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Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

- 1999-2000 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Institute for Social and Behavioral Research
Iowa State University
- 1999 Ph.D., Sociology, Iowa State University
- 1993 M.S., Sociology, University of Central Arkansas
- 1991 B.A., Sociology, University of Central Arkansas

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2014- Professor, Department of Sociology
University of Georgia
- 2013-2014 Professor, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Arizona State University
- 2013 Professor, Department of Human Development & Family Science
University of Georgia
- 2008-2013 Associate Professor, Department of Human Development & Family Science
University of Georgia
- 2002-2008 Assistant Professor, Department of Human Development & Family Science
University of Georgia
- 2000-2002 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Clemson University

OTHER INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Fellow, Institute for Behavioral Research, University of Georgia
Investigator, Center for Contextual Genetics, University of Georgia
Member, UGA Teaching Academy

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- 2010-2013 Director of Graduate Studies
 Department of Human Development and Family Science
 University of Georgia
- 2009 Interim Director of Graduate Studies
 Department of Human Development and Family Science
 University of Georgia
- 2008-10 Interim Department Head
 Department of Human Development and Family Science
 University of Georgia

RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization

My program of research focuses on the socio-contextual predictors and consequences of various family processes as well as the mediators and moderators the relationship between experiences in the family of origin and outcomes for adolescents and emerging adults. Specifically, I examine the intergenerational transmission of problem behaviors and the mechanisms that link parenting to behavioral outcomes such as delinquency, intimate partner violence, and risky sex.

Publications

Books:

Simons, R. L., Simons, L.G., & Wallace, L. (2005). *Families, Delinquency & Crime: Linking Society's Most Basic Institution to Antisocial Behavior*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Journal Articles:

* Indicates graduate student co-author at time of manuscript preparation

Simons, L.G., *Sutton, T.E., Shannon, S., & Berg, M. Gibbons, F.X. (in press). The cost of being cool: How adolescent pseudomature behavior maps onto adult behaviors. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.

Tyler K.A., Schmitz, R., *Ray, C., Adams, S. & Simons, L.G. (in press). The role of protective behavioral strategies, social environment, and housing type on heavy drinking among college students. *Substance Use and Misuse*.

Beach, S., Lei, M., Simons, R., Barr, A., Simons, L., Ehrlich, K., Brody, G., Philibert, R. (in press). When inflammation and depression go together: The longitudinal effects of parent-child relationships. *Development and Psychopathology*.

Tyler, K. A., Schmitz, R., *Ray, C. & Simons, L.G. (in press). The role of entitlement, self-control, and risk behaviors on dating violence perpetration. *Violence & Victims*.

- *Sutton, T., Simons, L.G., Simons, R.L., Cutrona, C. & Barr, A. (2017). Psychological distress, couple interactions and parenting: : A dyadic analysis of African American couples. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 79, 850-864.
- *Richardson, E., Simons, L.G. & Futris, T. (2017). Sense of entitlement as a link between indulgent parenting and sexual assault. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 26, 781-791.
- Tyler, K. Schmitz, *R. Adams, S. & Simons, L.G. (2017). Social factors, alcohol expectancy and drinking behavior: A comparison of two college campuses. *Journal of Substance Use*, 22, 357-364.
- Simons, L.G., Wickrama, K.A.S., *Lee, T.K., Landers-Potts, M., Cutrona, C. & Conger, R. (2016). Testing family stress and family investment explanations for conduct problems among African American adolescents. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 78, 498-515.
- Barr, A., *Sutton, T., Simons, L.G., Wickrama, K.A.S. & Lorenz, F.O. (2016). Romantic relationship transitions and changes in health among rural, white emerging adults. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 30, 832-842.
- Berg, M.T., Burt, C.H., Lei, M., Simons, L.G., Stewart, E.A., & Simons, R.L. (2016). Rethinking neighborhood cultural processes and adolescent sexual partnering activities: The player in context. *Social Forces*, 94, 1823-1846.
- Simons, L.G., *Sutton, T. E., Gibbons, F.X., Murry, V.M., Simons, R.L. (2016) Mechanisms that link parenting practices to adolescents' risky sexual behavior: A test of six competing theories. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 45, 255-270.
- Evans, S.Z., Simons, L.G., Simons, R.L. (2016). Factors that influence trajectories of delinquency throughout adolescence. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 45, 156-171.
- Granberg, E, Simons, L.G., & Simons, R.L. (2015). The role of body size in mate selection among African Americans. *Sex Roles*, 73, 340-354.
- Barr, A.B., Simons, R.L., & Simons, L.G. (2015). Nonmarital relationships and changing perceptions of marriage among African American young adults. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 77, 1202-1216.
- *Sutton, T.E. & Simons, L.G. (2015). Campus sexual assault in the U.S.: Examining hostility in the family of origin, attachment style, and the hook-up culture as risk factors. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 24, 2827-2840.
- Kogan, S.M., *Cho, J., Simons, L.G., *Allen, K.A., Beach, S., Simons, R.L., & Gibbons, F.X. (2015). Pubertal timing and risky sex among African American adolescent males: A model based on life history theory. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 44, 609-618.
- Hoskins, D.H. & Simons, L.G. (2015). Predicting the risk of teen pregnancy among African Americans: Testing a social-contextual model. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 24, 1163-1174.

