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EDUCATION

- The Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL** 2010 – 2013
Ph.D. in Human Sciences *Area of Specialization: Family Relations*
Dissertation Title: “Family and Community Influences on Adolescent and Young Adult Development” (Dissertation Chair: Dr. Ming Cui)
- University of Florida, Gainesville, FL** 2007– 2009
M.S. in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences
- University of Florida, Gainesville, FL** 2003– 2006
B.S. in Psychology (cum laude)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Associate Professor*, Department of Human Development & Family Sciences
University of Delaware 2019- Present
- Assistant Professor*, Department of Human Development & Family Sciences
University of Delaware 2013- 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Gordon, M. S.**, Russell, B.S., & *Finan, L. (Accepted, 2019). Risk or protective factor? Multi-level modeling of social support influences on adolescent and emerging adults’ substance use. *Substance Use and Misuse*.
- Smith, S., Sun, R., & **Gordon, M. S.** (Accepted, 2019). Racial discrimination and psychological distress among African American adolescents: Investigating the social support deterioration model. *Journal of Child & Family Studies*, 28(2).
- *Finan, L., Ohannessian, C., & **Gordon, M. S.** (2018). Trajectories of depressive symptoms from adolescence to emerging adulthood: The influence of parents, peers, and siblings. *Developmental Psychology*, 54(8), 1555-1567.

- Herrman, J. W., **Gordon, M. S.**, Rahmer, B., Moore, C. C., Habermann, B., & Haigh, K. M. (2017). Assessing the effectiveness of “Wise Guys”: A mixed-methods approach. *American Journal of Sexuality Education, 12*(4), 395-408.
- Gordon, M. S.** (2017). Community disadvantage and academic achievement among Hispanic adolescents: The role of *familism*. *Journal of Child & Family Studies, 26*(12), 3303-3311.
- Gordon, M. S.** (2017). Self-perception and relationship quality as mediators of father's school-specific involvement and adolescent's academic achievement. *Children and Youth Services Review, 77*, 94-100.
- Russell, B. S., & **Gordon, M. S.** (2017). Parenting and adolescent substance use: Moderation effects of community engagement. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction, 15*(5), 1023-1036.
- Gordon, M. S.** (2017). Individual-level and socio-contextual influences on body mass index and achievement in adolescence to young adulthood. *Journal of Adolescent and Family Health, 8*(1), 1-29.
- Gordon, M. S.**, & Cui, M. (2016). The intersection of race and community poverty and its effect on adolescents' academic achievement. *Youth & Society, 50*(7), 1-19.
- Gordon, M. S.** (2016). Community disadvantage and adolescent's academic achievement: The mediating role of father influence. *Journal of Child & Family Studies, 25*(7), 2069-2078.
- Cui, M., **Gordon, M. S.**, & Wickrama, K. A. S. (2016). Relationship experiences of adolescents and young adults: The role of mothers' relationship history. *Journal of Family Issues, 37*(10), 1458-1480.
- *Finan, L., *Shulz, J., **Gordon, M. S.**, & Ohannessian, C. (2015). Parental problem drinking and adolescent externalizing behaviors: The mediating role of family functioning. *Journal of Adolescence, 43*, 100-110.
- Gordon, M. S.**, & Cui, M. (2015). Positive parenting during adolescence and career success in young adulthood. *Journal of Child & Family Studies, 24*(3), 762-771.
- Gordon, M. S.**, & Cui, M. (2014). School-related parental involvement and adolescent academic achievement: The role of community poverty. *Family Relations, 63*(5), 616-626.
- Fincham, F., Cui, M., **Gordon, M. S.**, & Ueno, K. (2013). What comes before why: Specifying the phenomenon of intimate partner violence. *Journal of Marriage and Family, 75*(2), 319-324.

Cui, M., Ueno, K., **Gordon, M. S.**, & Fincham, F. (2013). The continuation of intimate partner violence from adolescence to young adulthood. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 75(2), 300-313.

Gordon, M. S., & Cui, M. (2012). The effect of school-specific parenting processes on academic achievement in adolescence and young adulthood. *Family Relations*, 61(5), 728-741.

