

**LAURA M. ARGYS****Date: March, 2009****EDUCATION**

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Major</u>
University of Colorado-Boulder	1983	B.A.	Economics
University of Colorado-Boulder	1985	M.A.	Economics
University of Colorado-Boulder	1993	Ph.D.	Economics

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2007 – present	Department Chair, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Denver
2006 – present	Full Professor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Denver.
2000 – 2006	Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Denver.
1993 - 2000	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Denver.
1987 - 1993	Research Assistant, Population Program, Institute for the Behavioral Sciences, University of Colorado-Boulder.
1985 - 1987	Instructor, Department of Economics University of Colorado at Boulder, Principles of Microeconomics.
1984 - 1985.	Research Assistant, Center for Economic Analysis, University of Colorado at Boulder

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Principles of Economics: Macro  
Principles of Economics: Micro  
Economics of Race and Gender  
Graduate Seminar in Labor Economics  
Graduate Seminar in Applied Economics (Labor Economics)  
Applied Statistics Using SAS and SPSS I  
Applied Statistics Using SAS and SPSS II  
Economics of Sex and Drugs  
Graduate Seminar in Applied Economics (Economic Demography)  
Graduate Research Seminar  
Data Analysis and Research Methodology

**MEMBERSHIPS**

American Economics Association  
Population Association of America  
Society of Labor Economists  
International Atlantic Economics Association  
Denver Association of Business Economists  
Colorado Association of Health Economists  
International Health Economics Association  
American Society for Health Economists  
Committee for the Status of Women in the Economics Profession  
Western Economics Association International

**HONORS and AWARDS**

1998 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Teacher of the Year  
 1999 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Researcher of the Year  
 2001 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Excellence in Service  
 2001/2002 University of Colorado at Denver Service Person of the Year  
 2007 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award  
 2008 Georgescu-Roegan Prize, best academic article, Southern Economics Association

**PUBLICATIONS**

Averett, S.L., J.E. Sikora, and L.M. Argys, In Press. "For Better or Worse: Relationship Status and Body Mass Index." *Economics and Human Biology*.

Sen, B., S.L. Averett, L.M. Argys and D.I. Rees. In Press. "Undesirable Behavior in Adolescents: What Role do Alcohol and Marijuana Play?." *Applied Economics Letters*.

Argys, L.M. and D.I. Rees. 2008. "Searching for Peer Group Effects: A Test of the Contagion Hypothesis." *Review of Economics and Statistics*. 90(3): 442-58.

Rees, D.I., E. Lopez, S.L. Averett, L.M. Argys. 2008. "Birth Order and Participation in School Sports and Other Activities." *Economics of Education Review* 27(3): 354-62.

Duncan, B.J. and L.M. Argys. 2007. "Economic Incentives and Foster Care Placement." *Southern Economic Journal* 74(1): 114-142.

Bishai D., Astone N.M., Argys L.M., Filidoro C., Gutendorf R. 2006. "A National Sample of U.S. Paternity Tests: Do Demographics Predict Test Outcomes?" *Transfusion*. 46(5): 849-53.

Argys, L.M., D.I. Rees, S.L. Averett and B. Witoonchart. 2006. "Birth Order and Risky Adolescent Behavior." *Economic Inquiry*. 44(2): 215-233.

Argys, L.M., H.E. Peters, S. Cook, S. Garasky, L. Nepomnyaschy, E. Sorensen. "Measuring Contact between Children and Nonresident Fathers." 2006. In *Handbook of Measurement Issues in Family Research*, Sandra Hofferth and Lynne Casper, eds. Mahwah, N.J.: Lawrence Erlbaum & Associates.

S. Garasky, H.E. Peters, L.M. Argys, S. Cook, L. Nepomnyaschy, E. Sorensen. "Measuring Support to Children by Nonresident Fathers," 2006. In *Handbook of Measurement Issues in Family Research*, Sandra Hofferth and Lynne Casper, eds. Mahwah, N.J.: Lawrence Erlbaum & Associates.

Averett, S.L., D.I. Rees, B.J. Duncan, L.M. Argys, 2004. "Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Differences in the Relationship between Substance Use and Adolescent Sexual Behavior." *Topics in Economic Analysis and Policy*. 4(1).

