

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

RESEARCH INTERESTS OF GRADUATE FACULTY

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Kazuko Y. Behrens, Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley, 2005

Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Attachment and culture, parent-child relationships. Intergenerational transmission of attachment: how individuals' childhood experiences affect their personality development and their states of mind with respect to attachment, which in turn affect parenting practices and their children's attachment security. How culture affects parenting practices and parent-child relationships in general.

Recent Publication: Behrens, K. Y. (in press). Mothers' attachment status as determined by the Adult Attachment Interview predicts their 6-year-olds' reunion responses: A study conducted in Japan. *Developmental Psychology*.

Nancy J. Bell, Ph.D., Northwestern University, 1973

Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Coordinator, Graduate Minor in Adolescent and Young Adult Risk Taking

Narrative studies of identity processes. Developmental approach to intervention and evaluation.

Recent Publication: Bell, N.J., Wieling, E., & Watson, W. (2007). Processes of self-construction: Micro indicators of developmental patterns following transition to university. *Identity, 7*, 1-26.

Yvonne M. Caldera, Ph.D., University of Kansas, 1990

Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Child development: Normative development of Mexican American children and families, young children's play with sex-typed toys; *Child care*: the relation between infant child care and children's socio-emotional development; *Parenting*: connections between parenting and infants' socio-emotional development; the role of the father in young children's lives; factors associated with the quality of the co-parenting relationship.

Recent Publication: Caldera, Y. M., & Lindsey, E. W. (2006). Coparenting, mother-infant interaction, and infant-parent attachment relationships in two-parent families. *Journal of Family Psychology, 20*(2), Jun 2006, 275-283.

Malinda J. Colwell, Ph.D., Auburn University, 2000

Associate Professor and Child Development Program Director, Human Development and Family Studies

Preschool children's emotional development; parental socialization of emotion; parent-child relationships

Recent Publications: Meece, D. W., Colwell, M. J., & Mize, J. (in press). Maternal emotion framing and children's social behavior. *Early Child Development and Care*.

Colwell, M. J., & Hart, S. (2006). Emotion framing: Does it relate to children's emotion knowledge and social behavior? *Early Child Development and Care*, 176, 591-603.

Lindsey, E. W., Colwell, M. J., Frabutt, J. M., & MacKinnon-Lewis, C. (2006). Family conflict in divorced and non-divorced families: Consequences for boys= friendship status and friendship quality. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 23, 45-63.

Duane W. Crawford, Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University, 1988

Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies
Associate Dean, Graduate School

Family relationships; marital companionship; the transition to parenthood; the work-family relationship

Recent Publications: Crawford, D.W., Houts, R.M., Huston, T.L., & George, L.J. (2002) Compatibility, leisure, and satisfaction in marital relationships. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 64, 433-449.

Fitzpatrick, J., Liang, S., Feng, D., Crawford, D., Sorell, G., & Morgan-Fleming, B. (2006). Social values and self-disclosure: A comparison of Chinese native, Chinese resident (in U.S.), and North American spouses. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 37, 113-127.

Du Feng, Ph.D., University of Southern California, 1995

Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Application of multivariate techniques, longitudinal analyses; aging, intergenerational relationship and intergenerational transmissions; health disparity

Recent Publications: Feng, D., Chin, Y., & Morelcok, C. N. (in press). Sibling Relationship in Adulthood: Its Effect on Psychological Well-Being. In C. Yoon (Ed.), *Focus on Relations in the Twenty-First Century*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers.

Feng, D., Silverstein, M., Giarrusso, R., McArdle, J. J., & Bengtson, V. L. (2006). Attrition of older adults in longitudinal surveys: Detection and correction of sample selection bias using multigenerational data. *Journal of Gerontology, 61*, 323-328.

Esperat, M. C., Feng, D., Owen, D., & Green, A. (2005). Transformation for Health: A Framework for Health Disparities Research. *Nursing Outlook, 53*(3), 113-120.

Judith L. Fischer, Ph.D., University of Colorado, 1973

Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Addictions; problems of adolescence; family problems; transitions in young adulthood

Recent Publications: Fischer, J. L., Forthun, L., Pidcock, B., & Dowd, D. (In press). Parent relationships, emotion regulation, psychosocial maturity and college student alcohol use problems. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.

Fischer, J. L., Fitzpatrick, J., & Cleveland, H. H. (2007). Linking family functioning to dating relationship quality via novelty-seeking and harm-avoidance personality pathways. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 24*, 575-590.

Fischer, J. L., Mulrow, M., & Korinek, A. (Eds.) (2007). *Familial Responses to Alcohol Problems*. Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press.

