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**Curriculum Vitae**

Doctoral Candidate  
Department of Sociology  
The University of Georgia

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**EDUCATION**

- 2022 (expected)      Ph.D., University of Georgia, Sociology  
Dissertation: *A Test of Competing Pathways to Young Adulthood Violence*  
Committee: Dr. Leslie Gordon Simons (Chair), Dr. Ronald Simons, Dr.  
Jody Clay-Warner, Dr. Man Kit (Karlo) Lei
- 2019                      Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods, University of Georgia
- 2017                      M.A., University of Georgia, Sociology
- 2015                      B.A., Furman University, Sociology

**RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

Crime, Law, & Deviance  
Family, Life Course, & Aging  
Quantitative Methods

**PUBLICATIONS**

- 2020                      **Steele, Megan E.**, Leslie Gordon Simons, Tara E. Sutton, and Frederick X. Gibbons. "Family Context and Adolescent Risky Sexual Behavior: An Examination of the Influence of Family Structure, Family Transitions and Parenting." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*, 49(6), 1179-1194. doi.org/10.1007/s10964-020-01231-z
- 2020                      Simons, Leslie Gordon and **Megan E. Steele**. "The Negative Impact of Economic Hardship on Adolescent Academic Engagement: An Examination Parental Investment and Family Stress Processes." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*, 49(5), 973-990. doi.org/10.1007/s10964-020-01210-4
- 2019                      **Steele, Megan E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. "Intergenerational Transmission." *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Intimate and Family Relationships*. Macmillan Reference USA. ISBN-13: 9780028664644

**Revise & Resubmit**

- 2021                      **Steele, Megan E.**, Tara E. Sutton, Alyssa L. Brown, and Leslie Gordon Simons. "Applying General Strain Theory to Understand Black Women's Intimate Partner Violence & Heavy Alcohol Use." *Feminist Criminology*.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia**  
Criminology  
Fall 2020 – Online, 44 students

Spring 2020 – Hybrid, 43 students  
Fall 2019 – 38 students  
Family Violence  
Spring 2019 – 42 students  
Introduction to Sociology  
Fall 2021 – 88 students  
Fall 2018 – 43 students  
Quantitative Research Methods  
Fall 2020 – Online, 20 students  
Sociology of the Family  
Spring 2018 – 67 students (2 sections)

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia**

Family Violence (Summer 2020, Summer 2019, Summer 2018)  
Introduction to Sociology (Summer 2020, Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Fall 2016)  
Punishment & Society (Spring 2017)  
Research Methods (Fall 2015)  
Sociology of the Family (Fall 2017)  
Sociology of Terrorism (Fall 2017)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2018 – Present      Graduate Research Assistant  
Family and Community Health Study, University of Georgia  
Supervisor/Co-PI: Dr. Leslie Gordon Simons

2014 – 2015      Undergraduate Research Assistant  
Department of Sociology, Furman University  
Supervisor: Dr. Christin L. Munsch

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** \* *cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19.*

2021      Begum, Popy, Kaitlyn Boyle, Lisa Marie Carter, Shelly Clevenger, Cheryl Johnson, and **Megan Steele**. “Guiding Graduate Students to Successfully Navigate Academic Relationships.” American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

2021      **Steele, Megan E.** “Mechanisms in the Cycle of Violence: A Test of Five Theories.” Southern Sociological Society, Virtual Presentation.

2021      Hammond, Lindsey, Monique Corral, Sara Shaw, Gresham Collom, Jude Dizon, Melissa Whatley, **Megan E. Steele**, and Sean Baser. “Higher Education’s Role and Responsibility in Police Training: A Starting Point for Justice-Oriented Change.” American Educational Research Association, Virtual Presentation.

2020      **Steele, Megan E.** “Adolescent Exposure to Violence and Intimate Partner Violence in Young Adulthood: A Test of General Strain Theory.” American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.\*

- 2020 **Steele, Megan E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. “Family Structure and Family Transitions: The Family Processes Underlying African American Adolescents’ Risky Sexual Behavior.” Roundtable: American Sociological Association, Virtual Presentation.
- 2020 **Steele, Megan E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. “Family Economic Stress and African American Adolescent Academic Engagement: Does Family Stress or Family Investment Better Explain the Link?” Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, FL.\*
- 2020 **Steele, Megan E.** “The Intergenerational Transmission of Physical Partner Violence.” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), San Antonio, TX.\*
- 2019 **Steele, Megan E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. “Family Structure & Adolescent Delinquency.” American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- 2018 **Steele, Megan E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. “Is Two Always Better Than One? Disentangling the Effects of Family Structure and Parenting Practices on Adolescent Risky Sexual Behavior.” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 **Steele, Megan E.** “Family Structure & Parenting Behaviors: Predicting Risky Sexual Behavior in African American Adolescents.” Roundtable: Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC.
- 2015 Munsch, Christin L., **Megan E. Steele**, and Christin L. Anthony. “The Stigmatization of Singles: An Experimental Investigation of Bias.” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

#### **AWARDS**

- 2021 Outstanding Teaching Award, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia
- 2021 Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2021 Graduate Student Degree Accelerator Award, Graduate School, University of Georgia
- 2020 Graduate Education Advancement Board Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Georgia
- 2020 Doctoral Summit Scholarship Recipient, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences\*

## **SERVICE**

- 2021– Present      Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Subcommittee Member: Improving the Undergraduate Student Experience, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2020 – Present      Student Affairs and Mentoring Committee Member, Division of Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology
- 2018 – Present      Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2016 – 2017        Graduate Student Forum Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Society, University of Georgia
- 2015 – 2016        Graduate Student Recruitment Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

Ad hoc reviewer of manuscripts for *Feminist Criminology*, *Development and Psychopathology*

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING**

- 2021              Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion, Office of Institutional Diversity, University of Georgia. Courses included:  
                        Countering Unconscious Bias  
                        Diversity at UGA: Beyond the Numbers  
                        Emotional Intelligence & Diversity  
                        Global Dawgs  
                        Best Practices for Accommodating Students & Employees with Disabilities  
                        UGA's Non Discrimination Anti-Harassment Policy & the USG Sexual Misconduct Policy
- 2021, 2015      Social & Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Course, CITI
- 2021, 2015      Social & Behavioral Research, CITI

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

- American Sociological Association  
    Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance  
    Section on Family  
    Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology
- American Society of Criminology  
    Division on Developmental/Life-Course Criminology  
    Division on Women and Crime  
    Division on Victimology
- Southern Sociological Society

## REFERENCES

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