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**Research Interests**

Demography, Family, Adolescents, Research Methods, Aging, Causal Inference

**Education**

|        |             |             |                                                                                       |
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| Ph.D.  | August 2007 | Sociology   | University of Michigan                                                                |
| M.S.W. | May 2004    | Social Work | University of Michigan                                                                |
| B.A.   | May 1998    | Economics   | Bates College, Lewiston, ME<br><i>summa cum laude</i><br><i>honors: senior thesis</i> |

**Dissertation:** “Health Services, Schools, Attitudes, and Contraceptive Use: Tests of a Theoretical Model Among Rural Nepalese.”

Committee: William G. Axinn (chair), Arland Thornton, Jennifer Barber, Susan Murphy (statistics)

**Professional Positions**

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| 2007-present | <b>Post-doctoral Fellow</b><br>Carolina Population Center<br>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill |
| January 2008 | <b>Visiting Fellow</b><br>Research Program<br>East-West Center                                         |

**Publications**

Rindfuss, Ronald R. and Sarah R. Brauner-Otto. “Policies, Institutions, and the Transition to Adulthood: Implications for fertility tempo in low fertility settings. Vienna Yearbook of Population Research Forthcoming.

Brauner-Otto, Sarah R., William G. Axinn, and Dirgha J. Ghimire. 2007. “The Spread of Health Services and Fertility Transition.” Demography 44(4): 747-70.

Brauner, Sarah R. and Pamela Loprest. 1999. "Where Are They Now? What States' Studies of People Who Left Welfare Tell Us," *Assessing the New Federalism Policy Brief A-32*, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC.

Zedlewski, Sheila and Sarah R. Brauner. 1999. "Declines in Food Stamp and Welfare Participation: Is There a Connection?" *Assessing the New Federalism, 99-13*, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC.

Zedlewski, Sheila and Sarah R. Brauner. 1999. "Are The Steep Declines in Food Stamp Participation Linked to Falling Welfare Caseloads?" *Assessing the New Federalism Policy Brief B-3*, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC.

### **Papers Under Review**

Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. "Schools, Schooling, and Children's Support of Their Aging Parents." Revised and Resubmitted.

Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. "School Quality, The Spread of New Ideas, and Transitions in Childbearing Behavior." Under review.

Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. "Attitudes about Contraception and Family and Fertility Limitation Behavior: Expanding the Attitude-Behavior Framework." Under review.

Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. and William G. Axinn. "Family Structure, Timing of First Sex, and Contraceptive Use." Under review.

### **Working Papers**

Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. and Jennifer Eckerman. "Social and Economic Context, Gender, and Care for the Elderly in Nepal." In Progress.

Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. "Health Services, Attitudes About Children, and Contraceptive Use." In Progress.

Eckerman, Jennifer, Sarah Brauner-Otto, Joyce Abma, and Lynette Hoelter. "Does it Matter How You Ask? Question Wording and Males' Reporting of Contraceptive Use at Last Sex." In Progress.

### **Presentations**

Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. Scheduled for Oct 2008. "Social Context, The Spread of New Ideas, and Individual Behavior: School Quality, Attitudes about the Family, and Contraceptive Use in Nepal." Carolina Population Center Seminar, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. Scheduled for Oct 2008. "School Quality, Attitudes about the Family, and Contraceptive Use in Nepal." Population Studies Center Brown Bag Seminar, University of Michigan.

Eckerman, Jennifer and Sarah R. Brauner-Otto. 2008. "Social and Economic Context, Gender, and Care for the Elderly in Nepal." Population Association of America Annual Meeting.

- Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. 2007. "Health Services, Childbearing Beliefs, and Sterilization." Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. 2007. "Schools, Schooling, and Children's Support of Their Aging Parents." Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. 2006. "Comparison of Alternative Propensity Score Approaches for Causal Inference from Observational Data." Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. 2005. "Family Organization, Family Planning Services, Race, and Early Sexual Behavior." Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- Brauner-Otto, Sarah R. 2004. "Use of Family Planning Services and Contraception at First Intercourse: Insights from a Social Psychological Framework." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

### Honors and Awards

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fall 2005-Summer 2007 | <b>NIA Traineeship</b> , University of Michigan, Population Studies Center                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| November 2005         | <b>Marshall Weinberg Summer Research Prize</b> , University of Michigan, Population Studies Center.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| March 2005            | <b>Honorable Mention</b> , University of Michigan, Department of Sociology, Graduate Student Paper Competition for "Family Organization, Family Planning Services, Race, and Early Sexual Behavior"                                                                                                                |
| Fall 2001-Spring 2004 | <b>Regents Fellowship</b> , University of Michigan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Summer 2003           | <b>High pass awarded for social demography preliminary exams</b> , University of Michigan                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Summer 2002           | <b>Putting Children First Fellowship</b> , Columbia University, Teachers College                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1996-1998             | <b>Phi Beta Kappa</b> , Bates College<br><b>Ralph J. Chances Prize in Economics</b> , Bates College<br><b>Best Undergraduate Paper</b> , for senior honors thesis, Southwestern Social Science Association<br><b>Mellon Grant</b> , to pursue statistical and econometric analysis on medical malpractice in Maine |

### Teaching Experience

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| Winter 2005 | <b>SOC 310: Research Methods (undergraduate)</b> , Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, Department of Sociology |
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## Research Experience

- Winter 2003-Summer 2007      **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI  
**Research Assistant**, William G. Axinn, Professor: Conducted advanced statistical analyses, participated in survey redesign efforts, and contributed to proposal and paper writing for several projects: National Survey of Family Growth Cycle 7, Chitwan Valley Family Study, and Population and Environment in Nepal.
- Fall 2003      **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI  
**Research Assistant**, Sandra Danziger, Associate Professor: Contributed data analysis and text to book chapter on the changing status of welfare recipients over time.
- Summer 2002      **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI  
**Research Assistant**, Mieko Yoshihama, Associate Professor: Managed data coding and compiling for evaluation of Japanese domestic violence awareness program.
- July 1998-July 2000      **The Urban Institute**, Washington DC  
**Research Assistant**: Conducted background and statistical research for papers concerning welfare reform.

## Language Training

- Summer 2005      **South Asia Summer Language Institute, University of Wisconsin**,  
Madison, WI  
Nepali Language Course

## Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association, Family and Population Sections  
Population Association of America

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