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Academic Positions

2018-present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Mississippi State University

Education

2018 Ph.D., Department of Sociology
University of Georgia
Dissertation: *Intimate Partner Violence as a Consequence of Childhood Economic Hardship: The Meditating Role of Family Processes in a Longitudinal Study*
Drs. Leslie Gordon Simons (Chair), Ronald Simons, & K.A.S. Wickrama

2017 Quantitative Methods Certificate
University of Georgia

2012 M.S., Human Development & Family Science
University of Georgia
Thesis: *The Intergenerational Transmission of Violence: Examining the Mediating Roles of Attachment & Destructive Disagreement Beliefs*
Drs. Leslie Gordon Simons (Chair), K.A.S. Wickrama & Ted Futris

2010 B.S., Psychology
University of Georgia
Minors: Child and Family Development, English

Research & Teaching Interests

Criminology; Intimate Partner Violence; Sexual Victimization; Child Maltreatment; Victimology; Youth Delinquency & Deviance; Mental Illness; Family Processes & Intimate Relationships; Advanced Quantitative Methods

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Sutton, Tara E., Leslie Gordon Simons, and Kimberly A. Tyler. In Press. "Hooking-Up & Three Forms of Sexual Victimization on Campus: Examining Moderators of Risk." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Available online at <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260519842178>

- Sutton, Tara E.**, Leslie Gordon Simons, Brittany T. Martin, Eric T. Klopach, Frederick X. Gibbons, Steven R.H. Beach, and Ronald L. Simons. 2019. "Racial Discrimination as a Risk Factor for African American Men's Physical Partner Violence: A Longitudinal Test of Mediators and Moderators." *Violence Against Women*. Available online at <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801219830245>
- Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, Antoinette M. Landor, Ashley B. Barr, Chalandra M. Bryant, and Ellen Granberg. 2019. "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*. Available online at <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X19828097>
- Sutton, Tara E.** 2019 "Review of Attachment Theory. Familial Predictors, Continuity and Change, and Intrapersonal and Relational Outcomes." *Marriage & Family Review*, 55(1): 1-22.
- Simons, Ronald L., David Woodring, Leslie Gordon Simons, **Tara E. Sutton**, Man-Kit Lei, Steven R.H. Beach, Ashley B. Barr, and Frederick X. Gibbons. 2018. "Youth Adversities Amplify the Association between adult Stressors and Chronic Inflammation in a Domain Specific Manner: Nuancing the Early Life Sensitivity Model. *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*. Advanced online publication.
- Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, Sarah Shannon, and Mark T. Berg. 2018. "The Cost of Being Cool: How Adolescent Pseudomature Behaviors Map onto Adult Adjustment." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence* 47(5): 1007-1021.
- Sutton, Tara E.** 2017. "The Lives of Female Gang Members" *Aggression & Violent Behavior: A Review Journal* 37:142-152.
- 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.

Futris, Ted G., **Tara E. Sutton**, and Evin W. Richardson. 2013. "An Evaluation of the *Relationship Smarts Plus* Program on Adolescents in Georgia." *Journal of Human Sciences & Extension*, 1(2):1-15.

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.

Book Chapters

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2018. "Family Violence." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology & Criminal Justice*. Available online at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.468>

Under Review

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." Under Review at *Violence & Victims*.

Sutton, Tara E., Leslie Gordon Simons, Ronald L. Simons, K.A.S. Wickrama, and Carolyn Cutrona. "Precursors to the Cycle of Violence in African American & Caucasian Families" Under Review at *Journal of Marriage & Family*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Sutton, Tara E., Leslie Gordon Simons, Ronald L. Simons, and K.A.S. Wickrama. "Explaining the Cycle of Violence in African American Families Using Criminological Theory"

Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, Eric Stewart, and Xiaoli Su. "Long-Term Consequences of Adolescent Parenting Styles on Criminal Behavior among African American Young Adults."

Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, and Kelsey Mattingly. "Linking Overparenting & Hostile Parenting to Infidelity among College Students."

