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Academic Positions

2018 – Present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Mississippi State University

2018 – Present Gender Studies Affiliate Faculty
Mississippi State University

Education

2018 Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
Dissertation: *Intimate Partner Violence as a Consequence of Childhood Economic Hardship: The Mediating Role of Family Processes in a Longitudinal Study*
Drs. Leslie Gordon Simons (Chair), Ronald Simons, & K.A.S. Wickrama

2017 Quantitative Methods Certificate, University of Georgia

2012 M.S., Human Development & Family Science, University of Georgia
Thesis: *The Intergenerational Transmission of Violence: Examining the Mediating Roles of Attachment & Destructive Disagreement Beliefs*
Drs. Leslie Gordon Simons (Chair), K.A.S. Wickrama & Ted Futris

2010 B.S., Psychology, University of Georgia
Minors: Child and Family Development, English

Research & Teaching Interests

Criminology; Intimate Partner Violence; Sexual Violence; Child Maltreatment; Gender & Crime; Family Violence; Victimology; Advanced Quantitative Methods

Peer-Reviewed Publications

(* indicates a graduate student co-author)

Sutton, Tara E and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2020. "A Longitudinal Test of a Feminist Pathways Model Among Black Youth: Incorporating the Influence of Racial Discrimination & School Difficulties" *Feminist Criminology*. Advanced online publication available at <https://doi.org/10.1177/1557085120923042>

*Steele, Megan E., Leslie Gordon Simons, **Tara E. Sutton**, and Frederick X. Gibbons. 2020. "Family Context and Adolescent Risky Sexual Behavior: An Examination of the Influence of Family Structure, Family Transitions and Parenting." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*, 49, 1179-1194.

- *Klopack, Eric T., **Tara E. Sutton**, Leslie Gordon Simons, and Ronald L. Simons. 2019. "Disentangling the Effects of Boys' Pubertal Timing: The Importance of Social Context." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*. Available online at <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10964-019-01141-9>
- Sutton, Tara E.**, Leslie Gordon Simons, and Kimberly A. Tyler. 2019. "Hooking-Up & Three Forms of Sexual Victimization on Campus: Examining Moderators of Risk." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Available online at <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260519842178>
- ***Sutton, Tara E.**, Leslie Gordon Simons, Brittany T. Martin, Eric T. Klopack, Frederick X. Gibbons, Steven R.H. Beach, and Ronald L. Simons. 2019. "Racial Discrimination as a Risk Factor for African American Men's Physical Partner Violence: A Longitudinal Test of Mediators and Moderators." *Violence Against Women*. Available online at <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801219830245>
- Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, Antoinette M. Landor, Ashley B. Barr, Chalandra M. Bryant, and Ellen Granberg. 2019. "The Challenge of Forming Romantic Relationships within the Context of Structural Inequality: Gender Differences in the Dating Experiences of African American Young Adults." *Youth & Society*. Available online at <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X19828097>
- Sutton, Tara E.** 2019. "Review of Attachment Theory. Familial Predictors, Continuity and Change, and Intrapersonal and Relational Outcomes." *Marriage & Family Review*, 55(1): 1-22.
- *Simons, Ronald L., David Woodring, Leslie Gordon Simons, **Tara E. Sutton**, Man-Kit Lei, Steven R.H. Beach, Ashley B. Barr, and Frederick X. Gibbons. 2018. "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 & Adolescence*, 48(1): 1-16.
- Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, Sarah Shannon, and Mark T. Berg. 2018. "The Cost of Being Cool: How Adolescent Pseudomature Behaviors Map onto Adult Adjustment." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence* 47(5): 1007-1021.
- Sutton, Tara E.** 2017. "The Lives of Female Gang Members" *Aggression & Violent Behavior: A Review Journal* 37:142-152.
- Sutton, Tara E.**, Leslie Gordon Simons, Ronald L. Simons, and Carolyn Cutrona. 2017. "Psychological Distress, Couple Interactions, and Parenting: A Dyadic Analysis of African American Couples." *Journal of Marriage & Family* 79(3):850-864.
- Futris, Ted G., **Tara E. Sutton**, and Jenee' C. Duncan. 2017. "Factors Associated with Romantic Relationship Self-Efficacy Following Youth-Focused Relationship Education." *Family Relations* 66: 777-793.

