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**Ph.D, Princeton University, *Demography and Public Affairs*, 2004**

Office of Population Research and School of Public and International Affairs

**M.A., Princeton University, *Public Affairs*, 2002**

General Examination Fields: Demography, Development Economics

**B.A., Washington and Lee University, *Political Science and Spanish*, 1996**

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Professor of Demography and Population Health**, Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science, Senior Research Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, 2021-present.  
Department of Sociology (2019-2023), Nuffield Department of Population Health (2023-present)
- **Deputy Director**, Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Research, University of Oxford, 2019-present.
- **Associate Professor of Demography and Population Health**, Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, 2019-2021.
- **Editor-in-Chief (current) and Founding Member**, [\*Those Nerdy Girls\*](#), 2020-present
- **Associate Professor of Social Epidemiology**, Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, Faculty of Social Science and Public Policy, King's College London, 2016-2019.
- **Associate Professor** (with tenure), Epidemiology and Biostatistics, CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy, City University of New York (CUNY), 2011-2016.
- **Faculty Associate**, CUNY Institute for Demographic Research (CIDR), 2008-2016.
- **Assistant Professor**, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Hunter College, School of Public Health, City University of New York (CUNY), 2008-2011.
- **Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar**, University of Michigan, Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, 2006-2008
- **Health Researcher**, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., Washington, D.C., 2004-2005
- **Luce Scholar**, The Henry Luce Foundation, The Rural Development Foundation, East Java, Indonesia, 1996-1997

## PUBLICATIONS

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- 5.) **Dowd, JB** and Aiello AE (2008). Did National Folic Acid Fortification Reduce Socioeconomic and Racial Disparities in Folate Status? *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 37(5): 1059-66. Epub May 2 2008.
- 4.) **Dowd, JB**, Haan MN, Blythe L, Moore K, Aiello AE. (2008). Socioeconomic Gradients in Immune Response to Latent Infection, *American Journal of Epidemiology* 167: 112-120.
- 3.) **Dowd, JB** and Zajacova A, (2007). Does the Predictive Power of Self-Rated Health for Subsequent Mortality Risk Vary by Socioeconomic Status? *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 36(6):1214-21.  
\*Designated one of the most cited articles in *IJE* in 2008
- 2.) **Dowd, JB**. (2007). Early Childhood Origins of the Income-Health Gradient: The Role of Maternal Health Behaviors, *Social Science and Medicine* 65:1202-1213.
- 1.) **Dowd, JB**, and Goldman N. (2006). Do Biomarkers of Stress Mediate the Relationship Between Socioeconomic Status and Health? *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, 60:633-639.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Aiello, AE and **Dowd JB**, “Socioeconomic Status and Immunosenescence” (2013). In: J.A. Bosch, A.C. Phillips & J.M. Lord (Eds.). *Immunosenescence: Psychosocial and Behavioral Determinants*. Springer, New York.

Aiello AE, Simanek AM, Stebbins RC, **Dowd JB**. “Psychosocial Influences on Infectious Disease” (2017). In: M. Kivimaki, G David Batty, A Steptoe, I Kawachi (Eds). *The Routledge Handbook of Psychosocial Epidemiology*. Routledge, London and New York.

## **PUBLIC WRITING**

[Life expectancy improves in some countries after big drops in 2020 – but US and others see further falls](#), *The Conversation*

[Why are COVID Cases Really Falling?](#) *Slate*

[Is England's Covid roadmap the right way out of lockdown? The experts' view](#), *The Guardian*

[Does In-Person Schooling Contribute to COVID-19 Spread?](#), *The American Scientist*

[“The Sturgis Biker Rally Did Not Cause 266,796 Cases of COVID-19”](#) *Slate*

[“England’s new measures aren’t enough to prevent soaring COVID-19 infections.”](#) *The Guardian*

[“Why distancing and hand-washing won’t stop the spread of Covid in schools.”](#) *The Guardian*

[All of Jenn’s posts](#) for *Dear Pandemic/Those Nerdy Girls*

## **MEDIA**

[Print, radio, TV appearances](#)

## **GRANTS**

### ***In Progress:***

European Research Council Consolidator Award (P.I. J Dowd) 05/01/21-/5/01/26

Title: Understanding mortality: Biosocial determinants across cohorts, time and place (MORTAL)

Total: €2,000,000

Role: Principal Investigator

The goal of this project is to combine a biosocial approach with demographic theory to understand the underlying drivers of population mortality.