* Denotes graduate student co-authors

Book Chapters

Gordon, M. S. (2014). Education, postgrad. In M. J. Coleman & L. H. Ganong (Eds.), *The Social History of American Families: An Encyclopedia*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781452286143>

Gordon, M. S., & Cui, M. (2013). Children of divorce and their fear of change. In R. E. Emory & J. G. Golson (Eds.), *Cultural Sociology of Divorce: An encyclopedia* (Vol. 1, pp. 257-259). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles (Under revision/review)

*Finan, L., **Gordon, M. S.**, & Ohannessian, C. (*revise & resubmit*). Sibling relationships: The role of gender in predicting adolescent coping strategies.

*Ryan, T.C., **Gordon, M.S.**, Ferrari, M., & Earnshaw, V. (*under review*). Mental illness stigma and barriers to care: Exploring the role of social support as a moderator.

Manuscripts in Progress

Gordon, M. S., & *Woodson, C. (*in progress*). To what extent does perceived discrimination undermine the association between positive parenting and academic achievement?

Cutler, L., & **Gordon, M.S.** (*in progress*). Using Gender-Schema Theory to explain socialization in the context of race and socioeconomic status (NCFR 2018).

Gordon, M. S. (*in progress*). The role of adverse childhood experiences in adult romantic relationships (NCFR 2018).

Gordon, M. S. (*in progress*). Long-term effects of parental incarceration on young adults' achievement (NCFR 2017).

Gordon, M. S. (*in progress*). The moderating/mediating effects of parent-child closeness on the association between adolescent boys' self-esteem and body dissatisfaction.

Gordon, M. S. (*in progress*). The influence of economic disadvantage on developmental outcomes (i.e., psychological well-being, marital success, career success) in emerging adulthood.

GRANT EXPERIENCE

Funded

Professional Partnership Learning Study (2019)

Funding Agency: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Principal Investigator: Dr. Laura Desimone

Grant Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Developing a Stigma Instrument for use Among Children of Parents Experiencing Mental Illness via International Collaboration.

Funding Agency: IGS Global Exchange Program Funding (IGS-Globex) and the Department of Human Development & Family Sciences, University of Delaware (International Travel Award, 2019)

Funding Amount: \$4,867

2017 Teaching Family Science Conference: The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Family Science.

Funding Agency: Center for Teaching Assessment & Learning, University of Delaware (Travel Grant, 2017)

Funding Amount: \$1,000

Racial discrimination and mental health among African American adolescents: Exploring the role of family and community support.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Sharde' McNeil Smith

Funding Agency: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Research Grant (2014)

Grant Role: Collaborator

Funding Amount: \$12,332

Mixed-methods study to evaluate an evidence-based, male-focused curriculum, Wise Guys.

Funding Agency: Clinical and Translational Research Pilot Grant (2014)

Principal Investigator: Dr. Judy Herrman

Grant Role: Co- Investigator

Funding Amount: \$79,682

The influence of community poverty on adolescent's academic achievement: Does race matter?

Funding Agency: University of Delaware (General University Research Program, 2013)

Grant Role: Principal Investigator

Funding Amount: \$6,527.50

Family and community influences on adolescent and young adult development.
Funding Agency: The Florida State University (Dissertation Research Grant, 2013)

Unfunded

Investigating Relationship & Health within a National Sample: A Multilevel Comparison of Interracial/Interethnic & Monoracial/Monoethnic Couples (2019).
Funding Agency: National Institute of Health (R03)
Grant Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Amount: \$100,000

Racially-aversive stimuli and cortisol rhythms: Potential impact on mental health.
Funding Agency: Clinical and Translational Research Pilot Grant (2018).
Grant Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Amount: \$75,832

Racial/ethnic differences in cortisol rhythms and perceived discrimination among college students attending a predominantly White institution.
Grant Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Agency: University of Delaware Research Foundation (UDRF) (2017)
Funding Amount: \$35,000

The Interactive Effects of Family Social Support and Adolescents' Early Socioeconomic Adversity on Health Outcomes over Time.
Funding Agency: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2017.
Grant Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Amount: \$50,000.00

Mental health among traumatized youth and those from low SES and minority populations: Do school-based services make a difference?
Funding Agency: American Education Research Association (2016).
Grant Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Amount: \$35,000.00

