Eric Klopack

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Education

M.A. University of Georgia, Sociology (2016)

B.A. University of Alabama, American Studies (2013)

Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods in Family Science (Expected 2018)

Research Interests

Etiology of Delinquency and Deviant Behavior Biosocial Perspectives Social Determinants of Health Interaction of Social Environment and Somatic Development

Teaching Interests

Criminology Violence and Society Juvenile Delinquency Medical Sociology

Deviance and Social Control Mental Health and Deviance

Publications (*Peer reviewed)

- *Klopack, Eric T., Kandauda A. S. Wickrama, Catherine Walker O'Neal, Ronald L. Simons, Tricia Neppl, and Frederick O. Lorenz. Under Review. "Understanding the Intersection of Financial Strain, BMI, and Cardiovascular Disease in Middle and Later Life: Survival Growth Mixture Analysis." Journal of Health and Social Behavior.
- *Wickrama, Kandauda A. S., **Eric T. Klopack**, Catherine Walker O'Neal, Steven R. H. Beach, Tricia Neppl, Fredrick O. Lorenz, and Dayoung Bae. Under Review. "Life Course Patterns of Concurrent Trajectories of BMI and Affective Symptoms: Socioeconomic Antecedents and Disease Outcomes in Later Life." *Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*.
- *Wickrama, Kandauda A. S., Seonhwa Lee, **Eric T. Klopack**, and Thulitha Wickrama. In Submission. "Stressful Work, Positive Affect, and Physical Health Outcomes of Middle-Aged Couples." *Health Psychology*.
- Simons, Ronald L. and **Eric T. Klopack**. 2014. "Invited Address: 'The Times They Are a-Changin" Gene Expression, Neuroplasticity, and Developmental Research." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 44(3):573-80.

Papers in Preparation

Klopack, **Eric T.**, Ronald L. Simons, Leslie Gordon Simons, et al. "Puberty and Girls' Criminal Behavior: A Test of Competing Models Explaining the Relationship between Somatic Development and Crime."

Presentations

- Klopack, Eric T. and Ronald L. Simons. 2017. "Explaining the Link Between Boys' Early Puberty and Delinquency: A Test of Three Competing Mechanisms" Paper to be presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 17, 2017, Philadelphia, PA
- Klopack, Eric T. and K. A. S. Wickrama. 2017. "Understanding the Intersection of Illness, BMI, and Financial Strain Using Growth Mixture Modeling" Paper to be presented at the 112th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 15, 2017, Montréal, QC, Canada.
- Klopack, Eric T. and K. A. S. Wickrama. 2017. "Evaluating the Effects of Financial Strain Trajectories on Cardiovascular Disease Onset: A Person-Centric Approach" Paper presented at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 1, 2017, Greenville, SC.
- Klopack, Eric T. and Ronald L. Simons. 2016. "Puberty and Girls' Criminal Behavior: Exploring the Relationship between Somatic Development and Crime." Paper presented at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 19, 2016, New Orleans, LA.
- Klopack, Eric T. and Ronald L. Simons. 2016. "Pubertal Timing and Criminal Behavior: Integrating Life History Theory with Traditional Criminological Perspectives." Paper presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 14, 2016, Atlanta, GA.

Research Experience

RA for Dr. Ronald L. Simons	Fall 2014
RA for the Family and Community Health Study	Spring 2015-present
RA for Dr. Kandauda A. S. Wickrama	Fall 2016-present
RA for the Iowa Later Adulthood Study	Fall 2016-present

Teaching Experience

As a Teaching Assistant:

Deviance and Social Control, TA under Dr. Ronald L. Simons	Fall 2014
Criminology, TA under Dr. Thomas L. McNulty	Spring 2015
The Family, TA under Dr. Leslie Gordon Simons	Spring 2015
Criminology, TA under Dr. Sarah K.S. Shannon	Fall 2015
The Family, TA under Dr. Leslie Gordon Simons	Spring 2016
Development of Sociological Theory, TA under Dr. Diana Graizbord	Fall 2016
The Family, TA under Dr. Leslie Gordon Simons	Spring 2017

As Instructor of Record:

Social Control of Crime May 2017

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Professional Service

Graduate Student Recruitment Committee Sociology Graduate Student Society, Featured Speaker Chair Sociology Graduate Student Society, President-Elect Spring 2015 Fall 2015-Spring 2016 Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Affiliations/Memberships

American Society of Criminology
Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology

American Sociological Association Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance Section on Evolution, Biology, and Society Section on Medical Sociology

Southern Sociological Society