Peters, H.E., L.M. Argys, H.W. Howard, and J.S. Butler. 2004 "Legislating Love: The Effect of Paternity, Child Support and Welfare Policies on Father-Child Contact." *The Review of Economics of the Household*, 2(3): 255-74.

Argys, L.M. and H. N. Mocan, 2004. "Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die: An Examination of Racial Disparities among Death Row Inmates," *Journal of Legal Studies*, 33(2): 255-282.

Argys, L.M. and H.E. Peters, 2003. "Can Adequate Child Support Be Legislated? A Model of Responses to Child Support Guidelines and Enforcement Efforts," *Economic Inquiry*, 41(3): 463-479

Averett, S.L., D.I. Rees, and L.M. Argys, 2002. "The Impact of Government Policies and Neighborhood Characteristics on Teenage Sexual Activity and Contraceptive Use," *The American Journal of Public Health*. November, 2002. pp. 1773-78.

Rees, D.I., L.M. Argys, and S.L. Averett. 2001. "New Evidence on the Relationship Between Substance Use and Adolescent Sexual Behavior," *Journal of Health Economics* 20: 835-845.

Argys, L. M. and H.E. Peters. 2001. "Interactions between Unmarried Fathers and Their Children: The Role of Paternity Establishment and Child Support Policies." *American Economic Review* 91(2): 125-129.

Argys, L.M., H.E. Peters and D.M. Waldman. 2001. "Can the Family Support Act Put Some Life Back into Deadbeat Dads? An Analysis of Child Support Guidelines, Award Rates and Levels." *Journal of Human Resources* 36(2): 226-252.

Argys, L.M. and H. Elizabeth Peters. 2001. "Pattern of Non-resident Father Involvement," in *Social Awakenings: Adolescents' Behavior as Adulthood Approaches*, Robert T. Michael ed., Sage Publications.

Argys, L.M., S.L. Averett, and D.I. Rees. 2000. "Welfare Generosity, Pregnancies and Abortions among Unmarried Welfare Recipients". *Journal of Population Economics*.13: 569-94.

D.I. Rees, D.J. Brewer and L.M. Argys. 1999. "How Should We Measure the Effect of Ability Grouping on Student Performance?" *Economics of Education Review*.

Argys, L.M., H.E. Peters, J. Brooks-Gunn and J.R. Smith. 1998. "The Impact of Child Support on Cognitive Outcomes of Young Children," *Demography*, 35(2): 159-73.

Argys, L.M., D.I. Rees and D.J. Brewer. 1996. "Detracking America's Schools: Equity at Zero Cost?" *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 15(4): 623-40.

D.I. Rees, L.M. Argys and D.J. Brewer. 1996. "Tracking in the United States: Descriptive Statistics from NELS," *Economics of Education Review*, 15(1): 83-89.

D.J. Brewer, D.I. Rees and L.M. Argys. 1996. "The Reform Without Cost? A Reply to Our Critics," *Phi Delta Kappan*, 77(6): 442-44. Reprinted in *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Educational Issues*, James Noll (Ed.), Dushkin.

D.J. Brewer, D.I. Rees and L.M. Argys. 1995. "Detracking America's Schools: The Costless Reform?," *Phi Delta Kappan*, Vol. 77, No. 3 (Nov.), pp. 210-15. Reprinted in *Gifted Students and Inclusion: Exploring the Tracking Debate*, Sarah Schaffer (Ed.), Center for Evaluation Development and Research, Phi Delta Kappa, pp. 111-120.

Argys, L.M. and D.I. Rees. 1995. "Unionization and School Productivity: A Reexamination," *Research in Labor Economics* 14:49-68.

Peters, H.E., L.M. Argys, E.E. Maccoby and R.H. Mnookin. 1993. "Enforcing Divorce Settlements: Evidence from Child Support Compliance and Award Modifications," *Demography*, 30(4): 719-35.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

