

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**JENNY TRINITAPOLI**

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- 2015—            *University of Chicago*  
Associate Professor of Sociology
- 2009-2015      *The Pennsylvania State University*  
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Demography, and Religious Studies
- 2007- 2009     *Arizona State University*  
Assistant Professor, School of Social and Family Dynamics

**EDUCATION**

- 2007            Ph.D., Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2004            M.A., Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin
- 1999            B.A., Latin American Studies and Spanish, Marquette University

**PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES**

- Trinitapoli, Jenny** and Sara Yeatman. 2018. "The Flexibility of Fertility Preferences in a Context of Uncertainty." *Population and Development Review*.
- Yeatman, Sara and **Jenny Trinitapoli**. 2017. "Awareness and Perceived Fairness of Option B+ in Malawi: A Population-Level Perspective." *Journal of the International AIDS Society* 20(1): 21467.
- Trinitapoli, Jenny. 2015. "AIDS & Religious Life in Malawi: Rethinking How Population Dynamics Shape Culture." *Population-E* 70(2).  
Also published as: "Side et vie religieuse au Malawi: repenser l'influence de la dynamique démographique sur les comportements culturels." *Population-F* 70(2).
- Frye, Margaret and **Jenny Trinitapoli**. 2015. "Ideals as Anchors: A Subjective and Sequential Approach to Understanding Romantic Relationships." *American Sociological Review* 80(3): 496-525.
- Yeatman, Sara E, Risa Hoffman, Abdul Chilungo, Sydney Lungu, Hazel Namadingo, Angela Chimwaza, and **Jenny Trinitapoli**. 2015. "Health-Seeking Behavior and Symptoms Associated with Early HIV Infection: Results from a Population-Based Cohort in Southern Malawi." *JAIDS Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes* 69(1):126-130.
- Smith-Greenaway, Emily and **Jenny Trinitapoli**. 2014. "Polygynous Contexts, Family Structure, and Infant Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Demography* 51(2) 341-366.

**Trinitapoli, Jenny**, Sara Yeatman, and Jasmine Fledderjohann. 2014. "Sibling Support and the Educational Prospects of Young Adults in Malawi." *Demographic Research* 30(19): 547-578.

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan, Ann Meier, **Jenny Trinitapoli**, and Joseph Svec. "Integrating the Demographic and Health Surveys, IPUMS-I, and TerraPopulus to Explore Mortality and Health Outcomes at the District Level in Ghana, Malawi, and Tanzania." *African Journal of Population Studies* 28(2S): 917-926.

Christian Smith, Brandon Vaidyanathan, Nancy Tatom Ammerman, José Casanova, Hilary Davidson, Elaine Howard Ecklund, John H. Evans, Philip S. Gorski, Mary Ellen Konieczny, Jason A. Springs, **Jenny Trinitapoli**, and Meredith Whitnah. 2013. "Roundtable on the Sociology of Religion: Twenty-Three Theses on the Status of Religion in American Sociology—A Mellon Working-Group Reflection." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 81(4):903-938.

Frenk, Steven M. and **Jenny Trinitapoli**. 2013. "U.S. Congregations' Provision of Programs and Activities for People Living with HIV/AIDS." *AIDS and Behavior* 17(5): 1829-1838.

**Trinitapoli, Jenny** and Sara E. Yeatman. 2011. "Uncertainty and Fertility in a Generalized AIDS Epidemic." *American Sociological Review* 76(6): 935-954.

Byerlein, Kraig, **Jenny Trinitapoli**, and Gary Adler. 2011. "The Effect of Religious Mission Trips on Youth Civic Participation." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 40(9): 780-795.

Yeatman, Sara E. and **Jenny Trinitapoli**. 2011. "Best Friend Reports: A Tool for Measuring the Prevalence of Sensitive Behaviors." *American Journal of Public Health* 101(9): 1666-1667.

**Trinitapoli, Jenny**. 2011. "The AIDS-Related Activities of Religious Leaders in Malawi." *Global Public Health* 6(1): 41-55.

