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EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Department of Sociology, The University of Georgia
- 2010 M.A., Department of Sociology, The University of Georgia
- 2001 M.A., Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University
- 1999 L.L.B., Major in Economic and Financial Law, Minor in Sociology, National Taiwan University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Determinants of Health and Aging; Criminology; Community Studies; Family Studies; Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (Structural Equation Modeling; Multilevel Modeling; Propensity Score Modeling; Marginal Structural Modeling; Item Response Modeling; Growth Mixture Modeling; Longitudinal Data Analysis; Dyadic Data Analysis)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022–present *Associate Professor*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2025–present *Co-director*, Center on Biological Embedding of Social Events and Relationships, University of Georgia
- 2018–2022 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2020–2022 *Chair*, Workgroup on Families, Communities, and Health, University of Georgia
- 2014–2018 *Assistant Research Scientist*, Center for Family Research, University of Georgia
- 2015–2018 *Adjunct Faculty*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2012–2013 *Research Statistician*, Center for Family Research, University of Georgia

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2025 *Editor's Choice Article*, The Journals of Gerontology: Series A
- 2022 *Charles B. Knapp Early Career Scholar Award*, University of Georgia
- 2022 *Donal MacNamara Award*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2021 *Inclusive Voices Award* (awarded to team from Family and Community Health Study), American Association for Public Opinion Research
- 2014 *B. O. Williams Award for Dissertation Research*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2013 *Joan Petersilia Outstanding Article Award*, American Society of Criminology
- 2013 *Certificate of Excellence*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2012 *First Prize, Gene Carte Student Paper Award*, American Society of Criminology
- 2012 *The Best Graduate Student Paper Award*, Evolution, Biology & Society Section, American Sociological Association
- 2011 *B. O. Williams Award for Thesis Research*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

GRANT SUPPORT

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1. “Neighborhood Stress and Mental Health: The Protective Role of Couple Relationship Functioning in Rural African American Communities.” *Mental Research Institute*. August 2025–July 2026. Role: Principal Investigator.
2. “Adverse Childhood Experiences and Accelerated Epigenetic Aging in Adulthood: A Longitudinal Investigation of Resilience among Black Populations.” *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*. R49CE003710-01. August 2024–July 2026. Role: Principal Investigator (subaward from the University of Iowa).
3. “Stress, Weathering, and Blood-Based Biomarkers of Alzheimer’s Disease: A Longitudinal Study of Low-Income, Aging African Americans II.” *National Institute on Aging*. R01AG077386-01. May 2025–May 2027. Role: Co-Investigator.
4. “Stress, Weathering, and Blood-Based Biomarkers of Alzheimer’s Disease: A Longitudinal Study of Low-Income, Aging African Americans I.” *National Institute on Aging*. RA1AG077386-01. April 2022–May 2025. Role: Co-Investigator.
5. “Using a Randomized Prevention Trial to Understand the Health Benefits of Supportive Couple Relationships among Rural African American Adults.” *National Institute on Aging*. R01AG059260-06. July 2017–March 2023. Role: Co-Investigator.
6. “Contextual and Health Behavior Effects on Epigenetic Aging among African Americans.” *National Cancer Institute*. R01CA220254-01A1. August 2018–July 2023. Role: Co-Investigator.
7. “Psychosocial Context and the Biological Clock: Changes in Weathering during Middle Age.” *National Institute on Aging*. R01AG055393-03. April 2017–March 2022. Role: Co-Investigator.
8. “Workgroup on Families, Communities, and Health.” *University of Georgia, Office of Research*. February 2019–June 2022. Role: Principal Investigator.
9. “Childhood Stressors and Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Adulthood: A Longitudinal Investigation of Divergent Explanatory Models.” *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*. R49CE003095-01. July 2019–July 2021. Role: Co-Investigator (subaward from the University of Iowa).

