Please join the Graduate Student Group Discussion & Lunch with Dr. Janna Johnson after her CSDE seminar on February 2nd titled *What Changed Between Gen X and Millennials? Investigating Recent Declines in US Fertility*. Fertility rates in the United States have declined substantially since the 2008 Great Recession following a long period of relative stability. Using data from the Current Population Survey, American Community Survey, and National Survey of Family Growth, Johnson’s research identifies an apparent generational shift in fertility patterns between Generation X (born 1965-1979) and Millennials (born 1980-1995). This work investigates the potential role changes in partnering may play in driving this decrease in fertility.

After the seminar, CSDE Trainee Aasli Abdi Nur will facilitate a graduate student discussion with Dr. Johnson. Students will have the opportunity to discuss research collaborations, professional development, academic publishing, and interdisciplinary research, among other topics.

Dr. Janna Johnson is associate professor at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. An economist and demographer, her research employs cutting-edge econometric methods to answer questions about U.S. population and policy, particularly those concerning internal migration within the United States. Her work has appeared in leading journals such as the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, the *Journal of Labor Economics*, and *Quantitative Economics*. She received a PhD in public policy from the University of Chicago and an AB from Dartmouth College.

Aasli Abdi Nur, the moderator of the graduate student group discussion post-seminar meeting, is a 5th-year Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology and a CSDE Trainee with a focus on fertility and family planning. Her dissertation uses computational methods to provide a rigorous examination of the research and metrics that currently make up the foundation of global family planning policies and goal setting. Aasli holds an MPH from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and a BA from Washington University in St. Louis.