

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 1988 Ph.D., Development Sociology, Cornell University, New York
Minor: Epidemiology
1983 Master's of Regional Planning, Cornell University, New York
1977 B.A., History of Science, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 1999 - present Associate Professor, Urban and Regional Planning;
Research Associate, Center for the Study of Demography and Population Health;
Affiliate, Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, Florida State University;
Affiliate, Sociocultural and International Development Education Studies
(SIDES)

Research areas include effects of the social environment on health and public safety; influence of socioeconomic development on gender systems and health.
Teaching responsibilities include courses in Development Planning, Gender and Development, Design of Policy-Oriented Research, Population and Economic Forecasting, and Population Health and Development.

- 1993-99 Assistant Professor, Urban and Regional Planning;
Research Associate, Center for the Study of Demography and
Population Health
1990-93 Research Scientist, Institute for Health and Human Services Research, Florida
State University
1989-90 National Institute on Aging Postdoctoral trainee, Center for the Study of
Population, Florida State University
1988-89 National Institute for Child Health and Development Postdoctoral trainee,
Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

EXTERNAL GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

- 2003 Co-Investigator – Housing and Urban Development Department
“Empowering residents to increase their level of physical activity for transportation and health”, under the Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program (COPC) grant (2003-2006) awarded to co-PI’s Charles Connerly and Harrison Higgins, \$109,591 of total \$399,969
- 2001 Principal Investigator - Physical Activity and Health Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 Agreement - \$38,626
- 1996 Fulbright Research Award Recipient - Council for the International Exchange of Scholars
"Changing regional economies: implications for men and women in households in Jordan and Syria" \$ 21,000
- 1992 Principal Investigator - Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation
"How different is the ecological context of violence in families from violence in the streets?" - \$ 69,578
- 1992 Research Award Recipient - Gerontological Society of America Technical Assistance Program and Florida HRS/Dept. of Aging and Adult Services,
“Assessing the effect of pre-admission screening on transitions into nursing homes in Florida”
- 1992 Co-Principal Investigator - Emergency Medical Services
Florida Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/HRS grant
“Social Context of Injuries” \$ 20,000 (approx)
- 1991 Co-Principal Investigator - Emergency Medical Services
Florida EMS/HRS grant,
“Rural Injuries Study” \$21,880

INTERNAL GRANTS

- 2000 Planning Grant Recipient - Florida State University (FSU) Council for Research Creativity – “Local Planning and Public Health Regulations, Indoor Air Exposures, and Asthma Rates” \$7,475
- 1993 First Year Assistant Professor Award Recipient - FSU Council for Research Creativity -
"Women's employment after childbirth: a longitudinal study in the Philippines"

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Milstead, Terence, Miles, Rebecca, R. Ebbel, Nathalie. 2006. "Housing and Neighborhood Conditions and Exposure to Cockroaches in the Transitioning Countries of Eastern and Central Europe". *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*, 21:397-411.
- Miles, Rebecca. 2006. "Neighborhood Disorder and Smoking: Findings of a European Survey". *Social Science and Medicine* 63(9), pp. 2464-2475
- Miles, Rebecca & Panton, Lynn. 2006. "The Influence of the Perceived Quality of Community Environments on Low-income Women's Efforts to Walk More". *Journal of Community Health* 31(5), pp.379-392
- Heath, Gregory W., Brownson, Ross C., Kruger, Judy, Miles, Rebecca, Powell, Kenneth, E., Ramsey, Leigh T., and the Task Force on Community Preventive Services. 2006. "The Effectiveness of Urban Design and Land Use and Transport Policies and Practices to Increase Physical Activity: A Systematic Review". *Journal of Physical Activity and Health* 1, pp.S55-S71.
- Miles, Rebecca. 2005. "Preventing asthma through housing interventions: How supportive is the US policy environment?" *Housing Studies* 20(4), pp.589-603.
- Ham, SA, Levin, S, Zlot, AI, Andrews, R.R. and Miles, R. 2004. "Ranking of Cities according to Public Health Criteria: Pitfalls and Opportunities". *American Journal of Public Health* 94(4) April 2004, pp. 546-549.
- Easton, Peter, Monkman, Karen and Miles, Rebecca. 2003. "Social Policy from the Bottom Up: Abandoning FGC in Sub-Saharan Africa". *Development in Practice* 13(5), pp.445-458.
- Miles, Rebecca. 2002. "Employment and Unemployment in Jordan: The Importance of the Gender System". *World Development* 30(3), pp.413-427.
- Miles-Doan, Rebecca and Thompson, Greg. 1999. "Planners and pedestrian safety: lessons from Orlando". *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 18, pp.211-220.
- Miles-Doan, Rebecca. 1998. "Violence between spouses and intimates: does neighborhood context matter?" *Social Forces* 77(2), pp.623-645.
- Miles-Doan, Rebecca and Brewster, Karin. 1998. "The influence of mother's sector of work in Cebu Province, the Philippines on use of maternal and child health services". *Studies in Family Planning* 29(1), pp.69-78.