Jacki Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., Auburn University, 1994

Associate Chair, Human Development and Family Studies

Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Romantic/marital relationships, friendships in young adulthood, social support, undergraduate experiences

Recent Publications: Fischer, J., Fitzpatrick, J., & Cleveland, H. (Accepted). Linking family functioning to dating relationship quality via novelty seeking and harm avoidance personality pathways. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Fitzpatrick, J., Feng, D., & Liang, S. (Accepted). Conflict-satisfaction linkages among Chinese native, Chinese resident, and American spouses. *Social Behavior and Personality: An International Journal*.

McGaha, V., & Fitzpatrick, J. (2005). Personal and social contributors to dropout risk for undergraduate students. *College Student Journal, 39*, 287-297.

Fitzpatrick, J., Feng, D., & Crawford, D. (2003). A contextual model analysis of women's social competence, affective characteristics, and satisfaction in romantic relationships. *Journal of Family Communication, 3*, 107-122.

Elizabeth G. Haley, Ph.D., Florida State University, 1972

Dean Emeritus, College of Human Sciences
Associate Vice Chancellor for College Development Programs, Office of Institutional Advancement
Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Leadership, philanthropy, impact of societal issues and technological change on families, university/community partnerships, young children, mid-life change and transitions,

Recent Publication: Bell, J., Haley, E. G., Felstehausen, G., and Adams, C. (1998). The Healthy Neighborhood Project. In Chibucos, T. R. and Lerner, R. M. (Eds.) Serving children and Families through community-university partnerships: Success stories.

Sybil L. Hart, Ph.D., Tufts University, 1995

Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

I specialize in development during infancy and early childhood and conduct research in two general areas. The first pertains to the emergence of jealousy. These studies explore factors that underlie the ontogenesis of sensitivity to exclusivity as well as those responsible for individual differences in jealousy's presentation and differentiation along typical and atypical trajectories. The second pertains to the breastfeeding dyad. These entail multidisciplinary approaches involving teams of researchers from TTU and TTUHSC toward understanding and enhancing health and cognitive benefits for the breastfed infant during the first year of life.

Recent Publications: Hart, S., Boylan, L. M. Carroll, S. R., Musick, Y. A., Kuratko, C., Border, B. G., & Lampe, R. L. (2005). Newborn behavior differs with decosahexaenoic acid (DHA) levels in breast milk. *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*.

Hart, S., Carrington, H., Tronick, E. Z., & Carroll, S. (2004). When infants lose exclusive maternal attention: *Is it jealousy?* *Infancy*, 6, 57-78.

Sarah Kulkofsky, Ph.D., Cornell University, 2007

Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Cognition in social-cultural contexts; development and functions of personal memories; narrative skills and memory sharing; memory accuracy and distortion; development and maintenance of self-views.

Recent Publications: Kulkofsky, S., Wang, Q., & Ceci, S.J. (in press). Do better stories make better memories?: Narrative skills and memory accuracy in preschool children. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*.

Ceci, S.J., Papierno, P.B., & Kulkofsky, S. (2007). Representational constraints on children's suggestibility. *Psychological Science*, 18(6), 503-509.

Ceci, S.J., Kulkofsky, S., Klemfuss, J.Z., Sweeney, C.D., & Bruck, M. (2007). Unwarranted assumptions about children's testimonial accuracy. *Annual Review of Clinical Psychology*, 3, 311-328.

Michael E. McCarty, Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, 1994

Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Development of cognition, perception, and action in infants and toddlers; future-oriented actions such as planning and anticipatory action within cognitive development; the formation of representations or stored knowledge in infants and toddlers.

Recent Publications: Claxton, L. J., Keen, R., & McCarty, M. E. (2003). Evidence of motor planning in infant reaching behavior. *Psychological Science*, 14, 354 – 356.

Johnson-Frey, S. H., McCarty, M. E., & Keen, R. (2004). Reaching beyond spatial perception: Effects of intended future actions on visually-guided prehension. *Visual Cognition*, 11, 371 - 399.

McCarty, M. E., & Keen, R. (2005). Facilitating problem solving performance among 9- and 12-month-old infants. *Journal of Cognition and Development*, 6, 209 – 230.

Miriam Mulsow, Ph.D., University of Georgia, 1998

Director, Human Development and Family Studies Graduate Program
Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Family Stress, Resilience, and Parenting; Southeast Asia; Addictions; Program Evaluation; Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder; Child Maltreatment

Recent Publications: Stevens, T., & Mulsow, M. (2006). There is no meaningful relationship between television exposure and symptoms of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. *Pediatrics*, 117, 665-672.

Mulsow, M. (in press). Treatment of comorbidity in families. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*.

