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EDUCATION

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- 2013 Ph.D., Department of Sociology, The University of Georgia
 Dissertation: Neighborhood Context and Well-Being: How Much Does Neighborhood Really Matter? (B. O. Williams Award for Dissertation Research)
- 2010 M.A., Department of Sociology, The University of Georgia
 Thesis: Gender, Neighborhoods, and Delinquency: A Reexamination of Social Disorganization Theory (B. O. Williams Award for Thesis Research)
- 2001 M.A., Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University
 Thesis: Bad Parents, Bad Kids? The Linkages of Adolescent Violent Behaviors
- 1999 L.L.B. (J.D. equivalent), Major in Economical 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

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- 2018 – current *Assistant Professor*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia (UGA)
- 2020 – current *Chair*, Workgroup on Families, Communities, and Health, UGA
- 2015 – current *Core Faculty*, Center on Biological Embedding of Social Events and Relationships, UGA
- 2018 – current *Affiliate Faculty*, Owens Institute for Behavioral Research, UGA
- 2018 – current *Affiliate Faculty*, Center for Family Research, UGA
- 2014 – 2018 *Assistant Research Scientist*, Center for Family Research, UGA
- 2015 – 2018 *Adjunct Faculty*, Department of Sociology, UGA
- 2012 – 2013 *Research Statistician*, Center for Family Research, UGA
- 2008 – 2012 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Center for Family Research, UGA
- 2005 – 2008 *Data Analyst and Programmer*, Center for Family Research, UGA

HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 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
- 2020 *Teaming for Interdisciplinary Research Program Award*, Office of Research, University of Georgia
- 2016 *"Most Impactful Article" Designation*, Social Science & Medicine
<http://www.journals.elsevier.com/social-science-and-medicine/social-science-medicine-most-impactful-articles>
- 2014 *B. O. Williams Award for Dissertation Research*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2013 *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. “Workgroup on Families, Communities, and Health.” University of Georgia, Office of Research. February 2019 – June 2022. Total costs: \$3,167. Role: Principal Investigator.
2. “Using a Randomized Prevention Trial to Understand the Health Benefits of Supportive Couple Relationships among Rural African American Adults.” National Institute on Aging. 9R01AG059260-06. July 2017 – March 2023. Total costs: \$3,733,837. Role: Co-Investigator.
3. “Psychosocial Context and the Biological Clock: Changes in Weathering during Middle-Age.” National Institute on Aging. 5R01AG055393-03. April 2017 – March 2022. Total costs: \$3,240,000. Role: Co-Investigator.
4. “Childhood Stressors and Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Adulthood: A Longitudinal Investigation of Divergent Explanatory Models.” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 1R49CE003095-01. July 2019- July 2021. Total costs: \$420,142. Role: Co-Investigator.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS EDITED AND CO-EDITED:

1. **Lei, M-K.** (section editor). Volume 3 on Risk, Resilience and Mental Health. In Neblett, E. W. & Wendy Gordon (editors). *Encyclopedia of Adolescence*. Elsevier Inc. (publication in 2024). I was the section editor, with about 40 entries under my direction.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (* indicates student)

1. **Lei, M-K.**, Lavner, J. A., Carter, S. E., Adesogn, O., & Beach, S. R. H. (Forthcoming). Relationship intervention indirectly buffers economic hardship's effect on biological aging among Black adults. *Journal of Family Psychology*. doi: 10.1037/fam0000926
2. **Lei, M-K.**, Brody, G. H., & Beach, S. R. H. (Forthcoming). 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*. doi: 10.1111/famp.12715
3. Simons, R. L., Ong, M-L., **Lei, M-K.**, Klopach, Eric*, Bert, M. T., Philibert, R., Zhang, Y.*, & Beach, S. R. H. (Forthcoming). 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*. doi: 10.1177/08982643211043668.
4. Beach, S. R. H., Ong, M-L., **Lei, M-K.**, Carter, S. E., Simons, R. L., Gibbons, F. X., & Philibert, R. (Forthcoming). Methylation of FKBP5 is associated with accelerated DNA methylation aging and cardiometabolic risk: Replication in young-adult and middle-aged Black Americans. *Epigenetics*. doi: 10.1080/15592294.2021.1980688
5. 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. (Forthcoming). Childhood adversity predicts black young adults' DNA methylation-based accelerated aging: A dual pathway life history model. *Development and Psychopathology*.