Miles-Doan, Rebecca and Kelly, Susan. 1997. "The geographic concentration of violence between intimate partners". *Public Health Reports* 112(2), pp.135-141.

Kelly, Susan and Miles-Doan, Rebecca. 1997. "Social inequality and injury: do morbidity patterns differ from mortality?" *Social Science and Medicine* 44(1), pp.63-70.

Miles-Doan, Rebecca. 1996. "Alcohol Use Among Pedestrians and the Odds of Surviving an Injury: Evidence from Florida Law Enforcement Data". *Accident Analysis and Prevention* 28(1):23-31.

Miles-Doan, Rebecca and Susan Kelly. 1995. "Inequalities in Health Care and Survival After Injury Among Pedestrians: Explaining the Urban/Rural Differential". *Journal of Rural Health* 11(3), pp.177-184.

Doan, Rebecca Miles and Barry Popkin. 1993. "Women's Work and Infant Care in the Philippines". *Social Science and Medicine* 36(3), pp.297-304.

Doan, Rebecca Miles and Susan Kelly. 1992. "Sprawling Urban Development in Florida: Increased Injury Rates Among Aging Pedestrians?" *Florida Journal of Public Health* vol IV Nos. 1 & 2, Summer-Fall, pp.4-7.

Doan, Rebecca Miles. 1992. "Class Differentiation and the Informal Sector in Amman, Jordan". *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* vol.24, January, pp.27-38.

Doan, Rebecca Miles and Leila Bisharat. 1990. "Female Autonomy and Child Nutritional Status: The Extended-Family Residential Unit in Amman, Jordan". *Social Science and Medicine* 31(7), pp.783-789.

Deang, Lionel, Rebecca Miles Doan and Barry M. Popkin. 1988. "Influences of Household Structure and Composition on Breast-feeding". *Philippine Population Journal* (4)1-4, pp.38-52.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Monkman, Karen, Rebecca Miles, and Peter Easton. in press. The Dance of Agency and Structure in Shaping Gender Relations and Empowerment: Tostan's Participatory Nonformal Education Program in Mali. In *Structure and Agency: Engendering Educational Policies, Practices and Programs for Adolescent Girls and Young Women*, Mary Ann Maslak, Editor. Albany: SUNY Press.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2003 Invited member of the Physical Exposures Workgroup of the National Children's Health Study (February 2003-April 2004)
- 2003 Invited participant in the Transportation Research Board/Institute of Medicine Workshop on Physical Activity, Health, Transportation and Land Use, Washington D.C., December 11, 2003 (report available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog/11203.html?ee_02)
- 2002 Invited member of the Smart Growth Working Group of the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC); developed a memo for the EPA Administrator advocating that the agency consider the effects of the built environment on children's health (August-December 2002).
- 2002 Invited participant in the Research Agenda Workshop on the Impact of Community Design and Land-Use Choices on Public Health, hosted by the National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, May 28, 2002 (see Dannenberg, A.L. et al. (2003). "The Impact of Community Design and Land-Use Choices on Public Health: A Scientific Research Agenda". *American Journal of Public Health* 93(9), pp.1500-1508)
- 2000 Outstanding Volunteer Achievement Award, Florida Association of Voluntary Agencies for Caribbean Action, Tallahassee, FL
- 1987 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Rural Sociology, Cornell University
- 1983 Mackesey Prize, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Miles, Rebecca. 2005b. "Smoking, housing conditions and respiratory health in the WHO-LARES". *Proceedings of the 2nd WHO International Housing and Health Symposium*, Vilnius, Lithuania, 29.09.-01.10. 2004.

