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## **EDUCATION**

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- PhD in Human Environmental Sciences,**  
**emphasis in Human Development and Family Studies** December 2013  
 University of Missouri, Columbia, MO  
 Dissertation: *Religious Similarity and Relationship Quality*
- MS in Family Studies & Human Services,**  
**specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy** December 2004  
 Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS  
 Master's report: *The influence of siblings on ethnic identity development*
- BS in Human Development and Family Studies, *summa cum laude*** August 2002  
**Minor in Journalism**  
 University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

## **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

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- Norman and Marilyn Pick Human Environmental Sciences**  
**Teaching Scholar** 2017-2019
- Assistant Teaching Professor, Director of Graduate Studies** 2014 - present  
 Department of Human Development and Family Science  
 University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
- Adjunct Professor** 2014  
 Department of Educational Psychology  
 Stephens College, Columbia MO
- Marriage and Family Therapist** 2008-2014  
 Lawrence, Oliver, and Associates, Columbia, MO
- Reunion Family Therapist** 2006 – 2008  
 Aspen Achievement Academy, Loa, UT
- Team Therapist** 2005 – 2006  
 Aspen Ranch, Loa, UT

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- Great IDEA Award** for cross-disciplinary communication April 2019  
 Great Plains IDEA
- Distinguished Teacher Award**, College of Human Environmental Sciences April 2018

President's Award for Innovative Teaching nominee, University of Missouri	December 2017
<b>Norman and Marilyn Pick Human Environmental Sciences Teaching Scholar</b>	2017-2019
Teaching with Technology Award nominee, University of Missouri	July 2017
<b>Excellence in Teaching Award</b> , Great Plains IDEA	April 2017
<b>Great IDEA Award</b> for Pecha Kucha course re-design presentation Great Plains IDEA	April 2017
<b>Great IDEA Award</b> for revising the Family and Community Services Handbook Great Plains IDEA	April 2016

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Lower Level Undergraduate Courses**

University of Missouri, Department of Human Development and Family Science  
*Intimate Relationships and Marriage*\* (in-seat; enrollments range from 160-300)

*Intimate Relationships and Marriage* (online; enrollment of 12)

*Principles of Human Development* (online, writing intensive, self-paced course; enrollments average 30 students per section)

*Principles of Human Development*\* (in-seat, writing intensive; enrollments range 200-295)

*Foundations of Family Science*\* (in-seat; enrollment of 111)

\*worked individually with students to make the course Honor's credit

### **Upper Level Undergraduate Courses**

University of Missouri, Department of Human Development and Family Science  
*Interpersonal Relationships* (in-seat; enrollment of 25)

*Family Interaction* (in-seat; enrollment of 30)

*Family Interaction* (online; enrollment of 12)

### **Graduate Courses**

University of Missouri, Department of Human Development and Family Science  
*Professional Development Seminar I* (in-seat; enrollment of 17)

*Foundations and Principles of Family and Community Services* (online; enrollments range from 15-36)

*Teaching Practicum*; involves observations, written evaluations, regular meetings; Lauren Johnsen (Communications; Sp19), Madison Memmot-Elison (F18), Steffany Kerr (SS18), Kevin Stott (F17), Jeremy Kanter (Sp18), Nate Stoddard (Sp18), Danielle Turley (F15), Youngjin Kang (F14)

*The Family Life Cycle* (in-seat; approximate enrollment of 25)

*Child and Adolescent Therapy* (in-seat; approximate enrollment of 12)

**Graduate Assistantship Supervisor** for all graduate instructors and teaching assistants for *Intimate Relationships and Marriage* and *Principles of Human Development*

### **Graduate Teaching Seminar Facilitator**

This seminar meets monthly. Topics include creating an inclusive classroom culture, syllabus design, assignment creation, class management, learning objectives, teaching technologies.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant Mentor and Supervisor** for graduate instructors and teaching assistants teaching *Intimate Relationships and Marriage* and *Principles of Human Development* (approximately 20 graduate students). Observe teaching and provide feedback. Review syllabi and assignment construction.

## **TEACHING DEVELOPMENT**

Teaching Family Science Conference, Park City, UT	June 2018
Faculty Learn Shop, Utilizing Technology in Distance Education, Great Plains IDEA Conference	April 2017, 2018, 2019
Wakonse Teaching Conference	May 2016
Celebration of Teaching, University of Missouri	May 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Integrating Technology into the Classroom, ET@MO	April 2016
Diversity in the Classroom panel	April 2016
Online Teaching Foundations course, University of Missouri	Fall 2015
Campus Writing Program, Panelist, Writing in Large Enrollment Courses	March 2018

## **GRANTS and FUNDING**

Funding for GRA Mentorship Coordinator, Department of Human Development and Family Science, .125 FTE AY 19	August 2019
Curriculum review grant, Family and Community Services curriculum group Great Plains IDEA, \$5000, funded	October 2018
Course re-design grant, Foundations of Family and Community Services Great Plains IDEA, \$4040, funded	October 2016

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Duncan, J. & Lester, A. (in press). Interfaith relationships and Black families. In A. James (Ed.). *Black families: A systems approach*. Cognella Publishers: San Diego, CA.

**Lester, A.** (2017). Family workshops in residential treatment programs. In J. D. Christenson & A. N. Merritts (Eds.), *Family therapy with adolescents in residential treatment: Intervention and research*. New York: Springer.

