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EDUCATION

2021 (expected) Ph.D., University of Georgia, Sociology
2016 M.A., University of Georgia, Sociology
2013 B.A., University of Alabama, American Studies

2018 Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods in Social Science

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Determinants of Health
Etiology of Delinquency and Deviant Behavior
Intersection between Criminal Offending and Health Outcomes
Social Influences on Biological Outcomes
Higher-order Statistical Modeling for Longitudinal Research

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

- Beach, Steven R. H., Mei Ling Ong, Man-Kit Lei, **Eric T. Klopack**, Sierra Carter, Ronald L. Simons, Frederick X. Gibbons, Justin A. Lavner, Robert A. Philibert, & Kaixiong Ye. 2020. "Childhood Adversity is Linked to Adult Health Among African Americans via Adolescent Weight Gain and Effects are Genetically Moderated." *Development and Psychopathology* Advance online publication:1-18. doi:10.1017/S0954579420000061.
- Klopack, Eric T.**, Ronald L. Simons, and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2020. "Puberty and Girls' Delinquency: A Test of Competing Models Explaining the Relationship between Pubertal Development and Delinquent Behavior." *Justice Quarterly* 37(1):25-52. doi: 10.1080/07418825.2018.1472291.
- Klopack, Eric T.** and Kandauda A. S. Wickrama. 2020. "Modeling Latent Change Score Analysis and Extensions in Mplus: A Practical Guide for Researchers." *Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal* 27(1):97-110. doi: 10.1080/10705511.2018.1562929.
- Stocker, Clare, Megan Gilligan, **Eric T. Klopack**, Katherine J. Conger, Richard P. Lanthier, Tricia Neppl, Catherine Walker O'Neal and Kandauda A.S. Wickrama. 2020. "Sibling Relationships in Older Adulthood: Links with Loneliness and Well-being." *Journal of Family Psychology* 34(2):175-185. doi:10.1037/fam0000586.

- Sutton, Tara E., Leslie Gordon Simons, Brittany T. Martin, **Eric T. Klopack**, Frederick X. Gibbons, Steven R. H. Beach and Ronald L. Simons. 2020. "Racial Discrimination as a Risk Factor for African American Men's Physical Partner Violence: A Longitudinal Test of Mediators and Moderators." *Violence Against Women* 26(2): 164-190. doi: 10.1177/1077801219830245.
- Wickrama Kandauda A. S., **Eric T. Klopack**, and Catherine Walker O'Neal. 2020. "Husbands' and Wives' Stressful Work, Couple BMI Dynamics, and Later-life Physical Health." *Stress and Health* Advance online publication. doi: 10.1002/smi.2952
- Wickrama, Kandauda A. S., **Eric T. Klopack**, Catherine Walker O'Neal, Tricia Neppl. 2020. "Patterning of Midlife Marital Trajectories in Enduring Marriages in a Dyadic Context: Physical and Mental Health Outcomes in Later Years." *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships* 37(5):1472-1493. doi: 10.1177/0265407519899726.
- Wickrama, Kandauda A. S., Catherine Walker O'Neal, and **Eric T. Klopack**. 2019. "Couple-level Stress Proliferation and Husbands' and Wives' Distress Over the Life Course." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 82(3):1041-1055. doi:10.1111/jomf.12644.
- Wickrama, Kandauda A. S., Catherine W. O'Neal, **Eric T. Klopack**, and Tricia Neppl. 2020. "Life Course Trajectories of Negative and Positive Marital Experiences and Loneliness in Later Years: Exploring Differential Associations." *Family Process* 59(1):142-157. doi: 10.1111/famp.12410
- Klopack, Eric T.**, Tara E. Sutton, Ronald L. Simons, and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2019. "Untangling the Prosocial and Antisocial Effects of Boys' Pubertal Timing: The Importance of Psychosocial Context." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* Advance online publication:1-13. doi:10.1007/s10964-019-01141-9.
- Ong, Mei Ling, George Englehard, **Eric T. Klopack**, and Ronald L. Simons. 2019. "Evaluating Observer Ratings: The Case of Measuring Neighborhood Disorder." *Journal of Applied Measurement* 20(4):405-425.
- Wickrama, Kandauda A. S., **Eric T. Klopack**, Catherine W. O'Neal, Steven R. H. Beach, Tricia Neppl, Frederick O. Lorenz and Dayoung Bae. 2019. "Life Course Patterns of Concurrent Trajectories of BMI and Affective Symptoms of Rural Mothers: Socioeconomic Antecedents and Disease Outcomes in Later Life." *Journals of Gerontology, Series B* 74(7):1233-1244. doi:10.1093/geronb/gbx121.
- Wickrama, Kandauda A. S., Seonhwa Lee, **Eric T. Klopack**, and Thulitha Wickrama. 2019. "Stressful Work Conditions, Positive Affect, and Physical Health of Middle-Aged Couples: A Dyadic Analysis." *Stress and Health* 35(4):382-395. doi: 10.1002/smi.2866.
- King, Victoria, K. A. S. Wickrama, **Eric T. Klopack** and Frederick O. Lorenz. 2018. "The Influence of Mastery on Mother's Health in Middle Years: Moderating Role of Stressful Life Context." *Stress and Health* 34(4):552-562. doi: 10.1002/smi.2816.

