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Education

<i>Degree/Position</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>Institution</i>
Postdoctoral fellow	2016	University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D. in Social Welfare	2014	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Master of Social Work	2008	Western Michigan University
Bachelor of Social Work	2007	Western Michigan University

Current Employment (2016-present)

The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Assistant Professor of Sociology
Faculty member of the Child Maltreatment Solutions Network

Current/Pending Support

- 2017 1 R21 HD091459-01, NICHD
Emerging Adulthood for Maltreated and Foster Youth (PI Lawrence Berger)
Role: Co-Investigator
- 2017 NICHD P50 Capstone Center for Multidisciplinary Research in Child Abuse and
Neglect (PI Jennie Noll)
Role: Co-Investigator for the Dissemination and Outreach Core (DOC)

Refereed Journal Publications

Font, Sarah A., and Jamie Cage. 2017. "Dimensions of Physical Punishment and Their Associations with Children's Cognitive Performance and School Adjustment." 2017. *Child Abuse & Neglect [in press]*.

Font, Sarah A., and Elizabeth T. Gershoff. 2017. "Contextual Factors Associated with the Use of Corporal Punishment in U.S. Public Schools." *Children and Youth Services Review [accepted]*.

- Sattler, Kierra M. P. and Sarah A. **Font**. 2017. "Resilience in Young Children Involved with Child Protective Services." *Child Abuse and Neglect [in press]*.
- Maguire-Jack, Kathryn and Sarah A. **Font**. 2017. "Community and Individual Risk Factors for Maltreatment." *Child Maltreatment [in press]*.
- Berger, Lawrence M., Sarah A. **Font**, Kristen S. Slack, and Jane Waldfogel. 2017. "Income and Child Maltreatment in Unmarried Families: Evidence from the Earned Income Tax Credit." *Review of Economics of the Household [in press]*.
- Maguire-Jack, Kathryn, and Sarah A. **Font**. 2017. Intersections of Individual and Neighborhood Disadvantage: Implications for Child Maltreatment. *Children & Youth Services Review* 72: 44-51.
- Font**, Sarah A., Elizabeth T. Gershoff, Catherine A. Taylor, Ann Budzak Garza, Denyse Olson-Dorff, Rebecca H. Foster, Amy Terrero, Monica Nielson-Parker, and Lisa Spector. 2016. "Staff Responses to Parents Hitting Children in a Hospital Setting." *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics* 37(9):730-736.
- Gershoff, Elizabeth T., Sarah A. **Font**, Catherine A. Taylor, Amy Terrero, Monica Nielson-Parker, Lisa Spector, Rebecca H. Foster, Ann Budzak Garza, and Denyse Olson-Dorff. 2016. "Medical Center Staff Attitudes about Spanking." *Child Abuse & Neglect* 61(November):55-62.
- Gershoff, Elizabeth T. and Sarah A. **Font**. 2016. "Corporal Punishment in U.S. Public Schools: Prevalence, Disparities in Use, and Status in State and Federal Policy." *Social Policy Report*, 30(1).
- Font**, Sarah A, and Kathryn Maguire-Jack. 2016. "Pathways from Childhood Abuse and Other Adversities to Adult Health Risks: The Role of Adult Socioeconomic Conditions." *Child Abuse & Neglect* 51(January):390-399. doi:10.1016/j.chiabu.2015.05.013
- Kim Hirsch, Bomi, MiYoun Yang, Sarah **Font**, and Kristen Slack. 2016. Physically Hazardous Housing and Risk for Child Protective Services Involvement. *Child Welfare*, 94(1):87-104.
- Font**, Sarah A. 2015. "Child Protection Investigations in Out-Of-Home Care: Perpetrators, Victims and Contexts." *Child Maltreatment* 20(4), 251-257. doi:10.1177/1077559515597064
- Font**, Sarah A, and Kathryn Maguire-Jack. 2015. "Decision-Making in Child Protective Services: Influences at Multiple Levels of the Social Ecology." *Child Abuse & Neglect* 47(September):70-82. doi:10.1016/j.chiabu.2015.02.005
- Font**, Sarah A. 2015. "Is Higher Placement Stability in Kinship Care By Virtue or Design?" *Child Abuse & Neglect* 42(April):99-111. doi:10.1016/j.chiabu.2015.01.003