- Barr, Ashley B., **Tara E. Sutton**, Leslie Gordon Simons, K.A.S. Wickrama, and Frederick O. Lorenz. 2016. "Romantic Relationship Transitions and Changes in Health among Rural, White Young Adults." *Journal of Family Psychology* 30(7):832-842.
- Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, Ronald L. Simons, Frederick X. Gibbons, and Velma McBride Murry. 2016. "Mechanisms That Link Parenting Practices to Adolescents' Risky Sexual Behavior: A Test of Six Competing Theories." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence* 45(2):255-270.
- Oshri, Assaf, Itai Himelboim, Josephine A. Kwon, **Tara E. Sutton**, and James MacKillop. 2015. "Child Physical and Sexual Abuse and Social Network Patterns on Social Media: Associations with Alcohol Use and Problems among Young Adult Women." *Journal of Studies on Alcohol & Drugs* 76(6):845-851.
- Sutton, Tara E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2015. "Sexual Assault among College Students: Family of Origin Hostility, Attachment, and the Hook-Up Culture as Risks." *Journal of Child & Family Studies* 24(10): 2827-2840.
- Oshri, Assaf, **Tara E. Sutton**, Joshua Miller, and Jody Clay-Warner. 2015. "Child Maltreatment Types and Risk Behaviors: Associations with Attachment Style and Emotion Regulation Dimensions." *Personality & Individual Differences* 73: 127-133.
- Oshri, Assaf, Elizabeth D. Handley, **Tara E. Sutton**, Sanne Wortel, and Mandi L. Burnette. 2014. "Developmental Trajectories of Substance Use among Sexual Minority Girls: Associations with Sexual Victimization and Sexual Health Risk." *Journal of Adolescent Health* 55(1): 100-106.
- Sutton, Tara E.**, Leslie Gordon Simons, K.A.S. Wickrama, and Ted G. Futris. 2014. "The Intergenerational Transmission of Violence: Examining the Mediating Roles of Insecure Attachment and Destructive Disagreement Beliefs." *Violence & Victims* 29(4): 670-687.
- Futris, Ted G., **Tara E. Sutton**, and Evin W. Richardson. 2013. "An Evaluation of the *Relationship Smarts Plus* Program on Adolescents in Georgia." *Journal of Human Sciences & Extension*, 1(2):1-15.
- Simons, Leslie Gordon, Ronald L. Simons, Man-Kit Lei, and **Tara E. Sutton**. 2012. "Exposure to Harsh Parenting and Pornography as Explanations for Males' Sexual Coercion and Females' Sexual Victimization." *Violence and Victims* 27(3): 378-395.

Book Chapters

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- Sutton, Tara E.**, and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2018. "Family Violence." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology & Criminal Justice*. Available online at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.468>

Under Review

Sutton, Tara E., Leslie Gordon Simons, Ronald L. Simons, K.A.S. Wickrama, and Carolyn Cutrona. “Precursors to the Cycle of Violence in African American & Caucasian Families”

Sutton, Tara E., Elizabeth T. Culatta, Kaitlin M. Boyle, and Jennifer Turner. “Vulnerability and Organizational Culture: A Routine Activity Approach to Sexual Harassment in Doctoral Programs.”

Simons, Leslie Gordon and **Tara E. Sutton**. “Long-Term Consequences of Adolescent Parenting Styles on Criminal Behavior among African American Men.”

Tubman, Johnathan, Assaf Oshri, Erinn B. Duprey, and **Tara E. Sutton**. “Childhood Maltreatment, Psychiatric Symptoms, and Suicidal Thoughts among Adolescents Receiving Substance Use Treatment Services.”

Manuscripts in Preparation

(*indicates a graduate student co-author)

Sutton, Tara E., Leslie Gordon Simons, Ronald L. Simons, and K.A.S. Wickrama. “Explaining the Cycle of Violence in Black Families Using Criminological Theory”

Sutton, Tara E. and Lindsay Kahle. “Double Jeopardy: Investigating interactions between bullying and intimate violence on youth antisocial outcomes.”

*Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, and Kelsey Mattingly. “Linking Overparenting & Hostile Parenting to Infidelity among College Students.”

*Steele, Megan E., Leslie Gordon Simons, and **Tara E. Sutton**. “The Price of Popularity: Girls’ Engagement in Early Pseudo-mature Behaviours & Outcomes in Young Adulthood.”

Boyle, Kaitlin M., Jennifer Turner, and **Tara E. Sutton**. “Linking Sexual Harassment to Alcohol Use among Graduate and Law Students: A Test of General Strain Theory.”