Does a produce prescription program (FVRx) reduce the BMI of low-income children?
Funding Agency: National Institutes of Health
(NIH Research Project, RO1) Grant (2016).
Grant Role: Senior/Key Personnel
Funding Amount: \$3,194,285.00

INVITED TALKS

Adolescent and Young Adult Development within the Context of Families and Communities.
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (2019)

'Fostering Positive Youth Development through Sports.' Professional Consultation, United Soccer Coaches, Master Coach in Professional Development workshop series (2018)

Fostering Resilience among Youth: The Role of the Individual, their Families, and the Community. Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA (2018)

The Influence of Individual and Community-Level Factors on Adolescent and Young Adult Outcomes. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (2017)

Key Note Address, *Kappa Omicron Nu*, National Honor Society, Induction Ceremony (2013)

MEDIA COVERAGE

UD Campus radio program (WVUD); Invited to share expertise in adolescents and at risk youths (2015)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

*Woodson, C. & **Gordon, M. S.** (2019, November). *Perceived racial discrimination and adolescents' externalizing problems: The role of social support and psychological functioning.* Paper to be presented at the 2019 annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Fort Worth, TX.

Gordon, M. S., & Ohannessian, C. (2019, November). *The moderating effect of the parent-relationship quality on early adolescents' social media use and academic achievement.* Symposium presentation at the 2019 annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Fort Worth, TX.

Gordon, M. S., & Ohannessian, C. (2019, October). *Does the quality of the parent-relationship moderate technology use and internalizing symptoms during emerging adulthood?* Poster to be presented at the 2019 annual conference of the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood, Toronto, CA.

Gordon, M. S., & *Woodson, C. (2019, April). *To what extent does perceived discrimination undermine the association between positive parenting and academic achievement?* Poster presented at the 2019 Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting (SRCD), Baltimore, MD.

Gordon, M.S. *The role of adverse childhood experiences in adult romantic relationships.* Paper presented at the 2018 annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), San Diego, CA.

Cutler, L. & **Gordon, M.S.** *Gender socialization in African American and White families: The role of socioeconomic status.* Poster presented at the 2018 annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), San Diego, CA.

Gordon, M. S., Russell, B. & Finan, L., (2018, April). *Interactive effects of parental support and community engagement on SES and adolescent and young adults' substance use.* Poster presented at the 2018 Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting (SRA), Minneapolis, MN.

Gordon, M.S. *Long-term effects of parental incarceration on young adults' achievement.* Paper presented at the 2017 annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Orlando, FL.

Russell, B. S., **Gordon, M.S.**, & Watson, R. *Associations between adolescent depression and public health concerns in early adulthood: Family influences for sexual minority youth.* Poster presented at the 2017 annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Orlando, FL.

Gordon, M.S. *Parental incarceration and depressive symptomology in emerging adulthood: The interactive effect of race.* Paper presented at the 2017 annual conference of the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood, Washington, D.C.

Gordon, M. S. *Community disadvantage and academic achievement among Hispanic adolescents: The mediating/moderating role of familial factors.* Poster presented at 2017 Society for Research in Child Development biennial meeting held in Austin, Texas.

Smith, S., **Gordon, M. S.**, & Sun, R. *Racial discrimination and mental health among Black adolescents and their caregivers: Exploring the role of family support.* Poster presented at the 2017 Society for Research in Child Development biennial meeting held in Austin, Texas.

Vu, J., Hustedt, J., Hallam, R., Han, M., & **Gordon, M. S.** *Relationships between perceived family stress, children's morning cortisol, and children's social-emotional behaviors.* Poster presented at the 2017 Society for Research in Child Development biennial meeting held in Austin, Texas.

Gordon, M. S., & Russell, B. S. *Community disadvantage and substance use: The role of protective factors.* Poster presented at the 2016 annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Minneapolis, MN.

*Finan, L., **Gordon, M. S.**, & Ohannessian, C. *Sibling relationships and depression during adolescence: A growth curve analysis.* Poster presented at the 2016 Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting (SRA), Baltimore, MD.

