

Curriculum Vitae  
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## EDUCATION

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**University of Missouri;** Columbia, MO

**December 2013**      **Ph.D** Human Environmental Sciences, Collateral Area: Family Gerontology  
**May 2008**            **M.A.** Human Development and Family Studies, Collateral Area: Family Studies  
**August 2004**        **B.S.** Human Development and Family Studies, Summa cum Laude  
**May 2004**            **B.E.S.** Education and Counseling Psychology, Summa cum Laude & Honors Scholar

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Assistant Professor,** Department of Human Development and Family Science, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; August 2014 – present

**State Specialist in Gerontology,** Human Environmental Sciences Extension, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; August 2014 – present

**Affiliated Professor,** University of Haifa, Mount Carmel, Haifa 3498838, Israel; July 2017 – present

**Senior Research Associate,** Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging, Evanston, IL; June 2012 – August 2014

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS

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**Selected Participant, College of HES Grant Writing Institute,** *University of Missouri*, July 2018

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place National Winner and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Central Region Winner, “Excellence in Multi-State Collaboration: North Central Aging Network,”** *National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS)*, May 2018

**Nominee, President’s Award for Career Excellence: Early Career Award,** *University of Missouri*, Dec 2017

**Guest Co-Editor,** Environments of dying, death, and caregiving at end-of-life. [Special Issue]. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, 32(3-4). Forthcoming, Sep 2018

**Editorial Board Member, Family Relations,** *National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN,* Wiley Periodicals, Inc., Feb 2018 – present

**Editorial Board Member, Journal of Housing for the Elderly,** *Taylor and Francis Inc.; Philadelphia, PA;* Jan 2018 - present

**Editorial Board Member, Journal of Marriage and Family,** *National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN,* Wiley Periodicals, Inc., Oct 2017 - present

**Selected Participant, RAND Summer Institute**, *National Institute on Aging and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Behavioral and Social Scientists Research*, July 2017

**Selected Participant, Faculty Fellowship Summer Institute in Israel**, *Jewish National Fund & Media Watch International*, June 2017

**Selected Member, Adult Development and Aging Workgroup (ADAW)**, *Division of Family and Consumer Sciences at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)*, Jan 2017 - present

**Invited Faculty Fellow, Center for Family Policy and Research**, *University of Missouri*, Fall 2015 - present

**Invited Faculty Fellow, Interdisciplinary Center on Aging**, *University of Missouri*, Fall 2014 - Summer 2017

**Outstanding Research Publication**, *Families and Health Section of the National Council on Family Relations*, Nov 2013

- Ganong, L., Coleman, M., **Benson, J.**, et al. (2013). An intervention to help older adults maintain independence safely. *Journal of Family Nursing*, 19, 146-170. doi: 10.1177/1074840712471900.

**Marilyn Coleman Outstanding Graduate Student**, *University of Missouri Department of HDFS*, Sep 2011

**Honorable Mention Research Poster Award**, *University of Missouri College of HES*, April 2011

- **Benson, J.** & Cooney, T. (2010). End of life planning: Do parents with disabled adult offspring stand out?

**Cecil I. and Orrine Z. Gregory Scholarship**, *University of Missouri College of HES*, Jan 2009

**Mary L. Johnson Scholarship**, *University of Missouri College of HES*, Aug 2008

**HDFS Outstanding Graduate Student**, *University of Missouri HDFS Graduate Student Assoc.*, April 2008

**Americorps Educational Award**, *National Service Corps*, Aug 2005

**Outstanding Senior in HDFS**, *University of Missouri Department of HDFS*, April 2004

**Dean's List**, *University of Missouri*, Dec 2000 - May 2004

## FUNDED GRANTS & CONTRACTS

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### External

**Co-P.I., Multi-State Rural Development Research or Extension Projects Grant, North Central Regional Center for Rural Development**; *competitive* (\$24,655), Oct 2017. "North Central Region Aging Network Toolkit Development."

**Co-I., NIH National Cancer Institute**; *competitive* (\$1,239,265), Jan 2017. "ACCESS: Access for Cancer Caregivers to Educate and Support for Shared Decision Making." Award #: R01CA203999 (Parker Oliver)

**Co-P.I., North Central Region Multi-State Project Funding**; *competitive* (\$18,100), July 2016. "Establishing a Professional Network of Gerontology Experts in Extension and Determining Aging-Related Priorities in the North Central Region."