Hayford, Sarah and **Jenny Trinitapoli**. 2011. "Religious Differences in Female Genital Cutting: A Case Study from Burkina Faso." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50(2): 252-271.

Manglos, Nicolette and **Jenny Trinitapoli**. 2011. "The Third Therapeutic System: Faith Healing Practices in the Context of a Generalized AIDS Epidemic." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 52(1): 107-122.

**Trinitapoli, Jenny** and Stephen Vaisey. 2009. "The Transformative Role of Religious Experience: The Case of Short Term Missions." *Social Forces* 88(1): 121-146.

- Trinitapoli, Jenny.** 2009. "Religious Teachings and Influences on the ABCs of HIV Prevention in Malawi." *Social Science and Medicine* 69(2): 199-209.  
Summarized in: P. Doskosch. 2009. "Digest: In Malawi, Condom Use and Fidelity Are Linked with Religious Leaders' Discussions of These Behaviors." *International Perspectives in Sexual and Reproductive Health* 35(4):207-8.
- Adams, Jimi and **Jenny Trinitapoli.** 2009. "The Malawi Religion Project: Data Collection and Selected Analyses." *Demographic Research* 21(10): 255-288.
- Trinitapoli, Jenny,** Christopher G. Ellison, and Jason D. Boardman. 2009. "US Religious Congregations and the Sponsorship of Health-Related Programs." *Social Science and Medicine* 68(12): 2231-2239.
- Yeatman, Sara E. and **Jenny Trinitapoli.** 2008. "Beyond Denomination: New Tests of Whether and How Religion Matters for Family Planning." *Demographic Research* 19(55): 1851-1882.
- Crosnoe, Robert L. and **Jenny Trinitapoli.** 2008. "Shared Family Activities and the Transition from Childhood to Adolescence." *Journal of Research on Adolescence* 18(1): 23-48.
- Ellison, Christopher G., **Jenny Trinitapoli,** Kristin L. Anderson, and Byron R. Johnson. 2007. "Religion and Domestic Violence: An Examination of Variations by Race/Ethnicity." *Violence against Women* 13(11): 1094-1112.
- Trinitapoli, Jenny.** 2007. "I Know It's Not PC, but....: Religious Exclusivism among US Adolescents." *The Sociological Quarterly* 48(3): 451-483.
- Trinitapoli, Jenny** and Mark D. Regnerus. 2006. "Religious Involvement and HIV/AIDS Risk in Rural Malawi." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 45(4): 505-528.
- Benjamins, Maureen Reindl, **Jenny Trinitapoli,** and Christopher G. Ellison. 2006. "Religious Influences on Health Maintenance Beliefs and Mammography Utilization." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 45(4): 597-608.
- Trinitapoli, Jenny.** 2006. "Religious Responses to HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Review of Religious Research* 47(3): 253-270.
- Trinitapoli, Jenny.** 2005. "Congregation-Based Services for the Elderly: An Examination of Patterns and Correlates." *Research on Aging* 27(2): 241-264.

## BOOK

**Trinitapoli, Jenny** and Alexander Weinreb. 2012. *Religion and AIDS in Africa*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Reviewed in: *African Studies Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *African Journal of Religion*, *African Studies Quarterly*, *Anthropology and Mission*, *Choice*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Health Affairs*, *Population Studies*, *Population and Development Review*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Studies in Family Planning*, *Theology*

## RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2018-2020 Principal Investigator, "\$50,000, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, R03-HD095690.
- 2013-2018 Principal Investigator, "The Relationship Between HIV and Fertility in a Context of Expanding ART Access." \$2,371,218, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, R01-HD077873.
- 2009-2014 Investigator, "Gendered Social Context of Adolescent HIV Risk Behavior: Family, Peer Group, and Community Influences in Southeastern Ghana." (Jeffrey Bingenheimer, PI). \$2,279,372, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, R01-HD06017.
- 2008-2013 Principal Investigator, "Young Adults' Strategies for Navigating Reproduction in an AIDS Epidemic." \$2,449,171, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, R01-HD058366.
- 2008-2013 Investigator, "Childbearing in a Setting of High HIV Prevalence and Massive ART Rollout." (Victor Agadjanian, PI). \$1,672,935, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, R01-HD058365.
- 2007 Engaged Scholars Program, Lilly Endowment, \$18,000.
- 2006 University Continuing Fellowship Awarded by the Office of Graduate Studies at The University of Texas at Austin, \$16,000.
- 2005 Constance H. Jacquet Award from the Religious Research Association, \$3100. "Examining Religion and HIV Risk in Rural Malawi."
- 2004 The University of Texas at Austin Liberal Arts Graduate Research Fellowship, \$2000. "Religion and HIV Risk in Sub-Saharan Africa."
- 2004-2006 National Institute for Child Health and Human Development Predoctoral Traineeship. Awarded by the Population Research Center, UT Austin, \$21,000.
- 2004 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Summer Research Award, \$4,000. "Religion and HIV Risk in Rural Malawi, Rumphi."

- 2004 Jack Shand Student Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, \$3000. "Religion and HIV Risk in Rural Malawi."
- 2004 National Study of Youth and Religion MA Thesis Grant (UNC- Chapel Hill), \$2000. "Religious Exclusivity among US Youth: An Exploration of Social Networks."
- 1999-2000 Fulbright U.S. Student Grant, Santiago, Chile, \$17,000. "Illegitimacy and the Changing Chilean Church."

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2016 Faculty Award – Facebook Research
- 2013 Penn State University College of Liberal Arts Roy C. Buck Award for the outstanding publication in the social sciences by a junior faculty member for "Uncertainty and Fertility in a Generalized AIDS Epidemic."
- 2006 Honorable Mention, Best Student Paper Award, ASA Religion Section for "Religion, Sexual Behavior, and HIV Status."
- 2005 Best Student Paper Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion for "Religious Responses to AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Examination of Religious Congregations in Rural Malawi."
- 1999 U.S. Student Fulbright Award

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

- Weinreb, Alexander, Jimi Adams, and **Jenny Trinitapoli**. 2015. "AIDS and Social Networks." 1-14 in *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- Yeatman, Sara E. and **Jenny Trinitapoli**. 2013. "I will give birth but not too much: HIV-positive childbearing in rural Malawi." Pp. 93-109 in *Women, Motherhood and Living with HIV/AIDS: A Cross-Cultural Perspective*. Pranee Liamputtong (ed), Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer.
- Adams, Jimi and **Jenny Trinitapoli**. 2008. "Network Data from Religious Organizations: Congregations and HIV/AIDS in Rural Malawi." Pp. 251-267 in *Applications of Social Network Analysis*. Uwe Serdült und Volker Täube (eds), Berlin: Wissenschaftlicher Verlag Berlin.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Trinitapoli, Jenny. 2018. "Review of AIDS and Masculinity in the African City: Privilege, Inequality, and Modern Manhood by Robert Wyrod." *Contemporary Sociology* 47(3): 375-377.

Trinitapoli, Jenny. 2016. "Review of Love, Money and HIV by Sanyu Mojola." *Contemporary Sociology* 45(3): 332-333.

Trinitapoli, Jenny. 2014. "Review of Everything Is Obvious by Duncan Watts." *Contemporary Sociology* 42(2): 278-280.

Trinitapoli, Jenny. 2011. "Review of A Faith of Their Own: Religious Stability and Change in the Religiosity of America's Adolescents by Lisa D. Pearce and Melinda Lundquist Denton." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50(4): 843.

Trinitapoli, Jenny. 2010. "Review of The Plot to Kill God by Paul Froese." *Contemporary Sociology* 39(4): 297-299.

Trinitapoli, Jenny. 2009. "Review of After the Baby Boomers by Robert Wuthnow." *Social Forces*. 87(4): 2214-2215.