Sylvia Niehuis, Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin, 2001

Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Dating, courtship, and the transition to marriage; stability and change in premarital and marital relationships; antecedents and processes of divorce; methodological issues in studying family and personal relationships.

Recent Publication: Niehuis, S. (in press). Dating and Courtship. In J. Sears (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of sex, love and culture, Vol. 6: The 20th and 21st centuries*. Greenwood Publishing Group.

Michael W. O'Boyle, Ph.D., University of Southern California, 1982

Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

My area of expertise is Cognitive Neuroscience, a hybrid discipline that combines principles of Experimental Psychology with aspects of Behavioral Neurology. Essentially, I am interested in how cognitive models of higher order mental processes like perception, memory, and language relate to the underlying structures and neural circuitry of the human brain. In this regard, my current research interest is the investigation of the specialized functions of the left and right cerebral hemispheres and how they serve as a neurological basis for the development of individual differences in higher-order thinking processes, particularly as they relate to handedness, sex, autism, ADHD and mathematical giftedness.

Recent Publications: Singh, H. & O'Boyle, M.W. (2004). Differences in interhemispheric interaction during global/local processing in mathematically gifted adolescents, average ability youth and college students. *Neuropsychology*, *18*, 371-377.

Silk, T., Vance, A., Rinehart, N., Egan, G., O'Boyle, M.W., Bradshaw, J.L., & Cunnington, R. (2005). Decreased frontal-parietal activation in attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, combined type (ADHD-CT): An fMRI study. *British Journal of Psychiatry*, *187*, 282-283.

O'Boyle, M.W., Cunnington, R., Silk, T., Vaughan, D., Jackson, G., Syngeniotis, A., & Egan, G. (2005). Mathematically gifted male adolescents activate a unique brain network during mental rotation. *Cognitive Brain Research*, *25*, 583-587.

Lane Powell, Ph.D., Texas Tech University, 1984

Faculty Associate, Human Development and Family Studies

Family life education, program development and evaluation, parenting, adolescent sexuality, marriage education and enrichment, marital satisfaction in long-term relationships.

Recent Publications: Powell, L. and Cassidy, D. (2006) *Family Life Education: Working with families across the lifespan* (2nd edition). New Jersey: Waveland Press.

Powell, L., Powell, S., Dyer, P., Dyer, G., Cole, C. & Cole, A. The MEG: Examining how a marital enrichment model can build and sustain relationship positivity. In *Visions 2004*, National Council on Family Relations publication, invited submission.

Alan Reifman, Ph.D., University of Michigan, 1989

Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Adolescent and young adult drinking; emerging adulthood; social networks; peer/parent influences; structural equation modeling; meta-analysis

Recent Publications: Reifman, A., Watson, W.K., & McCourt, A. (2006). Social networks and college drinking: Probing processes of social influence and selection. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 32, 820-832.

Reifman, A. & Watson, W.K. (2003). Binge drinking during the first semester of college: Continuation and desistance from high school patterns. *Journal of American College Health*, 52, 73-81.

Jean Pearson Scott, Ph.D., University of N. Carolina-Greensboro, 1979

Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Physical, psychological, and social factors associated with the aging process with particular attention to family and friend support networks of older adults; rural elderly; widowhood; coping strategies of families caregivers, older women; sibling interaction, end-of-life decision-making

Recent Publications: Stelle, C., & Scott, J.P. (2007). Alcohol abuse by older family members: A family systems analysis of assessment and intervention. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, 25, 43-63.

Scott, J. P., Reifman, A., Mulsow, M., & Feng, D. (2003). Program evaluation of “Young At Heart”: Examining elderly volunteers’ generativity. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships*, 1, 25-33.

Elizabeth A. Sharp, Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia, 2003

Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Cognitions and adult relationships with a particular focus on romantic relationships, gender, timing of family life transitions, socio-economic influences. Quantitative methodology.

Recent Publications: Sharp, E. A., Bermudez, J. M., & Watson, W.*, & Fitzpatrick, J. (*accepted*). Reflections from the trenches: Our development as feminist teachers. *Journal of Family Issues*.

Parra Cardona, J. R.*, Wampler, R. S., & Sharp, E. (2006). “Wanting to be a good father”: Experiences of adolescent fathers of Mexican descent in a teen fathers program. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 32, 215-232.

Sharp, E. A., & Ispa, J. M. (2006). Chapter 9: Matters of the heart: Romantic relationships. In J. M. Ispa, K. R. Thornburg, & M. A. Fine (Eds.). *Keepin' on: The everyday struggles of families in poverty*. Baltimore, MD: Brookes Publishing.

Sharp, E. A., & Ispa, J.M. (2006). Chapter 11: The Children's Fathers. In J. M. Ispa, K. R. Thornburg, & M. A. Fine (Eds.). *Keepin' on: The everyday struggles of families in poverty*. Baltimore, MD: Brookes Publishing.