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS EDITED AND CO-EDITED:

1. **Lei, M-K.** (Section Editor). (2024). Volume 3: Risk, resilience, and well-being. In Neblett, E. W. & Wendy Gordon (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Adolescence*. Amsterdam, Netherlands: Elsevier Inc. (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/referencework/9780323958202/encyclopedia-of-adolescence>)

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (* indicates author was a student at the time of writing):

Forthcoming

1. **Lei, M.-K.**, Weaver, R. D., Beach, S. R. H., & Mielke, M. M. (in press). Racial discrimination accelerates age-related increases in serum neurofilament light chain among African American women: Examining change from midlife to older adulthood. *The Journals of Gerontology: Series B*.
2. Pinder, D. S.*, & **Lei, M-K.** (in press). Beyond the strong Black woman: The protective role of Black identity centrality against depression in young Black women. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. doi:10.1007/s40615-025-02843-6
3. Weaver, R. D.*, & **Lei, M-K.** (in press). Comorbid diabetes and hypertension in early adulthood predict neurodegeneration in midlife: Insights across racial/ethnic groups using a blood-based biomarker of dementia risk. *Alzheimer's & Dementia: Behavior & Socioeconomics of Aging*.
4. Collins, C.*, **Lei, M-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (in press). Self-esteem, racial identity, and depression in the long-term impact of discrimination on health among Black Americans. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.
5. Hermanowicz, J., & **Lei, M-K.** (in press). Race and measurement of publication productivity using sociology as a case. *Innovative Higher Education*. doi:10.1007/s10755-025-09832-x
6. Simons, R. L., Ong, M. L., **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Lu, Y-W.*, Weaver, R.*, & Mielke, M. M. (in press). Diabetes and hypertension at midlife predict increases in biomarkers of dementia among Black Americans. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. doi:10.1007/s40615-025-02310-2
7. McNulty, T. L., Bellair, P., **Lei, M-K.**, & Henry, A.* (in press). Structural racism and the segregation of violence in ethnoracial neighborhoods. *Justice Quarterly*.

2026

8. Beach, S. R. H., Carter, S. E., Ong, M-L, Lavner, J. A., Kogan, S. M., Ehrlich, K., **Lei, M-K.**, Simons, R. L., Adesogan, O.*, Gibbons, F. X., Gerrard, M., & Philibert, R. A. (2026). Childhood exposure to danger increases Black youths' alcohol consumption, accelerated aging, and cardiac risk as young adults: A test of the incubation hypothesis. *Development and Psychopathology*, 38, 156-171.

2025

9. **Lei, M-K.**, & Weaver, R. D.* (2025). The buffering effect of social support on the link between biologically embedded childhood maltreatment and adult cardiovascular disease. *Social Science & Medicine*, 384, 118530.
10. **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Simons, R. L., & Mielke, M. M. (2025). Cumulative socioeconomic status risk is associated with greater increase in serum neurofilament light chain levels among middle-aged Black adults. *The Journals of Gerontology: Series A*, 80(1), glae253. *Named Editor's Choice by the Journals of Gerontology: Medical Sciences*.
11. **Lei, M-K.**, Ong, M-L., Carter, S. E., Jenkins, A., & Beach, S. R. H. (2025). Relationship enhancement protects against relationship-quality associated weathering among Black adults in romantic partner relationships. *Journal of Family Psychology (APA Journal)*, 39, 592-602.
12. **Lei, M-K.**, Ong, M-L., Simons, R. L., & Beach, S. R. H. (2025). Biological aging and its association

with serum neurofilament light chain levels in middle-aged African Americans: A prospective observational study. *Aging Advances*, 2(1), 1-8.