**Graduate Research Assistant, USDA**, *competitive* (\$320,058), Sep 2009. "Helping Rural Older Adults Develop Plans to Reach Help Quickly in Emergencies."

Internal

**Awardee, Faculty International Travel (FIT) Grant, College of HES; competitive** (\$1000), April 2018.

“Travel Funding to Present at the 2018 Qualitative Methods Conference in Banff, Alberta, Canada.”

**P.I., Seeding Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration (SIRC), College of HES; competitive** (\$2000),

Dec 2016. “Science Diplomacy through an Israeli Collaboration with Dr. Chaya Koren.”

**P.I., Research Activity Fund, Department of HDFS; competitive** (\$3750), Aug 2016. “Graduate Research Assistant Support: Caregiving Experiences within Live-Apart-Together (LAT) Relationships in Later Life.”

**Faculty Mentor, Program for Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) Award, College of HES; competitive** (\$2000), Apr 2016. “Life, Death, and Legacy Study on End of Life Planning.”

- Student Award Recipient: Alexis Combs, Senior in HDFS

**Faculty Mentor, Program for Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) Award, College of HES; competitive** (\$2000), Apr 2016. “Daily Diary Study on Unmarried Couples in Later Life.”

- Student Award Recipient: Alyssa Jones, Junior in HDFS

**P.I., Margaret Mangel Research Catalyst Grant, College of HES; competitive** (\$3,000), Mar 2016.

“Caregiving Experiences within Live-Apart-Together (LAT) Relationships in Later Life.”

**P.I., Richard Wallace Faculty Incentive Grant, Mizzou Alumni Association; competitive** (\$4,000),

Mar 2016. “Qualitative Component to an Evaluation of a Death Awareness Discussion Group on the Psychosocial Well-being and Health-Promoting Behaviors of Middle Aged and Older Adults: A Pilot Intervention Study.”

**P.I., MU Research Council, Office of Research, Graduate Studies, & Economic Development; competitive** (\$10,000), Dec 2015. “Non-marital Partnerships in Later Life: A Daily Diary Study on Partner Interactions and Health.”

**P.I., Research Enrichment and Dissemination (READ), MU Interdisciplinary Center on Aging;**

*competitive* (\$10,000), Jan 2015. “The Impact of a Death Awareness Discussion Group on the Psychosocial Well-being and Health-Promoting Behaviors of Middle Aged and Older Adults: A Pilot Intervention Study.”

**P.I., OwlRock LLC; non-competitive** (\$20,000), Aug 2013. “CareGeneral: A Feasibility Study of a Cloud-based Task Management System for Family Caregivers.”

**P.I., Research Enrichment and Dissemination (READ), MU Interdisciplinary Center on Aging; competitive** (\$8000), June 2011. “Living Apart Together Relationships among Older Adults in the United States.”

**Graduate Research Assistant, Margaret Mangel Research Catalyst Grant, College of HES; competitive**, (\$3107), Mar 2009. “End of Life Caregiving: Women’s Experiences as Caregivers to Ex-husbands.”

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

\*Denotes student author

**Benson, J., \*Sloan, S., & \*Halt, A.** (under revision). Human relationships and healthy aging. In P. Coll (Ed.), *Healthy aging: A complete guide to clinical management*. Springer Nature.

**Benson, J., Parker-Oliver, D., Demiris, G. & Washington, K.,** (under 2<sup>nd</sup> review). Accounts of family conflict in the hospice setting: The central role of autonomy for informal caregivers. *Journal of Family Nursing*.

