

# ABBY C. LANE

---

168 N. Clark Dr. #4, Beverly Hills, CA 90211 • 507.301.8202 • abbyclane@gmail.com • linkedin.com/in/abbylane

## EDUCATION

---

<b>The University of Texas at Austin</b> Ph.D., Public Policy	August 2019 (Expected)
<b>The George Washington University</b> M.P.P., Focus in Urban Policy	May 2011
<b>The University of Texas at Austin</b> B.A. in Political Science, Concentration in Statistics	May 2008

## PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

---

**LBJ School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin**, Austin, Texas April 2017 – Present  
*Doctoral Candidate and Student Researcher (Dissertation Research)*

- Dissertation: “Balancing Work and Family: The Policy Problems and Opportunities of Child Care and Nonstandard Work Schedules”
- Conducted and wrote dissertation research focusing on the intersection of nonstandard work schedules, child care and maternal well-being for low-income mothers
- Recruited study participants; conducted, transcribed and coded interviews; and conducted analysis of primary qualitative data
- Cleaned, coded, and conducted descriptive statistics and multivariate linear and multinomial logistic regression using secondary data from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study and the Texas Child Care Market Rate Survey
- Wrote policy briefs of dissertation research findings for dissemination to public, policymaker, and practitioner audiences and papers for submission for publication in peer-reviewed journals
- Received Child Care Research Scholars Dissertation Grant from the Office of Policy, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services to support dissertation research and writing (\$50,000, 9/30/17 – 9/29/19)

**Child and Family Research Partnership**, Austin, Texas June 2014 – May 2016, June 2017 – January 2019  
*Graduate Research Assistant*

- Co-authored policy reports, policy briefs, evaluation plans, and a journal article on early childhood and family support programs in Texas
- Conducted data analysis and interpretation, including coding and analysis of focus group and interview data and statistical analysis of program and survey data
- Assisted management of survey data collection and conducted data entry in a team for two Texas Home Visiting Program implementation and outcomes evaluation projects
- Supported research teams working on home visiting programs, fatherhood support programs, and programs serving military families at high risk for family violence and/or abuse and neglect

**National Women’s Law Center**, Washington, District of Columbia August 2011 – August 2013  
*Public Policy Fellow*

- Researched and wrote reports, fact sheets, and blog posts, including two major annual projects centered on the release of the Census Bureau’s poverty and income data and the President’s budget proposal
- Analyzed trends and effects of policy proposals in the areas of tax and budget policy, poverty, income support policies, education, retirement and employment
- Managed monthly reporting on Bureau of Labor Statistics employment data focusing on unemployment trends facing women and minorities

**Center for Law and Social Policy**, Washington, District of Columbia January 2011 – May 2011  
*Graduate Student Consultant*

- Co-authored research paper, “What Difference Can a Task Force Make? Joining Forces to Fight Against Poverty,” on the impact and lessons learned from four state poverty task forces
- Wrote and conducted primary and secondary research including interviews of key stakeholders and a literature review for the Illinois case study portion of the publication

**Center on Budget and Policy Priorities**, Washington, District of Columbia  
*Food Assistance Policy Intern*

September 2010 – May 2011

- Co-authored policy paper, “A Unique Opportunity to Improve School Meals Applications,” based on analysis of free and reduced-price meal applications for 50 states, DC, and 100 largest school districts
- Managed databases containing monthly state and national data on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
- Assisted in the research, preparation, and distribution of analyses and studies about federal and state policies to improve participation in SNAP and other food assistance programs

## **PRESENTATIONS**

---

Plenary Session Presentation, “Searching for Care at Nontraditional Times: Low-income Mothers’ Decision-making Processes and Perspectives on Center-based Care” at the Child Care and Early Education Policy Research Consortium (CCEEPRC) Annual Meeting (Washington, District of Columbia), April 2019.

Poster Presentation, “Nonstandard Work Schedules, Maternal Parenting Stress, and the Moderating Role of Child Care” at the Population Association of America 2018 Annual Meeting (Denver, Colorado, April 2018) and the National Research Conference on Early Childhood (Arlington, Virginia, June 2018).

Poster Presentation, “Early Stressful Life Events and Child Behavioral Outcomes in Fragile Families” with Dr. Cynthia Osborne at the 2015 Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 2015) and Population Association of America 2015 Annual Meeting (San Diego, California, April 2015).

## **SKILLS**

---

**Computer:** Stata, Excel, Qualtrics

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

---

<b>Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)</b> – <i>Member</i>	2013 – Present
<b>Population Association of America (PAA)</b> – <i>Member</i>	2014 – Present
<b>Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)</b> – <i>Member</i>	2014 – Present