Schramm, D. G., & **Lester, A.** (2016). Religious heterogamy. In C. L. Shehan (Ed.). *The Encyclopedia of Family Studies*. John Wiley & Sons: Hoboken, NJ.

James, A., Fine, M., & **Lester, A.** (2015). A re-investigating of the religious orientation-moral reasoning relationships: A relational developmental systems perspectives. *Journal of Beliefs and Values*, 36, 244-251. doi:10.1080/13617672.2015.1051362

James, A., **Lester, A.**, & Brooks, G. (2012). The effects of denomination on religious socialization for Jewish youth. *Youth and Society*, 46, 875-891. doi: 0.1177/0044118X124 57084

### **PUBLICATIONS IN PROCESS**

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**Lester, A.** & Yuichi, Y. (in progress). Curriculum review process for an online degree program: Lessons learned and suggested practices.

**Lester, A.** (in progress). Helping others help us: One department's plan to mentor graduate teaching assistants.

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (JURIED)**

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Lester, A. (May, 2019). *Helping others help us: One department's plan to mentor graduate teaching assistants*. Presented at the Celebration of Teaching conference, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

Lester, A. (2017, March). *Family workshops in residential treatment programs*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations, Charlotte, NC.

**Lester, A. M.** & Proulx, C. M. (2014, November). *Religious similarity and relationship quality*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of The National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.

James, A. G., **Lester, A. M.**, & Brooks, D. G. (2012, November). *Effects of denomination on religious socialization for Jewish youth*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of The National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ.

**Lester, A. M.**, & Schramm, D. G. (2012, November). *An empirical study of the transformational model of religious socialization*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of The National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ.

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (INVITED)**

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**Leser, A. M.** (2019, September). *Principles of human development: Best practices for tutoring writing*. Presented at a monthly training session for the Campus Writing Program's Writing Intensive tutors.

**Lester, A. M.** (2019, April). *Family and community services: A curriculum review*. Presented at the annual conference of Great Plains IDEA, Kansas City, MO.

**Lester, A. M.** (2017, April). *Foundations and principles of family and community services: A course redesign*. Presented at the annual conference of Great Plains IDEA, Kansas City, MO.

**Lester, A. M.** & Lester, D. C. (2011, May). *Integrating the family into wilderness therapy*. Presented at the annual training of Outward Bound, Ely, MN.

### **ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

<b>Graduate Studies Committee, Chair</b>	2014-present
<b>Family and Community Services Master's program, Advisor</b> Currently 35 students	2014-present
<b>Awards Committee, Member</b>	2017-present
<b>HDFS Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Member</b>	2018-present
<b>HDFS Technology and Social Media Committee,</b> Chair	2015-2016
Member	2014

### **COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

<b>Chancellor's Family-Friendly Campus Committee, Chair</b> Member	2016-present 2015
<b>Campus Writing Center, Presenter to WI tutors</b> "Principles of Lifespan Development"	September 2019
<b>Chancellor's Task Force on Pregnancy and Parenting, Member</b>	2017-2018
<b>Graduate Awards and Fellowships Committee,</b> College of Human Environmental Sciences, Member	2017
<b>Campus Writing Board, Member</b>	2015-2018
<b>Educational and Social Science Subcommittee, Chair</b>	2016-2017
<b>Task Force on the Campus Writing Program Funding Model,</b>	2015-2017
<b>Graduate Student Fellowship Competition, Reviewer</b>	Spring 2016, 2017, 2019
<b>Directors of Graduate Study Networking Group, Panelist on Recruiting</b>	March 2016

**Faculty Panelist**, College of Human Environmental Sciences  
*Day in the Life of an Undergraduate* recruiting event February 2016

**Chancellor's Task Force on the Graduate Student Experience** 2015

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Family and Community Services Curriculum Group**, Program Coordinator  
 Great Plains IDEA 2018-present

**Great Plains IDEA Next Great Idea Working Group**, Member 2018-present

**Student and New Professional Representative**, National Council on Family Relations 2017  
 Religion, Spirituality, and Family Life Section  
 Reviewer for Conference Presentations 2016, 2017

### **STUDENT COMMITTEES**

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Chair, MA Family and Community Services

Rebecca Dodd	Allison Koger (F 19)	2019
Jessica Clover	Marilyn Calbert	
Marissa Ammons	Whitney Martin	
Estrella Carmona		2018
Tiffany Moore	Alyson Costner	
Andelyn Wright	Camerina Galvan	
Wyvonna Neeley	Dennis Glaze	
Andrea Grelle		2017
Elizabeth Allen	Danielle Magers	
Eva Seibert	Brandi Sutherland	
Brittany Smith		2016
Michelle Bollinger	Katelyn Sherman	
Maureen Hurley	Keri Preston	
Kayla White	Ginger Risner	
Allison Dedmon	Sadie Harrison	2015
Emily Gove	Katie Fox	2014

Member, MA Youth Development

Emily Wilson		2019
John Blaess	Bianca Ash	
Cheryle Martin		2017
Ashley Felton	Laura Wong*	2016

\*After receiving feedback on her MA exam, this student graduated with a graduate certificate

Member, MA Child Life			
	Megan Doss		2019
	Kayla White		2018
	Rachel Schmelzer	Brooke Thueson	2016
Member, MA Gerontology			
	Michelle Denzer		2016
	Gina Conde	Reed Stafford	2015
	Kathryn Daugherty		

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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National Council on Family Relations	2014-present
Family Science Association	2018-present
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Clinical Member	2002-2014
Missouri Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Clinical Member	2008-2014

### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE**

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist	2002-present
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