Grants

PI, \$2000, “Early Adverse Experiences and Sexual and Relational Violence Among College Students in Mississippi.” Mississippi State University College of Arts & Sciences Strategic Research Initiative. Funding January-December 2020.

Awards & Scholarships

2019	Bo Williams Ph.D. Award, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
2017	Graduate Student Paper Award, Division of Women & Crime. American Society of Criminology
2017-2018	Dissertation Completion Award (\$15,000), The Graduate School, University of Georgia
2017	Certificate of Excellence (Research), Department of Sociology, University of Georgia

- 2017 Beck Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology,
University of Georgia
- 2017 Outstanding Teacher Award, Office of the Vice President for Instruction,
University of Georgia
- 2017 Foreign Travel Assistance Award (\$550), Office of the Vice President for
Research, University of Georgia
- 2016 Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$3,500), The Graduate School,
University of Georgia
- 2015 Foreign Travel Assistance Award (\$450), Office of the Vice President for
Research, University of Georgia

Invited Talks

- “Women & Girls in Gangs.” October 2019. Keynote Speaker, Workshop on Women in Gangs,
Criminal Justice Council of Santa Cruz County. Aptos, CA.
- “Hooking-Up & Sexual Victimization on Campus.” April 2019. Invited Speaker, Brown Bag
Series, Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University. Mississippi State, MS.
- “Preparing for & Applying to Graduate School.” November 2018. Invited Speaker, Sociological
Student Association, Mississippi State University. Mississippi State, MS.

Media

- 2020 “Gender & Crime.” Untenured Tracks Podcast.
- 2019 “How Helping Families with Ongoing Problems Can Prevent Child and Partner
Abuse.” Key Findings Brief. Scholar Strategy Network.

Presentations

- Sutton, Tara E.,** and Leslie Gordon Simons. November 2019. “Testing a Feminist Pathways
Model among African American Women and Men.” Paper session presented at the
annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.
- Sutton, Tara E.** and Leslie Gordon Simons. August 2019. “A Comparison of Parenting
Techniques in Adolescence on Adulthood Offending among African American men.”
Roundtable session presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological
Association. New York City, NY.
- Sutton, Tara E.,** and Leslie Gordon Simons. November 2018. “Hooking-Up & Sexual
Victimization among College Women: Examining Moderators of Risk.” Paper session
presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- Sutton, Tara E.,** and Leslie Gordon Simons. October 2018. “Hooking-Up & Sexual
Victimization among College Men.” Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the
Mid-South Sociological Association. Birmingham, AL.

Boyle, Kaitlin M., Jennifer Turner, and **Tara E. Sutton**. August 2018. "Feeling Sexual Harassment and Microaggression in Graduate School: The Role of Negative Emotion in Disordered Drinking." Roundtable session presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. November 2017. "Linking Early Financial Difficulties to Partner Violence Among African American Young Adults." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Sutton, Tara E., Leslie Gordon Simons, Brittany T. Martin, and Eric T. Klopach. August 2017. "Linking Adolescent Racial Discrimination and Young Adulthood Partner Violence Among African American Men & Women." Roundtable session presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada.

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. March 2016. "The Long-Term Impact of Adolescent Minor Delinquency and Popularity on Adulthood Criminal and Family Outcomes." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Greenville, SC.

Sutton, Tara E. and Leslie Gordon Simons. November 2016. "Examining Mediators in the Association between Adolescent Racial Discrimination and Adulthood Partner Violence among African American Young Adults." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA.

Simons, Leslie Gordon and **Tara E. Sutton**. November 2016. "The Cost of Being Cool: How Adolescent Peer Crowds Map onto Adult Adjustment." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA.

Sutton, Tara E. and Leslie Gordon Simons. August 2016. "Extending the Family Stress Model to Aggression in Romantic Partnerships among African American Young Adults." Roundtable session presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA.

Sutton, Tara E., Ashley B. Barr, and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2016. "Romantic Relationship Transitions and Changes in Health among Rural, White Young Adults." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, Georgia.

Sutton, Tara E. and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2015. "Extending the Family Stress Model to Aggression in Young Adult Romantic Partnerships." Paper session presented presentation at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, Canada.

Sutton Tara E. and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2015. "Caregiver Conflict as a Mediator of Caregiver Depression and Ineffective Parenting in African-American Families." Roundtable session presented for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2015. "Sexual Assault among College Students: Family of Origin Hostility, Attachment, and the Hook-Up Culture as Risks." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Association, New Orleans, LA.