- Schwarz, B., & **Benson, J.** (in press). Place of death and dying: Introduction. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, 32(3-4).
- Benson, J.**, Schwarz, B., Tofle, R., & Parker-Oliver, D. (in press). The motivations and consequences of dying at home: Family caregiver perspectives. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, 32(3-4).
- Schwarz, B., Molner, R., **Benson, J.** & Tofle, R. (in press). The last habitat: Living and dying in a residential care facility. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, 32(3-4).
- Schwarz, B., & **Benson, J.** (in press). The “medicalized death”: Dying in the hospital. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, 32(3-4).
- Schwarz, B., & **Benson, J.** (in press). Care pathways for the dying patients: Physician perspective. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, 32(3-4).
- \*Stott, K., **Benson, J.**, \*Sloan, S., \*Murphy, S., and \*Halt, A. (in press). Connections to place in the memorialization practices of older adults and their families. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, 32(3-4).
- Benson, J.**, \*Kerr, S., & \*Ermer, A. (2017). Living apart together relationships in later life: Constructing an account of relational maintenance. In C. L. Scott & S. L. Blair (Eds.), *Contemporary perspectives in family research: Vol 11. Intimate relationships and social change: The dynamic nature of dating, mating, and coupling.* (pp. 193-215). United Kingdom: Emerald Group Publishing.
- Parker-Oliver, D., Patil, S., **Benson, J.**, Gage, A., Washington, K., Kruse, R., & Demiris, G. (2017). The effect of Internet group support for caregivers on social support, self-efficacy, and caregiver burden: A meta-analysis. *Telemedicine and e-Health*, 23, 621-629. doi: 10.1089/tmj.2016.0183
- Benson, J.** & Coleman, M. (2016). Older adult descriptions of living-apart-together. *Family Relations*, 65, 439-449. doi: 10.1111/fare.12203
- Benson, J.** & Coleman, M. (2016). Older adults developing a preference for living-apart-together. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 78, 797-812. doi: 10.1111/jomf.12292
- Cooney, T., Proulx, C., Snyder-Rivas, L., & **Benson, J.** (2014). Role ambiguity among women providing end-of-life care for ex-husbands. *Journal of Women and Aging*, 26, 84-104.
- Ganong, L., Coleman, M., & **Benson, J.** (2014). Multiple segment factorial vignettes in family health interventions. In J. H. McCormick & S. L. Blair (Eds.), *Contemporary perspectives in family research: Vol 8A. Family relationships and familial responses to health issues.* (pp. 285-305). United Kingdom: Emerald Group Publishing.
- Ganong, L., Coleman, M., **Benson, J.**, Snyder-Rivas, L., Stowe, J., & Porter, E. (2013). An intervention to help older adults maintain independence safely. *Journal of Family Nursing*, 19, 146-170. doi 10.1177/1074840712471900
- Porter, E. J., **Benson, J.**, & Matsuda, S. (2011). Older homebound women: Negotiating reliance on a cane or walker. *Qualitative Health Research*, 21, 534-548. doi 10.1177/1049732310385822

- Porter, E. J., Matsuda, S., & **Benson, J.** (2011). Intentions of older homebound women about maintaining proximity to a cane or walker and using it at home. *Journal of Applied Gerontology, 30*, 485-504. doi 10.1177/0733464810373906
- Proulx, C., Cooney, T., **Benson, J.**, & Snyder-Rivas, L. (2013). Caregiving for an ex-husband: Exploring precipitating factors and relational outcomes. In P. Neff Cluster & S. L. Blair (Eds.), *Contemporary perspectives in family research: Vol 7. Visions of the 21<sup>st</sup> century family: transforming structures and identities*. (pp. 369-397). United Kingdom: Emerald Group Publishing.

## OTHER SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

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\*alphabetical authorship

\*\*Co-PIs listed as first and second authors; subsequent authorship listed alphabetically.