- Landers-Potts, M., Wickrama, K., Simons, L.G., Gibbons, F.X., Cutrona, C., & Conger, R.D. (2015). A longitudinal study of economic pressure on African American families: Resilience during the transition to adolescence. *Family Relations*, 64, 233-248.
- *Lei, M., Simons, R.L., Edmund, M., & Simons, L.G. (2014). The effect of concentrated disadvantage, social ties, and genetic variation on the antisocial behavior of African American women. *Development and Psychopathology*, 4, 1113-1128.
- *Sutton, T.E. & Simons, L.G., Wickrama, K.A.S., & Futris, T.F. (2014). The intergenerational transmission of violence: Examining the mediating roles of insecure attachment and destructive disagreement beliefs. *Violence & Victims*, 29, 670-687.
- *Landor, A.M. & Simons, L.G. (2014). Why virginity pledges succeed or fail: The moderating role of religious commitment vs. religious participation. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 23, 1102-1113.
- Simons, L.G., Simons, R.L., Landor, A.M., Bryant, C.M. & Beach, S.R.H. (2014). Identifying links between childhood parenting experiences and adult romantic relationships. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 28, 368-379.
- *Lei, M.K., Simons, R.L., Simons, L.G., & *Edmond, M.B. (2014). Gender equality and violent behavior: How neighborhood gender equality influences the gender gap in violence. *Violence and Victims*, 29, 89-108.
- *Landor, A.M., Simons, L.G., Simons, R.L., Bryant, C.M., Brody, G.H., Granberg, E., & Melby, J.N. (2013). Exploring the impact of skin tone on racism, colorism within families, and racial socialization. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 27: 817-826.
- Murry, V.M., Simons, R.L., Simons, L.G. & Gibbons, F.X. (2013). Contributions of family environment and parenting processes to sexual risk and substance use African American males: A four-year longitudinal study. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 83: 299-309.
- Simons, L.G., *Su, X. and Simons, R.L. (2013). Consequences of corporal punishment for African Americans: The importance of context and outcome. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 42, 1273-1285.
- *Barr, A.B., Simons, R.L., & Simons, L.G., Gibbons, F.X. & Gerrard, M. (2013). The effect of teen motherhood on pregnancy prototypes and the moderating role of community and family context. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 42: 1884-1897.
- Murry, V., Berkel, C., Simons, R.L., Simons, L.G., Gibbons, F.X. (2013). A twelve-year longitudinal analysis of positive youth development among rural African American males. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 24: 512-525.
- Kogan, S. M., *Cho, J., *Allen, K., *Lei, M., Beach, S.R.H., Gibbons, F.X., & Simons, L.G., Simons, R.L., & Brody, G.H. (2013). Avoidance of adolescent pregnancy among African Americans. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 53: 14-20.

- *Lee, T.K., Wickrama, K.A.S., and Simons, L.G. (2013). Chronic family economic hardship, family processes and progression of mental and physical health problems in adolescence. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 42: 821-836.
- Simons, L.G., Burt, C.H., & *Tambling, R. (2013). Identifying mediators for the influence of family factors on risky sexual behavior. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 22: 460-470.
- Kogan, S., Simons, L.G., Chen, Y. F. Burwell, S.B., & Brody, G. (2013). Protective parenting, relationship power equity, and condom use among rural African Americans in emerging adulthood. *Family Relations*, 62: 341-353.
- Simons, R.L., Simons, L.G., Lei, M.K., Beach, S.R.H., Brody, G.H., & Philibert, R. (2013). Genetic moderation of the impact of parenting on hostility toward romantic partners. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 75: 325-341.
- Wickrama, K.A.S., Simons, L.G., & Baltimore, D. (2012). The intergenerational transmission of socioeconomic adversity: The moderating role of education. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 41: 1472-1487.
- Simons, L.G., Simons, R.L., *Lei, M. K., Fincham, F., & *Hancock, D.L. (2012). Parental warmth amplifies the effect of parental hostility on dating violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 13: 2603-2626.
- *Evans, S. Z., Simons, L.G. & Simons, R.L. (2012). Harsh parenting and adolescent delinquency: Mediating mechanisms. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 41: 1095-1110.
- Simons, L.G., Simons, R.L., *Lei, M.K., *Sutton, T.E. (2012). Exposure to harsh parenting and pornography as explanations for males' sexual coercion and females' sexual victimization. *Violence and Victims*, 3: 378-395.
- Simons, R.L., Simons, L.G., *Lei, M.K., *Landor, A.M. (2012). Relational schemas, romantic relationships and beliefs about marriage among African American adolescents. *Journal of Personal and Social Relationships*, 29: 77-101.
- *Roberts, M., Gibbons, F., Gerrard, M., Weng, C., Murry, V., Simons, L.G., Simons, R.L., Lorenz, F. (2012). From racial discrimination to risky sex: Prospective relations involving parents and peers. *Developmental Psychology*, 48: 89-102.
- *Su, Xiaoli, Simons, R.L., & Simons, L.G., (2011). Interparental conflict and antisocial behavior among African American youth: A simultaneous test of competing explanations. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 40: 1489-1502.
- *Landor, A., Simons, L.G., Simons, R.L., Brody, G.H., & Gibbons, F.X. (2011). The influence of religion on African American adolescents' risky sexual behavior. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 40: 296-309.
- Simons, L.G., *Burt, C.H., & *Peterson, F.R. (2009). The effect of religiosity on risky sexual behaviors among college students. *Deviant Behavior*, 30: 467-485.

