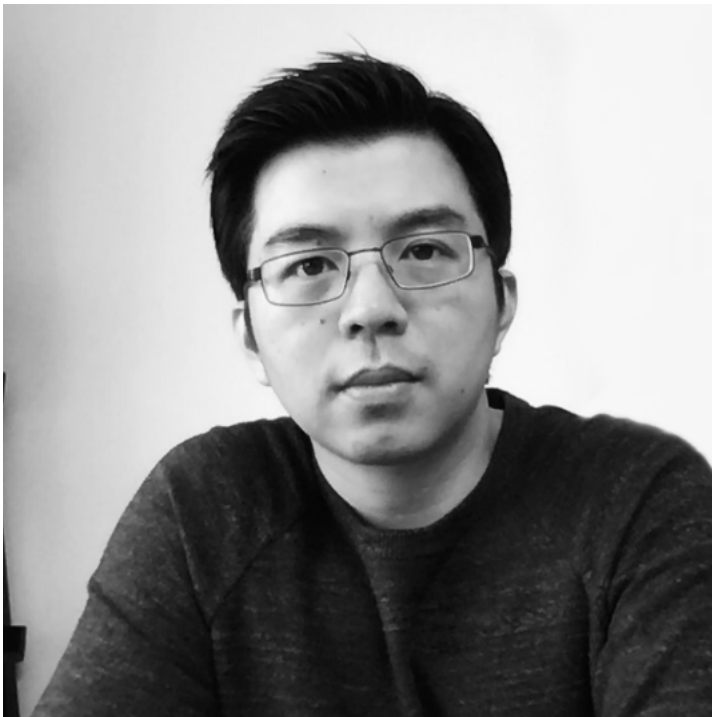




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# **U.S. Population Health at A Crossroads**



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Abstract: Morbidity and mortality have been increasing among middle-aged and young-old Americans since the turn of the century. In this talk, I will present this unfavorable trend has been extended to cognitive health and younger cohorts. Does this unfavorable health trend originate from early life? Do socioeconomic and psychosocial factors play a role besides the more proximate behavioral factors (obesity, drug, alcohol, suicide) emphasized in the prior literature? I explore conditions from birth to the present by investigating the nutrition, health, socioeconomic, psychological, and bio-behavioral factors throughout the life course across multiple birth cohorts. I probe both protective resources that might advantage recent cohorts and risk factors that might disadvantage recent cohorts. By doing so, we gain a preliminary but plausible account of what may or may not contribute to adverse cohort health trends, and what disadvantages may offset advantages to which recent cohorts are subjected.