- Yelland, E., **Benson, J.**, & Byers Gerstenecker, C. (2018, June 12). Aging-related priorities in the north central region: A needs assessment. [Live webinar]. National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS). Available at <https://neafcs.memberclicks.net/webinar-archives>
- \***Benson, J.**, Brown, D., Cantrell, R., Fruhauf, C., Kaplan, M., Kulinski, K., Montgomery, S., Ruffin, N., Samuel, V., Shipley, A., Toppin, L., & Yelland, E. (2017). Extension developed and/or delivered programs that contribute to the quality of life of older Americans (2017). Washington D.C.: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Adult Development and Aging Workgroup. Available at <https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/Programs%20in%20CES%20-%20Aging%20Portfolio.pdf>
- Benson, J.**, Schueler, R., & Cross, K. (2017). HDFS programming in MU Extension [Promotional video]. Jefferson City, MO: High 5 Communications.
- Benson, J.**, Schueler, R., & Cross, K. (2017). Healthy relationships programming in MU Extension [Promotional video]. Jefferson City, MO: High 5 Communications.
- Benson, J.** & Bulf, D. (2016). Is talking about death good for life? [Live webinar]. Chicago, IL: American Society on Aging. <http://www.asaging.org/web-seminars/talking-about-death-good-life>
- Benson, J.** (2015). Living-apart-together (LAT) relationships. In S. K. Whitbourne (Ed.), *The encyclopedia of adulthood and aging* (pp. 787-791). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Benson, J.** (2014). Living-together-apart (LTA). In M. Coleman & L. Ganong (Eds.), *The social history of the American family: An encyclopedia: Vol 2*. (pp. 817-819). Los Angeles, CA: Sage.
- Benson, J.** (2014). Living-apart-together (LAT). In M. Coleman & L. Ganong (Eds.), *The social history of the American family: An encyclopedia: Vol 2*. (pp. 815-817). Los Angeles, CA: Sage.
- Benson, J.**, Woodall, J., & O'Brien, C. (2014). CareGeneral feasibility study. (Report). Evanston, IL: Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging. <https://caregeneral.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/CareGeneral-Feasibility-Study-1.pdf>
- Benson, J.**, Younkie, K., Small, A., & Lehman, D. (2013). Fostering intergenerational inclusive volunteer engagement (F.I.I.V.E.) volunteer toolkit. Evanston, IL: Mather LifeWays Institute

on Aging. <http://www.matherlifewaysinstituteonaging.com/senior-living-providers/fiive-chicago-toolkit/>

- Benson, J.** (2013). Relational aggression among residents in independent senior living communities. (White Paper). Evanston, IL: Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging.
- Benson, J.** (2008). Questions and Answers about methamphetamines (MU Extension Guide Sheet No. GH6201). Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension. [http://education.missouri.edu/orgs/parentlink/\\_files/guidesheets/gh6201.pdf](http://education.missouri.edu/orgs/parentlink/_files/guidesheets/gh6201.pdf)
- Benson, J.** (2008). Legal rights of grandparents raising grandchildren (MU Extension Guide Sheet). Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension.
- \*\*Ganong, L., Coleman, M., Beckmeyer, J., **Benson, J.**, Jamison, T., McCaulley, G., & Sutton, E. (2007). Mental health challenges of low income families (Research Brief). Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension. (**Primary Contributor: Benson, J.**) <http://missourifamilies.org/cfb/briefs/>
- \*\*Ganong, L., Coleman, M., Beckmeyer, J., **Benson, J.**, Jamison, T., McCaulley, G., & Sutton, E. (2007). Children in poverty: Causes, consequences, and beating the odds (Research Brief). Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension. (**Primary Contributor: Benson, J.**) <http://missourifamilies.org/cfb/briefs/>
- \*\*Ganong, L., Coleman, M., Beckmeyer, J., **Benson, J.**, Jamison, T., McCaulley, G., & Sutton, E. (2007). Marriage education content: A review of five relationship intervention curricula for low-income couples (Research Brief). Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension. <http://missourifamilies.org/cfb/briefs/>
- \*\*Ganong, L., Coleman, M., Beckmeyer, J., **Benson, J.**, Jamison, T., McCaulley, G., & Sutton, E. (2007). Nonresidential father involvement among low-income men (Research Brief). Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension. <http://missourifamilies.org/cfb/briefs/>
- \*\*Ganong, L., Coleman, M., Beckmeyer, J., **Benson, J.**, Jamison, T., McCaulley, G., & Sutton, E. (2007). Poverty in American: Rural and urban differences (Research Brief). Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension. <http://missourifamilies.org/cfb/briefs/>
- \*\*Ganong, L., Coleman, M., Beckmeyer, J., **Benson, J.**, Jamison, T., McCaulley, G., & Sutton, E. (2007). Working with low-income couples: Recruitment, retention, and program content (Research Brief). Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension. <http://missourifamilies.org/cfb/briefs/>
- \*\*Ganong, L., Coleman, M., Beckmeyer, J., **Benson, J.**, Jamison, T., McCaulley, G., & Sutton, E. (2007). Financial concerns of low-income families (Research Brief). Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension. <http://missourifamilies.org/cfb/briefs/>
- \*\*Ganong, L., Coleman, M., Beckmeyer, J., **Benson, J.**, Jamison, T., McCaulley, G., & Sutton, E. (2007). Defacto stepfamilies: Cohabiting multiple-partner fertility couples (Research Brief). Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension. <http://missourifamilies.org/cfb/briefs/>
- \*\*Ganong, L., Coleman, M., Beckmeyer, J., **Benson, J.**, Jamison, T., McCaulley, G., & Sutton, E. (2007). Intergenerational exchanges and the role of grandparents in low-income families (Research Brief). Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension. <http://missourifamilies.org/cfb/briefs/>