- Granberg, E., Simons, L.G., & Simons, R.L. (2009). Body size and self-image among adolescent African American girls: The moderating influence of family socialization. *Youth and Society*, 41: 256-277.
- Simons, L. G. & *Burt, C.H., & Simons, R.L. (2008). A test of explanations for the effect of harsh parenting on the perpetration of dating violence and sexual coercion among college males. *Violence and Victims*, 23: 66-82.
- Simons, L. G., Granberg, E., Chen, Y., Simons, R.L., Conger, R., Brody, G., & Murry, V., (2008). Differences between European Americans and African Americans in the association between child obesity and disrupted parenting. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 39: 589-610.
- Simons, R.L., Simons, L.G., *Chen, Y., Brody, G.H., & Lin, K. (2007). Identifying the psychological factors that mediate the association between parenting practices and adolescent adjustment. *Criminology*, 45: 481-518.
- Simons, L. G. & Conger, R.D. (2007). Linking gender differences in parenting to a typology of family parenting styles and adolescent developmental outcomes. *Journal of Family Issues*, 28: 212-241.
- Simons, R.L., Simons, L.G., *Burt, C., Stewart, E., Gibbons, F.X., & Cutrona, C.E. (2006). Parenting behaviors that moderate the association between racial discrimination and child conduct problems: A longitudinal investigation. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 47: 373-389.
- *Burt, C., Simons, R.L., & Simons, L.G. (2006). A longitudinal test of the general theory of crime's predictions regarding the effects of parenting and the stability of self-control. *Criminology*, 44: 353-396.
- Simons, L. G., *Chen, Y., Simons, R.L., Cutrona C., & Brody, G.H. (2006). Parental behavior and child conduct problems in different types of households: A study of African American families. *Journal of Family Issues*, 27: 777-802.
- Simons, R.L., Simons, L.G., *Burt, C., & Brody, G.H. (2005). Collective efficacy, parenting practices, and delinquency: A longitudinal test of a model integrating community- and family-level processes. *Criminology*, 43: 989-1029.
- Simons, L. G., Simons, R.L., *Lin, K. & Conger, R.D. (2004). Identifying the mechanisms whereby family religiosity influences the probability of adolescent antisocial behavior. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 35: 547-63.
- Simons, L. G., Simons, R. L., Conger, R.D. & Brody, G.H. (2003). Collective socialization and child conduct problems: A multi-level analysis with African Americans. *Youth and Society*, 35: 267-292.
- Simons, R. L., *Lin, K., Gordon, L.C., Brody, G.H., Murry, V.M. & Conger, R.D. (2002). Community differences in the prevalence and consequences of corporal punishment in a sample of African American children. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 64: 331-345.

- Simons, R. L., Stewart, E.A., Gordon, L.C. & Conger, R.D. & Elder, G.H. (2002). Explaining stability and change of antisocial behavior from adolescence to young adulthood. *Criminology*, 40: 401-434.
- Simons, R. L., Wu, C., Lin, K., Gordon, L.C. & Conger, R.D. (2000). A cross-cultural examination of the link between corporal punishment and adolescent antisocial behavior. *Criminology*, 38: 47-79.
- Simons, R. L., Lin, K., Gordon, L.C., Conger, R.D. & Lorenz, F.O. (1999). Explaining the higher incidence of adjustment problems among children of divorce compared to those in two-parent families. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 61: 1020-1033.
- Simons, R. L., Lin, K., & Gordon, L.C. (1998). Socialization in the family of origin and male dating violence: A prospective study. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 60: 467-478.