Gordon, M. S. *Individual-level and socio-contextual influences on body mass index and achievement in adolescence to young adulthood.* Poster presented at the 2016 Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting (SRA), Baltimore, MD.

Gordon, M. S. (2015, November). *Individual and contextual influences on adolescent's BMI and achievement.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Vancouver, Canada.

*Finan, L. J., **Gordon, M. S.**, & Ohannessian, C. M. (2015, November). *Depression in adolescence and emerging adulthood: An exploration of trends.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Vancouver, Canada.

*Finan, L. J., **Gordon, M. S.**, Ohannessian, C. M., & Flannery, K. (2015, October). *Does substance use mediate the relationship between adolescent depression and emerging adult antisocial behavior?* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood, Miami, FL.

Flannery, K. M., Ohannessian, C., *Finan, L. J., **Gordon, M. S.**, & Owczarska, M. (2015, October). *Characteristics of sibling relationships during the transition to emerging adulthood.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA), Miami, FL.

Herrman, J.W., Rahmer, B., Moore, C., **Gordon, M. S.**, & Haberman, B. (2015, October). *A mixed-methods study assessing the effectiveness of wise guys.* Poster presented at the annual Healthy Teen Network conference, Baltimore, MD.

Gordon, M. S., & Cui, M. (2015, March). *Community poverty and adolescent's academic achievement: In what context does race really matter?* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Society for Research on Child Development (SRCD), Philadelphia, PA.

*Finan, L., **Gordon, M. S.**, Ohannessian, C., & Flannery, K. (2015, March). *Sibling relationships and adolescent problem drinking.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Society for Research on Child Development (SRCD), Philadelphia, PA.

Gordon, M. S. & *Hull, J. (2014, November). *Father involvement and adolescent's achievement: A mediational analysis.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Baltimore, MD.

*Finan, L., *Schulz, J., **Gordon, M. S.**, & Ohannessian, C. (2014, November). *Parental problem drinking, family functioning, and adolescent outcomes.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Baltimore, MD.

Gordon, M. S. & Cui, M. (2013, November). *Parenting and adolescent academic achievement: The role of community poverty*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), San Antonio, TX.

Gordon, M. S., & Brown, P. (2012, November). *Parental involvement and parent-teacher associations: A hierarchical linear modeling*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the NCFR, Phoenix, AZ.

Cui, M. & Gordon, M. S. (2012, November). *Intimate partner violence from adolescence to young adulthood*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Phoenix, AZ.

Gordon, M. S., & Cui, M. (2012, July). *The influence of school-specific parenting processes on educational attainment in adolescence and young adulthood*. Poster presented at the International Association of Relationship Research (IARR), Chicago, IL.

Gordon, M. S., & Cui, M. (2011, November). *The influence of school-specific parenting processes on adolescents' academic performance*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Orlando, FL.

Gordon, M. S., & Futris, T. (2010, November). *Mother-daughter communication and the onset of sexual activity*. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Minneapolis, MN.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Editor, <i>Advances in Neurodevelopmental Disorders</i>	2017- Present
<i>Journal of Child & Family Studies</i>	2016- Present
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Contemporary Educational Psychology</i>	2017- Present
<i>Youth & Society</i>	2016- Present
<i>Journal of Child & Family Studies</i>	2016- Present
<i>American Journal of Sexuality Education</i>	2016- Present
<i>Journal of Youth and Adolescence</i>	2016- Present
<i>Journal of Family Studies</i>	2016- Present
<i>Journal of Research in Childhood Education</i>	2016- Present
<i>Sociology of Education</i>	2013- Present
<i>Scientific Review Panel, Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA)</i>	2016- Present
<i>National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)</i>	2013- Present

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Adjunct Instructor

The Florida State University

Department: Family and Child Sciences

-Instructed undergraduate Parenting course (CHD 4537) in traditional format 2013

Graduate Research Assistant

The Florida State University

Department: Family and Child Sciences 2010 – 2013

Graduate Teaching Assistant

The Florida State University

Department: Family and Child Sciences

-Solo-taught undergraduate course, FAD 2230, Family Relationship 2010 – 2013

Graduate Teaching Assistant

The University of Florida

Department: Family, Youth, & Community Sciences

2007– 2008

Graduate Research Assistant

The University of Florida

Department: Family, Youth, & Community Sciences

2008– 2009

SERVICE

College/University Service

University of Delaware's Institutional Review Board (IRB), *Primary member*

January 2019- May 2019

University of Delaware's UD-ADVANCE, *Faculty Fellow*

2018- Present

College of Education and Human Development Undergraduate Curriculum, *Committee Member*