Sutton, Tara E., Assaf Oshri, A., and Joshua Miller. 2014. "Family of Origin Maltreatment, Dimensions of Impulsivity, and Health Risk Behaviors among Older Adolescent College Students." Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.

Oshri, Assaf, **Tara E. Sutton,** Joshua Miller, and Jody Clay-Warner. 2014. "Harsh Family Environments and Young Adults' Risk Behaviors: Associations with Attachment Style and Emotion Regulation Dimensions." Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.

Sutton, Tara E. and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2014. "Deviant Peer Association: Positive Emotionality and Community Social Control as Protective Factors." Roundtable paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Simons, Leslie Gordon and **Tara E. Sutton.** 2014. "Identifying Mediators in the Relationship Between Family of Origin Factors and Intimate Partner Violence." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, HI.

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2013. "Community-Level and Individual-Level Protective Factors of Deviant Peer Association." Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX.

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2012. "The Intergenerational Transmission of Violence: Examining the Mediating Roles of Attachment and Destructive Disagreement Beliefs." Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ.

Teaching Experience

Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University

Criminological Theory

Gender, Crime, & Justice

Graduate-Level Criminological Theory

Introduction to Social Research

Senior Seminar: Family Violence

Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
Criminology
Introduction to Social Inquiry
Sociology of the Family

Research Experience

2014-2018 *Graduate Research Assistant, Family and Community Health Study, University of Georgia*
Supervisor/Co-PI: Dr. Leslie Gordon Simons

2013-2014 *Graduate Research Assistant, Youth Development Lab, University of Georgia*
Supervisor: Dr. Assaf Osrhi

2011-2013 *Graduate Research Assistant, Georgia Personal Responsibility Education Program, Cooperative Extension, University of Georgia*
Supervisor: Dr. Ted Futris

Service to the Department

Mississippi State University

2019 Chair, Anti-Bullying and Harassment Committee, Department of Sociology

2018-2020 Graduate Admission and Support Committee

2019 Preliminary Examination Committee, Criminology

2018-2019 Department Head Search Committee

2018, 2019 Graduate Student Teaching Observation

University of Georgia

2016-2017 Speaker Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Society
Speaker: Dr. Robert Sampson, Harvard

2015-2016 Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology

2015-2016 Forum Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Society

2015-2017 Graduate Student Mentor Program, Department of Sociology

2011-2012 Representative to the Graduate Student Association, Department of Human Development & Family Science

Service to the University

Mississippi State University

2020-present Safe Zone Advisory Board Member

Spring 2019 Panelist, Feminist Pedagogy Panel, “#Metoo: #TimesUp for Patriarchal Narratives of Women’s Lives, Work, & Sexuality”

University of Georgia

2015 Thesis Reader, Center for Undergraduate Research

2012 Session Moderator, Graduate Student Association Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Georgia

Service to the Discipline

2019 – 2020 Guest Co-Editor, *Feminist Criminology*, Special Issue on Family Violence

- 2019 Mentor, “Mentoring Across Specializations,” Race, Gender, and Class; Sex and Gender; and Sexualities Sections. American Sociological Association Annual Conference. New York, NY.
- 2019 Presider, Section on Crime, Law, & Deviance Refereed Roundtables, American Sociological Association Annual Conference. New York, NY.
- 2018 Chair, Topics in Victimology Section, Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Conference. Birmingham, AL.
- 2017 Conference Proposal Reviewer, National Council on Family Relations, Research & Theory Section
- 2013 Conference Proposal Reviewer, National Council on Family Relations, Research & Theory Section
- 2012 Student Volunteer, Annual Conference of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations

Thesis/Dissertation Committee Member

Sarah Rogers, Ph.D., Completed Summer 2020
 Brian Tesch, Ph.D., in progress
 Mika Xue, Ph.D., in progress

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Crime & Delinquency
Humanity & Society, Special Issue: “Inequalities in Contemporary Cultural Spaces”
Journal of Adolescence
Journal of Criminal Justice
Journal of Family Violence
Journal of Research on Adolescence
Personal Relationships
Social Problems
Sociological Inquiry
Violence & Victims
Violence Against Women
Youth & Society

Professional Membership

American Society of Criminology (*Women & Crime; Victimology; Developmental/Life Course Criminology*)
 American Sociological Association (*Crime, Law, & Deviance; Race, Gender, & Class; Family; Children & Youth; Sex & Gender*)
 Southern Sociological Society
 Sociologist for Women in Society
 Scholar Strategy Network