Book Reviews:

- Simons, L.G. (2014). Book review of *Primordial violence: Spanking children, psychological development, violence and crime* by Murray A. Straus, Emily M. Douglas, and Rose Anne Mederios, New York, NY: Routledge, 2014. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 43: 325-328.

Book Chapters and Contributions to Edited Volumes:

- Simons, L.G. (2014). Delinquency. In L. Ganong & M. Coleman (Eds.), *Social History of the American Family*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Simons, L.G. (2014). Parenting Styles. In L. Ganong & M. Coleman (Eds.), *Social History of the American Family*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Simons, L.G., & *Richardson, E.W. (2014). Individual and family factors associated with risky sexual behavior. In Michalos, A.C. (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life and Well-Being Research*. Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer.
- Simons, L.G. (2013). Parenting adolescents after divorce. In R.E. Emery & J.G. Golson (Eds.), *Cultural Sociology of Divorce*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Simons, R.L., Simons, L.G., & *Hancock, D.L. (2011). Linking family processes and delinquency: Issues, theories and research findings. In D. Bishop and B. Feld (Eds.), *Handbook on Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice* (pp. 175-202). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Simons, L.G. (2010). Child Abuse. In J.K. Wilson (Ed.), *Handbook of Victimology*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.
- Simons, L.G. (2010). Cycle of Violence. In J.K. Wilson (Ed.), *Handbook of Victimology*, Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.
- Simons, L.G. (2009). Families and Crime. In J.M. Miller (Ed.), *21st Century Criminology: A Reference Handbook* (pp. 66-76). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Currently Under Review:

Simons, R., Lei, M., Beach, S., Barr, A. & Simons, L.G., Gibbons, F.X., & Philibert, R. "Discrimination, Segregation, and Chronic Inflammation: Testing the Weathering Explanation for the Poor Health of Black Americans." Revised and resubmitted to *Developmental Psychology*.

Barr, A., Simons, L.G., Beach, S., & Simons, R. "Worried Sick? The Transition to Adulthood and Its Toll on African American Mothers' Health." Revise and resubmit from *American Sociological Review*.

Simons, L.G., Sutton, T.E., Granberg, E., Landor, A. & Bryant, C. "Factors Associated with Dating and Mate Selection among African Americans: Sexual Strategies or Cultural Variation?" Submitted to *Youth & Society*.

Evans, S.Z., Aberhalden, F., Simons, L.G. Simons, R.L. "African American Female Trajectories of Offending from Youth to Young Adulthood." Submitted to *Journal of Developmental and Life Course Criminology*.

Landor, A., & Simons, L.G. "Virgin territory: Prevalence and Predictors of Sexual Inactivity among African American Young Adults." Submitted to *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.

Landor, A., Simons, L.G. & Granberg, E. "Colorizing Self-esteem: An Investigation of a Psychological Mechanism Linking Skin Tone and Sexual Behavior among African American Young Women." Submitted to *Journal of Child and Family Studies*.

Klopach, E.T., Simons, R.L. & Simons, L.G., "Puberty and Girls' Delinquency: A Test of Competing Models Explaining the Relationship between Somatic Development and Delinquent Behavior." Submitted to *Justice Quarterly*.

Sutton, T.E., Simons, L.G., Klopach, E.T., Martin, B. & Simons, R.L., "Racial Discrimination as a Risk Factor for African American Men's Physical Partner Violence: A Longitudinal Test of Mediators and Moderators. Submitted to *Violence Against Women*.

Beach, S.R.H., Simons, R.L., Lei, M.K., Barr, A.B., Simons, L.G. & Philibert, R. "Stress Buffering by Romantic Partners and Offspring for young adult African Americans." Submitted to *Journal of Family Psychology*.

Ray, C., Tyler, K.A., & Simons, L.G. "Risk Factors for Forced, Incapacitated, and Coercive Sexual Victimization among Sexual Minority and Heterosexual Male and Female College Students." Submitted to *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Manuscripts in Preparation:

Simons, L.G., Sutton, T.E., & Tyler, K., "Entitlement and Impulsivity as Linking Mechanisms in the Relationship between Parenting and Partner Infidelity."

Simons, L.G. et al., "Differential Exposure to Various Childhood Adversities and Specificity of Adult Inflammatory Response: Nuancing the Early Life Sensitivity Model."

Simons, L.G., Sutton, T.E. & Hoskins, D. "Preferences in Mate Selection among a Southern College Sample."

Simons, L.G. & T.E. Sutton. "Does Parenting Matter?: Consequences of Parenting during Adolescence on Adult Antisocial Outcomes."

Sutton, T.E. & Simons, L.G. "Family Violence."

