

**Megan Renee Hicks****Curriculum Vitae**

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- May 2017                      Doctor of Philosophy, Human Development and Family Science, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA. "Risk and protective factors influencing sexual risk behaviors among African American young men." Chair: Dr. Steven M. Kogan
- August 2014                      Master of Science, Human Development and Family Science, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA. "Examining the association between family relationships and depressive symptoms among African American stepfathers." Chair: Dr. Chalandra Bryant
- June 2011                      Bachelors of Arts in Sociology. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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**Postdoctoral to Faculty Transition Fellowship**, Office of the Provost, Wayne State University, 2017-Present

- Youth Empowerment Solutions for Healthy Relationships: Engaging Youth to Prevent Sexual Violence (1U01CE002843); Principal Investigators: Poco D Kernsmith, Joanne P Smith-Darden, and Mark Zimmerman
- Strengthening Supports for Healthy Relationships: A Gender-Sensitive, Mixed Methods Analysis of Protective Factors for Intimate Partner Violence (1U01CE002115); Principal Investigators: Poco D Kernsmith and Joanne P Smith-Darden

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Center for Family Research, University of Georgia, 2014-2017

- A Dual Inoculation Approach to Alcohol Prevention among African American Youth (R01AA021774); Principal Investigator: Steven M. Kogan,
- African American Men's Project (R01DA029488). Principal Investigator: Steven M. Kogan.
- Parents and Children Together Project. Principal Investigator: Dr. Geoffrey Brown.

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Youth Development Lab, University of Georgia, 2015-16  
Project: Childhood Experiences, Vagal Tone, and Risk Behaviors. Principal Investigator: Assaf Oshri.

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Human Development and Family Studies, The University of Georgia, 2012-2014. Project: A Study of African American Marriage and Health (R01HD050045). University of Georgia.

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**, The Ohio State University, 2010-2012. Project: The Homeless Mother's Project (R01DA023908). Principle Investigator: Dr. Natasha Slesnick

GRANTS UNDER SUBMISSION

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K01-MD014686-01 07/01/2019-06/30/2024 Role: PI  
NIMHD \$467,417

*A Longitudinal Analysis of Risk and Protective Factors to Reduce HIV-related Behaviors among Black Youth*

The purpose of this K01 is to investigate a comprehensive multi-level model of protection against HIV-related behaviors among Black youth (males and females). Specific aims are to (a) determine whether adverse childhood experiences, racial discrimination, and community vulnerability significantly predict the onset and change of high-risk sexual behaviors among Black youth; and (b) to investigate whether having multiple layers of protection will buffer the negative effects of the risk factors of high-risk sexual behaviors as mentioned above.

K01-000000-00 09/30/2019-09/29/2021 Role: PI  
CDC \$199,999

*Parent-Child Interdependence Model of Trauma and Violence: Parental ACEs Predicting Adolescent Health Behaviors*

The purpose of this K01 is to investigate a parent-child interdependent model of trauma and violence among adolescents participating in the YES-HR project and their parents. Specific aims are Specific aims are to (a) To examine the influence of ACEs on internalizing and externalizing behaviors among adolescents aged 12-16, and (b) To examine the influence of ACEs on internalizing and externalizing behaviors among parents and their children, and (c) To investigate parental relationships, attachment, and communication as moderators of parental experiences and behaviors on adolescent risk behaviors.

R21-MH121964-01 12/01/2019-12/01/2021 Role: CO-PI  
NIMH \$275,000

*Violence and GLBT Identified Individuals: What's Not Being Said*

The purpose of this R21 is to address the gaps in knowledge regarding the intersection of exposure to violence and the HIV continuum of care among GLBT individuals. Additionally, data will be used to create culturally relevant interventions that will address IPV among GLBT individuals, while working to ensure successful engagement in treatment and care that supports continued viral suppression. Specific aims are to (a) To test a trauma-informed conceptual model that posits a causal association between violence exposure and viral suppression, medical adherence, and engagement in treatment and care; and (b) To characterize and understand, through qualitative inquiry, the association between violence exposure and viral suppression, medical adherence, and engagement in treatment and care.

PUBLICATIONS

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- Hicks, M.R.** & Kogan, S.M. (2019). Risk and protective process affecting rural Black men's sexual risk behavior. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 1-13.
- Hicks, M.R.** & Kogan, S.M. (2018). The Influence of Racial Discrimination on Smoking among Young Black Men: A prospective analysis. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Use*, 1-16.
- Hicks, M.R.**, Kogan, S.M., Cho, J., Oshri, A., (2017). Condom Use in the Context of Main and Casual Partner Concurrency: Individual and Relationship Predictors in a Sample of African American Men. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 11(3),585-591.