Milstead, Terence & Miles, Rebecca. 2005. "Housing conditions, pest infestations and population health in the WHO-LARES". *Proceedings of the 2nd WHO International Housing and Health Symposium*, Vilnius, Lithuania, 29.09.-01.10. 2004

Popkin, Barry M. and Rebecca Miles Doan. 1990. "Women's Roles, Time Allocation and Health", in John Caldwell et al. eds. *What we know about Health Transition: The cultural, social and behavioral determinants of health. Proceedings of an International Workshop*, Canberra, May 1989. Canberra, Australian National University.

BOOKS AND REPORTS

Easton, Peter, Miles, Rebecca & Monkman, Karen. 2004. Final Report on the Evaluation of the Tostan/Entishar Village Empowerment Program Pilot Project in the Republic of Sudan. Tallahassee, FL.

Easton, Peter, Miles, Rebecca & Monkman, Karen. 2002. Final Report on the Evaluation of the Tostan/IEP Village Empowerment Program Pilot Project in Mali. Tallahassee, FL.

Miles, Rebecca. 1997. The social and economic underpinnings of peace: a focus on youth and unemployment in Jordan. Report prepared for the ID/Middle East Program of the American Friends Service Committee.

Doan, Rebecca Miles, Gerard Finin, and Norman Uphoff. 1984. Local Institutional Development for Primary Health Care. Ithaca, NY: Rural Development Committee Monograph, Cornell University.

BOOK REVIEWS

Miles, Rebecca. 2002. How Women Saved the City by Daphne Spain. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, 22(2):201-202.

Miles, Rebecca. 2000. Population Dilemmas in the Middle East: Essays in Political Demography and Economy by Gad Gilbar. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 34: 122-123.

Miles-Doan, Rebecca. 1996. The Gaza Strip: The Political Economy of De-development by Sara Roy. *DOMES: Digest of Middle East Studies* 5(4):51-55, Fall 1996.

Miles-Doan, Rebecca. 1994. Pouvoir et maladie en Afrique by Didier Fassin, *Social Science and Medicine* 38(5):767, January 1994.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Buchner, David and Miles, Rebecca. 2002. Seeking a contemporary understanding of factors that influence physical activity. [Commentary]. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 23(2) suppl.1, August 2002, pp.3-4.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“DIY in a Post-Soviet Housing Market: An Empirical Investigation of Resident-Initiated Home Improvements in Vilnius, Lithuania”. First AESOP Young Academics Meeting, February 7-10, 2007, Slovak University of Technology, Bratislava. (with Terence Milstead)

“The housing environment and respiratory health: Implications for housing plans and policies”. The 5th International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH), Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 25-28 October, 2006

"Neighborhood disorder and smoking, alcohol consumption and exercise". Annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Montreal, PQ, Canada, April 19-22, 2006

“Smoking, housing conditions and respiratory health in the WHO-LARES”. Second International WHO Symposium on Housing and Health, Vilnius, Lithuania, September 29-October 1, 2004

“Housing conditions, pest infestations and population health in the WHO-LARES”. Second International WHO Symposium on Housing and Health, Vilnius, Lithuania, September 29-October 1, 2004 (with Terence Milstead)

“Do Environments Supportive of Walking Promote Public Health Benefits?” Joint meeting of ACSP-AESOP in Leuven, Belgium, July 2003 (with Ivonne Audirac)

"Women's economic roles in the context of structural adjustment policies: the implications for women's status - Amman, Jordan 1996". Seminar on "Women and Families: the Evolution of the Status of Women as a Factor in and a Consequence of Changes in Family Dynamics", 24-26 February 1997, CICRED (Committee for International Cooperation in National Research in Demography) : Paris , France.