Tussey, B., Tyler, K.A. & Simons, L.G. "The Link between Family Violence, Attachment Style, and Dating Violence Perpetration among College Students."

Seberger, J. Simons, L.G. & Simons, R. "Non-Marital Relationship Status, Relationship Quality, and Depressive Symptoms among African American Emerging Adults."

Sponsored Research

- 2016 Co-Investigator, "Psychosocial Context and the Biological Clock: Changes in Weathering during Middle-Age," National Institutes of Health, \$3.25 million
- 2015 Co-Investigator, "Romantic Partner Effects on Biomarkers of Health among African Americans." National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. \$3.65 million.
- 2013 Co-Investigator, "Individual and Family Stressors in Childhood and Adulthood as Predictors of Biomarkers for Health Risk." National Heart, Lung, Blood Institute, \$2.9 million.
- 2009 Co-Investigator, "Community Context and Violence: African American Youths' Transition to Adulthood." Centers for Disease Control, \$1 million.
- 2007 Co-Investigator, "Risk and Resilience among Young Adults in an African American Sample." National Institutes on Mental Health, \$3.6 million.
- 2004 Co-Investigator, "Community Risk and Protective Factors for Youth Violence," Centers for Disease Control, \$1.96 million.

Presentations at National and International Professional Meetings

- 2017 Tara E. Sutton, Leslie Gordon Simons, Britany Martin and Eric Klopick
Linking Adolescent Racial Discrimination and Young Adulthood Partner Violence among African American Men and Women. American Sociological Association, Montreal, QC (August).
- 2017 Ronald L. Simons, Man-Kit Lei and Leslie Gordon Simons
Discrimination, Segregation, and Chronic Inflammation: Linking "Weathering" to the Poor Health of Black Americans. American Sociological Association, Montreal, QC (August).

- 2017 Leslie Gordon Simons
What really happened to the cool kids?: Consequences of pseudomature behavior.
International Conference on Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (January).
- 2016 Leslie Gordon Simons and Tara E. Sutton
The cost of being cool: How adolescent peer crowds map onto adult adjustment.
American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA (November).
- 2016 Tara E. Sutton and Leslie Gordon Simons.
Examining mediators in the association between adolescent racial discrimination and adulthood partner violence among African American young adults.
American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA (November)
- 2016 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons
Economic hardship and biological weathering: The epigenetics of aging.
American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA (August)
- 2016 Sutton, Tara E. and Leslie Gordon Simons
Identifying mediators in the relationship between economic stress and intimate partner violence. American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA (August)
- 2016 Sutton, Tara E., Ashley B. Barr, and Leslie Gordon Simons
Romantic relationship transitions and changes in health among rural young adults.
Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA (April)
- 2015 Tara E. Sutton & Leslie Gordon Simons
Extending the family stress model to aggression in young adult romantic partnerships
National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, British Columbia. (November)
- 2015 Tara E. Sutton & Leslie Gordon Simons
Caregiver conflict as a mediator of caregiver depression and ineffective parenting
American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL (August)
- 2015 Ronald L. Simons, Leslie Gordon Simons & Mankit Lei
Biosocial mechanisms linking neighborhood disorder and depressed mood
International Society for Research on Emotions, Geneva, Switzerland (July)
- 2014 Leslie Gordon Simons, K.A.S. Wickrama & Rand D. Conger
A test of competing explanations for the effect of economic stress on delinquency
American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA (August)
- 2014 Tara Sutton & Leslie Gordon Simons
Deviant peer association: Positive emotionality and social control as protective factors
American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA (August)
- 2014 Leslie Gordon Simons & Tara Sutton
Factors that mediate exposure to violence in the family of origin and dating violence
Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, HI (February)

- 2014 Ronald L. Simons & Leslie Gordon Simons
Mechanisms whereby romantic relationships foster desistance from crime
Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, HI (February)
- 2013 Leslie Gordon Simons
Factors that mediate the intergenerational transmission of aggression
American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA (November)
- 2013 Antoinette Landor & Leslie Gordon Simons
Colorism in families: A case for better understanding the well-being of adolescents
National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX (November)
- 2013 Steven Kogan, Junhan Cho, Leslie Gordon Simons, Ronald Simons, Frederick Gibbons
Pubertal timing and sexual behavior among African American male youth,
National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX (November)
- 2013 Tara E. Sutton & Leslie Gordon Simons
Community-level and individual-level protective factors of deviant peer association
National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX (November)
- 2013 Evin Richardson & Leslie Gordon Simons
Family of origin experiences and male perpetration of sexual coercion
National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX (November)
- 2013 Leslie Gordon Simons
Consequences of physical punishment on adolescents: The importance of context
International Conference on the Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (June)
- 2013 Antoinette Landor & Leslie Gordon Simons
An exploration of parenting, discrimination, and racial socialization.
Society for Research on Child Development, Seattle, WA (April)
- 2012 Antoinette Landor, Leslie Gordon Simons, & Jan Melby
Predictors of health risk outcomes among African American emerging adults
National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix (November)
- 2012 Tara Sutton & Leslie Gordon Simons
The intergenerational transmission of violence: Examining the mediating effects of attachment style and destructive disagreement beliefs. National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix (November)
- 2012 Ronald L. Simons & Leslie Gordon Simons
Psychological traits, routine activities, and activity fields as causes of crime.
International Sociological Association, Buenos Aires, Argentina (August)
- 2012 Donna Hancock & Leslie Gordon Simons
Emerging adults' risky sexual behaviors: Influence of parenting and attachment style.
Society for Research on Adolescence, Vancouver, B.C. (March)