6. **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 and Medicine*, 293, 114654.
7. **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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. **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*, 35(4), 457-467.
11. **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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Bellair, P. E., McNulty, T. L., Roscigno, V. J., & **Lei, M-K.** (2021). Childhood material hardship and externalizing behavior. *Justice Quarterly*, 38, 454–478.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. **Lei, M-K.**, & Beach, S. R. H. (2020). Can we uncouple neighborhood disadvantage and delinquent behaviors? An experimental test of family resilience guided by the social disorganization theory of delinquent behaviors. *Family Process*, 59(4), 1801–1817.

19. **Lei, M-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (2020). A multilevel structural resilience model: When and for whom do neighborhoods really matter? *International Sociological Association eSymposium for Sociology*, 30, 1-12.
20. **Lei, M-K.**, & Klopach, E. T.* (2020). Social and psychological consequences of the COVID-19 outbreak: The experiences of Taiwan and Hong Kong. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*, 12(S1), S35–S37.
21. **Lei, M-K.**, Gibbons, F. X., Simons, R. L., Philibert, R. A., & Beach, S. R. H. (2020). The effect of tobacco smoking differs across indices of DNA methylation-based aging in an African American sample: DNA methylation-based indices of smoking capture these effects. *Genes*, 11(3), 311
22. **Lei, M-K.**, Berg, M. T., Simons, R. L., Simons, L. G., & Beach, S. R. H. (2020). Childhood adversity and cardiovascular disease risk: An appraisal of recall methods with a focus on stress-buffering processes in childhood and adulthood. *Social Science & Medicine*, 246, 112794.
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24. Berg, M. T. †, **Lei, M-K.** †, & Simons, R. L. (2020). Socially demoralizing environments and the development of the street code from childhood to emerging adulthood. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 36(1), 207–233. †equal authorship contribution
25. Berg, M. T., **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R., Simons, R. L., & Simons, L. G. (2020). Childhood adversities as determinants of cardiovascular disease risk and perceived illness burden in adulthood: Comparing retrospective and prospective self-report measures in a longitudinal sample of African Americans. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 49(6), 1292–1308.
26. Andersen, A. M., **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Philibert, R. A., Sinha, S., & Colgan, J. D. (2020). Cigarette and cannabis smoking effects on GPR15+ helper T cell levels in peripheral blood: Relationships with epigenetic biomarkers. *Genes*, 11(2), 149.
27. **Lei, M-K.**, Simons, R. L., Beach, S. R. H., & Philibert, R. A. (2019). Neighborhood disadvantage and biological aging: Using marginal structural models to assess the link Between neighborhood census variables and epigenetic aging. *The Journals of Gerontology: Social Science*, 74(7), e50–e59.
28. Kogan, S. M., Bae, D., **Lei, M-K.**, & Brody, G. H. (2019). Family-centered alcohol use prevention for African American adolescents: A randomized clinical trial. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 87(12), 1085–1092.
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30. Simons, R. L., **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Simons, L. G., Barr, A. B., Gibbons, F. X., & Philibert, R. A. (2019). Testing life course models whereby juvenile and adult adversity Combine to influence speed of biological aging. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 60, 291–308.
31. Simons, R. L., **Lei, M-K.**, Carter, S., Beach, S. R. H., Gibbons, F. X., Gerrard, M., & Philibert, R. A. (2019). Inflammation mediates the effect of discrimination, religiosity, and friendship network on expression of the Tp53 cancer suppressor gene. *SSM - Population Health*, 7, 100389.