13. Berg, M. T., Riley, K.*, & **Lei, M-K.** (2025). The heart of the matter: Neighborhood violent crime and deprivation, cardiometabolic disease, and the racial invariance thesis. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 48, 190-204.
14. McNulty, T. L., Bellair, P., & **Lei, M-K** (2025). The neglected role of concentration at the extremes in tests of the racial invariance thesis. *Race and Justice*, 15, 145-168.
15. Berg, M. T., Riley, K.*, **Lei, M-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (2025). Incarceration exposure, biological aging, and depression symptoms in an African American sample of older adults. *Journal of Aging Health*. 37, 395-405.
16. Weber, D. M., Lavner, J. A., Carter, S., Ong, M.-L., **Lei, M.-K.**, Philibert, R., & Beach, S. R. H. (2025). Relationship intervention moderates the association between substance use and biological aging among Black adults. *Health Psychology (APA Journal)*, 44(9), 844–853.
17. Wang, L.*, Xu, H., Simons, R. L., Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M.-K.**, Ong, M. L., Philibert, R. A., Mielke, M. M., Sun, Y., Lu, Y., Chiang, C. W. K., Darst, B. F., & Ye, K. (2025). Association of blood biomarkers of dementia with African ancestry proportion in a longitudinal study of aging African Americans. *Neurology*, 105(5), e213976
18. Beach, S. R. H., Philibert, R. A., Ong, M-L, **Lei, M-K.**, & Ye, K. (2025). Elevated alcohol consumption and chronic inflammation predict cardiovascular risk among Black Americans: Examination of a dual-risk model using epigenetic risk markers. *Epigenomes*. 9(4), 40. doi: 10.3390/epigenomes9040040

2024

19. **Lei, M-K.** & Beach, S. R. H. (2024). Testing whether protective parenting is a causal mediator of intervention effects on decreased delinquency using a randomized prevention trial. *Justice Quarterly*, 41, 870-891.
20. **Lei, M-K.**, Hanus, S. L.*, Simons, L. G., Simons, R. L., & Beach, S. R. H. (2024). Racial discrimination predicts subjective cognitive decline: Perceived relationship support buffers the association. *Social Science & Medicine*, 361, 117341.
21. Batame, M.* & **Lei, M-K.** (2024). Exploring the impact of neighborhood characteristics on crime rates in the United States: A case study of homicide using the multilevel modeling analysis. *Springer Nature Social Science*, 4, 235.
22. Lee, C-C.* , Lu, Y-W.* , & **Lei, M-K.** (2024). Essential steps for latent growth curve modeling in Taiwanese panel study. *Contemporary Educational Research Quarterly*, 32, 73-99.
23. Philibert, R., **Lei, M-K.**, Ong, M-L., & Beach, S. R. H. (2024). Objective assessments of smoking and drinking outperform clinical phenotypes in predicting variance in epigenetic aging. *Genes*, 15, 869. doi: 10.3390/genes15070869
24. Simons, R. L., Ong, M. L., **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Zhang, Y.* , Philibert, R. A., Mielke, M.

M. (2024). Racial discrimination during middle-age predicts higher serum phosphorylated tau and neurofilament light chain levels a decade later: A study of aging Black Americans. *Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*, 20, 3485-3494.

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25. **Lei, M-K.**, Berg, M. T., Simons, R. L., & Beach, S. R. H. (2023). Specifying the psychosocial pathways whereby child and adolescent adversity shape adult health outcomes. *Psychological Medicine*, 53, 6027-6036.
26. **Lei, M-K.** & Beach, S. R. H. (2023). Neighborhood disadvantage is associated with biological aging: intervention-induced enhancement of couple functioning confers resilience. *Family Process*, 62, 818-834.
27. Alinor, M.*, Simons, R. L., & **Lei, M-K.** (2023). Racism Over Time: Experiences from a Panel Study of Black Americans. *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 86, 379-398.
28. Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M-K.**, Lavner, J. A., Adesogan, O.*, Carter, S. E., Barton, A. W. (2023). Strengthening couple functioning promotes resilience to COVID-19-related stressors among Black Americans. *Journal of Family Psychology (APA Journal)*, 37, 497-506.
29. Simons, R. L., Ong, M-L., Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M-K.**, Philibert, R., & Mielke, M. M. (2023). Direct and indirect effects of socioeconomic status and discrimination on subjective cognitive decline: A longitudinal study of African American women. *The Journal of Gerontology: Series B*, 78, 799-808.
30. Hermanowicz, J, & **Lei, M-K.** (2023). Organizational location and propensity for coauthorship in sociology. *Studies in Higher Education*, 48, 630-642.
31. Simons, R. L., Ong, M-L., **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Zhang, Y.*, Philibert, R., & Mielke, M. M. (2023). Changes in loneliness, BDNF, and biological aging predict trajectories in a blood-based epigenetic measure of cortical aging: A study of older Black Americans. *Genes*, 13, 842.