Coleman, M., Ganong, L., Hans, J., Sharp, E., & Rothrauff, T. (2005). Filial obligations in post-divorce stepfamilies. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 4, 1-27.

Gwendolyn T. Sorell, Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University, 1982

Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Developmental concepts and theories. Development of identity in women and men during adulthood and gender role development across the life span. Sex/gender role influences on human development and behavior. Feminist perspectives on development.

Recent Publication: Kiesling, C., Sorell, G. T., Montgomery, M. J., & Colwell, R. J. (in press) Identity and spirituality: A psychosocial exploration of the sense of spiritual self. *Developmental Psychology*.

Elizabeth Trejos-Castillo, Ph.D., Auburn University, 2006

Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Etiology of problem behaviors among immigrant and minority youth; specifically, the relationships between family processes and externalizing and internalizing behaviors employing a comparative approach, either cross-cultural within the United States or cross-national.

Recent Publications: Vazsonyi, A. T., Trejos-Castillo, E., & Huang, L. (in press-online). Are developmental processes affected by immigration? Family processes, internalizing behaviors, and externalizing behaviors. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.

Vazsonyi, A. T., Trejos-Castillo, E., Huang, L. (in press-online). Irresponsible sex, alcohol use, and drug use in Eastern and Western European adolescents: Do family processes and low self-control explain why? *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

Vazsonyi, A. T., & Trejos-Castillo, E. (2006). Crime and deviance in the "Black Belt": African American youth in rural and non-rural developmental contexts, pp. 122-137. In R. D. Peterson, L. J. Krivo, & J. Hagan (Eds.), *The many colors of crime: Inequalities of race, ethnicity, and crime in America*, New York University Press.

Anisa Zvonkovic, Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University, 1987

Chair, Department of Human Development and Family Studies
Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

My primary research area is work and its connection to personal life. I take a close relationships perspective on how aspects of the physical and social environment can have an impact on individuals and their family relationships. My current work is on job demands, particularly travel, and how they affect workers and their families.

Recent Publications: Zvonkovic, A., Richards, C., Humble, A., & Manoogian, M. (2005). Lessons about family work and relationships from families of men whose jobs require travel. *Family Relations, 54*, 411-422

Zvonkovic, Anisa M., Notter, Megan L., & Peters, Cheryl L. (2006). Family Studies: Situating Everyday Family Life at Work, In Time and Across Contexts. In E. Kossek, S. Sweet, & M. Pitts-Castouphes (Eds.) *The Work-Family Handbook*. New York: Erlbaum.

MacDermid, Shelley, Roy, Kevin & Zvonkovic, Anisa (2005). Don't stop at the borders: Theorizing beyond 'work and family'. In Vern Bengtson, Katherine Allen, Alan Acock, Peggie Dilworth-Anderson, & David Klein (Eds). *Sourcebook of family theories and research*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**ADJUNCT FACULTY AND
JOINT APPOINTMENTS**

Catherine Spurlock Nathan, Ed.D., Texas Tech University, 1989

Director, Child Development and Research Center

Early childhood education, Parents as Teachers, Early Head Start

Recent Publication: Nathan, C., White, Q., & Ethridge, L. (1999). Partnerships in successful parenting. In T.R. Chibucos and R.M. Lerner (Eds.). *Serving Children and Families Through Community – University Partnerships: Success Stories* (pp. 343-348). Boston, MA: Kluwer Academic Publishers.

Charles W. Peek, Ph.D., Duke University, 1971

Professor, Sociology
Joint Appointment, Human Development and Family Studies

Gender stratification/roles and the sociology of sexuality in the family; gender role orientations, and their impact on political activity; differential impact of religion on gender ideologies of males and females; gender, age, and extramarital sexual behavior

Recent Publication: Peek, C. W., Lowe, G. D., & Williams, S. L. (1991). Gender and God's Word: Another look at religious fundamentalism and sexism. *Social Forces*, 69, 1205-1221.

Beth Shaprio, Ph.D., University of Connecticut, 1981

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Studies

Etiology and treatment of psychological trauma/abuse; ecological psychology; event perception; nonverbal communication; infant perception

Recent Publication: Greg J.T., Neisser, U., Shapiro, B., & Kouns, S. (1991). Observational Learning of ballet sequences: The role of kinetic information. *Ecological Psychology*, 3, 121-134.

Anna M. Tacón, Ph.D., Texas Tech University, 1998

Department of Health, Exercise, and Sport Sciences

Recent Publication: Tacón, A. (2003). Attachment experiences in women with breast cancer. *Family and Community Health*, 26, 147-156.