NIH 1R01AG075719-01 (P.I. G. Noppert) 03/01/22-11/30/26

Title: Immunosenescence, socioeconomic disadvantage and dementia in the US aging population

Total: \$2,100,000

Role: Co-Investigator

Using the U.S. Health and Retirement Study (HRS), this project will examine associations between peripheral immunosenescence and cognitive function, decline, and incident AD/ADRD, with specific attention to social inequalities in these processes

NIH 5R01AG066498-03 (P.I. K. Krauter) 06/15/20-03/31/25

Title: The Microbiome and Biological Aging the Add Health Study

Total: \$3,000,000

Role: Co-investigator

This project will collect and analyze oral and gut microbiome data in The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health), a nationally representative longitudinal cohort of adults with extensive social environment data and existing or ongoing analyses of genomic and phenotypic markers of inflammation and aging.

John Fell Fund, University of Oxford (P.I. J Dowd)

07/15/20-12/31/23

Title: Demographic Science and the future of COVID-19 in the UK.

Total: £50,000

The goal of this project is to evaluate the short and long term mortality impacts of COVID-19 in the UK and use digital data to evaluate how trust in experts and misinformation evolve during COVID-19.

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(P.I. L. Waldron)

07/31/19-6/30/24

Exploiting Public Metagenomic Data to Uncover Cancer-Microbiome Relationships

Total: \$2,318,425

Role: Co-investigator

This project improves the ability to identify new roles of the human microbiome in cancer by 1) enabling comprehensive comparisons of microbiome studies to previously published results and known microbial physiology, 2) developing higher- resolution approaches to identifying viruses and bacterial strains from metagenomic shotgun data, and 3) making all methods and resources easily usable by a broad research community.

**Completed:**

Wellcome Trust Longitudinal Population Studies Grant (P.I. T. Spector)

01/01/2019-01/01/22

Title: TwinsUK—An Epidemiological and Genomic Resource

Total: £3,000,000

Role: Co-investigator, Lead Bio-Social Data Programme

The purpose of this grant is to support the on-going operation and management of the TwinsUK cohort, including new enhancements in health records linkage and sociological and environmental data.

NIH 1R21 AI21784-01

(P.I. Dowd)

02/18/16-07/31/19

Title: The representative microbiome: social determinants and tools for population research

Total: \$275,000, direct costs

Role: P.I

The goal of this project is to test the association of oral microbiome characteristics and sociodemographic factors in a large, nationally representative survey, examine associations between the oral microbiome and biomarkers of risk, and develop a web-based tool-kit for population health researchers to more easily incorporate microbiome data into their analysis.

King's SSPP Faculty Research Fund Award (P.I. Dowd)

01/01/19-30/06/19

Title: Gene X Environment Interactions and Cognition

Total: £10,000

Role: P.I.

The goal of this project is to investigate interactions of the social environment over the lifecourse with genetic liability for cognitive decline using data from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing.

VALIDATE Network Pump Priming Grant (P.I. Boccia)

12/02/17-11/30/18

Title: Enhancing BCG efficacy: the Social Technology Lab Initiative

Total: £49933

Role: Co-investigator

This project aims to start the Social Technology Lab Initiative, a multidisciplinary research partnership aiming to assess how social determinants manifest biologically via the immune response and evaluate how vaccines efficacy can be enhanced by acting on these social determinants through poverty-reduction strategies

NIH 1R01AG040115

(P.I: A. Aiello)

5/1/12-3/30/16

Title: Infectious Links Between Psychosocial Stress and Aging

Total: \$1,200,000 direct costs

Role: Co-P.I

The goal of this project is to add immunoassays for several common pathogens to a sub-sample of the Whitehall II epidemiological cohort in order to study the interaction of the social environment, psychosocial stress, immune function, and telomere length.