- Kogan, S. M., Cho, J., Barton, A. W., Duprey, E. B., **Hicks, M. R.**, & Brown, G. L. (2016). The Influence of Community Disadvantage and Masculinity Ideology on Number of Sexual Partners: A Prospective Analysis of Young Adult, Rural Black Men. *The Journal of Sex Research*, 1-7.
- Bryant, C. M., Futris, T. G., **Hicks, M.R.**, Lee, T. K., & Oshri, A. (2016). African American Stepfather–Stepchild Relationships, Marital Quality, and Mental Health. *Journal of Divorce & Remarriage*, 57(6), 375-388.
- Kogan, S. M., Cho, J., Barnum, S., Barton, A. A., **Hicks, M.R.**, & Brown, G. L. (2016). Pathways to HIV-Related Behavior Among Heterosexual, Rural Black Men: A Person-Centered Analysis. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 46(4), 913-924.
- Hicks, M.**, & Slomczynski, K. (2011). Effects of Marital Status on Material Conditions. *Journal of Undergraduate Research and Ohio State*, 2, 48-53. Retrieved May 21, 2013, from <http://juros.osu.edu/index.php/juros/article/view/1332/1723>

#### PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

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- Kernsmith, P., Smith-Darden, J., & **Hicks, M.R.**, (2017). Want to prevent sexual harassment and assault? Start by teaching kids. Retrieved from <http://theconversation.com/want-to-prevent-sexual-harassment-and-assault-start-by-teaching-kids-85879>

#### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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- Eisman A.B., **Hicks M.R.**, Kernsmith P., Smith-Darden J., Reischl T., Rupp L., Hutchinson P.M., Zimmerman M.A. (revise and resubmit). Adapting an Evidence-Based Intervention to Address Sexual and Teen Dating Violence among Youth: Integrating Practice-Based Evidence
- Comartin E., Burgess, A., Putans, L., **Hicks, M.R.**, & Kubiak, S. (under review). A state-wide evaluation of mental health jail diversion programs
- Hicks, M.R.**, Smith-Darden, J., & Kernsmith, P. (under review). The effects of adverse childhood experiences on internalizing and externalizing behaviors among African American youth.
- Hicks, M.R.**, Kernsmith, P., & Smith-Darden, J. (under review). Adverse childhood experiences predicting depressive symptoms among African American youth: Exploring self-control as a moderator

#### INVITED TALKS

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*Invited Speaker*, Acceptance and Unity: Tearing Down the Divided Wall, Mount Paran Christian School, April 2017

*Keynote Speaker*, Project RED: Redefining Radiance—an AIDS Gala, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, February 2015

#### NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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- Hicks, M.R.**, Kernsmith, P., & Smith-Darden, J. (2018, November) *Adverse Childhood Experiences among Black Youth: Self-Control as Protection*. Paper presented at National 2017 National Council on Family Relationships Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Smith-Darden, J., Kernsmith, P., & **Hicks, M.R.** (2018, November). *Parental involvement over time: Accelerated longitudinal analysis examining race and gender effects*. Paper presented at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Orlando, FL,
- Eisman A.B., **Hicks M.R.**, Kernsmith P., Smith-Darden J., Reischl T., Rupp L., Hutchinson P.M., Zimmerman M.A. (2018, November) Adapting an Evidence-Based Intervention to Address Sexual and Teen Dating Violence Among Youth: Integrating Practice-Based Evidence. Paper presented at American Public Health Association's 2018 Annual Meeting and Expo, San Diego, CA.
- Hicks, M.R.**, Smith-Darden, J., & Kernsmith, P. (2018, May). *The Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Internalizing and Externalizing Behaviors among Black Children and Youth*. Paper presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research. Washington DC.
- Hicks, M.R.**, Kogan, S.M., Wickrama, KAS, & Oshri, A. (2017, November) *Risk and Protective Factors Predicting Sexual Risk Behavior Among Black Men*. Paper to be presented at the National 2017 National Council on Family Relationships Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Kogan, S. M. Walsh, S., & **Hicks M. R.** (2017, June). *Supportive Parenting Moderates the Effect of Racial Discrimination on Delinquency Among Ethiopian-Israeli Youth*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research. Washington DC.
- Hicks, M.R.**, & Kogan, S.M. (2016, November). *The effects of life stress on substance use among African American young men*. Paper to be presented at the National 2016 National Council on Family Relationships Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Brown G., Kogan, S.M., Cho, J., & **Hicks, M.R.** (2016, November). *Developmental and contextual predictors of father involvement among rural African American young men*. Paper to be presented at the National 2016 National Council on Family Relationships Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Hicks, M.R.**, Kogan, S.M., Cho, J., Oshri, A., (2015, December). *Correlates of condom use with casual partners among African American men who report main and casual sexual partners*. Poster presented at 2015 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Kogan, S.M., Cho, J., Allen, K., Barton, A.W., Barnum, S., **Hicks, M.R.**, & Gonzales-Baken, M. (2015, November). *The African American Men's project: Emerging findings*. Symposium presented at the 2015 National Council on Family Relationships Annual Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- Hicks, M.,R.** & Bryant, C.M. (2014, November). *Family relationships and depression among African American stepfathers*. Poster to be presented at the 76<sup>th</sup> NCFR Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Bryant, B.M., Bryant, C.M., **Hicks, M.R.**, Mancini, J. (2013, November). *Fathers' time away for military duty and biological sons' outcomes*. Paper presented at the 75<sup>th</sup> NCFR Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