2018- Present

University of Delaware's Institutional Review Board (IRB), *Alternate Member*

2017- 2018

University of Delaware's African Heritage Caucus Faculty Mentoring Committee, *Co-Chair*

2017- 2018

Served on 'Upward Bound Classic Search Committee'

(At the request of the Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs)

May- June 2017

Departmental Service

Human Development & Family Sciences, Tenure track line: Social determinants of aging,
Search Committee Chair Fall 2019- Spring 2020

Human Development & Family Sciences, HDFS Administrative Position,
Search Committee Member Spring, 2018

Human Development & Family Sciences, Tenure Track, *Search Committee Member*
Spring, 2016

Human Development & Family Sciences, Graduate Studies, *Committee Member*
Fall 2016- Spring 2018

College of Education and Human Development Faculty Council, Human Development and
Family Sciences, *Department Representative* 2014- 2017

Steele Symposium, *Proposal Reviewer* 2014- Present

Human Services, *Committee Member* September 2013- Present

Human Services Advisory Council, *Committee Member* September 2013- Present

CURRICULAR LEADERSHIP

Course Development HDFS 331- Positive Youth Development- In-Person/On-line
(Undergraduate)
HDFS 667- Perspectives on Adolescence and Emerging Adults
(Graduate)

Courses Revised HDFS 201- Life Span Development- In-Person/On-line
(Undergraduate)
HDFS 329- Adolescent Development (Undergraduate)
HDFS 601- Theories of Human Development (Graduate)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Invited Participant, University of Delaware's 2019 Winter Institute on Learning January 2019

Attendee, University of Delaware's *Summer Institute on Teaching (SIT)* Summer, 2018

Participated in the '*Success through Education*' spring conference Spring 2017

Attendee, University of Delaware's Center for Teaching & Assessment of Learning workshop-
'*Race, politics, and #crowdsourced syllabi.*' April 18th, 2017

Attendee, '*2-day Strategic Planning*' Working Meeting May 31- June 1, 2016

Attendee, UD Advance Institute, *Women of Color in the Academy: What's next?* Conference
April 29th- May 1st, 2016

Attendee, 'Write Winning Grant Proposals workshop' hosted by Dr. Lauren Broyles
January 31, 2017

Attendee, University of Delaware's *Summer Institute on Teaching (SIT)* Summer, 2015

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dean's Faculty Research Award, College of Education and Human Development (\$40,000) 2018
Invited Speaker: Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society Initiation ceremony 2014
National Center for Faculty Diversity and Development Faculty Success Boot Camp-
Competitive award, UD President's Diversity Initiative (\$3,250) 2013
Best Proposal Award, Education and Enrichment Section, National Council on Family Relations
(NCFR) Conference in San Antonio, TX 2013
FSU's College of Human Sciences Leadership Council, Executive Board Member 2012/13
Costa and Emma Kittles Scholarship (Florida State University) 2012
May Watson Connor Scholarship (Florida State University) 2012
Competitive grant, The Florida State University, Graduate Student Advisory Council
Presentation Program 2011
Received competitive funding to attend national conference presentation 2011
Costa and Emma Kittles Scholarship (Florida State University) 2011
Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society 2011

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA) 2017-Present
Society for Research in Child Development 2016- Present
Society for Research on Adolescence 2016- Present
National Council on Family Relations 2009- Present

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Ph.D. Committees:

Christina Woodson (*Co-Chair*), current
Laura Finan (Dissertation Fellowship awardee) (2016), *Chair*
Jessica Schultz (2015), *Chair*
Jordana Woodford, School of Education, current, *Member*
Krista Jensen, School of Education (2019), *Member*

Master's Committees:

Margo Price (2016), *Chair*

Taylor Ryan (2018), *Member*
Neda Moinolmolki (2016), *Member*