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32. **Lei, M-K.**, Berg, M. T., Simons, R. L., & Beach, S. R. H. (2022). Neighborhood structural disadvantage and biological aging in a sample of black middle age and young adults. *Social Science & Medicine*, 293, 114654.
33. **Lei, M-K.**, Lavner, J. A., Carter, S. E., Adesogan, O.*, & Beach, S. R. H. (2022). Relationship intervention indirectly buffers financial strain's effect on biological aging among Black adults. *Journal of Family Psychology (APA Journal)*, 36, 501-512.
34. **Lei, M-K.**, Gibbons, F. X., Gerrard, M., Beach, S. R. H., Dawes, K. J.*, & Philibert, R. A. (2022). Digital methylation assessments of alcohol and cigarette consumption account for common variance in accelerated epigenetic aging. *Epigenetics: Official Journal of DNA Methylation Society*, 17(13), 1991-2005.
35. **Lei, M-K.**, Brody, G. H., & Beach, S. R. H. (2022). Intervention effects on self-control decreases speed of biological aging mediated by changes in substance use: A longitudinal study of African American youth. *Family Process*, 61, 659-673.

36. Zhang, Y.* , **Lei, M-K.**, Simons, R. L., Beach, S. R. H., Carter, S. E. (2022). Childhood adversity and adult health: A dyadic analysis of Black American couples. *Health Psychology (APA Journal)*, *41*, 923-927.
37. Beach, S. R. H., Ong, M-L., Gibbons, F. X., Gerrard, M., **Lei, M-K.**, Dawes, K.* , & Philibert, R. (2022). Epigenetic and proteomic biomarkers of elevated alcohol use predict epigenetic aging and cell-type variation better than self-report. *Genes*, *13(10)*, 1888.
38. Hanus, S. L.* , Simons, L. G., **Lei, M-K.**, Cobb, R. J., & Simons, R. L. (2022). Romantic relationship status, quality, and depressive symptoms among middle-aged and older Black women. *The Journal of Gerontology: Series B*, *77*, 2126-2136.
39. Beach, S. R. H., Klopach, E., Carter, S. E., Philibert, R., Simons, R. L., Gibbons, F. X., Ong, M-L., Gerrard, M., & **Lei, M-K.** (2022). Do loneliness and per capita income combine to increase the pace of biological aging for Black adults across late middle age? *International Journal of Environment Research and Public Health*, *19*, 13421.
40. Simons, R. L., Ong, M-L., **Lei, M-K.**, Klopach, E.* , Bert, M. T., Philibert, R., Zhang, Y.* , & Beach, S. R. H. (2022). Unstable childhood, adult adversity, and smoking accelerate biological aging among middle-age African Americans: Similar findings for GrimAge and DunedinPoAm. *Journal of Aging and Health*, *34*, 487-498.
41. Beach, S. R. H., Ong, M-L., **Lei, M-K.**, Carter, S. E., Simons, R. L., Gibbons, F. X., & Philibert, R. (2022). Methylation of FKBP5 is associated with accelerated DNA methylation aging and cardiometabolic risk: Replication in young-adult and middle-aged Black Americans. *Epigenetics: Official Journal of DNA Methylation Society*, *17*, 982-1002.
42. Berg, M. T., Rogers, E., Riley, K.* , **Lei, M-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (2022). Incarceration exposure and epigenetic aging in neighborhood context. *Social Science & Medicine*, *310*, 115273.
43. Beach, S. R. H., Gibbons, F. X., Carter, S. E., Ong, M-L., Lavner, J. A., **Lei, M-K.**, Simons, R. L., Gerrard, M., & Philibert, R. A. (2022). Childhood adversity predicts Black young adults' DNA methylation-based accelerated aging: A dual pathway life history model. *Development and Psychopathology*, *34*, 689-703.
44. Simons, R. L., Ong, M-L., **Lei, M-K.**, Klopach, E., Berg, M., Zhang, Y.* , Philibert, R., Gibbons, F., & Beach, S. R. H. (2022). Shifts in lifestyle and socioeconomic circumstances predict change - for better or worse - in speed of epigenetic aging: A study of middle-aged Black women. *Social Science & Medicine*, *307*, 115175.