Revise and Resubmit

Wickrama Kandauda A. S., **Eric T. Klopack**, and Catherine Walker O'Neal. Revise and Resubmit. "How Midlife Chronic Stress Combines with Stressful Life Events to Influence Later Life Mental and Physical Health for Husbands and Wives in Enduring Marriages." *Journal of Aging and Health*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Klopack, Eric T., Ronald L. Simons, Steven R. H. Beach, and Man Kit Lei. "Childhood Adversity, Social Cognitive Schemas, and Health."

Klopack, Eric T. and Ronald L. Simons. "Crime and Health Across the Life Course: A Domain Specific Examination"

Klopack, Eric T., Kandauda A. S. Wickrama, and Ronald L. Simons. "Life Course Trajectories of Chronic Strain Acute Stress Reactivity: Evidence for the Stealing Hypothesis"

Klopack, Eric T., Kandauda A. S. Wickrama, and Ronald L. Simons. "Social Causation Versus Social Selection: Assessing the Direction of Effect between Financial Strain and Physical Health"

Klopack, Eric T., Kandauda A. S. Wickrama, Catherine Walker O'Neal, Ronald L. Simons, Tricia Neppel, and Frederick O. Lorenz. "Life Course Models of Financial Strain, BMI, and Cardiovascular Disease: Exploring Stability, Mobility, and Interactions using Survival Growth Mixture Analysis."

Other Publications

Lei, Man-Kit and **Eric T. Klopack**. Forthcoming. "Social and Psychological Consequences of the COVID-19 Outbreak: The Experiences of Taiwan and Hong Kong." *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*.

Simons, Ronald L. and **Eric T. Klopack**. 2014. "Invited Address: 'The Times They Are a-Changin'" Gene Expression, Neuroplasticity, and Developmental Research." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 44(3):573-80.

PRESENTATIONS

Klopack, Eric T. and Ronald L. Simons. 2019. "Examining Crime Across the Life Course and Health: A Domain Specific Examination" Paper to be presented at the 76th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, canceled due to COVID 19, Washington, DC.

- Klopack, Eric T.** and Ronald L. Simons. 2019. "Childhood Adversity, Social Cognitive Schemas, and Health" Paper to be presented at the 115th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, canceled due to COVID 19, San Francisco, CA.
- Klopack, Eric T.** and Kandauda A. S. Wickrama. 2019. "Assessing Turning Points in Delinquency Using Piecewise Growth Mixture Modeling" Paper presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 14, 2019, San Francisco, CA.
- Klopack, Eric T.,** Kandauda A. S. Wickrama, Catherine W. O'Neal, and Rand D. Conger. 2019. "Financial Strain Trajectories Over Middle Years and Timing of Cardiovascular Diseases for Wives in Enduring Marriages: A Growth Mixture Survival Analysis" Paper presented at the 2019 National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, November 22, 2019, Fort Worth, TX.
- Wickrama, Kandauda A. S., **Eric T. Klopack,** Catherine W. O'Neal, Tae K. Lee, and Tricia Neppel. 2019. "Patterning of midlife marital trajectories in enduring marriages in dyadic context: Physical and mental health outcomes in later life" Paper to be presented at the 2019 National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, November 22, 2019, Fort Worth, TX.
- Klopack, Eric T.,** Kandauda A. S. Wickrama, and Ronald L. Simons. 2019. "Financial Strain and Physical Health across the Life Course: Assessing Direction of Effect" Paper to be presented at the 114th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 12, 2019, New York, NY.
- Klopack, Eric T.** and Ronald L. Simons. 2019. "Untangling the Prosocial and Antisocial Effects of Boys' Pubertal Timing: The Importance of Psychosocial Context" Paper to be presented at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 12, 2019 Atlanta, GA.
- Klopack, Eric T.** and Ronald L. Simons. 2018. "Long-term Health Consequences of Persistent Delinquency: Exploring Mechanisms" Paper presented at the 74th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 16, 2018, Atlanta, GA.
- Stocker, Clare, Megan Gilligan, Richard P. Lanthier, **Eric T. Klopack,** Kandauda A. S. Wickrama, Katherine J. Conger. 2018. "Sibling Relationships in Later Life: Associations with Well-Being." Poster presented at the 2018 National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, November 8, 2018, San Diego, CA.
- Klopack, Eric T.** and Kandauda A. S. Wickrama. 2018. "Dynamic Models of Stability and Change for Developmental and Life Course Sociology" Paper presented at the 113th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 13, 2018, Philadelphia, PA.
- Klopack, Eric T.** and Ronald L. Simons. 2017. "Explaining the Link Between Boys' Early Puberty and Delinquency: A Test of Three Competing Mechanisms" Paper presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 17, 2017, Philadelphia, PA.