- Hicks, M.R.**, Bryant, C.M., Barton, A. (2013, April). *The presence of stepchildren and its effects on marital satisfaction*. Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Child Development, Seattle, Washington.
- Hicks, M.R.**, Lee, Y. (2013, February). *Strengthening the quality of life of Chinese-American caregivers*. Paper presented at the Society for Cross-Cultural Research, Mobile, Alabama.
- Hicks, M.R.**, Slomczynski, K. (2011, March). *The effects of marital status on material conditions: are cohabiting couples disadvantage?* Paper presented at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Ithaca, New York.

## REGIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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- Hicks, M.**, Duncan, J. & Bryant, C.M. (2014, February). *Examining financial strain and marital functioning in African American newlyweds*. Poster presented at the 38th Southeastern Symposium on Child and Family Development, Knoxville, Tn.
- Bryant, C., M., Barton, A., **Hicks, M.** (2013, May). *Associations between genes, marital functioning, and health*. Presented at the Center for Contextual Genetics and Prevention Science (CGAPS), University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.
- Hicks, M.**, Slomczynski, K. (2011, April). *The effects of marital status on material conditions: the case of Poland*. Paper presented at The Ohio State University Denman Undergraduate Research Forum, Columbus, Ohio.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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*Society for Prevention Research 2018 Minority Travel Award*: Competitive award granted to attend the annual conference, 2018

*Student and New Profession Best Paper Award 2017*: Competitive award to recognize most outstanding proposal by the Ethnic Minority Section of the Nation Council on Family Relationships, 2017

*Sloboda and Bukoski SPR Cup Winner 2017*: Rapid data analysis competition presented at SPR 2017, 2017

*Society for Prevention Research 2017 Minority Travel Award*: Competitive award granted to attend the annual conference, 2017

*Surgeon General C. Everett Koop HIV/AIDS Research Grant*: Competitive grant awarded to facilitate research in HIV/AIDS prevention, 2015

*Karen R. Davis Scholarship*: Competitive award for research with families, 2013

*Eleonora M Costa Graduate Scholarship*: Competitive award for academic excellence, 2013, 2014, 2016

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Society for Prevention Research, DNC committee member	2017-present
Black Doctoral Network, Student Member	2015-2018
National Black Graduate Student Association, Student member	2014-2017

National Council on Family Relations, Student Member 2013-present

## CERTIFICATIONS

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Quantitative Methods in Family Science Graduate Certificate Program, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 2014-2016

Child and Adolescent Psychology Graduate Certificate, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Distance Learning Program, Chicago, IL, 2011-2012

Non-Profit Management Certificate, HandsOn Central Ohio, Columbus, OH, 2011-2012

## TEACHING

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### **Instructor**

Wayne State University

School of Social Work

SW8035: Techniques of Quantitative Data Analysis, Fall 2019

### **Instructor**

Wayne State University

School of Social Work

SW4810: Research Methods, Fall 2019

### **Instructor**

Wayne State University

School of Social Work

SW7830: Research Methods, Spring 2019

### **Co-Teacher**

University of Georgia

Department of Human Development and Family Science

HDFS: 3700: Adolescent Development. Fall 2015

### **Teaching Assistant**

HDFS 2100: Introduction to Family Development

University of Georgia, Fall-Spring 2014

### **Guest Lectures**

*Communication in Relationships, Marriages, and Families*, University of Georgia, Fall 2014

Department of Human Development and Family Science

HDFS 2100: Introduction to Family Development

*Power and Violence in the Family*, Fall 2014

Department of Human Development and Family Science

HDFS 2100: Introduction to Family Development

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Society for Prevention Research Conference, Abstract Reviewer

2017-2018

National Council on Family Relations, Annual Meeting Abstract Reviewer	2014-2018
AIDS and Behavior, Manuscript Reviewer	2015-2016
National HIV Prevention Conference, Abstract Reviewer	2015

### **SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE**

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AmeriCorps State Member	2011-2012
Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator HandsOn Central Ohio, Columbus, OH	
Duties: Individual supervisor for the 2-1-1 Foodline, recruited and trained volunteers, completed 1700 hours of professional development and diversity training	

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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**Graduate and Professional Scholars**, Volunteer and Outreach Committee Chair and Member, University of Georgia, Athens GA, 2012-present

**Women in Science**, Mentor and member, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 2015-2016

### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Donor Communications Intern</b> , Jeannette Rankin Foundation, Athens, Georgia	2013
<b>Job Coach</b> , Goodwill Industries International, Inc., Athens, Georgia	2013
<b>Intern</b> , Specialized Alternatives for Family and Youth, Columbus, Ohio	2010