Sutton, Tara E and Leslie Gordon Simons. "Testing a Feminist Pathways Model Among African American Women & Men"

Klopack, Eric T., **Tara E. Sutton.**, Ronald L. Simons, and Leslie Gordon Simons. "'Untangling the Prosocial and Antisocial Effects of Boys' Pubertal Timing: The Importance of Psychosocial Context"

Presentations

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. November 2018. "Hooking-Up & Sexual Victimization among College Women: Examining Moderators of Risk." Paper session to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. November 2018. "Hooking-Up & Sexual Victimization among College Men." Paper session to be presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Birmingham, AL.

Boyle, Kaitlin M., Jennifer Turner, and **Tara E. Sutton.** "Feeling Sexual Harassment and Microaggression in Graduate School: The Role of Negative Emotion in Disordered Drinking." Roundtable session presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. November 2017. "Linking Early Financial Difficulties to Partner Violence Among African American Young Adults." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Sutton, Tara E., Leslie Gordon Simons, Brittany T. Martin, and Eric T. Klopack. August 2017. "Linking Adolescent Racial Discrimination and Young Adulthood Partner Violence Among African American Men & Women." Roundtable session presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada.

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. Greenville, SC.

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. New Orleans, LA.

- Simons, Leslie Gordon and **Tara E. Sutton**. November 2016. "The Cost of Being Cool: How Adolescent Peer Crowds Map onto Adult Adjustment." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA.
- 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 presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA.
- 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, LA.
- 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, MD.
- 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, MD.
- 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, CA.

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, HI.

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, TX.

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, AZ.

Teaching Experiences (Instructor of Record)

Mississippi State University

Spr 2019 Senior Seminar: Family Violence
Fall 2018, Spr 2019 Gender, Crime, & Justice
Fall 2018 Introduction to Social Research

University of Georgia

Fall 2016 Criminology
Spr 2016, Spr 2017 Research Methods
Fall 2015 Sociology of the Family

Research Experience

2014-2018 *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 basic and advanced 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, Cooperative Extension, University of Georgia*
Supervisor: Dr. Ted Futris
Responsibilities: Train and provide support for facilitators offering a relationship education program for at-risk adolescents. Analysis of data on program effectiveness. Manuscript preparation using program evaluation data.

Awards & Scholarships

2017	Graduate Student Paper Award, Division of Women & Crime. American Society of Criminology (with Brittany Martin & Eric Klopack)
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

Professional Membership

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

Service to the Department

Mississippi State University

2019	Invited Speaker, Mississippi State University Department of Sociology Brown Bag Series, <i>Hooking-Up & Sexual Victimization on Campus</i>
2019	Preliminary Examination Committee, Criminology
2018-2019	Department Head Search Committee
2018-2019	Graduate Admission and Support Committee
2018	Invited Speaker, Sociological Student Association, <i>Preparing For & Applying to Graduate School</i>
2018	Observed Graduate Student Teaching

University of Georgia

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
2011-2012	Representative to the Graduate Student Association, Department of Human Development & Family Science

Service to the University

Mississippi State University

Spring 2019 Panelist, Feminist Pedagogy Panel, “#Metoo: #TimesUp for Patriarchal Narratives of Women’s Lives, Work, & Sexuality”

University of Georgia

2015 Thesis Reader, Center for Undergraduate Research

2012 Session Moderator, Graduate Student Association Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Georgia

Service to the Discipline

2019 – present Ad Hoc Reviewer, Social Problems

2018 Chair, Topics in Victimology Section, Mid-South Sociological Conference Annual Conference

2018 – present Ad Hoc Reviewer, Journal of Research on Adolescence

2017 Conference Proposal Reviewer, National Council on Family Relations, Research & Theory Section

2017 – present Ad Hoc Reviewer, Journal of Criminal Justice

2017 – present Ad Hoc Reviewer, Personal Relationships

2013 – present Ad Hoc Reviewer, Violence & Victims

2013 – present 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

Professional References

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