

Curriculum Vitae  
**Sarah Halpern-Meekin**  
 University of Wisconsin – Madison  
 Human Development & Family Studies  
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## EMPLOYMENT

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2017-present	Associate Professor	Human Development & Family Studies School of Human Ecology University of Wisconsin-Madison
2013-2017	Assistant Professor	Human Development & Family Studies School of Human Ecology University of Wisconsin-Madison
2011-2013	Assistant Professor	Sociology Department University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2010-2011	Assistant Professor	Sociology Department Franklin & Marshall College

## EDUCATION

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2009-2010	Postdoctoral Fellow	National Center for Family and Marriage Research Bowling Green State University <u>Focus:</u> Romantic relationships among teens & young adults
2004-2009	Ph.D. Sociology & Social Policy	Harvard University <u>Dissertation:</u> A relationship legacy: The intergenerational transmission of marriage & divorce
1998-2002	B.A. Politics	Brandeis University <u>Major:</u> Politics; <u>Minor:</u> Spanish Language & Literature

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

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\* indicates peer reviewed publications; # indicates graduate student co-author

### Books

1. \*Halpern-Meekin, S. 2019. *Social poverty: Low-income parents and the struggle for family and community ties*. NYU Press.
2. \*Halpern-Meekin, S., Edin, K., Tach, L., & Sykes, J. 2015. *It's not like I'm poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. University of California Press.  
Reviewed in *Contemporary Sociology*, *Social Service Review*, *Harvard Educational Review*, *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, *Journal of Children & Poverty*, *Sociologie*

### Journal Articles

3. \*Halpern-Meekin, S., & Turney, K. Forthcoming. Relationship churning and desistance from intimate partner violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

4. \*Halpern-Meekin, S., #Costanzo, M., Ehrental, D., & Rhoades, G. 2019. Intimate partner violence screening in the prenatal period: Variation by state, insurance, and patient characteristics. *Maternal and Child Health Review* 1-12.
5. \*Tach, L., Halpern-Meekin, S., Edin, K., & #Amorim, M. 2019. "As good as money in the bank": Building a personal safety net with the Earned Income Tax Credit. Forthcoming, *Social Problems* 66: 274-293.
6. \*Halpern-Meekin, S., Sternberg Greene, S., Levin, E., & Edin, K. 2018. Rainy Day EITC. *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 4: 161-176.
7. \*Turney, K., & Halpern-Meekin, S. 2017. Parenting in on/off relationships: The link between relationship churning and father involvement. *Demography* 54: 861-886.
8. Halpern-Meekin, S., Tach, L., Sykes, J., & Edin, K. 2016. A hand up, not a slap on the wrist: Tax-based government assistance for lower-income families. *Contexts* 15: 52-57.
9. \*Halpern-Meekin, S., & Turney, K. 2016. Relationship churning and parenting stress among mothers and fathers. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 78: 715-729.
10. \*Sykes, J., Križ, K., Edin, K., & Halpern-Meekin, S. 2015. Dignity and dreams: What the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) means to low-income families. *American Sociological Review* 80: 243-267.
11. \*Tach, L., & Halpern-Meekin, S. 2014. Tax code knowledge and behavioral responses among EITC recipients: Policy insights from qualitative data. *Journal of Policy Analysis & Management* 33: 413-439.
12. \*Halpern-Meekin, S., & Tach, L. 2013. Discordance in couples' reporting of courtship stages: Implications for measurement and marital quality. *Social Science Research* 42: 1143-1155.
13. \*Halpern-Meekin, S., Manning, W., Giordano, P., & Longmore, M. 2013. Relationship churning, physical violence, and verbal abuse in young adult relationships. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 75: 2-12.
14. \*Halpern-Meekin, S., Manning, W., Giordano, P., & Longmore, M. 2013. Relationship churning in young adulthood: On/off relationships and sex with an ex. *Journal of Adolescent Research* 28: 166-188.
15. \*Halpern-Meekin, S. 2012. School variation in students' experiences in high school relationship and marriage education courses. *Journal of Family Issues* 33: 1688-1712.
16. \*Tach, L., & Halpern-Meekin, S. 2012. Marital quality and divorce decisions: How do premarital cohabitation and nonmarital childbearing matter? *Family Relations* 61: 575-581.
17. \*Halpern-Meekin, S. 2012. Unlikely optimists, skeptics, and believers: Understanding adolescents' prospective relationship views. *Journal of Adolescent Research* 27: 606-631.
18. \*Halpern-Meekin, S. 2011. High school relationship and marriage education: A comparison of mandated and self-selected treatment. *Journal of Family Issues* 32: 394-419.
19. \*Tach, L., & Halpern-Meekin, S. 2009. How does premarital cohabitation affect trajectories of marital quality? *The Journal of Marriage and Family* 71: 298-317.
20. \*Halpern-Meekin, S., & Tach, L. 2008. Heterogeneity in two-parent families and adolescent well-being. *The Journal of Marriage and Family* 70: 435-451.

