returning home among young adults in the U.S., entry into unions (marital and cohabiting), and absent and household fatherhood. She has written numerous books and scholarly articles, including *New Families, No Families? The Transformation of the American Home* (with Linda Waite), University of California Press, 1991 and *Immigration, Gender and Family Transitions to Adulthood in Sweden* (with Eva Bernhardt, Calvin Goldscheider, & Gunilla Bjerén), University Press of America, 2007. Her major research focus is on the demography of fatherhood.

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