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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2020 **Ph.D. Social Policy** (expected), Heller School for Social Policy and Management,
Brandeis University
- Concentration:* Child, youth, and family policy
- Dissertation:* “Social Support and Health of Parents of Children with Developmental
Disabilities: A Network-Oriented Approach”
- Committee:* Monika Mitra (chair), Margie Lachman, Nick Huntington,
Marsha Mailick (University of Wisconsin-Madison),
Abby Rudolph (Temple University)
- 2018 **M.A. Social Policy**, Brandeis University
- 2016 **M.A. Sociology**, Indiana University
- 2011 **B.A. Sociology**, University of Michigan (with highest distinction)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Developmental Disabilities	Children & Families	Social Networks
Health Disparities	Stress & Coping	Quantitative Methods

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2020-Present Postdoctoral Fellow, Waisman Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016-Present Senior Research Analyst, Health Care Research, NORC at the University of Chicago
- 2017-2020 Graduate Research Assistant, Lurie Institute for Disability Policy, Brandeis University
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Heller School for Social Policy & Management, Brandeis University
- 2016 Research Analyst, O’Grady Health Policy, LLC
- 2015-16 Research Project Manager, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2014-15 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2013-16 Research Analyst, Health Care Research, NORC at the University of Chicago
- 2012-13 Research Assistant, Health Care Research, NORC at the University of Chicago
- 2011-12 James H. Dunn Memorial Fellow, Office of Governor Pat Quinn, State of Illinois

PUBLICATIONS (Peer-Reviewed)

- 2020 Akobirshoev I, Mitra M, Li SF, **Dembo, R**, Dooley D, Mehta A, Batra N. (in press). The Compounding Effect of Race/Ethnicity and Disability Status on Children's Health and Health Care by Geography in the United States. *Medical Care*
- 2020 Akobirshoev I, Mitra M, **Dembo R**, Lauer E. "In-hospital mortality among adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the United States: A retrospective analysis of US hospital discharge data." *Autism*. 24(1), 177-189.
- 2019 **Dembo RS**, Mitra M, Akobirshoev I, Manning SE. "Symptom sequelae following violence against youth with disabilities." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. (online ahead of print)
* Best Student Research Presentation 2018, AcademyHealth
- 2019 Akobirshoev I, Parish S, Mitra M, **Dembo R**. "Impact of medical home on health care of children with and without special health care needs: Update from the 2016 National Survey of Children's Health." *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 23(11), 1500-1507.
- 2019 **Dembo RS**, LaFleur J. "Community health contexts and school suspensions of students with disabilities." *Children and Youth Services Review*, 102, 120-127.
- 2019 Shields M, Akobirshoev I, **Dembo RS**, Mitra M. "Self-injurious behavior among adults with ASD: Hospitalizations, length of stay, and costs of resources to deliver care." *Psychiatric Services*, 70(6), 457-464.
- 2018 Akobirshoev I, Mitra M, Parish SL, Moore Simas TA, **Dembo R**, Ncube CN. "Racial and ethnic disparities in birth outcomes and labour and delivery-related charges among women with intellectual and developmental disabilities." *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research*, 63(4), 313-326.
- 2018 Li H, Mitra M, Wu JP, Parish SL, Valentine A, **Dembo RS**. "Female sterilization and cognitive disability in the United States, 2011-2015." *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, 132(3), 559-564.
- 2018 **Dembo RS**, Mitra M, McKee M. "Psychological consequences of violence against people with disabilities." *Disability and Health Journal*, 11(3), 390-397.
- 2017 Dessel AB, Yazbak Abu Ahmed M, **Dembo R**, Ben Hagai E. "Support for Palestinians among Jewish Americans: The importance of education and contact." *Journal of Peace Education*, 14(3), 347-369.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Dembo RS, Namkung EH, Lachman M. "Coping, control, and physical health in parents of children with disabilities." (Revise and resubmit)

Dembo RS, LaFleur J, Akobirshoev I, Dooley D, Batra N, Mitra M. "Racial/ethnic health disparities among children with special health care needs in Boston: A decomposition approach."