National Institutes of Health 5R03CA149072-2 (P.I.: A. Zajacova)

7/1/10-7/1/12

Title: Cancer and Economic Well-being

Total, \$100,000 direct costs

Role: Co-Investigator

The goal of this grant is to estimate the economic impacts of cancer on cancer survivors using longitudinal data from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics

National Institutes of Health 1R21NR011181-01 (PI: J. Dowd)

9/1/08-6/30/11

Title: Understanding the role of stress and immune function in health disparities

Total: \$ 418,000 total costs

The goal of this grant is to examine the role of infection, immunity and inflammation as factors linking social factors to health and mortality in the US population.

Role: P.I.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (PI: A. Hamoudi)

06/01/08-06/01/09

Total: \$ 22,000

Title: Assets and Stress: Using the housing market to explore health effects of wealth

National Institutes of Health 1R21AG031358-01A1 (PI: G. Kaplan)

9/1/08-8/31/10

Title: *International Study of Income Gradients*

Total: \$ 300,000

Role: Co-investigator

National Institutes of Health: (P.I. N. Goldman)

07/01/09-8/31/09

Total: \$ 36,259 (subcontract)

Title: Biodemography of Health, Social Factors, and Life Challenges

Role: Co-investigator

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (PI: J. Dowd)

05/01/07-08/31/08

Total: \$33,253

Title: Under the skin: Understanding the links between socioeconomic status, stress, immune function and health

Role: P.I.

## AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

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- Ida B. Wells Public Engagement Award, Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science, 2023
- Clifford C. Clogg Award for Mid-Career Achievement, Population Association of America, 2022
- O<sup>2</sup>RB Excellence in Impact Award, Economic and Social Research Council, 2021
- King's College London Leading Researchers Programme, 2019
- Teaching Excellence Award Nomination, King's College London, 2017, 2018

- Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar, University of Michigan, 2006-2008
- Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. Summer Fellowship, 2003
- National Institutes of Health Traineeship in Demography, 2002-2003
- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1999-2002
- Karl E. Prickett Fellowship in Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 1998
- Luce Scholar, The Henry Luce Foundation, 1996-97
- Francis P. Gaines Honor Scholarship, Washington and Lee University, 1992-1996
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1995
- Omicron Delta Kappa (National Leadership Honor Society), 1995
- Spanish Departmental Scholarship, Washington and Lee University, 1995
- The Robinson Award in Languages, Washington and Lee University, 1996
- The Edward Lee Pinney Prize, Washington and Lee University, 1996

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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- “We contain multitudes: microbes, genes, and the future of biosocial science.” Keynote address at Integrating Social Science and Genetics conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, October 2022.
- “Future Challenges in Demography and Inequality: “Inequalities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: IFS Deaton Review.” British Academy, May 2022.
- “Perspectives from a Pandemic: Demographic Insights and Battling the “Infodemic.” Presentations at UC-Santa Barbara, Yale University, University College London, CEDEPLAR (Brazil), University of Wisconsin, UCLA, Ohio State University, UC-Berkeley, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research Suessmilch Lecture, 2020-21.
- “What do demographers tell us about the COVID-19 pandemic?” Asian Demographic Research Institute, January 2021.
- “Dear Pandemic and Science Communication during the Pandemic” Briefing for Office of House Majority Leader, United States Congress, December 2020.
- “Demography and the Coronavirus Pandemic,” Expert Meeting, Population Europe, November 2020
- “’68ers, ’89ers, & post-89ers: What are the key historical generations in contemporary Europe?” European Studies Centre, University of Oxford, February 2021.
- “COVID-19: Flattening the Curve” The New York Academy of Sciences, Thursday April 30 2020 <https://www.nyas.org/events/2020/webinar-covid-19-flattening-the-curve/>
- “COVID-19 and Demographic Science” Population Association of America, May 27, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwaEmbsMRIk>
- “The effect of a targeted cash transfer on cognitive function in later life: Evidence from a gene-environment interaction.” University College London, September 2019 and Nuffield College, University of Oxford, February 2020
- “Trends in Mid-life Mortality: Is the US an Anomaly?” presented at the REVES/TRENDS joint meeting, Institute of Social Research, University of Michigan, May 2018, British Society of Population Studies Meeting, July 2019
- “Innovations in Biosocial Linkages Across the Life Course,” invited discussant for Keynote Panel, Annual Meeting of the Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science (IAPHS), U.S. National Academies of Science, Washington, D.C., October 2018.
- “Is Compulsory Education Associated with Biomarkers of Health in Mid-life? Evidence from a French quasi-experiment,” presented at the meeting of the International Union for the Scientific Study of