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45. **Lei, M-K.**, Lavner, J. A., Carter, S. E., Hart, A. R.* , & Beach, S. R. H. (2021). Protective parenting behavior buffers the impact of racial discrimination on depression among Black youth. *Journal of Family Psychology (APA Journal)*, *35(4)*, 457-467.
46. **Lei, M-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (2021). The association between neighborhood disorder and health: Exploring the moderating role of genotype and marriage. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, *18(3)*, 898.

47. **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Simons, R. L., & Ye, K. (2021). The impact of harsh parenting on the development of obesity in adulthood: An examination of epigenetic/gene expression mediators among African American youth. *Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine*, 8, 755458.
48. Berg, M. T., Rogers, E., **Lei, M-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (2021). Losing years doing time: Incarceration exposure and accelerated biological aging among African American adults. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 62(4), 460-476.
49. Simons, R. L., **Lei, M-K.**, Klopach, E.* , Berg, M. T., Zhang, Y.* , & Beach, S. R. H. (2021). (Re)setting epigenetic clocks: An important avenue whereby social conditions become biologically embedded across the life. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 62(3), 436-453.
50. Brody, G. H., Yu, T., Chen, E., Kobor, M., Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M-K.**, ... Miller, G. E. (2021). Risky family climates presage increased cellular aging in young adulthood. *Psychoneuroendocrinology*, 130, 105256.
51. Andersen, A. M., **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., & Philibert, R. A. (2021). Inflammatory biomarker relationships with helper T cell GPR15 expression and cannabis and tobacco smoking. *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, 141, 110326.
52. Bellair, P. E., McNulty, T. L., Roscigno, V. J., & **Lei, M-K.** (2021). Childhood material hardship and externalizing behavior. *Justice Quarterly*, 38, 454-478.
53. Simons, R. L., **Lei, M-K.**, Klopach, E.* , Beach, S. R. H., Gibbons, F. X., & Philibert, R. A. (2021). The effects of social adversity, discrimination, and health risk behaviors on the accelerated aging of African Americans: Further support for the weathering hypothesis. *Social Science & Medicine*, 282, 113169.
54. Simons, R. L., **Lei, M-K.**, Klopach, E.* , Zhang, Y.* , Gibbons, F. X., & Beach, S. R. H. (2021). Racial discrimination, inflammation, and chronic illness among African American women at midlife: Support for the weathering perspective. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 8(2), 339-349.
55. Beach, S. R. H., Ong, M-L., **Lei, M-K.**, Klopach, E.* , Carter, S. E., Simons, R. L., ... Ye, K. (2021). Childhood adversity is linked to adult health among African Americans via adolescent weight gain and effects are genetically moderated. *Development and Psychopathology*, 33(3), 803-820.

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INVITED LECTURE/WORKSHOPS

1. **Lei, M-K.** (2022, April). Invited lecture, Biosocial Approaches to Understanding Health Inequities, Population Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin.
2. **Lei, M-K.** (2021, November). Invited lecture, Medicine, Education, and Development to Low-Income Families Everywhere (MEDLIFE) at the University of Georgia.
3. **Lei, M-K.** (2016, July 20-26). Invited lecture, Workshop on Quantitative Methods and Sociological Research: Multilevel Modeling. Academia Sinica, Taipei.

SELECTED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (* indicates student):

1. **Lei, M-K.** "Cyberbullying Victimization and Depression: The Buffering Effect of Parental Involvement." 2025 International Conference on Survey Methodology, Application, and New Developments, August 2025, Taipei, Taiwan.
2. **Lei, M-K.**, McNulty T. L., Bellair, P. E., & Henry, A. K. "Concentration at the extremes and race/ethnic disparities in neighborhood violence: Evidence from the National Neighborhood Crime Study." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2023, Philadelphia, PA.