- Under Review Bishai, D., N.M. Astone, and L.M. Argys. "Parenting Behavior among Men with Disputed Paternity." *Journal of Marriage and the Family*.
- Under Review Argys, L.M., S.L. Averett and D.I. Rees, "Older Siblings and Risky Behavior: Is it Siblings or Parents?" *Journal of Population Economics* (revisions requested).
- Under Review Rees, D.I., J.J. Sabia and L.M. Argys. A Head above the Rest: The Effect of Height on Adolescent Psychological Wellbeing: Evidence from Add Health," *Economics and Human Biology*. (under second review).
- Under Review Argys, L.M. and B.J. Duncan. "Economic Incentives and Adoption from Foster Care." *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*
- In Preparation Sen, B., L.M. Argys, and B. Kitchen. "What Do People in Different Income Groups Buy When They Do Not Buy Fruits and Vegetables?"
- In Preparation Argys, L.M., "Reducing Child Support Obligations: State Enforcement and Nonresident Fathers' Labor Supply"
- In Preparation Argys, L.M., H.E. Peters, G. H. Jakubson, "Have Families become the New Safety Net? An Examination of the Receipt of Kin Support, Child Support and Welfare"
- In Preparation Leiter, A.J., and L.M. Argys, "Child Support and Welfare Income: Do Policies Matter?"
- In Preparation Argys, L.M. and B. Sen, "Parental Time, Income and Children's BMI."
- In Preparation Argys, L.M. and H.M. Beaty. "Health Insurance for Children: Do Child Support Policies Matter?"
- In Preparation Argys, L.M., B.J. Duncan, R.B. Freeman, D. Homrighausen, S.G. Medema. "The Influence of Socioeconomic Characteristics and State Driver Safety Laws on the Organ Recovery Rates within the White, Black and Hispanic Populations."

- In Preparation      Averett, S.L. and L.M. Argys. "In Sickness and in Health: Marital Status and Adult Health.
- In Preparation      Averett, S.L., J. Sikora, and L.M. Argys. "Is a Walk Down the Aisle Worth it? An Analysis of Marriage and Cohabitation Premia."

## RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 1993-1994      *Child Support and Child Well-Being*, University of Colorado (subcontract, PI), National Institutes of Health.
- 1994      *The Determinants and Effects of Ability Grouping: An Analysis of NELS:88 Data*. American Education Finance Association/National Center for Education Statistics Research Initiative for New Scholars.
- 1994-1995      *The Economic Well-Being of Children: A Comparison of Child Support Awards and Compliance by Marital Status and Custody Arrangement*. Faculty Grant Award.
- 1994-1998      *Child Support and Child Well-Being*. Cornell University (subcontract, PI), National Institutes of Health (prime).
- 1997-1999      *Bicycling and Pedestrians in Colorado*. State of Colorado Department of Transportation. (co-PI).
- 1999      *Non-Resident Father Involvement and Child Well-Being*. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Joint Center for Poverty Research.
- 1999-2004      *Child Support, Child Welfare and Effects of Welfare Reform*. Cornell University (subcontract, PI) National Institutes of Health (prime).
- 2003-2007      *Joint Models of Kin Support, Child Support and Welfare*. National Institutes of Health, NICHD. (PI) \$405,000.
- 2004-2006      *Older Peers and Adolescent Behavior*. National Institutes of Health, NICHD (co-PI, Daniel Rees, PI)
- 2005-2008      *Economic Incentives: Moving from Foster Care to Adoption*. National Institutes of Health, NICHD. (co-PI, Brian Duncan, PI).
- 2006-2008      *Parental Income, Time and Children's BMI*, National Institutes of Health, NICHD. (consultant, Bishaka Sen, PI).
- 2007-2009      *Effects of Stress and Inflammatory Cytokines on Pregnancy*, National Institutes of Health. (co-PI, Mary Coussons-Read, PI).

## PRESENTATIONS AT MEETINGS AND SEMINARS

- 2008      "In Sickness and in Health: Links between Relationship Status and Health Outcomes."

