

Tara E. Sutton  
Curriculum Vitae

Doctoral Candidate  
Department of Sociology  
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**Education**

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| 2018 (Ph.D. expected) | Department of Sociology, University of Georgia<br>Dissertation: <i>Intimate Partner Violence as a Consequence of Childhood Economic Hardship: The Mediating Role of Family Processes in a Longitudinal Study of African Americans</i><br>Drs. Leslie Gordon Simons (Chair), Ronald Simons, & K.A.S. Wickrama |
| 2017                  | Quantitative Methods in Family Science Certificate,<br>University of Georgia   |
| 2012                  | Master of Science in Human Development & Family Science,<br>University of Georgia<br>Thesis: <i>The Intergenerational Transmission of Violence: Examining the Mediating Roles of Attachment &amp; Destructive Disagreement Beliefs</i><br>Drs. Leslie Gordon Simons (Chair), Ted Futris, & K.A.S. Wickrama   |
| 2010                  | B.S. in Psychology, University of Georgia<br>Minors: Child and Family Development, English   |

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**Research Interests**

- Crime & Deviance
  - Intimate Partner Violence
  - Sexual Assault
  - Child Abuse
  - Risk Behaviors
  - Mental Illness
- Family Processes & Intimate Relationships
- Advanced Quantitative Methods

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**Teaching Interests**

- Criminology
- Deviance & Social Control
- Gender & Crime
- Sociology of the Family
- Research Methods
- Basic & Advanced Statistical Analysis

## Research Experience

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- 2014-Present Graduate Research Assistant  
Family and Community Health Study, University of Georgia  
Supervisor/Co-PI: Dr. Leslie Gordon Simons  
Responsibilities: Write manuscripts and analyze data using a prospective, longitudinal study of African American families. Train other graduate students in using the FACHS dataset and statistical analysis.
- 2013-2014 Graduate Research Assistant  
Youth Development Lab, University of Georgia  
Supervisor: Dr. Assaf Osrhi  
Responsibilities: Data collection with online surveys. Analysis of data using advanced methodological techniques. Training undergraduate students in data collection and survey methodology.
- 2011-2013 Graduate Research Assistant  
Georgia Personal Responsibility Education Program (GAPREP)  
Cooperative Extension, University of Georgia  
Supervisor: Dr. Ted Futris  
Responsibilities: Train and provide support for facilitators for a relationship education program for adolescents. Analyze data on program effectiveness.

## Teaching Experiences (Instructor of Record)

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- Criminology (45 Students; Mean Teaching Evaluation: 4.4/5) Fall 2016  
Research Methods (15 Students; Mean Teaching Evaluation: 4.7/5) Spr 2016, Spr 2017  
Sociology of the Family (44 Students; Mean Teaching Evaluation: 4.5/5) Fall 2005

## Publications

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- Sutton, Tara E.**, Leslie Gordon Simons, Ronald L. Simons, and Carolyn Cutrona. 2017. "Psychological Distress, Couple Interactions, and Parenting: a Dyadic Analysis of African American Couples." *Journal of Marriage & Family* 79(3):850-864.
- Barr, Ashley B., **Tara E. Sutton**, Leslie Gordon Simons, K.A.S. Wickrama, and Frederick O. Lorenz. 2016. "Romantic Relationship Transitions and Changes in Health among Rural, White Young Adults." *Journal of Family Psychology* 30(7):832-842.
- Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, Ronald L. Simons, Frederick X. Gibbons, and Velma McBride Murry. 2016. "Mechanisms That Link Parenting Practices to Adolescents' Risky Sexual Behavior: A Test of Six Competing Theories." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence* 45(2):255-270.
- Oshri, Assaf, Itai Himelboim, Josephine A. Kwon, **Tara E. Sutton**, and James MacKillop. 2015. "Child Physical and Sexual Abuse and Social Network Patterns on Social Media: Associations with Alcohol Use and Problems among Young Adult Women." *Journal of Studies on Alcohol & Drugs* 76(6):845-851.

**Sutton, Tara E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2015. "Sexual Assault among College Students: Family of Origin Hostility, Attachment, and the Hook-Up Culture as Risks." *Journal of Child & Family Studies* 24(10): 2827-2840.

Oshri, Assaf, **Tara E. Sutton**, Joshua Miller, and Jody Clay-Warner. 2015. "Child Maltreatment Types and Risk Behaviors: Associations with Attachment Style and Emotion Regulation Dimensions." *Personality & Individual Differences* 73: 127-133.

Oshri, Assaf, Elizabeth D. Handley, **Tara E. Sutton**, Sanne Wortel, and Mandi L. Burnette. 2014. "Developmental Trajectories of Substance Use among Sexual Minority Girls: Associations with Sexual Victimization and Sexual Health Risk." *Journal of Adolescent Health* 55(1): 100-106.

**Sutton, Tara E.**, Leslie Gordon Simons, K.A.S. Wickrama, and Ted G. Futris. 2014. "The Intergenerational Transmission of Violence: Examining the Mediating Roles of Insecure Attachment and Destructive Disagreement Beliefs." *Violence & Victims* 29(4): 670-687.

Simons, Leslie Gordon, Ronald L. Simons, Man-Kit Lei, and **Tara E. Sutton**. 2012. "Exposure to Harsh Parenting and Pornography as Explanations for Males' Sexual Coercion and Females' Sexual Victimization." *Violence and Victims* 27(3): 378-395.

### **Under Review**

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**Sutton, Tara E.** Revise & Resubmit. "The Lives of Female Gang Members: A Review of the Literature." *Aggression & Violent Behavior: A Review Journal*.