- 2012 Antoinette Landor & Leslie Gordon Simons
No-nonsense parenting and sexual resilience: Mediators in the relationship between cumulative disadvantage and academic outcomes. Society for Research on Adolescence, Vancouver, B.C. (March)
- 2012 Tara Sutton & Leslie Gordon Simons
Exposure to harsh parenting and pornography as explanations for males' sexual coercion and females' sexual victimization. Southeastern Council on Family Relations, Chattanooga, TN (February)
- 2011 Leslie Gordon Simons, R. L. Simons, M-K. Lei, D. Hancock, & F. Fincham
Parental warmth amplifies the negative effects of parental hostility on dating violence. National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL (November)
- 2011 Donna Hancock & Leslie Gordon Simons
Identifying the mechanisms whereby parenting and individual factors influence teen pregnancy. National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL (November)
- 2011 Antoinette Landor & Leslie Gordon Simons
Resilience: Academic success among African Americans despite persistent exposure to adverse life events. National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL (November)
- 2011 Ronald L. Simons, Leslie Gordon Simons & Man-Kit Lei
Social environmental variation, plasticity genes, and antisocial behavior: Evidence for the differential susceptibility hypothesis. National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL (November)
- 2011 K.A.S. Wickrama, Leslie Gordon Simon, & Diana Baltimore
Early economic adversity and young adults socioeconomic attainment: The moderating role of education. American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV (August)
- 2011 Leslie Gordon Simons & Antoinette Landor
The efficacy of virginity pledges and their impact on the risky sexual behaviors of emerging adults in the U.S. European Conference on Pediatrics, Vienna, Austria (June)
- 2011 Antoinette Landor & Leslie Gordon Simons
Examining the sexual health outcomes of virginity pledges. World Congress of Sexual Health, Glasgow, Scotland. (June)
- 2011 Antoinette Landor & Leslie Gordon Simons
Intergenerational transmission of violence: A test of parenting factors affecting intimate partner violence. National Black Graduate Student Association Conference, Columbia, SC (March)
- 2010 Leslie Gordon Simons and Antoinette Landor
Parent-child interactions as a predictor of romantic relationship quality.

- National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN (November).
- 2010 Donna Hancock and Leslie Gordon Simons
Does parental warmth and support influence family violence?
National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN (November)
- 2010 Cathrine Arndt-Jordan, Leslie Gordon Simons, Callie Burt, and Rachel Tambling
Explaining the relationship of family influences on adolescent risky sex.
National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN (November)
- 2010 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons
Genetic plasticity: Differential susceptibility to unjust treatment.
International Society for Justice Research, Banff, AB (August)
- 2010 Ronald L. Simons, Leslie Gordon Simons, and Sara Morris
Anger, self-control, and hostile attribution bias as mediators of the effect of parents' physical and emotion hostility on child conduct problems.
International Conference on Family Violence, Portsmouth, NH (July)
- 2010 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons
A criminogenic perspective rooted in exposure to threat and coercion.
International Conference on the Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (June)
- 2010 Antoinette Landor and Leslie Gordon Simons
Family factors that explain the link between religion and risky sex.
Society for Research on Adolescence, Philadelphia, PA (March)
- 2009 Antoinette Landor and Leslie Gordon Simons
The influence of religiosity on adolescent risky sexual behavior.
National Council on Family Relations, San Francisco, CA (November)
- 2009 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons
Schemas, romantic relationships, and beliefs about marriage among African Americans.
International Conference on the Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (June)
- 2008 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons.
Gender differences in verbal and physical abuse of romantic partners.
American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO (November)
- 2008 Leslie Gordon Simons, Antoinette Landor, and Cathrine Arndt-Jordan
Religiosity, the definition of sex, and number of sexual partners. National Council on Family Relations, Little Rock, AR (November)
- 2008 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons
The effect of exposure to harsh parenting on involvement in intimate partner violence as mediated by cognitive schemas. National Council on Family Relations, Little Rock, AR (November)
- 2008 F. Ryan Peterson, Leslie Gordon Simons, and Rachel Rothermal