### Minor Publications

21. Halpern-Meekin, S. 2015. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). In F.F. Wherry & J. Schor (Eds.), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Economics and Society* (pp. 597-599). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc.
22. \*Halpern-Meekin, S. Fall 2015. It's Not Like I'm Poor: Perceptions of the Earned Income Tax Credit. *Communities & Banking*. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

### Work in Progress

23. Turney, K., & Halpern-Meekin, S. Parental relationship churning & adolescent well-being: Examining instability within families. In preparation.

### RESEARCH SUPPORT

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| Under review         | Disconnected men: The intersection of work and family<br>Russell Sage Foundation<br>Sarah Halpern-Meekin (co-PI) & Laura Tach (Co-PI)<br>\$175,000  |
| Under review         | Disconnected men: The intersection of work and family<br>Smith Richardson Foundation<br>Sarah Halpern-Meekin (co-PI) & Laura Tach (Co-PI)<br>\$271,724  |
| 2019-2022<br>Pending | Income and child development in the first three years of life<br>National Institutes of Health<br>Katherine Magnuson (PI) & Sarah Halpern-Meekin (Co-I)<br>\$576,650  |
| 2019-2021            | Baby's First Years: Qualitative study<br>Heising-Simons Foundation<br>Sarah Halpern-Meekin (PI) & Katherine Magnuson (Co-I)<br>\$600,000  |
| 2018-2019            | The perspectives of prime-age men out of the labor force<br>Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison.<br>Sarah Halpern-Meekin (PI).<br>\$57,350.  |
| 2016-2017            | Prenatal care, father involvement, and intimate partner violence screening.<br>University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall Competition.<br>Sarah Halpern-Meekin (PI) & Deborah Ehrenthal (Co-I).<br>\$27,489.   |
| 2016-2017            | Transfers disrupt the intergenerational transmission of disadvantage? The effect of the EITC on financial investments in children.<br>Center for Poverty Research, University of California-Davis.<br>Laura Tach (PI) & Sarah Halpern-Meekin (Co-I).<br>\$32,472. |
| 2014-2016            | Evaluation of Children First program.<br>Child Support Policy Research Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.<br>Jennifer Noyes (PI), Sarah Halpern-Meekin & Steve Cook (Co-Is).<br>\$105,750.   |
| 2010                 | Measures of cohabitation: A binary variable problem?  |

National Center for Family and Marriage Research, Bowling Green State University.  
 Sarah Halpern-MeeKin & Laura Tach (PIs)  
 Survey data collection funded.

## SPECIAL HONORS AND AWARDS

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1. Vilas Associates Competition, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2019-2021
2. Radcliffe Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 2008-9
3. Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Family Section, 2008
4. Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, a National Science Foundation IGERT Program, 2005-9
5. Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 2006
6. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Tuition Fellowship, Harvard University Summer Tuition Fellowship, 2005
7. National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention, 2005

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Presentations

- Halpern-MeeKin, S. (2017, August). *A social poverty brief*. Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Grantees Conference, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation and Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children & Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Halpern-MeeKin, S. (2017, April). *Earned Income Tax Credit*. Scholars Strategy Network panel, Massachusetts State Legislature.
- Halpern-MeeKin, S. (2017, January). *Earned Income Tax Credit*. Scholars Strategy Network panel, University of Missouri, St. Louis.
- Halpern-MeeKin, S. (2016, June). *It's not like I'm poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. United States Department of the Treasury.
- Halpern-MeeKin, S. (2016, March). *It's not like I'm poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. University of Iowa Inequality Seminar, Iowa City, IA.
- Halpern-MeeKin, S. (2016, February). Presenter at "Leveraging Tax Time to Build Financial Capability: Research Evidence and Policy Directions." Symposium by the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, the Intuit Tax and Financial Center, and the Center for Social Development at Washington University in St. Louis, New York City, NY.
- Halpern-MeeKin, S. (2016, January). Presenter at "Periodic Payment of the EITC." Roundtable at the Brookings Institution, Washington, DC.
- Halpern-MeeKin, S. (2015, November). Presenter at "The 40th Anniversary of the EITC: Reflections on the Past, Present, and Future of America's Largest Antipoverty Program." Interdisciplinary conference at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- Halpern-MeeKin, S. (2015, May; 2018, June). *Ethnographic approaches to understanding the poor and the systems that serve the poor*. Institute for Research on Poverty's Teaching Poverty 101 Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
- Halpern-MeeKin, S. (2014, August). *Unmarried parents and relationship education*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