* Best Student Abstract Award 2019, AcademyHealth

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

McConnell WR, **Dembo RS**. “Disablement in context: Social networks moderate the link between functional impairment and well-being in late adulthood.”

* Best Poster Award, Sunbelt 2019, International Network for Social Network Analysis

Dembo RS, Rudolph A. “Considerations for conducting interaction analysis on the risk metric.”

Dembo RS, Kuhn J. “Explaining racial/ethnic health disparities among children with autism.”

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2019 **Honorable Jonathan Brant Endowed Doctoral Fellow**, Lurie Institute for Disability Policy

2019 **Conference Travel Grant**, Brandeis University, Heller Annual Fund
Amount: \$1,000

2019 **Career Enhancement Scholarship**, American Public Health Association, Disability Section
Amount: \$1,000

2018-19 **Social Networks and Health Fellowship**, Duke University

2018-19 **Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Research Fund Grant**
Title: “Understanding the health care needs and experiences of Boston children with special health care needs”
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Ilhom Akobirshoev)
Amount: \$80,000

2018 **Conference Travel Grant**, Brandeis University, Heller Annual Fund
Amount: \$700

2017-18 **Small Grant Program**, Social Security Administration
Title: “Unemployed people with disabilities: Have the barriers to work changed?”
Role: PI
Amount: \$10,000

2017-18 **Seed Grant**, Boston Area Research Initiative, Institute for Child, Youth, and Family Policy
Title: “Community contexts and school outcomes for historically underserved students: Developing a geospatial data set to explore neighborhood effects”
Role: Co-PI (with Jenny LaFleur)
Amount: \$10,000

2017 **Scholarship for Public Administration, Public Policy, and Public Affairs**, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
Amount: Tuition remission

HONORS

- 2019 **Best Poster Award**, Sunbelt, International Network for Social Network Analysis
2019 **Best Student Abstract Award**, AcademyHealth Disability Research Interest Group
2018 **Best Student Research Presentation**, AcademyHealth Disability Research Interest Group
2018 **Best Poster Finalist**, CityMatCH and MCH Epidemiology Conference
2013 **Employee Recognition Award**, NORC at the University of Chicago

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES

- 2019 “Coping, perceived control, and allostatic load in parents of children with disabilities.” **Midlife in the United States (MIDUS) Annual Research Meeting**, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“Social support and health in parents of children with developmental disabilities: A network-oriented approach.” **Disability, Health, and Disparities Research Seminar**, Brandeis University.

“Explaining racial/ethnic health disparities among Boston’s children with special health care needs.” **Child, Youth, and Family Policy Seminar**, Brandeis University.
- 2018 “Symptom sequelae following violence against youth with disabilities.” **Child, Youth, and Family Policy Seminar**, Brandeis University.

“Violence: A (possible) social determinant of health for people with disabilities.” **American Public Health Association and Association of University Centers on Disabilities** webinar.
- 2017 “The psychological consequences of violence against people with disabilities.” **Provost Research Awards**, Brandeis University.

“How can income and work support policies help children with disabilities and their families?” **Health: Science, Society, and Policy Program**, Brandeis University.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Disablement in context: Do social networks moderate the impact of increasing functional impairment on well-being?” **Gerontological Society of America** Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

“Explaining racial/ethnic health disparities among Boston's children with special health care needs: A decomposition approach.” **American Public Health Association** Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

“Explaining racial/ethnic health disparities among Boston's children with special health care needs: A decomposition approach.” **AcademyHealth** Disability Research Interest Group, Washington, DC.