## ASSORTED DETRITUS (LETTERS, POPULAR PRESS, ETC.)

**Trinitapoli, Jenny.** 2015. "AIDS and Religious Life in Malawi: Rethinking how population dynamics shape culture." September 28. *OpenPop*. <http://www.openpop.org/?p=1221>

**Trinitapoli, Jenny,** Susan Watkins, Sara Yeatman, Janneke Verheijen. 2014. "An argument to keep the family in family planning." *The Lancet Global Health* 2(7): e383.

Yeatman, Sara, **Jenny Trinitapoli,** and Sarah Hayford. 2013. "Limitations of Clinic-Based Studies on HIV and Fertility Preferences." *American Journal of Public Health* 103(6): e5.

**Trinitapoli, Jenny** and Alexander Weinreb. 2013. "Good News on AIDS in Africa." March 27. *Slate Magazine*. <http://slate.me/13wLFQ1>

**Trinitapoli, Jenny.** 2013. "Religions Play a Positive Role in African AIDS Crisis." February 17. *Centre Daily Times*. <http://bit.ly/12mRaxG>

**Trinitapoli, Jenny** and Alexander Weinreb. 2012. "Religion and AIDS in Africa." *New Books in African Studies*. Podcast. October 16. <http://bit.ly/T9EjN1>

**Trinitapoli, Jenny** and Sara Yeatman. 2011. "Uncertainty and Fertility in a Generalized AIDS Epidemic." *American Sociological Review* Podcast. <http://bit.ly/15fHzeV>

Adams, Jimi, **Jenny Trinitapoli,** and Michelle Poulin. 2008. "Letter to the Editor: regarding 'Male and Female Circumcision Associated with Prevalent HIV Infection in Virgins and Adolescents in Kenya, Lesotho, and Tanzania.'" *Annals of Epidemiology* 17(11): 923-925.

## POPULAR PRESS COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

### *Religion and AIDS in Africa:*

- Zenit, September 6, 2013: <http://bit.ly/1dNtVE5>  
Huffington Post (UK), May 8, 2013: <http://huff.to/15zSIs6>  
Tablet (UK), May 2, 2013: <http://bit.ly/1oLOHrZ>  
Real Clear Religion, April 2, 2013: <http://bit.ly/1689orT>  
United Methodist News Service, March 28, 2013: <http://bit.ly/16hFq36>  
Kaiser Family Foundation, March 28, 2013: <http://bit.ly/16898Jo>  
Salt Lake City Tribune, April 1, 2013: <http://bit.ly/XCWYmb>  
Religioscope, October 30, 2012: <http://bit.ly/TXkY26>  
Science News, September 11, 2012: <http://bit.ly/19c5Hon>  
Futurity, September 11, 2012: [bit.ly/NmJ96c](http://bit.ly/NmJ96c)

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (FROM N = 45)

1. “The Invasion of Privacy: Third-Party Effects in Developing-Country Survey Research” (with Alexander Weinreb). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA, May 1, 2015.
2. “HIV Prevalence in Religiously and Ethnically Diverse Societies.” (with Alexander Weinreb). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, MA, November 8, 2013.
3. “Religion and Sexual Behavior in Two Ghanaian Communities.” (with Will Dawson). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, MA, November 8, 2013.
4. “Real Relationships and Ideal Intimacies: Romantic Love in an AIDS Epidemic.” (with Margaret Frye). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA, April 13, 2013.
5. “Sibling Support among Young Adults in Malawi.” (with Sara Yeatman and Jasmine Fledderjohann). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO, August 17, 2012.
6. “Relationship Inequality and HIV Risk in Malawi.” (with Emily Smith-Greenaway). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA, May 3, 2012.
7. “Sexual Relationship Scripts in Southern Malawi: Using a Card-Sort Technique to Compare Realized, Expected, and Ideal Sequences of Events.” (with Margaret Frye). Paper presented at the Sixth African Population Conference, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, December 8, 2011.
8. “Fostering and Fertility: (Re) examining Child Fostering as a Determinate of Fertility Preferences.” (with Lauren Bachan). Paper presented at the Sixth African Population Conference, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, December 7, 2011.
9. “God and Risk in Malawi: Examining Conceptions of God and the Propensity for Risky Behaviors in Malawi.” (with Chris Bader and Roger Finke). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Milwaukee, WI, October 30, 2011.
10. “Sexual Relationship Scripts: Adapting a Card-Sort Technique for Use with a Semi-Literate Population in a Developing Country.” (with Margaret Frye and Hazel

