

**MEGAN E. STEELE**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

Doctoral Candidate  
Department of Sociology  
The University of Georgia

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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Sociology, University of Georgia, Expected 2021  
Committee: Drs. Leslie Gordon Simons (Chair), Ronald Simons, & Man Kit (Karlo) Lei
  
- M.A. Sociology, University of Georgia, 2017  
Thesis: "Is Two Always Better Than One? Exploring Differences in Risky Sexual Behavior Among African American Adolescents by Family Structure & Parenting Behaviors"  
Committee: Drs. Leslie Gordon Simons (Chair), Ronald Simons, & Kandauda K.A.S. Wickrama
  
- B.A. Sociology, Furman University, 2015

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Crime & Deviance  
Intimate Partner Violence  
Delinquency & Risk Behaviors in Adolescence & Emerging Adulthood  
Family, Life Course, Aging  
Intergenerational Transmission  
Family Processes  
Intimate Relationships  
Advanced Quantitative Methods

**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

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Instructor of Record, University of Georgia, Department of Sociology**  
Criminology  
Family Violence  
Introduction to Sociology  
Sociology of the Family

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

Family Violence

Sociology of the Family

Criminal Punishment & Society

Sociology of Terrorism

Introduction to Sociology

The Logic and Practice of Sociological Research

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

**Steele, Megan E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2019. "*Intergenerational Transmission.*" Macmillan Encyclopedia of Intimate and Family Relationships. Macmillan Reference USA.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

**Steele, Megan E.,** Leslie Gordon Simons, Ronald L. Simons, and Frederick X. Gibbons. "Understanding the Relationship Between Family Structure and African American Adolescents' Risky Sexual Behavior."

Simons, Leslie Gordon, and **Megan E. Steele.** "Testing Family Stress and Family Investment Explanations for Academic Problems Among African American Adolescents."

**Steele, Megan E.,** and Leslie Gordon Simons. "The Price of Popularity: Girls' Engagement in Early Pseudomature Behaviors & Outcomes in Young Adulthood."

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Steele, Megan E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2019. "Family Structure & Adolescent Delinquency." To be presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

**Steele, Megan E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2018. "Is Two Always Better Than One? Disentangling the Effects of Family Structure and Parenting Practices on Adolescent Risky Sexual Behavior." Paper session, presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

**Steele, Megan E.,** 2017. "Family Structure & Parenting Behaviors: Predicting Risky Sexual Behavior in African American Adolescents." Roundtable session presented for presentation the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC.

Munsch, Christin L., **Megan E. Steele,** and Christin L. Anthony. 2015. "The Stigmatization of Singles: An Experimental Investigation of Bias." Paper session, presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

American Society of Criminology

Division on Developmental/Life-Course Criminology

Division on Women and Crime

American Sociological Association  
Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance  
Section on Family  
Section on Children and Youth  
Southern Sociological Society

### **SERVICE**

2018 - Present Graduate Student Mentor  
Department of Sociology, University of Georgia  
2017 Graduate Student Forum Chair  
Sociology Graduate Student Society, University of Georgia  
2016 Graduate Student Recruitment Committee Member  
Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

### **REFERENCES**

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