\*\*Ganong, L., Coleman, M., Beckmeyer, J., **Benson, J.**, Jamison, T., McCaulley, G., & Sutton, E. (2007). Family processes of resilience: What helps low-income families thrive in spite of adversity? Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension.  
<http://missourifamilies.org/cfb/briefs/>

\*\*Ganong, L., Coleman, M., Beckmeyer, J., **Benson, J.**, Jamison, T., McCaulley, G., & Sutton, E. (2007). Expectations and realities: The meaning of marriage for low-income couples (Research Brief). Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension.  
<http://missourifamilies.org/cfb/briefs/>

**Benson, J.**, & Fine, M.A. (2006). Children of divorce: Stories of loss and growth. [Continuing Education Credit (CEC) Text Questions.] Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS/COLLOQUIES

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**Benson, J.** (2018, Jan). *Living apart together in later life: Constructing an account of relational maintenance*. Invited speaker for the Home and Families Division of HES Extension at the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

**Benson, J.** (2017, Sep). *Growing old in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: Myths and stereotypes of aging*. Invited speaker for the Center for English Language Learning (CELL) at the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

**Benson, J.** (2017, June). *Repartnering in later life: Living happily ever after, apart?* Invited speaker for the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences at the University of Haifa, Mount Carmel, Haifa, Israel.

**Benson, J.** (2017, Mar). *Repartnering in later life: Living happily ever after, apart?* Invited speaker for the Department of Psychology 2016-2017 Brown Bag Seminar Series, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

**Benson, J.** (2016, Nov). In C. Sherman and C. Koren (Co-Chairs), *Late life repartnering and stepfamily relationships: Negotiating intimate and intergenerational ties*. Invited discussant in symposium presented at the meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

**Benson, J.** (2016, Oct). *Impact of kinship care on grandparents and other relatives*. Invited speaker at the Grandfamily Conference, Cape Girardeau, MO.

**Benson, J.** & Bulf, D. (2016, May). *Is talking about death good for life?* Invited speaker in live web seminar for the American Society on Aging, Aging in America Conference, Chicago, IL.

**Benson, J.** (2015, Nov). *Caring for aging adults*. Invited panelist for the University of Missouri Human Resources Annual Training Conference, Columbia, MO.

**Benson, J.** (2010, May). *End of life planning, caregiving, & legal issues*. Invited speaker at the Boone County Counseling Center Professional Development Training, Columbia, MO.

**PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

\*Denotes student author

- Benson, J.,** \*Sloan, S., & Ermer, A. (forthcoming 2018, Nov). The caregiving experiences of older adults in living-apart-together relationships. In I-F. Lin and S. Brown. (Co-Chairs), *Later-life partnership and well-being*. Symposia paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.
- \*Sloan, S., Teti, M., & **Benson, J.** (forthcoming 2018, Nov). Redefining body image after breast cancer: A photovoice study. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.
- Ermer, A., **Benson, J.**, & Segel, D. (forthcoming 2018, Nov). Loneliness trajectories among older adult married couples. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.
- Benson, J.**, Yelland, E., Brown, L., and Byers, C. (2018, May). Consciousness-raising about age and ageism. Facilitated discussion at the annual meeting of the National Health Outreach Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Benson, J.** (2018, May). Engaging older adults in qualitative research: Special considerations and lessons learned. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Qualitative Methods Conference (QM), Banff, Alberta, Canada.
- Benson, J.**, and \*Kerr, S. (2017, Nov). Repartnering in later life: A literature review. In A. Barnett and J. Benson. (Co-Chairs), *Aging in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: The state of science on aging and family life*. Symposia paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
- Barnett, A., & **Benson, J.** (2017, Nov). Aging in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: The state of science on aging and family life. Symposium at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
- Yelland, E., **Benson, J.**, Bates, J., & Litzelman, K. (2017, Nov). Aging-related priorities in the North Central Region: A needs assessment. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
- Patil, S., Parker-Oliver, D., Washington, K., **Benson, J.**, Gage, A., Kruse, R. L., & Demiris, G. (2017, Nov). Online group support interventions for family caregivers of adults: A meta-analysis of depression, stress, and health outcomes. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the North American Primary Care Research Group, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Benson, J.** & Killian, T. (2017, July). Variations in relationships according to partner perceptions: Data from the NSHAP project. Paper presented at the IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.
- \*Stott, K., **Benson, J.**, \*Kerr, S., \*Jones, A., & \*Ermer, A. (2017, July). Life, death, and legacy: Is talking about death good for your health? Paper presented at the IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.



- Parker-Oliver, D., Patil, S., **Benson, J.**, Gage, A., Washington, K., Kruse, R., & Demiris, G. (2017, July). The effect of internet support groups on caregiver social support and self-efficacy: A meta analysis. Poster presented at the IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.
- Benson, J.**, Parker-Oliver, D., Demiris, G., & Washington, K. (2016, Nov). Family conflict among informal hospice caregivers. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Council of Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.
- \*Combs, A., **Benson, J.**, \*Jones, A., \*Godsy, L., & \*Murphy, S. (2016, Nov). What does a good death look like? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- Benson, J.** (2016, Nov). Until death do us part? The limitations of caregiving among older couples who live-apart-together. In K. Roberto and Savla, T. (Co-Chairs), *The 'other' caregivers: Extended and non-kin taking responsibility for the care of old persons*. Symposia paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- \*Kerr, S., \*Stott, K., \*Murphy, S. & **Benson, J.** (2016, Nov). Barriers to initiating death discussion and restructuring norms. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- \*Mott, R., Keller, K., Funkenbusch, K., & **Benson, J.** (2016, Mar). Incorporating photovoice techniques in evaluation of social service programming. Poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- Benson, J.** & \*Ermer, A. (2016, July). Decentering commitment: Living-apart-together in later life. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Association of Relationship Research, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Benson, J.** & Bulf, D. (2016, Apr). Is talking about death good for life? Workshop presented at the annual meeting of the American Society on Aging, Washington D.C.
- Benson, J.**, & Coleman, M. (2015, Nov). Finding the right words: Personal address terms and definitions of later life LAT relationships. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Lake Buena Vista, FL.
- Benson, J.** & Bulf, D. (2015, Mar). Death cafes: Start with death, end with life, leave with a legacy. Workshop presented at the annual meeting of the American Society on Aging, Chicago, IL.
- Benson, J.** & Coleman, M. (2014, Nov). From living apart, to Living-apart-together: Older adults developing a preference for LAT. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C.
- Benson, J.** & Coleman, M. (2014, Nov). Relational maintenance strategies among older adult LATs. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.
- Benson, J.**, Bonifas, R., & Frankel, M. (2014, Mar). Bullying among older adults in communal senior living settings. Roundtable presented at the annual meeting of the American Society on Aging, San Diego, CA.