- Presented at the Biannual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists.
- 2008 “What Do People in Different Income Groups Buy When They Do Not Buy Fruits and Vegetables?” Presented at the Biannual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists.
- 2008 “Height and Adolescent Psychological Wellbeing.” Presented at the Biannual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists.
- 2008 “Older Siblings and Health-related Behaviors among Adolescents: Does Parenting Play a Role?” presented at the Biannual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists.
- 2007 “Marital Disruption and Delinquent Behaviors among Children,” presented at the American Sociological Association meeting. New York, August.
- 2007 “Health Insurance for Children: Do Child Support Policies Matter?” presented at the International Health Economics Association, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 6-11.
- 2007 “In Sickness and in Health: Marital Status and Adult Health,” presented at the International Health Economics Association, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 6-11.
- 2007 “The Tradeoff between Family Size and Child Health in the United States,” presented at the International Health Economics Association, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 6-11.
- 2007 “Economic Incentives and Adoption from Foster Care” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America,” New York, NY, March 29 – April 2.
- 2007 “The Economic Status of Women in Higher Education” presented at the University of Colorado Women’s Symposium. March 9.
- 2007 “In Sickness and in Health: Marital Status and Adult Health” presented at the Eastern Economics Association Meeting, New York, NY, February 22-25.
- 2007 “Have Families become the New Safety Net? An Examination of the Receipt of Kin Support, Child Support and Welfare.” Presented at the Eastern Economics Association Meeting, New York, NY, February 22-25.
- 2006 “Is a Walk Down the Aisle Worth it? An Analysis of Marriage and Cohabitation Premia.” Presented at the Southern Economics Association Meeting, Charleston, SC, November 18-22.
- 2006 “Uninsured Children: Do Child Support Policies Make a Difference?” Presented at the Southern Economics Association Meeting, Charleston, SC, November 18 – 22.
- 2006 “Economics Incentives and Adoption from Foster Care” Presented at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International, San Diego, CA, June 29 – July 3, 2006.
- 2006 “Older Siblings and Risky Behavior: Is it Siblings or is it Parents?” Presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup>

- International Conference on Economics and Human Biology, Strasbourg, France, June 22-June 24, 2006.
- 2006 “Older Siblings and Risky Behavior: Is it Siblings or is it Parents?” Presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting of the Eastern Economic Association. Philadelphia, PA, February 24-26, 2006.
- 2006 “Parental Time, Income and Children’s BMI” Presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting of the Eastern Economic Association. Philadelphia, PA, February 24-26, 2006.
- 2006 “Health Insurance for Children: What Matters?” Presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting of the Eastern Economic Association. Philadelphia, PA, February 24-26, 2006.
- 2005 “Older Siblings and Risky Behavior: Is it Siblings or Parents?” Presented at the meeting of the International Atlantic Economics Association, New York, NY, October 6-10, 2005.
- 2005 “Child Support and Welfare Income: Do Policies Matter?” Presented at the meeting of the International Atlantic Economics Association, New York, NY, October 6-10, 2005.
- 2005 “Parental Time, Income, and Children’s BMI” Presented at the meeting of the International Health Economists Association meeting, July 10-13, 2005
- 2005 “Searching for Peer Group Effects: A Test of the Contagion Hypothesis” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Labor Economists, June 2-5, 2005.
- 2005 “Have Families become the New Safety Net? An Examination of the Receipt of Kin Support, Child Support and Welfare.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, March 30-April 2, 2005.
- 2005 “Searching for Peer Group Effects: A Test of the Contagion Hypothesis” Presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, March 30-April 2, 2005.
- 2005 “Reducing Child Support Obligations: Enforcement and Nonresident Fathers’ Labor Supply” Presented at the annual meeting of the International Atlantic Economics Society, March 10-13, 2005.
- 2005 “Have Families become the New Safety Net? An Examination of the Receipt of Kin Support, Child Support and Welfare.” Presented at the NICHD Intergenerational Transfers Workshop, Bethesda, MD, March 10-11, 2005.
- 2003 “Measuring Contact between Children and Nonresident Fathers.” Presented at the Measurement Issues in Family Demography Workshop, Bethesda, MD, November, 2003.
- 2003 “Nonresidential Parenting: Measuring Support Provided to Children by Nonresident Fathers.” Presented at the Measurement Issues in Family Demography Workshop, Bethesda, MD, November, 2003.
- 2003 “Searching for Peer Group Effects: A Test of the Contagion Hypothesis.” Presented at the annual meeting of the International Atlantic Economics Society, Quebec City, Canada, October.

