

# POPULATION STUDIES CENTER NEWSLETTER



## Pandemic Risk: A Threat to Global Health Security

Almost one hundred years ago, the 1918 Influenza pandemic killed between 50 and 100 million people worldwide. In 2017, is the world better prepared to prevent and respond to an infectious disease pandemic? How can governments better coordinate with academia, private industry, and international organizations to mitigate pandemic risk? We will explore these questions, from both an academic and policy perspective, in order to further our understanding of how to enhance international efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease pandemics as threats to Global Health Security. Plus, Breakfast and Lunch will be provided for this *all day symposium!* The all day symposium will take place next week on **11.6.17 from 8:30am-2:45pm**. More information about this event [here](#).

**ADRF  
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### Reminder

[Register to attend](#) the Administrative Data Research Facilities (ADRF) Network's Inaugural Conference at Georgetown University on November 13th-14th, 2017.



The Global Family Change Project has launched a new newsletter series, read the first installment, the Project Description [here](#).



## Inclusion Week in Peru!

Last month **Jere R. Behrman** and colleagues presented the Lancet report "[Supporting early childhood development: form science to large-scale application.](#)"

According to the study, an alarming 43% of children under the age of 5 living in low and middle

income countries are at risk of inadequate development due to poverty and stunting. These negative effects extend to adulthood and the results are low economic income and the generation of social tensions. It is estimated that people affected by a bad start in life suffer a loss of about a quarter of the average annual income in adulthood, while countries can lose up to double their current expenditure on Gross Domestic Product in health and education. Important stakeholders including the Minister of Development and Social Inclusion, Fiorella Mollinelli, and the UNICEF representative for Peru, Maria Luisa Fornara attended the presentation. Photos of the event can be found at the [UNICEF Peru Facebook Page](#).



## Black Deaths Matter: Race, Relationship Loss, and Effects on Survivors

At the PSC Colloquium this week we had the opportunity to host **Debra J. Umberson** Professor of Sociology at The University of Texas at Austin who discussed her ongoing research on racial disadvantages including how social ties impact health. Her moving talk this week, "Black Deaths Matter: Race, Relationship Loss, and Effects on Survivors," addressed in part how historical racial inequalities impact life expectancy for African-Americans and in particular focused on how the stress associated with the death of family members, bereavement, and loss over the life course contributes to cumulative disadvantages for Black Americans. Unfortunately, we do not have a video to share (due to technical difficulties), but please read her related paper: Umberson, D. et al. 2017. "[Death of Family Members as an Overlooked Source of Racial Disadvantage in the United States.](#)" *PNAS* 114(5):915-920.

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Ashley Dawson, author of *Extinction: A Radical History*, will speak about his newest book,



*Extreme Cities: The Peril and Promise of Urban Life in the Age of Climate Change*. Penn Sociologist **Daniel Aldana Cohen**, director of the Superstorm Research Lab and co-host of the climate politics podcast [Hot & Bothered](#), will provide a response and conduct a conversation with Dawson about the environmental impacts of urbanization and gentrification, the increasing menace of urban flooding, and the emerging urban movements fighting for better forms of city living. Book signing to follow. [Register to attend](#).