



Jacobs Center Seminar Series

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Early Life Course Exposure to Family Instability and Adult Health

Children live apart from their biological parents for a variety of reasons, ranging from parental death, incarceration, divorce, and remarriage. A large literature demonstrates that such family instability is associated with worse developmental outcomes for children relative to peers who live consistently in two parent families. However, there is limited understanding of the adult physical health consequences of such childhood exposures.

We investigate the relationship between childhood exposure to family instability and several biomarker measures of physical health in established adulthood using data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health. We also explore whether the association varies depending on the developmental timing of the exposure.

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