- The moderating effect of siblings on the deviant behavior of emerging adults.*
National Council of Family Relations, Little Rock, AR (November)
- 2008 Tyler Sasser-Cook and Leslie Gordon Simons
Determining the effects of parental warmth on the intergeneration transmission of violence. International Conference on Family Violence, Portsmouth, NH (July)
- 2008 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons
The cognitive schemas that mediate the effect of parental behavior on psychological and physical aggression toward dating partners.
International Conference on Sociology, Athens, Greece (May)
- 2007 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons
Mediators of the effect of community and family factors on delinquency.
American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA (November)
- 2007 Leslie Gordon Simons and Callie Harbin Burt
A test of explanations for the association between childhood maltreatment and the perpetration of dating violence and sexual coercion.
American Sociological Association. New York, NY (August)
- 2007 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons
Factors that mediate the association between parenting practices, community context, and delinquency. Turkish Conference on Community and Crime, Istanbul, Turkey (June).
- 2006 Leslie Gordon Simons and Ronald L. Simons
Psychological mediators of the effect of parenting on risk for delinquency.
National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN (November)
- 2006 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons
Explanations for the effect of parenting on risk for delinquency and conduct problems. American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA (November)
- 2006 Leslie Gordon Simons and Ronald L. Simons
Identifying psychological factors that mediate the relationship between parenting practices and delinquency. American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec (August)
- 2006 Leslie Gordon Simons
Variations in quality of parenting and adolescent delinquency by family structure. World Congress on Sociology, Durban, South Africa (July)
- 2005 Ronald L. Simons, Leslie Gordon Simons, and Callie Harbin Burt
Collective efficacy, authoritative parenting, and delinquency: A model integrating community and family-level processes.
American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario (November)

- 2005 L. Michael Johnson, Kyong Hee Chee, and Leslie Gordon Simons
The relationship between exposure to harsh parenting and later participation in dating violence. American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario (November)
- 2005 Leslie Gordon Simons
Parenting practices in different types of households
National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ (November)
- 2005 F. Ryan Peterson and Leslie Gordon Simons
The influence of religion on sexual attitudes and behavior.
National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ (November)
- 2004 Leslie Gordon Simons
The influence of family religiosity on adolescent delinquency in rural African American families. National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL (November).
- 2004 Leslie Gordon Simons, Yi-Fu Chin, and Ellen Granberg
Weight impacts adolescent behavior problems through negative effects on the parent-child relationship. American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA (August).
- 2004 Leslie Gordon Simons
Identifying the mechanisms whereby family religiosity influences the probability of adolescent antisocial behavior: A cross-cultural comparison.
International Conference on the Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (June).
- 2003 Leslie Gordon Simons
The influence of family factors on adolescent risky sexual behavior.
American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO (November).
- 2003 Ronald L. Simons, Leslie Gordon Simons, and Eric A. Stewart
Discrimination and delinquency: A test of strain theory.
American Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA (August).
- 2003 Leslie Gordon Simons, Danielle Larkins, and Daniel Murphy
How family factors influence adolescent sexual behavior.
American Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA (August).
- 2002 Leslie Gordon Simons and Daniel Murphy
Does exposure to corporal punishment predict dating violence and sexual coercion?
American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL (November)
- 2002 Ron Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons
Parental behavior and child conduct problems in by household type.
National Council on Family Relations, Houston, TX (November)
- 2002 Leslie Gordon Simons
Intimate partner violence: Consequence of harsh parenting or antisocial orientation?
International Family Violence Conference, Portsmouth, NH (August)

- 2002 Leslie C. Gordon
Investigating the relationship between harsh parenting and sexual coercion.
Southern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD (April)
- 2001 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie C. Gordon
The role of romantic partners in explaining stability and change in antisocial behavior.
American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA (November)
- 2001 Leslie C. Gordon
Demographic and attitudinal differences between parents and the voluntarily childless.
American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA (August)
- 2001 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie C. Gordon
Community and family factors related to corporal punishment and conduct problems.
International Family Violence Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH (July).
- 2000 Leslie C. Gordon and Ronald L. Simons
Community differences in consequences of spanking for African American children.
American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA (November)
- 2000 Ronald L. Simons and Leslie C. Gordon
Socialization contexts and delinquency.
American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA (November)
- 2000 Leslie C. Gordon
Mother-father differences in parenting styles and adolescent behavior problems.
National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN (November)
- 2000 Leslie C. Gordon
Gender differences in parenting styles and adolescent developmental outcomes.
American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL (August)
- 1999 Leslie C. Gordon
Externalizing and internalizing problems among children of divorce.
National Council on Family Relations, Irvine, CA (November)
- 1999 Leslie C. Gordon
What explains the higher incidence of delinquency among children of divorce?
Society for Research on Child Development, Albuquerque, NM (April)
- 1998 Leslie C. Gordon and Ronald L. Simons
Socialization in the family of origin and male dating violence.
National Council on Family Relations, Milwaukee, WI (November)
- 1998 Leslie C. Gordon and Ronald L. Simons
Investigating the increased risk for conduct problems among children of divorce.
Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA (February)