- Font**, Sarah. A., and Lawrence M. Berger. 2015. "Child Maltreatment and Children's Developmental Trajectories in Early to Middle Childhood." *Child Development* 86(2):536-556. doi:10.1111/cdev.12322
- Font**, Sarah. A. 2015. "Are Children Safer with Kin? A Comparison of Maltreatment Risk in Out-Of-Home Care." *Children & Youth Services Review* 54:20-29. doi:10.1016/j.chidyouth.2015.04.012
- Berger, Lawrence M., and **Font**, Sarah A. 2015. "The Role of Families in Children's Health." *Future of Children* 25(1):155-176.
- Berger, Lawrence M., J. Michael Collins, Sarah A. **Font**, Leah Gjertson, Kristen Slack, and Timothy Smeeding. 2015. Home Foreclosure and Child Protective Services Involvement. *Pediatrics* 136(2):299-307.
- Warren, Emily J., and Sarah A. **Font**. 2015. "Housing Insecurity, Maternal Stress, and Child Maltreatment: An Application of Family Stress Theory." *Social Service Review* 89(1):9-39.
- Font**, Sarah A. 2014. "Kinship and Nonrelative Foster Care: The Effect of Placement Type on Child Well-Being." *Child Development* 85(5):2074-2090.
- Maguire-Jack, Kathryn, and Sarah A. **Font**. 2014. "Predicting Recurrent Maltreatment among High-Risk Families: Applying the Decision-Making Ecology Framework." *Children and Youth Services Review* 43:29-39.
- Font**, Sarah A. 2013. Service Referral Patterns among Black and White Families Involved with Child Protective Services." *Journal of Public Child Welfare* 7(4):370-391.
- Font**, Sarah A., and Kathryn Maguire-Jack. 2013. "Academic Engagement and Performance: Estimating the Impact of Out-of-Home Care for Maltreated Children." *Children & Youth Services Review* 35:856-864.
- Font**, Sarah A., and Emily J. Warren. 2013. "Inadequate Housing and the Child Protection System Response." *Children & Youth Services Review* 35(11):1809-1815.
- Font**, Sarah A. 2012. "Burnout in Child Welfare: Examining the Role of Employment Characteristics and Workplace Opportunities." *Social Service Review* 86(4):636-659.
- Font**, Sarah A., Lawrence M. Berger, and Kristen S. Slack. 2012. "Examining Racial Disproportionality in Child Protective Services Case Decisions." *Children & Youth Services Review* 34(11):2188-2200.

Unrau, Yvonne A., Sarah A. **Font**, and G. Rawls. 2012. "Readiness for College Engagement among Students Who Have Aged Out of Foster Care." *Children & Youth Services Review* 34(1):76-83.

Other Publications

Font, Sarah A. 2017. "Psychological, Economic, and Physical Health Consequences of Child Maltreatment." In L. Dixon, D. Perkins, L. A. Craig, and C. Hamilton-Giachritsis (Eds.), *What works in child protection: An evidence-based approach to assessment and intervention in care proceedings*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Gershoff, Elizabeth and Sarah A. **Font**. "Gershoff and Font: School Corporal Punishment should be banned." November 8, 2016. *Houston Chronicle*.
<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/Gershoff-and-Font-School-corporal-punishment-10603068.php>

Font, Sarah A. 2016. A Defense of "Soft Coercion" in the Child Welfare System and Targeted Programs - A Response to Pelton (2016). [Letter to the Editor]. *Child Abuse and Neglect*.

Font, Sarah, S. Hutchinson, and C. Kline. 2008. *Student Workbook to Accompany Research Methods for BSW Students by Grinnell, Williams, and Unrau (7th ed)*. Kalamazoo, MI: Pair Bond Publications.

Previous Awards and Funding Received

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| 2017 | Seed Grant
Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University
Role: Primary Investigator
Total Funding: \$7,500 |
| 2014 | Postdoctoral training fellowship
NICHD, T-32 Training Program in Population Studies
Awarded to University of Texas at Austin Population Research Center |
| 2014 | Honorable mention—Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation
Society for Social Work and Research |
| 2013 | Population Health Dissertation Grant
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars Program |
| 2013 | Irving Piliavin Award |

University of Wisconsin – Madison, School of Social Work

2012 Doctoral Student Research Paper Award
University of Wisconsin – Madison, School of Social Work

Courses Taught

At Penn State

CMAS 258 / HDFS 258 Introduction to Child Maltreatment and Advocacy Studies
Semesters taught: Fall 2016

At University of Wisconsin Madison

SW534 Introduction to Social Statistics
Semesters taught: Summer 2012; Summer 2013

Non-Academic Work Experience

2008-2010 Child Protective Services Specialist
Department of Human Services
Kalamazoo County, State of Michigan

Conference Presentations

Jan. 2015: Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

Font, S. A. “Are Children Safer with Kin? A Comparison of Maltreatment Risk in Out-of-Home Care.”

Font, S. A. & Maguire-Jack, K. “Decision-Making in Child Protective Services: Influences at Multiple Levels of the Social Ecology.”

Warren, E. & Font, S. A. “Effects of Housing Assistance on Child Maltreatment Risk: Evidence from Fragile Families.”

Warren, E. & Font, S. A. “Housing Insecurity, Maternal Stress, and Child Maltreatment: An Application of Family Stress Theory.”

Nov. 2014: Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Conference, Albuquerque, NM

Font, S. A. “Are Children Safer with Kin? A Comparison of Maltreatment Risk in Out-of-Home Care.”

Jan. 2014: Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX

Font, S. A. “Kinship Care or Non-Relative Foster Care? Estimating the Effects of Placement Type on Child Achievement and Behavior.”

Nov. 2013: Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Conference, Washington DC

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Berger, L. M., Font, S. A., Slack, K. S., & Waldfogel, J. "Income and Child Maltreatment: Evidence from the EITC."

Jan. 2013: Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Diego, CA

Font, S. A. "Service Referral Patterns among Black and White Families Involved with Child Protective Services."

Nov. 2012: Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Conference, Baltimore, MD

Font, S. A., Berger, L. M., & Slack, K. S. "Examining Racial Disproportionality in Child Protective Services Case Decisions."