- Benson, J.** & Beckmeyer, J. (2013, Nov). Relational aggression and subjective well-being in independent senior living communities. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- Benson, J.** (2012, Nov). Maintaining independence in the context of living-apart-together relationships. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.
- Ganong, L., Coleman, M., **Benson, J.**, Snyder-Rivas, L., & Stowe, J. (2012, Nov). Older adults maintaining independence safely. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.
- Benson, J.** & Coleman, M. (2011, Nov). Role transitions across the life course: Widows' experiences on family farms. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.
- Benson, J.**, Ganong, L., & Coleman, M. (2011, Nov). Step-relationships across the lifespan. In R. Blieszner & V. Bedford (Chairs), *Family relationship styles: Lifespan effects*. Symposia paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.
- Cooney, T., Proulx, C., Snyder, L., & **Benson, J.** (2011, Nov). Role ambiguity among women providing care for ex-husbands. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.
- Proulx, C., Cooney, T., **Benson, J.**, & Snyder, L. (2011, Nov). Women's relational experiences prior to providing care to ex-husbands. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
- Benson, J.**, Snyder, L., Matteson, M., & Krampe, J. (2010, Nov). Emerging adults' caregiving experiences and preparedness for future caregiving. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- Benson, J.** & Cooney, T. (2010, Nov). End of life planning: do parents with disabled adult offspring stand out? Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- Cooney, T., Proulx, C., **Benson, J.**, Snyder, L., & Haq, Kanwal (2010, Nov). Caregiving for an ex: Womens' experiences of providing care to former husbands. In T. Cooney (Chair), *Exploring the context of non-normative informal caregiving situations*. Symposia paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- Ganong, L., Coleman, M., & **Benson, J.** (2010, April). Age differences in beliefs about intergenerational assistance to older kin. Poster presented at the meeting of the Council on Contemporary Families, Chicago, IL.
- Benson, J.** (2009, June). Young adult caregiving experiences and future directions for research. Colloquium conducted at the RAND Career Development Institute, Washington, D.C.
- Cooney, Teresa & **Benson, J.** (2009, Aug). Parents' experiences with their adult children's problems: Differences for mothers and fathers. In J. Suitor (Chair), *Research group on parent adult-child relations*. Roundtable paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

**Benson, J. & Oliver, D.** (2007, Nov). Building and sustaining relationships across disciplines: Interdisciplinary research teams and collaboration. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- HDFS 1610: *Intimate Relationships and Marriage*, University of Missouri
- HDFS 1600: *Foundations of Human Development and Family Science*, University of Missouri
- HDFS 3440: *Aging and Adult Development*, University of Missouri
- HDFS 4970: *Human Development and Family Science Capstone*, University of Missouri
- HDFS 7257: *Aging and the Family*, University of Missouri
- HDFS 8630: *Gendered Relations in Families*, University of Missouri

## SCHOLARLY SERVICE & PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

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**Invited Extension Fact Sheets Reviewer**, '*Urine' not alone!* University of Kentucky Extension, Spring 2018

**Planning Committee Member**, *Center for Contemporary Families*, Fall 2017

**Search Committee Member**, *Chair for the Department of HDFS*, Fall 2017

**Invited Radio Guest**, *Older adults embracing 'living apart together.'* TalkRadio 790 KABC Dr. Drew Midday Life with Mike Catherwood, Los Angeles, CA, Mar 2017

**Invited Extension Fact Sheets Reviewer**, *What is the difference between Alzheimer's disease and dementia? Are there other kinds of dementias, too?* Utah State University Extension, Fall 2016

**Invited Committee Member**, *Life Sciences & Society Program Symposium*, Fall 2016 – present

**Founding Co-Chair**, *North Central Region Aging Network (NCRAN) in Extension*, Spring 2016 – present

**Search Committee Member**, *Extension Regional Specialist in HDFS (St. Clair Co.)*, Spring 2017

**Search Committee Member**, *Extension Regional Specialist in HDFS (Buchanan Co.)*, Fall 2016

**Search Committee Member**, *Extension State Specialist & Asst. Professor (Tenure Track) in HDFS*, Fall 2016

**Focus on Kids Facilitator**, *HDFS Extension*, Spring 2016 – present

**Invited Grant Reviewer**, *Israel Science Foundation*, Spring 2016

**Invited Book Reviewer**, *Family interaction: A multigenerational developmental perspective 6<sup>th</sup> edition*. Pearson (Allyn & Bacon). Spring 2015

**Invited Podcast Guest**, *Living apart, together: A choice that's working for older couples*. Extension on the Go, Feb 2015

**Invited Radio Guest**, *Living-apart-together relationships among older adults*. 1400 AM - KFRU Columbia Morning with David Lile, Interdisciplinary Center on Aging Segment, Columbia, MO, Sep 2015