- 2019 “Explaining racial/ethnic health disparities among Boston's children with special health care needs: A decomposition approach.” **AcademyHealth** Annual Research Meeting, Washington, DC.
- “Disablement in context: Do social networks moderate the impact of impairment on health and social participation?” **AcademyHealth** Disability Research Interest Group, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 “Community health contexts and disciplinary exclusion of students with disabilities: A geospatial approach to discovering ecological niches.” **American Public Health Association** Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- “Violence against youth with disabilities: Residual physical and mental health symptoms.” **American Public Health Association** Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- “Violence against youth with disabilities: Residual physical and mental health symptoms.” **CityMatCH and MCH Epidemiology Conference**, Portland, OR.
- “Violence against youth with disabilities: Residual physical and mental health symptoms.” **AcademyHealth** Disability Research Interest Group, Seattle, WA.
- “Community health contexts and special-needs students: A geospatial approach bridging health services, disability, and education research.” **AcademyHealth** Disability Research Interest Group, Seattle, WA.
- “The ecology of exclusion: Community health contexts and suspensions of students with disabilities.” **Department of Sociology conference, Columbia University**, New York, NY.
- “Siblings of people with disabilities: Evidence of an achievement gap?” **Society for Social Work Research** Conference, Washington, DC.
- “The psychological consequences of violence against people with disabilities.” **American Public Health Association** Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2017 “Neighborhood resources and the use of disciplinary exclusion among special education students.” **Northeastern Education Research Association** Conference, Trumbull, CT.
- 2016 “Support for Palestinians among Jewish Americans: The importance of education and contact.” **Council on Social Work Education** Conference, Atlanta, GA.

POLICY REPORTS

- 2019 “Understanding the health care experiences and needs of individuals with disabilities” (with: I. Dickman and R. Singer). **Office of Minority Health**, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2018 “Unemployed people with disabilities: Have the barriers to work changed?” **U.S. Social Security Administration**.

- 2016 “The relationship between major anti-poverty proposals and the health of the low-income population” (with: M. O’Grady and G. Wilensky). **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.**
- 2014 “Findings from focus groups with Medicare beneficiaries and physicians and site visits with physicians and care coordinators” (with: E. Hargrave, L. Summer, D. Liffman, N. Clavell, and J. Hoadley). **Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, United States Congress.**
- “Evaluation of UCLA Alzheimer’s and Dementia Care Program” (with: S. Downie and R. Singer). **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.**
- “Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) – A guide for states: Coverage in the Medicaid benefit for children and adolescents” (with: T. Alexander, E. Armstrong, F. Byrne, C. Casnoff, I. Dickman, and P. Ubri). **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.**
- 2013 “Value-based purchasing: A guide for health insurance exchanges” (with: F. Byrne, L. Jacobus-Kantor, M. Green, and W. Miller). **Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.**
- “Community First Choice: Report to Congress” (with: D. Liffman, K. Lowell, and G. Torres). **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.**
- “Public reporting of health quality and efficiency data under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services” (with: T. Alexander, N. Clavell, R. Singer, and E. Swift). **Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.**
- “Recommendations on budgeting for results, rationalizing service delivery, and rebalancing long-term-care” (with: B. Thorne, M. Agha, D. Lloyd, H. Iqbal, and H. Hwang). **Department of Human Services, State of Illinois.**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Policy Context of Families of Children with Disabilities, Brandeis University
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Mental Illness, Indiana University
- 2014 Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

SERVICE

- 2016-19 **Advisory Committee**, AcademyHealth, Disability Research Interest Group
- 2016-19 **Executive Board of Directors**, ARC of Greater Waltham (now Opportunities for Inclusion)
- 2016-17 **PhD Representative**, Heller School Student Association, Brandeis University
- 2015-16 **Secretary**, Department of Sociology Graduate Student Association, Indiana University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Public Health Association (2016-present)
- AcademyHealth (2016-present)

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

- 2019 **Longitudinal data analysis with structural equation models**, Statistical Horizons
- 2018 **Social networks and health**, Duke Network Analysis Center, Duke University
- 2018 **Egocentric network research**, LINKS Center for Network Analysis, University of Kentucky
- 2017 **Multilevel models**, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research

REFERENCES

- Professor Monika Mitra (Brandeis University)
- Professor Margie Lachman (Brandeis University)
- Professor Marsha Mailick (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- Professor Abby Rudolph (Temple University)
- Dr. Kristina Lowell (NORC at the University of Chicago)
- Dr. Michelle Strollo (NORC at the University of Chicago)