"Using focus groups to assess the likely demographic consequences of structural adjustment policies in Jordan". *Arab Regional Population Conference*. 8-12 December 1996, Cairo, Egypt

NATIONAL & REGIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Neighborhoods by physical urban form and social context: the case of Portland, Oregon” (with Yan Song). Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Fort Worth, Texas, November 9-12, 2006

“Residential context, walking and obesity: two African-American neighborhoods compared” (with Lynn Pantan, Myungjun Jang, and Emily Haymes). Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Fort Worth, Texas, November 9-12, 2006

“Differences in obesity and physical activity within an African-American population: do neighborhood environments matter?” (with Lynn Panton & Emily Haymes). International Congress on Physical Activity and Public Health, Atlanta, GA, April 17-20, 2006

“Neighborhood disorder and smoking: findings of a European survey”. Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Kansas City, MO Oct. 27-30, 2005

“Obesity, physical activity and the environment in low-income, African-American communities: what do we know? Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Portland, OR, Oct. 21-24, 2004 (with Lynn Panton)

“Can master planning influence physical activity? An exploration of campus design and walking behaviors?” Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Baltimore, Nov. 21-24, 2002 (with Ivonne Audirac)

“Local regulations and indoor air exposures: the case of asthma”. Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Cleveland, Nov. 8-11, 2001

“Economic adjustment, gender and employment in Jordan”. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America - New York, NY March 1999

“Planning for the Prevention of Injuries to Pedestrians: A Focus on Urban Arterial Roadways” (with Greg Thompson). Workshop Five: Transportation and the Urban Health Challenge. Meeting the Urban Health Challenge: A Joint Public Health and Urban Planning Conference, convened by the Hunter College Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, Dept. 18 and 19, 1998, New York, NY

“Gender differences in the effects of structural adjustment on employment: the case of Jordan”. Paper session on *Gender dimensions of planning for developing areas*. Annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Fort Lauderdale, FL Nov. 6-9, 1997

“Using focus groups to specify micro-macro linkages”. Roundtable on *Qualitative research and analysis methods*. Annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Fort Lauderdale, FL Nov. 6-9, 1997

"Structural Adjustment and household decision-making in Jordan: macro-micro linkages". Paper presented at the annual meetings of the *Middle Eastern Studies Association*, Providence, Rhode Island, November 21-24, 1996.

“Neighborhood context of violence between intimate partners and other violence compared: an ecological study of Duval County, Florida”. Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America*, New Orleans, LA, May 9-11, 1996

"The geographic concentration of violence between intimate partners: implications for planners". Paper presented at the *37th Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning*, Detroit, MI, October 19-22, 1995

"An Ecological Study of the Interpersonal Violence Epidemic". *Symposium on Epidemiology and Public Health Research in Florida: Current Work and Anticipated Needs*. July 20-21, 1995, Gainesville, FL. Sponsored by the University of Florida Office of Research, Technology and Graduate Education, Center for Biostatistics and Epidemiology Research and Department of Health Policy and Epidemiology

"The influence of mother's sector of work in Cebu Province, the Philippines on use of maternal and child health services" (with Karin Brewster). Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America*, San Francisco, CA, April 6-8, 1995

"Neighborhood context of domestic and non-family violence compared". Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association*, Atlanta, GA, October 1994

"The effect of mother's work sector on use of preventive health services: how does a gender lens affect the analysis?" Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association*, Atlanta, GA, October 1994

"Spatial inequality and injury: a study of intentional and unintentional injury in Dade County, Florida" (with Susan Kelly). Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association*, New Orleans, LA, October 1993.