- Halpern-Meekin, S., Tach, L., & Edin, K. (2014, August). *Consumption fluctuation patterns among EITC recipients: How and why families consume*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Halpern-Meekin, S., Tach, L., & Edin, K. (2014, July). *Incompatible pathways to upward mobility?: A qualitative examination of the EITC and higher education*. Institute for Research on Poverty's Building Human Capital and Economic Potential Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2013, April). *Unmarried parents and relationship education*. Institute for Research on Poverty Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2012, February). *It's not like I'm poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. Demography Seminar, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
- Edin, K., & Halpern-Meekin, S. (2012, February). *The EITC and the new world of welfare*. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York City, NY.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2010, February). *Experiences of unmarried couples in Family Expectations*. Center for Family and Demographic Research's Speaker Series, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH.
- Edin, K., Sykes, J., & Halpern-Meekin, S. (2010, January). *How strong is the new social safety net?* University of Michigan School of Social Work's Conversations Across Social Disciplines' Keynote Address, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2009, November). *Family studies students on the job market*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Burlingame, CA.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2009, January). Presenter at "New policy frontiers for the center-left." The Futures of the Left in an Age of Globalization symposium, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.

### **Refereed Conference Presentations**

- Halpern-Meekin, S., & Turney, K. (2018, August). *Relationship churning and desistance from intimate partner violence*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2018, August). *Social poverty: Accounting for relational resources*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- Halpern-Meekin, S., & Turney, K. (2018, July). *Relationship churning and desistance from intimate partner violence*. International Association for Relationship Research Annual Meeting. Fort Collins, CO.
- Halpern-Meekin, S., #Costanzo, M., Ehrenthal, D., & Rhoades, G. (2017, November). *Intimate partner violence screening in the prenatal period: Variation by state, insurance, and patient characteristics*. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- Tach, L., Halpern-Meekin, S., & #Amorim, M. (2017, April). *How do cash transfers disrupt the intergenerational transmission of disadvantage? The effect of the EITC on financial investments in children*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Levin, E., Sternberg Greene, S., Halpern-Meekin, S. & Edin, K. (2016, October). *Rainy Day EITC*. Anti-Poverty Policy Innovations for the United States. Russell Sage Foundation. New York, NY.

- Turney, K., & Halpern-Meekin, S. (2016, August). *Father involvement across early and middle childhood: Comparing relationship churning to stable relationship statuses*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Tach, L., & Halpern-Meekin, S. (2016, August). *For love or money? How the EITC affects the living arrangements of single mothers*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Tach, L., & Halpern-Meekin, S. (2015, November). *For love or money?: How the EITC affects the living arrangements of single mothers*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Conference, Miami, FL.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2015, August). *“Building us up stronger”: Creating relationship norms through a relationship education program*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Halpern-Meekin, S., & Turney, K. (2015, May). *Relationship churning and parenting stress among mothers and fathers*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Tach, L., Halpern-Meekin, S., & Edin, K. (2014, November). *Incompatible pathways to upward mobility? A qualitative examination of the EITC and higher education*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- Tach, L., & Halpern-Meekin, S. (2014, May). *Why they cohabit: Couples’ reasons for cohabitation and relationship quality*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Tach, L., & Halpern-Meekin, S. (2013, November). *The Earned Income Tax Credit: Tax refund expectations and behavioral responses*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Conference, Washington, DC.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2013, August). *It’s not like I’m poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics, Chicago, IL.
- Halpern-Meekin, S., & Tach, L. (2013, April). *The form and function of premarital courtship trajectories*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Halpern-Meekin, S., & Tach, L. (2012, May). *Couple disagreement in reporting on courtship stages: Implications for measurement and marital outcomes*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Halpern-Meekin, S., Manning, W., Giordano, P., & Longmore, M. (2012, May). *Relationship disruptions, physical conflict, and verbal abuse in young adult relationships*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Halpern-Meekin, S., & Tach, L. (2011, August). *Understanding cohabitation’s place in the courtship process*. Pilot Data Conference, National Center for Family and Marriage Research, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH.
- Halpern-Meekin, S., Manning, W., Giordano, P., & Longmore, M. (2011, April). *The fluidity of romance in young adulthood: On/off relationships and sex with an ex*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2010, August). *Unlikely optimists, skeptics, and believers: Understanding adolescents’ prospective relationship views*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2010, June). *Experiences of unmarried couples in Family Expectations*. ACF/OPRE Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, DC.