3. Riley, K., Berg, M. Y., **Lei, M-K.**, & Simons, R. L. "Total health burden of incarceration for older African American adults." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2023, Philadelphia, PA.
4. Clay-Warner, J., & **Lei, M-K.** "State dependence effects in the continuity of health problems across the life course: The role of negative affect." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2023, Philadelphia, PA.
5. **Lei, M-K.** "Leaving home and binge drinking in early adulthood." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2022, Atlanta, GA.
6. McNulty, T., Bellair, P., & **Lei, M-K.** "The neglected role of concentration at the extremes in tests of the racial invariance thesis." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2022, Atlanta, GA.
7. Hanus, S. L.*, Cobb, R., Simons, L. G., **Lei, M-K.**, & Simons, R. L. "Romantic relationship status, quality, and depressive symptoms among middle-aged and older Black women." Annual meeting of Southern Sociological Society, April 2022, Birmingham, AL.
8. Adesogan, O.*, Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M-K.**, Lavner, J. A., Carter, S. E., & Barton, A. W. "Strengthening couple functioning promotes resilience to COVID-19-related stressors among Black Americans." Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, November 2022, New York, NY.
9. Hart, A. R.*, **Lei, M-K.**, Lavner, J. A., Carter, S. E., & C, S. R. H. "Building family-based resilience to racial discrimination among Black youth: Indirect buffering effects of the ProSAAF intervention on depressive symptoms." Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, November 2022, New York, NY.
10. Lavner, J. A., **Lei, M-K.**, Carter, S. E., Adesogan, O.*, & Beach, S. R. H. "ProSAAF enhances relationship functioning and buffers African American couples from the effects of financial strain on biological aging." Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, November 2022, New York, NY.
11. Rogers, E. M., Bert, M. T., Riley, K *, Simons, R. L., and **Lei, M-K.** "Incarceration exposure and epigenetic aging in the context of neighborhood stressors." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2021, Chicago, IL.
12. **Lei, M-K.** "A Multilevel Structural Resilience Model: When and For Whom do Neighborhoods Really Matter?" Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2020, Washington, D.C. (conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
13. **Lei, M-K.** "Prevention Induced Changes in Parental Communication to Reduce Adolescent Delinquency in Disadvantaged Neighborhood." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2019, San Francisco, CA.
14. **Lei, M-K.** "Childhood adversity among African Americans and Cardiovascular risk: The Buffering effects of parental emotional support." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2018, Atlanta, GA.

15. Simons, R. L., and **Lei, M-K**. "Early Adversity, Speed of Biological Aging, and Chronic Illness: Explaining the Poor Health of Offenders." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2018, Atlanta, GA.
16. Simons, R. L., and **Lei, M-K**. "Discrimination, Segregation, and Chronic Inflammation: Linking "Weathering" to the Poor Health of Black Americans." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2017, Montreal, Canada.
17. Simons, R. L., and **Lei, M-K**. "Economic Hardship and Biological Weathering: The Epigenetics of Aging in a Sample of Black Women." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2016, Seattle, WA.
18. **Lei, M-K**. "Racial Discrimination, Racial Socialization, Gender, and Crime: A Life-Course Approach. Annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, February 2015, Phoenix, AZ.
19. **Lei, M-K**. "Effects of Neighborhood Disorder on Epigenetic Change and Depression among African American Women. Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2014, San Francisco, CA.
20. **Lei, M-K**. "Neighborhood Disorder, Physiological Distress, and Health: The Stress Process Model." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2014, San Francisco, CA.
21. **Lei, M-K**, and Ronald L. Simons. "The Dynamics of Street Code: Examining the Code-Switching Hypothesis." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2013, Atlanta, GA.
22. Burt, C. H., and **Lei, M-K**. "Impulsivity and Sensation Seeking Over Time: Exploring a Dual Systems Model of Offending." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2013, Atlanta, GA.
23. **Lei, M-K**, "Gender, Neighborhoods, and Violent Behavior: A Reexamination of Social Disorganization Theory and a Testing of Street Code." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2012, Chicago, IL.
24. **Lei, M-K**, "Neighborhood Context, Genetic Variations, and Adult Antisocial Behavior. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2012, Denver, CO.
25. Simons, R. L., and **Lei, M-K**. "Social Environmental Variation, Plasticity Genes, and Antisocial Behavior: Evidence for the Differential Susceptibility Hypothesis." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2011, Las Vegas, Nevada.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2019 Spring, 2020 Spring, 2021 Spring, 2022 Spring, 2023 Spring, 2024 Spring,	SOCI 6630: <i>Analysis and Interpretation of Sociological Data II</i>