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33. Simons, R. L., Woodring, D., Simons, L. G., Sutton, T. E.*, **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., ... Gibbons, F. X. (2019). 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 and Adolescence*, *48*, 1–16.
34. **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., & Simons, R. L. (2018). Biological embedding of neighborhood disadvantage and collective efficacy: Influences on chronic illness via accelerated cardiometabolic age. *Development and Psychopathology*, *30*(5), 1797–1815.
35. Andersen, A. M., **Lei, M-K.**, Philibert, R. A., & Beach, S. R. H. (2018). Methylation of MTHFR moderates the effect of smoking on genomewide methylation among middle age African Americans. *Frontiers in Genetics*, *9*, 622.
36. Simons, R. L., **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Barr, A. B., Simons, L. G., Gibbons, F. X., & Philibert, R. A. (2018). Discrimination, segregation, and chronic inflammation: Testing the weathering explanation for the poor health of Black Americans. *Developmental Psychology*, *54*(10), 1993–2006.
37. Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M. K.**, Simons, R. L., Dogan, M. V., Gibbons, F. X., & Philibert, R. A. (2018). MTHFR regulatory effects on methylation of CG05575921 in response to smoking: Effects are also discernable using MTHFR expression. *American Journal of Medical Genetics Part B: Neuropsychiatric Genetics*, *177*(5), 529–534.
38. **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., & Simons, R. L. (2018). Childhood trauma, pubertal timing, and cardiovascular risk in adulthood. *Health Psychology*, *37*(7), 613–617.
39. Windle, M., Gray, J. C., **Lei, M-K.**, Barton, A. W., Brody, G., Beach, S. R. H., ... Sweet, L. H. (2018). Age sensitive associations of adolescent substance use with amygdalar, ventral striatum, and frontal volumes in young adulthood. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, *186*, 94–101.
40. Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M-K.**, Brody, G. H., & Philibert, R. A. (2018). Prevention of early substance use mediates, and variation at SLC6A4 moderates, SAAF intervention effects on OXTR methylation. *Prevention Science*, *19*(1), 90–100.
41. Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M-K.**, Simons, R. L., Barr, A. B., Simons, L. G., Ehrlich, K., ... Philibert, R. A. (2017). When inflammation and depression go together: The longitudinal effects of parent–child relationships. *Development and Psychopathology*, *29*(5), 1969–1986.
42. Burt, C. H., **Lei, M-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (2017). Racial discrimination, racial socialization, and crime over time: A social schematic theory model. *Criminology*, *55*, 938–979.
43. Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M-K.**, Ong, M. L., Brody, G. H., Dogan, M. V., & Philibert, R. A. (2017). MTHFR methylation moderates the impact of smoking on DNA methylation at AHRH for African American young adults. *American Journal of Medical Genetics Part B: Neuropsychiatric Genetics*, *174*(6), 608–618.
44. Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M-K.**, Brody, G. H., Miller, G. E., Chen, E., Mandara, J., & Philibert, R. A.

- (2017). Smoking in young adulthood among African Americans: Interconnected effects of supportive parenting in early adolescence, proinflammatory epitype, and young adult stress. *Development and Psychopathology*, 29(3), 957–969.
45. **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Dogan, M. V., & Philibert, R. A. (2017). A pilot investigation of the impact of smoking cessation on biological age. *The American Journal on Addictions*, 26(2), 129–135.
 46. Simons, R. L., **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Barr, A. B., Cutrona, C. E., Gibbons, F. X., & Philibert, R. A. (2017). An index of the ratio of inflammatory to antiviral cell types mediates the effects of social adversity and age on chronic illness. *Social Science & Medicine*, 185, 158–165.
 47. Simons, R. L., **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Cutrona, C. E., & Philibert, R. A. (2017). Methylation of the oxytocin receptor gene mediates the effect of adversity on negative schemas and depression. *Development and Psychopathology*, 29(3), 725–736.
 48. Burt, C. H., **Lei, M-K.**, & Simons, R. L. (2017). Racial discrimination, racial socialization, and crime: Understanding mechanisms of resilience. *Social Problems*, 64(3), 414–438.
 49. Berg, M. T., Burt, C. H., **Lei, M-K.**, Gordon Simons, L., Stewart, E. A., & Simons, R. (2016). Neighborhood social processes and adolescent sexual partnering: A multilevel appraisal of Anderson’s player hypothesis. *Social Forces*, 94(4), 1823–1846.
 50. Beach, S. R. H., Barton, A. W., **Lei, M-K.**, Mandara, J., Wells, A. C., Kogan, S. M., & Brody, G. H. (2016). Decreasing substance use risk among African American youth: Parent-based mechanisms of change. *Prevention Science*, 17(5), 572–583.
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 52. Dogan, M. V., **Lei, M-K.**, Beach, S. R. H., Brody, G. H., & Philibert, R. A. (2016). Alcohol and tobacco consumption alter hypothalamic pituitary adrenal axis DNA methylation. *Psychoneuroendocrinology*, 66, 176–184.
 53. Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M-K.**, Brody, G. H., Kim, S., Barton, A. W., Dogan, M. V., & Philibert, R. A. (2016). Parenting, socioeconomic status risk, and later young adult health: Exploration of opposing indirect effects via DNA methylation. *Child Development*, 87(1), 111–121.
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62. Beach, S. R. H., **Lei, M-K.**, Brody, G. H., Dogan, M. V., & Philibert, R. A. (2015). Higher levels of protective parenting are associated with better young adult health: exploration of mediation through epigenetic influences on pro-inflammatory processes. *Frontiers in Psychology*, *6*, 676.
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buffering effects. *Child Development*, 85(3), 989–1002.