- Halpern-Meekin, S., & Tach, L. (2009, May). *Complex two-parent families and adolescent well-being: Gendered experiences*. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2009, January). *High school relationship and marriage education*. Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2008, November). *High school relationship and marriage education: Interrupting the intergenerational transmission of divorce*. National Council of Family Relations Annual Conference, Little Rock, AK.
- Tach, L., & Halpern-Meekin, S. (2008, August). *Differential responses to marital quality: The divorce decisions of premarital cohabitators*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2008, August). *High school relationship and marriage education: The potential of school-based interventions to build relationship skills*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Halpern-Meekin, S., & Tach, L. (2008, April). *How does premarital cohabitation affect trajectories of marital quality?* Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2008, February). *A relationship legacy: The intergenerational transmission of marriage and divorce*. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York City, NY.
- Halpern-Meekin, S., & Tach, L. (2008, February). *How does premarital cohabitation affect trajectories of marital quality?* Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York City, NY.
- Halpern-Meekin, S., & Tach, L. (2006, August). *Heterogeneity in two-parent families*. American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.

## TEACHING

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### Undergraduate Courses

#### Current

- Human Development and Family Studies 535: A Family Perspective on Policymaking, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019; ~50 students per semester
- Human Development and Family Studies 501/465: Families & Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2019; ~40 students per semester (cross-listed as Consumer Science 465)

#### Previous

- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Social & Welfare Policy; Sociology of the Family  
Franklin & Marshall College: Social & Welfare Policy; Sociology of the Family; Introduction to Sociology; Sociology of Adolescence

### Graduate Courses

#### Current

- Inter-Human Ecology 980: Applied Master's Capstone Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Human Development and Family Studies 766/765: Families & Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Spring 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018; ~8 students  
 Human Development and Family Studies 843: Family Policy: How It Affects Families & What Professionals Can Do, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Fall 2015; 6 students  
 Human Development and Family Studies 766: Professional Development Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Spring 2015; 5 students

### Previous

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Romantic & Family Relationships

### **Graduate Student Mentorship**

#### Committee Chair (graduated)

- Emily Parrott, PhD, Human Ecology (HDFS); MS completed Spring 2016, PhD completed Spring 2019
- Lauren Lewis, PhD, Human Ecology (HDFS)

#### Committee Member (current)

- Mike King, PhD, Sociology

#### Committee Member (graduated)

- Emma Kahle, PhD, Social Welfare
- Nilton Porto, PhD, Human Ecology (Consumer Science)
- Hannah Otorola-Fadnor, MS, Human Ecology (HDFS)
- Olivia Little, PhD, Human Ecology (HDFS)
- Lindsay Weymouth, PhD, Human Ecology (HDFS)
- Hilary Runion, PhD, Human Ecology (HDFS)
- Eunjin Lee, PhD, Human Ecology (HDFS)
- Falon Kartch, PhD, Communications, UW-Milwaukee

### **Undergraduate**

2014-present Mentor 20-30 HDFS majors

#### Research Supervision/Independent Study

Minority Dissertator Workshop, mentor, co-sponsored by Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Center on Race & Wealth, Howard University, 2017

Lindsey Wirht, UW-Madison, 2015

Bridgette Jordan, UW-Milwaukee, McNair Scholars Program Mentor, 2011

### **Guest Teaching and Presentations**

Halpern-Meekin, S. (2019, March). *Public policy & marital decisions: Welfare/EITC*. Guest presentation for Consumer Science 901. Instructor: Fenaba Addo.