TEACHING

My teaching interests include undergraduate and graduate courses on family & intimate relationships, adolescent delinquency, family violence, and families & crime. I have taught courses in departments of Sociology, Criminology, and Human Development & Family Studies.

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Sociology
Sociology of the Family
Marriage and Intimacy
Family Violence
Sociology of Parenting
Sociology of the Life Course

Graduate Courses

Sociology of Family
Teaching in Higher Education
Professional Development
Job Market Seminar
Issues in Family Relationships

SERVICE

Discipline

I serve as a reviewer of manuscripts for: *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Criminology*, *Journal of Family Psychology*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, *Journal of Adolescent Research*, *Deviant Behavior*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Youth & Society*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *Journal of Child and Family Studies* and others.

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| 2016 | Chair, Nominating Committee, Section on Crime, Law & Deviance, American Sociological Association |
| 2015 | Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Youth and Adolescence</i> |
| 2011 | Session Organizer and Presider, "Issues of Risk and Resilience among African Americans." Annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL. |
| 2008-2010 | Member, Reuben Hill Award Selection Committee, NCFR |
| 2004 | Session Organizer, "Parenting in African American Families: From Basic Research to Prevention" Annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL |
| 1998- 2009 | Reviewer of proposals for the annual conference of NCFR |
| 1995 | Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society |

University

2012-13 Program Review and Assessment Committee
 2012 University Curriculum Committee
 2005-08 Academic Honesty Board
 2007 University Council
 2005-06 Search Committee for Dean, College of Family & Consumer Sciences
 2004-05 Family Research Group, Institute for Behavioral Research (co-chair)

College

2016- Faculty Senate
 2016- Faculty Affairs Committee (serve as Chair 2017-2018)
 2014-15 Faculty Senate (proxy for Sociology's elected representative)
 2012-13 Search Committee, Associate Dean of Research
 2008-10 Interim Head, Department of Child and Family Development
 2008-10 FACS Executive Committee
 2008-10 FACS Administrative Cabinet
 2007-08 Search Committee, FACS Grants Coordinator
 2006-08 Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee
 2005-06 Faculty Search Committee for Department of Textiles, Merchandising & Interiors
 2004-05 State of the Family in Georgia, *ad hoc* committee
 2004-05 Development of College Promotion and Tenure Criteria, *ad hoc* committee

Department

2016- Graduate Committee
 2015-16 Colloquium Committee, Co-chair
 2015 Faculty Senate Representative
 2013-14 Undergraduate Committee
 2010-2013 Graduate Coordinator
 2010-2013 Graduate Committee, Chair
 2008-10 Graduate Policy and Procedures Committee
 2008-09 Faculty Search Committee (Center for Family Research position)
 2008-09 McPhaul Child Development Lab Faculty Advisory Committee
 2008 Search Committee Chair (HDFS Academic Advisor)
 2008 Faculty Search Committee, Chair (Two lecturer positions)
 2006-2013 Graduate Admissions Committee
 2006 Development of Certified Family Life Educator Curriculum, *ad hoc* committee
 2005-08 Faculty Advisor to HDFS Graduate Student Organization (GSO)
 2004-2005 Faculty Search Committee (Gerontology position)
 2004 Development of Departmental Promotion and Tenure Criteria *ad hoc* committee
 2004 Development of Departmental 5-year Plan *ad hoc* committee
 2003- 08 Comprehensive Examination Committee
 2003- 05 Graduate Policy and Procedures Committee
 2002- 05 Faculty Advisor to the undergraduate Child and Family Development Association
 2002- 04 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

HONORS, AWARDS, and PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

2016	UGA Teaching Academy
2010	College of FACS Nominee, Russell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
2008	College of FACS Nominee, Russell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
2007	College of FACS Nominee, Russell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
2004	Mentoring Fellow, Institute for Behavioral Research Faculty Mentoring Program, UGA
2003	Reuben Hill Award from the National Council on Family Relations
2002	Best Presentation, Southern Sociological Society
1999	Research Excellence Award, Iowa State University

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Association (membership in sections on Family and Crime/Law/Deviance)
American Society of Criminology (membership in section on Developmental/Life Course Criminology)
National Council on Family Relations (membership in Theory & Methods section)