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2025 Fall SOCI 8200: *Seminar in Sociological Theory and Research (Research Design and Analysis)*
2022 Fall, 2024 Fall SOCI 8620: *Categorical Data Analysis*
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2021 Fall, 2024 Spring SOCI 8640: *Introduction to Multilevel Modeling*

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2017 **Grant Panel Reviewer**, Social Sciences and Population Studies Section B, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health.
2015 **Session Chair**, "Race, Ethnicity, and Criminal Justice Processes." The Annual Meetings of the Western Society of Criminology. Phoenix, AZ.
2014 **Committee**, Joan Petersilia Outstanding Article Award, American Society of Criminology
2013 **Session Chair**, "Structural and Cultural Context and Crime." The Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

2023- present **Member**, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Research Awards Committee, UGA
2022-2024 **Member**, Robert C. Anderson Graduate Student Research Awards, Office of Research, UGA

2022-2024 **Member**, Postdoctoral Research Award, Office of Research, UGA
 2020-2022 **Team Leader**, Workgroup on Families, Communities, and Health, Office of Research, UGA
 2018-2024 **Executive Committee and Core Faculty**, Center on Biological Embedding of Social Events and Relationships, UGA
 2023 **Member**, Data Science + Social Science program committee, Franklin College, UGA

DEPARTMENT

2025-2026 **Member**, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
 2025-2026 **Member**, Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
 2024-2025 **Convener**, UGA Accelerate mentoring program, Faculty Affairs, UGA
 2024-2025 **Member**, Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
 2024-2025 **Member**, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
 2023-2024 **Member**, Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
 2023-2024 **Member**, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
 2021-2023 **Member**, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (DEI), Department of Sociology, UGA
 2021-2023 **Chair**, Supplemental Graduate Training, DEI, Department of Sociology, UGA
 2022-2023 **Member**, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
 2019-2021 **Chair**, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
 2018-2019 **Member**, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
 2012-2013 **Member**, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA

Scientific Journal Editorial Boards and Guest Editor Roles:

Editorial Board, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 2023 – present

Associate Editor, *Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine*, 2021 – present

Ad hoc Journal Reviewer:

<i>Aging</i>	<i>Journal of Asian and African Studies</i>
<i>Alcohol: Clinical and Experimental Research</i>	<i>Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology</i>
<i>American Journal of Preventive Medicine</i>	<i>Journal of Family Psychology</i>
<i>American Journal of Epidemiology</i>	<i>Journal of Health and Social Behavior</i>
<i>American Psychologist</i>	<i>Journals of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences</i>
<i>American Sociological Review</i>	<i>Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences</i>
<i>Annals of Epidemiology</i>	<i>Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency</i>
<i>Biological Psychiatry</i>	<i>Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities</i>
<i>Child Development</i>	<i>Journal of Youth and Adolescence</i>
<i>Children and Youth Services Review</i>	<i>Justice Quarterly</i>
<i>Clinical Psychological Science</i>	<i>Pediatrics</i>
<i>Criminology</i>	<i>Preventing Chronic Disease (CDC Journal)</i>
<i>Development and Psychopathology</i>	<i>Prevention Science</i>
<i>Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences</i>	<i>Psychological Medicine</i>
<i>Ethnicity and Health</i>	<i>Scientific Reports</i>
<i>Family Process</i>	<i>Social Problems</i>
<i>Health Services Research</i>	<i>Social Psychology Quarterly</i>
<i>International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction</i>	<i>Social Science & Medicine</i>
<i>JAMA</i>	<i>Society and Mental Health</i>
<i>JAMA Network</i>	
<i>Journal of Abnormal Psychology</i>	
<i>Journal of Aging and Health</i>	

Book Reviewing:

Reviewer of a book manuscript for *Elsevier Academic Press*

Reviewer of a book manuscript for *SAGE Publishing – Quantitative applications in the Social Science (QASS): The little green books*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academy of Criminal Justice Science

American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Sociological Association

American Society of Criminology

Association of Chinese American Professors

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