Halpern-Meekin, S. (2018, April). *Tax code knowledge and behavioral responses among EITC recipients: Policy insights from qualitative data*. Guest presentation for Qualitative Methods Seminar, MIT Sloan School of Management. Instructor: Catherine Turco.



- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2018, February). *It's not like I'm poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. Guest presentation for Sociology 496: Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy. Instructor: Marcy Carlson.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2017, April). *Career paths*. Psi Chi International Honor Society, UW-Madison Psychology Department.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2016, October; 2017, March). *Variation in poverty and assets by race and ethnicity*. Guest presentation for HDFS 474: Racial and Ethnic Families. Instructor: Lauren Lewis.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2016, September; 2017, February, June; 2018, September). *Consumption among low-income families*. Guest presentation for Consumer Science: Consuming Happiness. Instructor: Dayana Kupisk/Christine Whelan.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2015, November). *Mixed methods research*. Guest presentation for Educational Policy Studies 780. Instructor: Sara Goldrick-Rab.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2015, November). *Qualitative research methods*. Guest presentation for Consumer Science 501. Instructor: Fenaba Addo.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. & Tach, L. (2015, May). *It's not like I'm poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. Center for Financial Security Webinar, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2015, March). *Public policy & marital decisions: Welfare/EITC*. Guest presentation for Consumer Science 901. Instructor: Fenaba Addo.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. & Tach, L. (2015, January). *It's not like I'm poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. Institute for Research on Poverty Webinar, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2014, August). *Kids, marriage, and work: Behavioral decisions around the EITC*. Institute for Research on Poverty Podcast, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2014, March). *Tax code knowledge and behavior among EITC recipients*. Center for Financial Security Webinar, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2013, November). *Tax code knowledge and behavioral responses among EITC recipients: Policy insights from qualitative data*. Presentation to Household Finance Scholars Network, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## SERVICE

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### Public

#### Community Consulting

- 2016-present True Dads (fatherhood program), program evaluation team member
- 2016-present Family Expectations (relationship education program), program evaluation team member
- 2010-present Oklahoma Marriage Initiative, Research Advisory Group, member
- 2015 Washington Center for Equitable Growth, grant reviewer
- 2013-2015 Racine YMCA's Focus on Fathers Initiative, academic partner, funded through the Wisconsin Partnership Program

#### Community Publications

- Greene, S., Halpern-Meekin, S., & Levine, E. 2016. Love your tax refund? Here's a bipartisan proposal to make it even better. Center for American Progress.  
<https://talkpoverty.org/2016/05/05/love-tax-refund-heres-bipartisan-proposal-make-even-better/>

- Edin, K., Halpern-Meekin, S., Greene, S.S., & Levin, E. July 30, 2015. Turning the EITC into an emergency savings tool for low-wage workers. The Hill's Congress Blog.  
<http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/economy-budget/249671-turning-the-eitc-into-an-emergency-savings-tool-for-low>
- Edin, K., Halpern-Meekin, S., Greene, S.S., & Levin, E. July 2015. The Rainy Day EITC: A reform to boost financial security by helping low-wage workers build emergency savings. Corporation for Enterprise Development, Federal Policy Proposal.  
[cfed.org/assets/pdfs/The\\_Rainy\\_Day\\_EITC.pdf](http://cfed.org/assets/pdfs/The_Rainy_Day_EITC.pdf)
- Halpern-Meekin, S., & Edin, K. January 23, 2015. A cash lifeline for Boston's working poor. *The Boston Globe*.

#### Invited Community Presentations

- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2018, September). *Energy insecurity and social justice*. Wisconsin Energy Institute's Forward in Energy Forum.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2016, July). *It's not like I'm poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. National Institute of Financial & Economic Literacy (training conference for financial literacy teachers and trainers).
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2016, April). *Earned Income Tax Credit*. Intuit Tax and Financial Center.  
<http://intuittaxandfinancialcenter.com/sarah-halpern-meekin/> and  
<http://intuittaxandfinancialcenter.com/eitc-mintz-schneider-halpern-meekin/>
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2016, April). *It's not like I'm poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. Keynote speaker at conference of Wisconsin Family and Consumer Science teachers.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2015, July). *It's not like I'm poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. National Institute of Financial & Economic Literacy (training conference for financial literacy teachers and trainers).
- Halpern-Meekin, S., & Tach, L. (2015, April). *Making work pay: Understanding the impact of the EITC and other tax credits on the lives of low-income families*. Webinar sponsored by the EITC Funders Network, the Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce, and Grantmakers for Children, Youth, & Families.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2014, December). *It's not like I'm poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. Presentation at Center for Economic Progress event.
- Halpern-Meekin, S. (2014, November). *It's not like I'm poor: How working families make ends meet in a post-welfare world*. Presentation to UW-Extension Family Living Educators.