- 2003 "Economic Incentives and Foster Care Placement." Presented at the annual meetings of the Western Economic Association, Denver, CO. July.
- 2003 "Family Structure in the NLSY97," Presented at the NLS Data User's Workshop, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. July.
- 2003 "Teenagers and Abortion: The Effects of Social, Economic and Neighborhood Factors." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Economics Association, Washington, D.C., January.
- 2003 "Legislating Love: The Effects of Paternity, Child Support, and Welfare Policies on Father-Child Contact" presented at the annual meeting of the American Economics Association, Washington, D.C., January.
- 2002 "The Effect of Birth Order on Adolescent Risky Behavior" presented at the Cornell School of Policy Analysis and Management Seminar series, December 2, 2002.
- 2002 "Do Older Peers Affect Adolescent Behavior? An Analysis of the NLSY97," presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Atlanta, GA, May.
- 2002 "Teenagers and Abortion: The Effects of Social, Economic and Neighborhood Factors," presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Atlanta, GA, May.
- 2001 "Paternity, Child Support, Welfare and the Incentives for Father's Involvement with Children Born Out of Wedlock," presented at the NICHD Fatherhood Initiative Network Meeting, Washington D.C., July.
- 2001 "New Evidence on the Relationship Between Substance Use and Adolescent Sexual Behavior," presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C., March.
- 2001 "Paternity, Child Support, Welfare and the Incentives for Father's Involvement with Children Born Out of Wedlock," presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of American, Washington, D.C., March.
- 2001 "Interactions Between Unmarried Fathers and Their Children: The Role of Paternity Establishment and Child Support Policies," presented at the Allied Social Sciences Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January.
- 2000 "New Evidence on the Relationship Between Substance Use and Adolescent Sexual Behavior," Adolescent Health Data User's Conference, Bethesda, MD, August.
- 2000 "The Impact of Economic Incentives on Teenage Sexual Activity and Contraceptive Use," presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Los Angeles California, March.
- 1999 "Patterns of Non-resident Father Involvement," presented at the NLSY97 Early Results Conference, Washington, D.C., November.

- 1999 "The Impact of Economic Incentives on Teenage Sexual Behavior and Contraceptive Use." NCHS Data Users Conference, Washington D.C. August.
- 1998 "Can the Family Support Act Put Some Life Back into Dead-beat Dads: An Analysis of Child Support Guidelines, Award Rates and Levels." at the Southern Economic Association Meetings, Baltimore, MD. November.
- 1998 "Can the Family Support Act Put Some Life Back into Dead-Beat Dads: An Analysis of Child Support Guidelines, Award Rates and Levels". at the Midwest Economic Association Meetings, Chicago IL. March.
- 1998 "Public Policy and the Incidence of Self-Reported Sexually Transmitted Diseases Among Teenage Girls." at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL. April.
- 1998 "Welfare Generosity, Pregnancies and Abortions Among Unmarried Recipients," at the annual meetings of the American Economic Association, Chicago, IL. January.
- 1997 "Welfare Generosity, Pregnancies and Abortions Among Unmarried Recipients", at the annual meetings, Population Association of America, Washington D.C. May.
- 1996 "The Impact of Welfare Generosity on the Fertility Behavior of Recipients", presented at the University of Colorado Labor Seminar Series, October.
- 1996 "The Impact of Welfare Generosity on the Fertility Behavior of Recipients", presented at the Economic Demography Workshop at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA, May.
- 1996 "The Impact of Child Support Dollars on Child Well-Being", presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA, May.
- 1995 "The Impact of Ability Grouping on High School Student Achievement: An Analysis of NELS Data," presented at the University of Colorado Labor Seminar Series, October.
- 1995 "Can the Family Support Act Put Some Life Back into Dead-Beat Dads: An Analysis of Child Support Guidelines, Award Rates and Levels," at the American Economic Association session, Allied Social Science Association Meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 1994 "The Contributions of Child Support," with H. Elizabeth Peters, presented at the Workshop on Welfare and Child Development, Washington D.C.
- 1994 "The Role of Child Support Guidelines in the Negotiation of Child Support Awards," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Economic Association, Boston, MA, March 1994.
- 1993 "The Role of Child Support Guidelines in the Negotiation of Child Support Awards," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Cincinnati, OH, April, 1993.
- 1993 "Initial Bargaining Over Divorce Settlements and Compliance Over Time," presented at the American Economic Association session at the Allied Social Science Association

Meetings, Anaheim CA, January 1993.

- 1990 "Testing a Behavioral Model of Child Support", presented at the Econometric Society Session at the Allied Social Science Association Meetings, Washington, D.C., December 1990.
- 1988 "The Impact of Welfare on Family Decision-Making", Presented at the 30th Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association, Denver Colorado, April 1988.