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INVITED WORKSHOPS

1. **Lei, M-K.** (2021, November). Invited lecture, Medicine, Education, and Development to Low-Income Families Everywhere (MEDLIFE) at the University of Georgia.
2. **Lei, M-K.** (2016, July 20-26). Invited lecture, Workshop on Quantitative Methods and Sociological Research: Multilevel Modeling. Academia Sinica, Taipei.

SELECTED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

1. Rogers, Ethan M., Mark T. Bert, Kendall Riley*, Ronald L. Simons, and **Man-Kit Lei**. Incarceration exposure and epigenetic aging in the context of neighborhood stressors. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2021, Chicago, IL.
2. **Lei, Man-Kit**. 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)
3. **Lei, Man-Kit**. "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.
4. **Lei, Man-Kit**. "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.
5. Simons, Ronald L., and **Man-Kit Lei**. "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.
6. Simons, Ronald L., and **Man-Kit Lei**. "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.
7. **Lei, Man-Kit**. "Leaving Home and Binge Drinking: An Application of Marginal Structural Modeling." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2016, New Orleans, LA.
8. Simons, Ronald L., and **Man-Kit Lei**. "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.
9. **Lei, Man-Kit**. "Racial Discrimination, Racial Socialization, Gender, and Crime: A Life-Course Approach." Annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, February 2015, Phoenix, AZ.
10. **Lei, Man-Kit**. "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.
11. **Lei, Man-Kit**. "Neighborhood Disorder, Physiological Distress, and Health: The Stress Process Model." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2014, San Francisco, CA.
12. **Lei, Man-Kit**, 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.
13. Burt, Callie H., and **Man-Kit Lei**. "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.
14. **Lei, Man-Kit**, "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.

15. **Lei, Man-Kit**, “Neighborhood Context, Genetic Variations, and Adult Antisocial Behavior. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2012, Denver, CO.
16. Simons, Ronald L., and **Man-Kit Lei**. “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

INSTRUCTOR

2021 Fall	SOCI 8640: <i>Introduction to Multilevel Modeling</i>
2021 Spring	SOCI 6630: <i>Analysis and Interpretation of Sociological Data II</i>
2020 Fall	SOCI 3580: <i>Research Methods in Sociology</i>
2020 Spring	SOCI 6630: <i>Analysis and Interpretation of Sociological Data II</i>
2019 Fall	SOCI 8630: <i>Empirical Model-Building in Social Research</i>
2019 Spring	SOCI 6630: <i>Analysis and Interpretation of Sociological Data II</i>
2018 Fall	SOCI 6620: <i>Analysis and Interpretation of Sociological Data II</i>

STUDENT ADVISING

Ph.D. Committees (date of degree)

David Woodring (2019)
 Megan Steele (in progress)
 Alyssa Brown (in progress)
 Yue Zhang (in progress)

M.A. Committees (date of degree)

Rena Pulfer (2017)
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 Stephanie Hanus (2021)
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

NATIONAL

2018-	Grant Proposal Reviewer , Injury Prevention Research Center, University of Iowa
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

2020-	Team Leader , Workgroup on Families, Communities, and Health, Office of Research, UGA
2018-	Executive Committee and Core Faculty , Center on Biological Embedding of Social Events and Relationships, UGA

2021-2022 **Chair**, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
2021-2022 **Member**, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
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2019-2020 **Chair**, Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, UGA
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Scientific Journal Editorial Boards and Guest Editor Roles:

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

Editorial Board, *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 2020-present

Guest Editor of the Special Issue of *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* on “Life and Health of the Elderly” (2021- present)

Ad hoc Journal Reviewer:

Aging; American Journal of Prevention Medicine; American Psychologist; American Sociological Review; Annals of Epidemiology; BMJ open; Child Development; Children and Youth Services Review; Clinical Psychological Science; Development and Psychopathology; Family Process; Formosa Journal of Mental Health; Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology; Frontiers in Psychology; Health Services Research; JAMA Network; Journal of Abnormal Psychology; Journal of Asian and African Studies; Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology; Journal of Family Psychology; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Journals of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences; Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences; Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency; Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities; Journal of Youth and Adolescence; Justice Quarterly; Pediatrics; Preventing Chronic Disease (CDC Journal); Prevention Science; Scientific Reports; Social Problems; Social Psychology Quarterly; Social Science & Medicine; Spanish Journal of Psychology; SSM-Population Health; Survey Research-Method and Application; Violence and Victims

Book Reviewing:

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