#### Media Interviews

- 2019 Governor Evers' proposed changes to unemployment policy. [Interviewed by Rob Ferrett.] Wisconsin Public Radio's Central Time. March.
- 2019 Families living paycheck-to-paycheck. [Interviewed by Kate Archer Kent.] Wisconsin Public Radio Morning Show. January
- 2017 Governor Walker's budget proposal. [Interviewed by Joy Cardin.] The Joy Cardin Show (produced by Wisconsin Public Radio). February.
- 2016 Best and worst states to have a baby. [Interviewed by John Kiernan.] Wallet Hub. August.
- 2016 Generation breakup, then make up. [Interviewed by Jenna Birch.] *Elle Magazine*. June.
- 2016 At tax time, weighing the impact of the Earned Income Credit. [Interviewed by Rob Ferrett.] Wisconsin Public Radio. April.
- 2015 Working, but still poor. [Interviewed by Tami Luhby.] CNN Money. May.

- 2015 Did Kansas and Missouri's welfare cuts go too far? [and] Restricting how people on welfare can spend benefits is counterproductive. [Interviewed by Joy Cardin.] The Joy Cardin Show (produced by Wisconsin Public Radio). April.
- 2015 Why you're always getting back together. [Interviewed by Michelle Ruiz.] *Cosmopolitan*. April.
- 2015 It's not like I'm poor. [Interviewed by Sam Seder.] Majority Report. March.
- 2015 Dissecting the Earned Income Tax Credit. [Interviewed by Krys Boyd.] KERA (Texas National Public Radio affiliate). February.

### University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 2018-present Faculty Director, Applied Master's Program, School of Human Ecology (Committee member: 2015-present)
- 2018-2019 Post-tenure review committee, School of Human Ecology
- 2018-present Graduate Program Committee, member, School of Human Ecology
- 2018-2019 Reproductive health cluster search committee, member
- 2017-present Department of Sociology, faculty affiliate
- 2016 School of Human Ecology, Graduate Curriculum Task Force, member
- 2015-present Center for Financial Security, steering committee
- 2015-2017 HDFS Graduate Student Organization, faculty advisor, School of Human Ecology
- 2015-2016 Consumer Science Search Committee, member, School of Human Ecology (two searches)
- 2014-2017 Faculty Senate, representative, School of Human Ecology
- 2014-present La Follette School of Public Affairs, faculty affiliate
- 2013-present HDFS Graduate Program Committee, member, School of Human Ecology (Chair: Fall 2016, 2018-2019)
- 2013-present Center for Child & Family Wellbeing, faculty affiliate
- 2013-present Center for Financial Security, faculty affiliate
- 2013-2014 Awards Committee, member, School of Human Ecology (Chair: Spring 2014)
- 2012-present Institute for Research on Poverty, faculty affiliate (Executive committee member: 2018-present)
- 2011-present Center for Demography & Ecology, faculty affiliate

### Previous Institutions

- 2011-2013 Sociology Department Undergraduate Committee, member, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2006-2007 Sociology Department Workshop on Families & Children, co-creator/coordinator, Harvard University

### Professional

#### Professional Positions

- Journal of Marriage and Family, Editorial Board, 2018-present
- American Sociological Association
  - Co-organizer, ASA Annual Meeting Family Section Roundtables, 2011
  - Member, ASA Family Section Graduate Paper Committee, 2016
  - Session organizer, ASA Family Section, 2019

- Population Association of America
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Reviewer (ad hoc)

*Journal of Marriage and Family, Demography, American Sociological Review, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Adolescent Research, Sociological Forum, Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy, Population Research and Policy Review, Demographic Research, Qualitative Sociology, Family Relations, Children & Youth Services Review, Journal of Adolescence, Social Science Research, Socio-Economic Review, Psychology of Violence, Journal of Relationships Research, Contexts, Sociological Perspectives, Journal of Social Policy, Social Forces, Journal of Policy Analysis & Management, Social Problems, National Science Foundation*