Population (IUSSP), Cape Town, South Africa, October 2017 and the annual meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA), Denver, CO, April 2018.

“Of Men and Microbes: Social determinants of the Microbiome,” invited presentation, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Duke University Population Research Institute, September 2017 and Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2018, and Nuffield College, Oxford University, June 2018.

"Trends in Mortality by SES: overview and subgroup cautionary tales" invited presentation at the National Academy of Sciences, Planning Meeting on Socioeconomic Status and Increasing Mid-Life Mortality, Washington D.C., June 2017

“Is Life Expectancy Really Falling for the Least Educated Americans?” invited presentation at the NYU Population Center, April 2015, University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center, April 2015, Department of Sociology, Oxford University, November 2015, and the London School of Economics, June 2016.

“Infectious Links Between Social Factors and Chronic Disease.” Invited presentation at Cambridge University, November 2016.

“Income trajectories and biomarkers of inflammation and metabolic risk,” Understanding Society Biomarker Meeting, London, March 2017

“Social determinants of the Microbiome”, presented at Biomarker Network Meeting, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 2017

“Exploring the role of selection in education-mortality trends,” presented at Life Course Health Dynamics Network Meeting, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 2017

“Long-term obesity and physical functioning in older Americans.” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA May 2014.

“Population immunology and health disparities”-invited presentation at the California Center for Population Research, UCLA, January 2014 and the Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 2014, and the CU Population Center, University of Colorado Boulder, October 2014

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Deputy Editor, *Demography*, 2023-present

Editorial Board, *Demography*, 2020-2022

Board of Directors, Population Association of America (PAA), 2019-2022

Finance Committee, Population Association of America (2019-2022)

Award Committee, International Association of Population Health Science (IAPHS) 2018-2021

Development Committee, Population Association of America (2019-2021)

Social Epidemiology Section Editor, *Current Epidemiology Reports* (2018-2019)

Editorial Board, *PLoS One*, (2013-2018)

Editorial Board, *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences* (2013-2018)

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## COURSES TAUGHT

***University of Oxford, Department of Sociology, Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science***

- Social Determinants of Health (Masters Level)
- Advanced Quantitative Methods (Masters Level)
- Life Course Research (Masters Level)

***King's College London, Department of Global Health and Social Medicine***

- Applied Epidemiology and Social Statistics (Undergraduate level)
- Quantitative Data Analysis (Masters level)

- Data Management and Manipulation with STATA (Master's level)
- Ageing in a Global Perspective (Undergraduate level)

***Graduate Center, City University of New York:***

- Cities, Society and Health (Doctoral level)
- Introduction to Demography (Doctoral level)
- Special Topics in Biodemography (Doctoral level)

***CUNY School of Public Health, City University of New York:***

- Principles of Epidemiology (Masters level)
- Social Epidemiology (Masters/Doctoral level)

***Princeton University:***

- WWS/ECON 508 Generalized Linear Statistical Models (Masters/Doctoral level), Teaching Assistant