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- EMPLOYMENT Research Associate, 2019 to present
Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies
- Sloan Postdoctoral Fellow on Aging and Work, 2017-2019
Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies
- Research focus:* Economic and social inequalities in work, health, and aging
- EDUCATION Harvard University, Ph.D Sociology, 2017
University of Oxford, M.St. Theology, 2000
University of Oxford, B.A. History and English, First Class Honours, 1999
St. Olaf College, B.A. Chemistry and English, Summa cum laude,
Phi Beta Kappa, 1997
- DISSERTATION *For Richer and Poorer: Disentangling the Association between Income Inequality and Health.* Committee: Christopher Jencks (chair), Jason Beckfield, Alexandra Killewald.
- ACADEMIC
PUBLICATIONS *Overtime: America's Aging Workforce and the Future of "Working Longer."*
Co-edited volume (with Lisa Berkman) funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and under contract with Oxford University Press.
- Beth C. Truesdale, Lisa Berkman, and Alexandra Mitukeiwicz.
Forthcoming. "When I'm 54: A Life Course Perspective on Inequalities in Working Longer." In *Overtime: America's Aging Workforce and the Future of "Working Longer."* Oxford University Press.
- Beth C. Truesdale. 2020. "Better Jobs, Longer Working Lives: Policy Proposals to Improve the Low-wage Labor Market for Older Workers." Brookings Institution.
- Beth C. Truesdale and Christopher Jencks. 2016. "The Health Effects of Income Inequality: Averages and Disparities." *Annual Review of Public Health* 37(1):413-30.
- Beth C. Truesdale and Christopher Jencks. 2016. "Income Inequality and Health: Strong Theories, Weaker Evidence." *Frontiers in Public Health Services and Systems Research* 5(5):30-37.
- WORKING
PAPERS Beth C. Truesdale. "Coming of Age in an Unequal State: The Life Course Effects of Economic Inequality on Individual Health."
- Beth C. Truesdale. "Do Health Disparities Grow When Income Inequality Rises? It Depends How You Measure the Gaps."
- Beth C. Truesdale. "Income Inequality, Economic Mobility, and Health Disparities in U.S. States."
- Beth C. Truesdale. "The Blue Collar Penalty: Explaining Educational Class Gaps in Work Disability."

AWARDS,
HONORS, AND
RESEARCH
SUPPORT

Program on the Global Demography of Aging at Harvard University, pilot proposal funding for *Young Folks' Jobs: Socioeconomic Disparities in Work and Health in the Run-up to Retirement*, 2019 (\$50,000).

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, *Is Working Longer in the U.S. in Jeopardy?* Funding for edited volume (PI: Lisa Berkman), 2019 (\$500,000).

Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course, for "Coming of Age in an Unequal State: The Life Course Effects of Economic Inequality on Health," 2018.

Russell Sage Foundation, *The Effects of Income Inequality on Health Disparities in the U.S.* (PI: Christopher Jencks), 2016 (\$51,000).

Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, Graduate Fellowship in Ethics, 2015.

Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University, Research Grant, 2015.

Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University, Richmond Fellowship, 2014.

Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, Dissertation Fellowship, 2014.

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Summer Grant, 2014.

Tobin Project, Graduate Student Fellowship in Democracy and Markets, 2014

Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Doctoral Fellowship, 2011

Rhodes Scholarship, 1997

Fulbright Scholarship, 1997 (declined)

SELECTED
MEDIA AND
PRESENTATIONS

"How Biden could help older workers." December 14, 2020. Interview with Chris Farrell, PBS Next Avenue.

"Improving economic opportunity for older workers." November 19, 2020. A webinar discussing challenges to work at older ages and potential policy reforms. Brookings Institution.

"Social Determinants of Healthy Aging." February 13, 2020. Invited presentation at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS) Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington.

"Sociologist Beth Truesdale speaks on the challenges facing America's aging workforce." December 10, 2019. Radio broadcast and news coverage of public lecture at St. Olaf College. *MPR News Presents*. Minnesota Public Radio.

"Truth, Justice, and America's Aging Workforce." November 13, 2019. Invited lecture at the St. Olaf College Institute for Freedom and Community as part of the Fall 2019 series, Discrimination and the Search for Justice and Truth.

“Individuals shouldn’t have to bear burden of a secure retirement.”
September 6, 2019. *Boston Globe*, Letter to the Editor.

Invited panelist, Tobin Project Conference on Inequality and Decision Making, April 2019.

“Poverty touches not just pocketbooks, but mental health.” May 17, 2018.
Radio interview with Oliver Lazarus (Producer), Tanzina Vega (Host),
The Takeaway. New York: PRI and WNYC.

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

White House Office of Management and Budget
Intern, Summer 2013. Worked on federal regulation intended to improve the employment of people with disabilities. Presented proposals at the White House to top Department of Labor staff.

Social Research Unit at Dartington (UK)
Associate, 2010-2017. Edited publications including:

- For the LankellyChase Foundation: *Bringing Everything I Am Into One Place: An inquiry into young people facing severe and multiple disadvantage*. 2014.
- For Realising Ambition, a £25m UK Big Lottery Fund project: *Design and Refine: Developing effective interventions for children and young people*. 2013.
- For the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: *Achieving Lasting Impact at Scale*, 2012.
- For the Department for Education (UK): *An Introduction to Evidence-based Programmes for Children and Families*. 2012.

Social Research Consultant, 2009-2010
Qualitative research, reports, and training programs for clients including the UK’s National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE), Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the UK’s Department of Health

Ubiquis UK, London
Director of Public Consultation Analysis Unit, 2006-2009. Recruited, trained and led teams of writers and analysts in analyzing the results of public consultation and public comment processes. Wrote public reports to inform policy on issues including city planning, media regulation, and the future of the BBC.

Ubiquis UK, London
Project Manager to Head of Production, 2003-2006. Responsible for recruitment, training, and oversight of 150 freelance and full-time staff at fast-growing startup.

Freelance Researcher and Journalist, 2000-2003

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Harvard University (Teaching Fellow)
Sociology Departmental Writing Fellow, 2014-2016
Models of Social Science Research (Professor Mary Waters), Fall 2013
Sports and Society (Professor Mary Waters), Fall 2013
Proseminar on Inequality and Social Policy (Professor Amitabh Chandra),
quantitative methods tutor, 2012-2013
Introduction to Social Inequality (Professor Jason Beckfield), Spring 2013
Mobilizing for Social Change (Professor Jocelyn Viterna), Fall 2012

SERVICE

Editorial Board Member, *Work, Aging, and Retirement*
Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee Member