

The National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS)

at APPAM

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The National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS) are nationally representative surveys designed to track the life experiences of several US cohorts over time. The surveys collect data on employment, schooling, fertility, family processes, household structure, marriage, cohabitation, income, mobility, intergenerational transfers, health, attitudes, non-normative and criminal behaviors, civic engagement, aging, and more. The National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth (NLSY) are ongoing.

The **National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 Cohort (NLSY79)** is a longitudinal project that follows the lives of a sample of American youth born in 1957-1964. The cohort originally included 12,686 respondents ages 14-22 when first interviewed in 1979. Data are now available from Round 1 (1979) to Round 25 (2012); this ongoing cohort is now interviewed biennially.

The **Children of the NLSY79** mothers have been assessed biennially since 1986 to measure their cognitive ability, academic achievement, social development, health, behavior, and home environment. Starting in 1994, children age 15 and older have been interviewed in the Young Adult Survey (YA) and followed into adulthood. Child and YA data, which can be linked to the NLSY79 mothers' full histories, are available from 1986 to 2012, representing 14 survey rounds for the Child sample and 10 survey rounds for Young Adults in that time span.

The **National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97)** is a longitudinal project that follows the lives of a sample of American youth born in 1980-1984; 8,984 respondents were ages 12-17 when first interviewed in 1997. This ongoing cohort has been surveyed 16 times to date and is now interviewed biennially. Data are now available from Round 1 (1997) to Round 16 (2013).

Data are also available for the **NLS Original Cohorts**, comprised of the Young Men (ages 14-24 in 1966), Older Men (45-69 in 1966), Young Women (ages 14-24 in 1968), and Mature Women (ages 30-44 in 1967). Respondents in these four original NLS cohorts are no longer interviewed, but data remain available for analysis.

Papers are listed by day and session time. Please check the program to confirm exact time and location.

Thursday, Nov 3, 8:15-9:45 AM

Albright (Washington Hilton)

[Understanding the Labor Market Returns to Mobility for Young Workers](#)

Janna E. Johnson (University of Minnesota), Sam Schulhofer-Wohl (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis);
NLSY79, NLSY97

Friday, Nov 4, 8:30-10:00 AM

Columbia 4 (Washington Hilton)

[Racial Disparities in Student Loan Debt and the Reproduction of Inequality](#)

Jason Houle (Dartmouth College), Fenaba Addo (University of Wisconsin – Madison); NLSY97

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Morgan (Washington Hilton)

[The Earning of Immigrant Young Adults: Analysis Within and Across Cohorts](#)

Ying Huang, Weihui Zhang (University at Albany – SUNY); *NLSY79*

Friday, Nov 4, 8:30-10:00 AM

Fairchild West (Washington Hilton)

[The Role of Parents' Early Experiences in Children's Academic Achievement and Well-Being](#)

Elise Chor (Northwestern University); *NLSY79, NLSY79 Child*

[Does Increased Investment in Parents' Human Capital Relate to Changes in Investment in Early Education Quality?](#)

Terri J. Sabol (Northwestern University); *NLSY79, NLSY79 Child*

Friday, Nov 4, 8:30-10:00 AM

Columbia 12 (Washington Hilton)

[A Benefit-Cost Analysis of Tulsa's Pre-K Program](#)

Timothy Bartik (W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research); *NLSY97*

Friday, Nov 4 (Poster Session), 10:00-11:30 AM

Columbia Ballroom (Washington Hilton)

[Within-Family Differences in Head Start Participation and Parent Investment Behavior](#)

Kathryn E. Gonzalez (Harvard University); *NLSY79, NLSY79 Child*

[Assessing the Effects of Alcohol Policies on Consumption: Why the Measurement of Consumption Is Important](#)

Marlon Graf, Rosalie Pacula (Pardee RAND Graduate School; RAND Corporation), Greg Midgette, Raffaele Vardavas, Susan Paddock (RAND Corporation); *NLSY97*

Saturday, Nov 5, 10:15-11:45 AM

Embassy (Washington Hilton)

[The Impact of Homeless Prevention on Residential Instability: Evidence from the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program](#)

Gabriel Pina, Maureen Pirog (Indiana University); *NLSY97*

Saturday, Nov 5, 3:30-5:00 PM

Columbia 11 (Washington Hilton)

[State Health Insurance Mandates and Labor Market Outcomes](#)

Yaa Akosa Antwi (Indiana University), Johanna Catherine Maclean (Temple University); *NLSY79*

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