- Namadingo). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC, April 2, 2011.
11. "A Moveable Feast? AIDS-related uncertainty and the fertility preferences of young adults in a generalized epidemic." (with Sara E. Yeatman). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Dallas, TX, April 18, 2010.
  12. "Young Adult Pregnancy and Pregnancy Outcomes in Southern Malawi." (with Sara E. Yeatman). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Dallas, TX, April 17, 2010.
  13. "Religious Mission Trips as Mobilizers of Youth Civic Participation?" (with Kraig Beyerlien and Gary Adler). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 2, 2008.
  14. "Stigma and Helping: Religious Congregations Respond to HIV in rural Malawi." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 12, 2007.
  15. "Beyond Denomination: New Tests of Whether and How Religion Matters for Family Planning." (with Sara E. Yeatman). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, New York, NY, March 30, 2007.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| 2017-21       | Director, Center for International Social Science Research   |
| 2015-16, 2018 | Director Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology  |
| 2016-19       | Editorial Board Member, <i>Demography</i>  |
| 2015-18       | Editorial Board Member, <i>Socius</i>  |
| 2015-18       | Editorial Board Member, <i>Sociology of Religion</i>   |
| 2015-18       | Editorial Board Member, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>   |
| 2015-18       | Council Member, <i>ASA Section on the Sociology of Religion</i>  |
| 2015-18       | Editorial Board Member, <i>Religion, Spirituality and Health: A Social Scientific Approach</i> , Springer  |
| 2012-15       | Session Organizer. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America.  |
| 2014          | Reviewer, Templeton Foundation, The Sociology of Transformative Experience Grants Program  |
| 2013-15       | Member and Chair, Constant Jacquet Research Award Selection Committee, Religious Research Association  |
| 2013/4        | Session Organizer. "Religion in Global Perspective." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Section on the Sociology of Religion |
| 2013          | Member, Global Partnerships for Social Science AIDS Research (R24)   |
| 2013          | Grant Review Panel; National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases  |
| 2013          | Reviewer, Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) Grants Programme                                |
| 2011/12       | Member, Sociology of Religion Working Group, Mellon Initiative on Religion Across the Disciplines.   |
| 2011          | Member, NIH/PEPFAR Collaboration for Implementation Science and Impact Evaluation Grant Review Panel (RO1); NIAD                                   |
| 2009          | Grant Proposal Reviewer, National Science Foundation (NSF)   |
| 2008-10       | Member and Chair, Jack Shand Student Research Award Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)                                 |
| 2007          | Elected Student Representative, American Sociological Association (ASA) Religion Section   |



### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS (SELECT)**

- Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina, April 2018
- Penn State University, April 2018
- University of Notre Dame, October 2017
- Dondena Center, Bocconi University, September 2017
- University of Texas at Austin, Demography, April 2017
- University of Western Ontario, Demography, January 2017
- Columbia University, December 2017
- University of California Berkeley, Demography, September 2017
- Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, February 2016
- Duke University, Sociology Department, October 2015
- University of Wisconsin, Center for Demography and Ecology, February 2015
- Northwestern University, African Studies Department, January 2015
- University of Michigan, African Studies Department, January 2015
- Penn State University, African Studies Department, November 2014

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Global Health and Inequality (undergrad/grad)

Sociology of Religion

Social Science Inquiry, III

Demographic Methods and Techniques

Introductory Sociology

Applied Regression

Research Methods

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Population Association of America (PAA)

Religious Research Association (RRA)

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)

### **LANGUAGES**

Spanish      Advanced reading, writing, and speaking skills; experience as professional translator

Portuguese    Advanced reading, writing, and speaking skills; experience as professional translator

Chichewa     Beginner