"The conceptualization and measurement of sequence in the life course". Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Miami Beach, FL, August 1993

"Assessing the effect of pre-admission screening on transitions into nursing homes in Dade County, Florida" (with Rob Lombardo). Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Florida Council on Aging*, Miami, FL, September 1993

"Risk factors for nursing home placement among older residents of Dade County, FL: 1989-1992". Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association*, Charleston, SC, October 1992.

"Urbanization and the incidence of pedestrian injuries among the elderly" (with Susan Kelly). Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association*, Jacksonville, FL, October 1991

"Women's Work and Infant Care in the Philippines" (with Barry Popkin). Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America*, April 1989 Washington, DC

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- June 2000 Trainer for the Moroccan Educators' Training Tour, Florida State University
Provided gender and development training in French, focused on recruitment and retention of girls in primary schools, to a group of Moroccan administrators and teachers
- March 2000 Consultant, Evaluation of TOSTAN Village Empowerment Project in
May 2001 Kati, Mali, funded through TOSTAN in Dakar, Senegal and the Wallace Global Fund
- Fall 1998 Trainer for the Guinean Educators' Training Tours, Florida State University
- Fall 1999 Provided gender and development training in French, focused on recruitment and retention of girls in primary schools, to groups of Guinean administrators and teachers
- Summer '99 Volunteer consultant, Florida Association of Voluntary Agencies for Caribbean Action (FAVA/CA) - St. Lucia
Led a group of students in developing a proposal for a pilot project in community-based agrotourism for the island of St. Lucia in the Eastern Caribbean; initial funding obtained through the Ministry of Agriculture
- Summer '97 Consultant to American Friends Service Committee, Middle East Desk
Researched and wrote a report on the links between economic development and the peace process
- 1/96-12/01 Co-chair of advisory panel, Middle East Programs
American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, PA
- 1/94-1/96 Advisory panel member, Middle East Programs
American Friends Service Committee
- June 1994 Consultant to Family Health International, Women's Studies Project
Provided technical assistance on the Cebu Women's Follow-Up Study in the areas of conceptualization and measurement of women's autonomy, economic roles and political participation, research design, and theories of gender and development
(*USAID Cooperative Agreement #AID/CCP-3060-A-00-3021-00*)
- May 1994 Volunteer consultant, Florida Association of Voluntary Agencies for Caribbean Action (FAVA/CA) - Barbados
Carried out a needs assessment in the area of formal and informal care of older Barbadians

- June 1993 Consultant to Management Systems International, Inc., Women in Development Project
 Provided technical assistance in data analysis for the project manager of the *DAC/WID Theme III Project - Phase II, under CDIE PRISM (USAID Project No. 1644-001)*
- 1984-86 Advisor on Community Development and Social Research, Near East Foundation and Municipality of Amman, Jordan
 Helped design, implement and analyze the Amman Health and Population Assessment to evaluate the impact of a squatter area upgrading project in three urban settlements. Designed, wrote funding proposals for, and coordinated a community-based primary health care program and other community center programs in these areas.
- 1983-84 Research Associate, Local Institutional Development Project, Center for International Studies, Cornell University
 Reviewed and analyzed available documentation on primary health care programs, and on ways in which local institutions mobilize the resources to carry out their programs.
- 1982 Research Associate, More and Better Food Project, Egyptian National Research Center, Cairo, Egypt
 Evaluated the long-term impact of this integrated rural development project on the nutritional status and general welfare of the village inhabitants.
- 1980-81 Training Specialist, America-Mideast Educational and Training Services (AMIDEAST), West Bank/Gaza Human Resource Development Project, Washington, D.C.
 Designed training programs in the U.S. for Palestinian university professors and development professionals in fields related to socioeconomic development.
- 1978-80 Associate Director, American Friends Service Committee Pre-School Project, Gaza Strip
 Participated in the planning and implementation of pre-school programs in the refugee camps of the Gaza Strip.
- 1977-78 Teaching/Travel Fellowship Recipient, Ramallah Friends School, West Bank

LANGUAGE SKILLS

French - Fluent written and spoken

Spanish - Fair

Arabic - Fair