Klopck, Eric T. and Kandauda A. S. Wickrama. 2017. "Understanding the Intersection of Illness, BMI, and Financial Strain Using Growth Mixture Modeling" Paper presented at the 112th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 15, 2017, Montréal, QC, Canada.

Klopck, Eric T. and Kandauda A. S. Wickrama. 2017. "Evaluating the Effects of Financial Strain Trajectories on Cardiovascular Disease Onset: A Person-Centric Approach" Paper presented at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 1, 2017, Greenville, SC.

Klopck, Eric T. and Ronald L. Simons. 2016. " Puberty and Girls' Criminal Behavior: Exploring the Relationship between Somatic Development and Crime." Paper presented at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 19, 2016, New Orleans, LA.

Klopck, Eric T. and Ronald L. Simons. 2016. "Pubertal Timing and Criminal Behavior: Integrating Life History Theory with Traditional Criminological Perspectives." Paper presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 14, 2016, Atlanta, GA.

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2019 | Outstanding Student Contribution Award: American Society of Criminology: Division of Life Course Criminology. Klopck, Eric T. , Ronald L. Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons. "Puberty and Girls' Delinquency: A Test of Competing Models Explaining the Relationship between Pubertal Development and Delinquent Behavior." |
| 2019 | Certificate of Excellence: University of Georgia Department of Sociology |
| 2017 | Bo Williams Award for Outstanding Performance as a Graduate Student (MA): University of Georgia Department of Sociology |
| 2017 | Best Student Paper Award: American Society of Criminology: Division of Women and Crime. Tara E. Sutton, Brittany T. Martin, and Eric T. Klopck . "Racial Discrimination as a Risk Factor for African American Men's Violence Against Women: A Longitudinal Test of Mediators and Moderators" |

RESEARCH SUPPORT

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| 2020 | University of Georgia Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant - \$575 |
| 2019 | University of Georgia Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship - \$3,500 |

2019-2021 Principal Investigator, "Identifying the Epigenetic Signatures of Racial Discrimination and Social Support." F-31 Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award. National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities - \$107,998 (not funded)

SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Proficient with STATA, Mplus, SPSS, Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Suite
Experience with SAS, R, HLM, SQL, AMOS, QGIS, Python

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fall 2014-present RA for the Family and Community Health Study
RA under the direction of Dr. Ronald L. Simons, assisted in the development of measures, statistical analyses, and preparation of manuscripts for the FACHS project

Fall 2016-present RA for the Later Adulthood Study
RA under the direction of Dr. Kandauda A. S. Wickrama, assisted in data management, development of measures, statistical analyses, and preparation of manuscripts for the LAS project

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Instructor of Record

Medical Sociology, Research Methods in Sociology, Social Control

As a Teaching Assistant

Criminology, Deviance, The Family, Sociological Theory

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Discipline

Ad hoc reviewer of manuscripts for the *Journal of Aging and Health*, *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, *Social Problems*.

2019 Early Career Award Committee, American Society of Criminology: Division of Biopsychosocial Criminology

Department

2014-2015 Graduate Student Recruitment Committee
2015-2016 Sociology Graduate Student Society, Featured Speaker Chair
2016-2017 Sociology Graduate Student Society, President-Elect
2017-2018 Sociology Graduate Student Society, President

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology (Developmental and Life-Course Criminology;
Biopsychosocial Criminology)

American Sociological Association (Crime, Law, and Deviance; Evolution, Biology, and
Society; Medical Sociology)

Population Association of America

Southern Sociological Society

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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