**Sutton, Tara E.**, Leslie Gordon Simons, Brittany T. Martin, and Eric T. Klopach. "Racial Discrimination and African American Men's Violence Against Women: A test of mediators and moderators." *Violence Against Women*.

Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, Sarah Shannon, & Mark T. Berg. Under Review. "The Cost of Being Cool: How Adolescent Groupings Map onto Adult Criminal and Familial Outcomes." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*.

Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, Antoinette M. Landor, Ashley B. Barr, & Chalandra M. Bryant. Under Review. "The Challenge of Forming Romantic Relationships within the Context of Structural Inequality: Gender Differences in the Dating Experiences of African American Young Adults." *Youth & Society*.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

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**Sutton, Tara E.**, and Leslie Gordon Simons. "Adolescent Sexual Assault is Associated with Advanced Biological Aging."

Simons, Leslie Gordon and **Tara E. Sutton**. "Long-term consequences of parenting styles on adult antisocial behaviors."

Boyle, Kaitlin M., Jennifer Turner, and **Tara E. Sutton**. "Linking Sexual Harassment to Alcohol Use among Graduate and Law Students: A Test of General Strain Theory."

### **Other Works in Progress**

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**Sutton, Tara E.**, and Leslie Gordon Simons. "Family Violence." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology & Criminal Justice*.

### **Presentations**

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**Sutton, Tara E.**, and Leslie Gordon Simons. March 2016. "The Long-Term Impact of Adolescent Minor Delinquency and Popularity on Adulthood Criminal and Family Outcomes." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society.

**Sutton, Tara E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. November 2016. "Examining Mediators in the Association between Adolescent Racial Discrimination and Adulthood Partner Violence among African American Young Adults." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.

Simons, Leslie Gordon and **Tara E. Sutton**. November 2016. "The Cost of Being Cool: How Adolescent Peer Crowds Map onto Adult Adjustment." Paper session accepted for the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.

**Sutton, Tara E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. August 2016. "Extending the Family Stress Model to Aggression in Romantic Partnerships among African American Young Adults." Roundtable session accepted for the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.

**Sutton, Tara E.**, Ashley B. Barr, and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2016. "Romantic Relationship Transitions and Changes in Health among Rural, White Young Adults." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Sutton, Tara E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2015. "Extending the Family Stress Model to Aggression in Young Adult Romantic Partnerships." Paper session presented presentation at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, Canada.

**Sutton Tara E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2015. "Caregiver Conflict as a Mediator of Caregiver Depression and Ineffective Parenting in African-American Families." Roundtable session presented for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

**Sutton, Tara E.**, and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2015. "Sexual Assault among College Students: Family of Origin Hostility, Attachment, and the Hook-Up Culture as Risks." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Sutton, Tara E.,** Assaf Oshri, A., and Joshua Miller. 2014. "Family of Origin Maltreatment, Dimensions of Impulsivity, and Health Risk Behaviors among Older Adolescent College Students." Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, Maryland.

Oshri, Assaf, **Tara E. Sutton,** Joshua Miller, and Jody Clay-Warner. 2014. "Harsh Family Environments and Young Adults' Risk Behaviors: Associations with Attachment Style and Emotion Regulation Dimensions." Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, Maryland.

**Sutton, Tara E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2014. "Deviant Peer Association: Positive Emotionality and Community Social Control as Protective Factors." Roundtable paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.

Simons, Leslie Gordon and **Tara E. Sutton.** 2014. "Identifying Mediators in the Relationship Between Family of Origin Factors and Intimate Partner Violence." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Sutton, Tara E.,** and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2013. "Community-Level and Individual-Level Protective Factors of Deviant Peer Association." Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, Texas.

**Sutton, Tara E.,** and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2012. "The Intergenerational Transmission of Violence: Examining the Mediating Roles of Attachment and Destructive Disagreement Beliefs." Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, Arizona.

### **Professional Membership**

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American Society of Criminology (*Women & Crime; Developmental/Life Course Criminology*)  
American Sociological Association (*Crime, Law, & Deviance; Family; Children & Youth*)  
National Council on Family Relations (*Research & Theory; Feminism & Family Studies*)  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
Southern Sociological Society

## **Awards & Scholarships**

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2017-2018	Dissertation Completion Award (\$15,000), The Graduate School, University of Georgia
2017	Certificate of Excellence, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
2017	Beck Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
2017	Outstanding Teacher Award, Office of the Vice President for Instruction, University of Georgia
2017	Foreign Travel Assistance Award (\$550), Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Georgia
2016	Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$3,500), The Graduate School, University of Georgia
2015	Foreign Travel Assistance Award (\$450), Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Georgia
2013	Jim and Lynda Walters Support Fund
2011, 2012	Mary E. Creswell Research Fund

## **Service to the Discipline**

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2017	Conference Proposal Reviewer, National Council on Family Relations, Research & Theory Section
2017	Ad Hoc Reviewer, Journal of Criminal Justice
2013, 2014	Ad Hoc Reviewer, Violence & Victims
2013	Ad Hoc Reviewer, Journal of Adolescence
2013	Conference Proposal Reviewer, National Council on Family Relations, Research & Theory Section
2012	Student Volunteer, Annual Conference of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations

## **Service to the University**

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2016-2017	Speaker Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Society Speaker: Dr. Robert Sampson, Harvard
2015-2016	Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology
2015-2016	Forum Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Society
2015-2017	Graduate Student Mentor Program, Department of Sociology
2015	Thesis Reader, Center for Undergraduate Research
2012	Session Moderator, Graduate Student Association Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Georgia
2011-2012	Representative to the Graduate Student Association, Department of Human Development & Family Science

## Professional References

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