

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**CYNTHIA G. COLEN**

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**Academic Positions**

- 2007- present      Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University
- 2005-2007      Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University

**Education**

- 2005      Ph. D., Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health, University of Michigan  
Concentration in Social Demography, Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan  
*Dissertation Title:* Socioeconomic Mobility and Reproductive Outcomes Among African American and White Women in the United States  
*Committee:* Arline Geronimus (Chair), John Bound, Sherman James, and Pamela Smock
- 1998      M.P.H., Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health, University of Michigan
- 1992      B.A., Women's Studies, College of Literature, Science, and Arts, University of Michigan, magna cum laude

**Research Interests**

Social Disparities in Population Health      Social Stratification and Mobility  
Social Demography      Quantitative Methods  
Racial and Ethnic Relations

**Peer Reviewed Journal Publications**

- 2006      Colen, Cynthia G., Arline T. Geronimus, John Bound and Sherman A. James. Upward Maternal Socioeconomic Mobility and Black-White Disparities in Infant Birthweight. *American Journal of Public Health* 96:2032-2039.
- 2006      Colen, Cynthia G., Arline T. Geronimus and Maureen G. Phipps. Getting a Piece of the Pie? The Economic Boom of the 1990s and Declining Teen Birth Rates in the United States.

*Social Science and Medicine* 63:1531-1545.

- 2006 Geronimus, Arline T., Cynthia G. Colen, Tara Shochet, Lori Barer Ingber and Sherman A. James. Urban-Rural Differences in Excess Mortality among High-Poverty Populations: Evidence from the Harlem Household Survey and the Pitt County, North Carolina Study of African American Health. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* 17:532-558.
- 2001 Geronimus, Arline T., John Bound, Timothy A. Waidmann, Cynthia G. Colen and Dianne Steffick. Inequality in Life Expectancy, Functional Status, and Active Life Expectancy Across Selected Black and White Populations in the United States. *Demography* 38:227-251.

### **Manuscripts Under Review**

- 2007 Colen, Cynthia G. Lifecourse Perspectives, Status Attainment Processes, and the Health of Minority Populations. *Population and Development Review*.

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

- Colen, Cynthia G. Intergenerational Upward Mobility, Self-Rated Health, and Functional Disability among Minority Populations in the United States: The Impact of Structural Level Racial Inequalities
- Colen, Cynthia G. and Bruce Link. Incarceration, Social Networks, and Black-White Disparities in Mental Health Outcomes.
- Colen, Cynthia G. and Peter Bearman. Kin Network Composition, Secondary School Achievement, and Wellbeing among African American Teens.

### **Academic Presentations**

- 2007 Colen, Cynthia G. To Live and Die in the United States: Race, Place, and Health in the 1990s. Annual Meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program. Chicago, IL.
- 2007 Colen, Cynthia G. Upward Mobility, Lifecourse Processes, and Infant Birthweight Among African Americans: Ascending the Ladder Not Tipping the Scale. Poorest of the Poor Conference of the Institute of the Humanities and Center for International and Comparative Studies, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2006 Colen, Cynthia G. Facing the Realities of the American Dream: Black-White Health Disparities Among Upwardly Mobile U.S. Populations. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Quebec.
- 2006 Colen, Cynthia G. Upward Socioeconomic Mobility and Physical Health Status Among African Americans and Whites in the United States. Annual Meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program. Washington DC.

- 2005 Colen, Cynthia G., Arline T. Geronimus, John Bound and Sherman A. James. Upward Maternal Socioeconomic Mobility and Black-White Disparities in Infant Birthweight. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2004 Geronimus, Arline T., John Bound, Cynthia G. Colen, Lori Barer Ingber and Tara Shochet. Urban/Rural Differences in Excess Mortality Among High Poverty Populations: Evidence from the Harlem Household Survey and Pitt County Hypertension Study. Vulnerable Populations Research Conference of the Economic Research Initiative on the Uninsured. Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2003 Colen, Cynthia G., Arline T. Geronimus and Maureen G. Phipps. Getting a Piece of the Pie? Declining Teen Birth Rates During the 1990s. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Minneapolis, MN.

### **Honors and Awards**

- 2004 Rackham Dissertation Fellowship, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 1998-2003 National Institute for Child Health and Development Predoctoral Fellowship in Social Demography, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
- 2001 Harold and Vivian Shapiro Award, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 1998 Margaret Dow Towsley Scholarship, Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan
- 1996-1997 School of Public Health Merit Award, University of Michigan
- 1992 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, University of Michigan

### **Funded Research**

- 2006-2008 *Intergenerational Upward Mobility, Self-Rated Health, and Functional Disability Among Minority Populations in the United States: The Impact of Structural Level Racial Inequalities.* Principal Investigator. Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program, Columbia University. Total Award: \$9,810; No salary.
- 2006-2008 *Determinants of Mortality in the United States: Is Incarceration a Fundamental Cause of Health Disparities?* Co-Principal Investigator with Bruce Link. Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program, Columbia University. Total Award: \$29,000; No salary.

## Research Experience

- 2001-2005 Research Assistant, Urban/Rural Differences in Excess Mortality Among High Poverty Populations, Principal Investigators: Arline Geronimus and John Bound, University of Michigan
- 1998-2001 Research Assistant, Inequality in Life Expectancy, Functional Status, and Active Life Expectancy Across Selected Black and White Populations in the United States, Principal Investigators: Arline Geronimus and John Bound, University of Michigan
- 1998-1999 Research Assistant, Emergency Contraceptive Pill Utilization in Title X Clinics in Michigan, Principal Investigators: Joseph W. Brown and Matthew Boulton, University of Michigan
- 1997-1998 Research Assistant, World Health Organization Stage II Strategic Approach to Analysis of Adolescent Reproductive Health in Brazil, Principal Investigator: Ruth Simmons, University of Michigan

## Teaching Experience

- 2007-2008 Instructor, Sociology of Health: Mental and Physical Dimensions (Undergraduate & Graduate), Department of Sociology, Ohio State University
- 2007-2008 Instructor, Quantitative Research Methods in Sociology (Undergraduate), Department of Sociology, Ohio State University
- 1998 Teaching Assistant, Techniques of Survey Research (Graduate), Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, University of Michigan
- 1991-1992 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Women's Studies (Undergraduate), Department of Women's Studies, University of Michigan

## Predocctoral Students Supervised or Mentored

- 2006- present Marcie Rubin Columbia University Dissertation Committee Member
- Products: CDC dissertation grant entitled *Emergence of Disparities in US Mortality: A Focus on Prevention and Treatment*. Total Award: \$37,786

## Professional Service

- 2007- present Representative, Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University
- 2007- present Representative, Grade Grievance Committee, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University

- 2005-2006 Representative, Professional Development and Diversity Committee, Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars, Columbia University
- 2001-2002 Representative, Student Advisory Committee, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
- 2001 Representative, Maternal and Child Health Faculty Position Search Committee, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, University of Michigan
- 2000-2001 Representative, Doctoral Committee, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, University of Michigan
- 1997-1998 Student Liaison, Population, Family Planning and Reproductive Health Section, American Public Health Association

#### **Ad-hoc Peer Manuscript Reviewer**

Social Science and Medicine  
Journal of Urban Health

#### **Professional Affiliations**

Population Association of America  
American Sociological Association  
American Public Health Association