**Committee Member**, *Online Gerontology Program in HDFS*, Fall 2014 – present

**MU Faculty Representative**, *GPI IDEA Gerontology Program*, Fall 2014 – present

**Committee Member**, *Graduate Program in HDFS*, Fall 2014

**Institutional Review Board Member**, *Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging*, Fall 2012 – Spring 2017

### **Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer**

- The Gerontologist
- Family Relations
- Journal of Social and Personal Relationships
- Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research
- Journal of Marriage and Family
- PLOS ONE
- Journal of Research and Aging
- Journal of Aging Studies
- Journal of Gerontological Sciences

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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**International Association of Relationship Research**, January 2016 – present

**American Society on Aging**, August 2013 – present

**Chicago Bridge Network**, June 2012 – present

**Gerontological Society of America**, Mar 2008 – present

**National Council on Family Relations**, Sep 2003 – present

### **GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES**

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#### **Chair or Co-chair of PhD Supervisory Committee:**

##### Current Students

Kevin Stott

Steffany Sloan

Allison Halt

#### **Chair or Co-chair of Masters Supervisory Committee:**

##### Current Students

Olivia Landon

Elizabeth Dreifuss

Jacob Risk

Kacie Sims

Shonette Doggett

Emilia Alm

Erica Smith

Lakesha Carter

##### Former Students

Carrie Lehman, Graduated Summer 2018

Jennifer Walden, Graduated Summer 2018

Kathryn Daugherty, Graduated Fall 2016

Michelle Denzer, Graduated Fall 2016

Maya Warren, Graduated Spring 2016

Reed Stafford, Graduated Fall 2015

Gina Conde, Graduated Spring 2015

**Adviser of Graduate Certificate:**

Current Students

Jody Blankenship

Tamsyn Weaver

Sonya Carney

Former Students

Heather Osbourne, Graduated Spring 2017

Angie Catlin, Graduated Spring 2017

**Member of Graduate Supervisory Committee:**

Current Students

Sarah Almalki, Dissertation, *Department of HDFS*, University of Missouri

Heather Carter, Dissertation, *Department of Architectural Studies*, University of Missouri

Rungnapha 'Lek' Khiewchaum, Dissertation, *School of Nursing*, University of Missouri

Karen Clark, Dissertation, *School of Nursing*, University of Missouri

Former Students

Sara Murphy, Master's Comprehensive Exam, *Department of HDFS*, University of Missouri, Graduated Spring 2018

Rachel Siefert, Master's Thesis, *Department of Architectural Studies*, University of Missouri, Graduated Fall 2017

Ashton Chapman, Dissertation, *Department of HDFS*, University of Missouri, Graduated Summer 2017

Ashley Ermer, Dissertation, *Department of HDFS*, University of Missouri, Graduated Spring 2017

Andrea Roach, Dissertation, *Department of HDFS*, University of Missouri, Graduated Summer 2016

**GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH OR TEACHING PRACTICA**

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**Supervisor of Research Practicum:**

Current Students

N/A

Former Students

Allison, Halt, *Doctoral Student: Department of Translational Neuroscience*, University of Missouri, Spring 2018

Kevin Stott, *Doctoral Student: Department of HDFS*, University of Missouri, Fall 2017

Ashley Ermer, *Doctoral Student: Department of HDFS*, University of Missouri, Fall 2015

**Supervisor of Teaching Practicum:**

Current Students

N/A

Former Students

Kevin Stott, *Doctoral Student: Department of HDFS*, University of Missouri, Fall 2017

- HDFS 1610: *Intimate Relationships and Marriage*

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH HOURS OR INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

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### **Supervisor of Internship Experience:**

#### Current Students

N/A

#### Former Students

Lauren Godsy, *Department of HDFS, University of Missouri, Spring 2016*

Alyssa Jones, *Department of HDFS, University of Missouri, Fall 2016*

### **Supervisor of Research Hours:**

#### Current Students

N/A

#### Former Students

Elizabeth Dreifuss, *Department of HDFS, University of Missouri*

Maggie Spratt, *College of Education, University of Missouri*

Alyssa Jones, *Department of HDFS, University of Missouri*

Brianna Fletchall, *Department of HDFS, University of Missouri*

Lauren Godsy, *Department of HDFS, University of Missouri*

Alexis Combs, *Department of HDFS, University of Missouri*