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## **PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

Assistant Professor  
Texas Tech University  
Department of Human Development and Family Sciences  
September 2019 – August 2021

Postdoctoral Fellowship  
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida  
Department of Health Management and  
Informatics  
December 2018 - August 2019

Postdoctoral Fellowship  
University of Victoria, British Columbia,  
Canada  
Department of Psychology  
May 2017 - November 2018

## **EDUCATION**

### **University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign**

College of Education, Department of Educational Psychology, Division of Child Development  
Ph.D., Educational Psychology, Graduated: May 2017

Dissertation: Merrin G. J. *Examining the reciprocal associations between delinquency and parental monitoring in two adolescent samples: A within- and between-person latent variable analysis*. [Order No. 10832091]. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; 2017. <http://hdl.handle.net/2142/97557>

### **University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign**

College of Education, Department of Human Resource Education  
Ed.M., Human Resource Development, May 2010

### **University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign**

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology  
B.A., Sociology, May 2009

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Prevention science and school-based program evaluation
- Healthy adolescent development in the transition to young adulthood
- Identity-based harassment, bullying, and psychosocial outcomes
- Adolescent risk, resilience, and developmental trajectories
- Longitudinal quantitative methods and R programming

## **TEACHING**

### **Assistant Professor**

Department of Human Development and Family Science  
Syracuse University (September 2021 – Present)

#### **Courses:**

HFS 202: Development of Children  
HFS 300: Youth Gangs and Adolescent Development  
HFS 395: Risk, Resilience, and Intervention  
HFS 474: Promises and Problems in Youth and Emerging Adulthood  
HFS 653: Developmental Research Methods  
HFS 800: Applied Structural Equation Modeling

### **Assistant Professor**

Department of Human Development and Family Sciences  
Texas Tech University (August 2019 – 2021)

#### **Courses:**

HDFS 6365: Quantitative Methods III – Foundations of Structural Equation Modeling  
HDFS 6370: Quantitative Methods IV – Longitudinal Structural Equation Modeling  
HDFS 6363: Risk-Taking and Adolescent Health

### **Instructor**

Department of Psychology  
University of Victoria (September 2017 – January 2018)

#### **Course:**

PSYC 345A: Drugs and Behavior: Basic Principles

### **Teaching Assistant**

Department of Educational Psychology  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (August 2012 – May 2017)

#### **Courses:**

EPSY 202: Exploring Cultural Diversity  
EPSY 580: Statistical Inference in Education  
EPSY 573: Methods of Educational Inquiry

## **GRANT ACTIVITY**

**Merrin, G. J. (Co-PI).** Social media bias-based harassment: Bidirectional relationships with adolescent psychopathology, *National Institute of Health* (R21), \$275,000 (Funding Period: 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2028 – Under Review as of October 20, 2025).

**Merrin, G. J. (Co-I).** Co-developing a measure of digital mental health help-seeking with and for Black adolescents, *William T. Grant Foundation*, \$240,000 (Funding Period: 6/1/2026 - 5/31/2028 – Under Review as of September 9, 2025).

**Merrin, G. J. (Co-I).** A longitudinal, multi-method recruitment study of gender minority adolescents to examine strengths and risk factors, *National Institute of Health* (R01) \$4,030,298 (Funding Period: 9/1/2025 - 8/31/2030 – Under Review).

**Merrin, G. J. (Co-I).** Root causes of bias-based harassment in schools: Risk and protective factors across multiple levels of the social ecology. *National Institute of Justice* (R01), \$1,290,546 (Funding Period: 1/1/2021 – 12/30/2024 - Funded) (Grant Number: NIJ-2020-CK-BX-0005).

**Merrin, G. J. (Co-I).** The Impact of Sources of Strength, a primary prevention youth suicide program, on sexual violence perpetration among Colorado high school students, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, *National Institute of Health* (R01), \$1,800,000 (Funding Period: 9/30/2016 – 9/29/2020 - Funded) (Grant Number: NIH-1U01CE002841-01).

**Merrin, G. J. (PI).** The relations among polysubstance use, treatment utilization, and health service outcomes, *Fulbright Canada* (Funding Period: 1/1/2018 – 1/1/2019 - Recommended to be Funded).

**Merrin, G. J. (Co-I).** Trajectories of marijuana use across a decade: Their predictors in adolescence and impact on health, academic, social, and economic outcomes in young adulthood, *Canadian Institutes of Health Research*, \$100,000 (Funding Period: 1/2018 – 8/2019 - Funded) (Grant Number: SHI-155410).

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*\*Denotes mentored student-led manuscripts*

**Merrin, G. J.,** Nickodem, K., Grant, N., Weerakoon, S., Holt, M., & Espelage, D. (accepted). CATACode: A principled approach for coding check-all-that-apply demographic items. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*.

\*Bi, K., **Merrin, G. J.,** Li, T., Sun, X., Chai, Y., Lu, Z., Chen, M. S. (2025). Navigating unmeasured confounding in nonexperimental psychological research: A practical guide to computing and interpreting e-value. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, 8(2), 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1177/25152459251326571>

Holt, M. K., **Merrin, G. J.,** Wyatt, O., Green, J. G., Gini, G., & Fogelman, P. (2025). Direct and witnessed bias-based harassment exposures among adolescents: Associations with functioning and the influence of protective factors. *Violence and Victims*, 1-43. <https://doi.org/10.1891/VV-2023-0027>

Wang, J. H., **Merrin, G. J.,** Wang, X., Liu, Q., & Kiefer, S. M. (2025). Co-occurring early adolescent ACEs and associations with later peer relationships. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 54, 1827-1844. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10964-025-02157-0>

Lawrence, T. I., **Merrin, G. J.,** & Mcfield, A. A. (2025). Family violence and adolescent aggressive behavior: The direct and indirect effects of depression and substance use. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*, 23, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11469-022-00971-2>

\*Fusco, N. V., Holt, M. K., **Merrin, G. J.,** & Green, J. G. (2025). Social-emotional functioning among bias-based bullies, victims, and bully-victims. *School Psychology*, 40(3), 397-403. <https://doi.org/10.1037/spq0000620>

Heerde, J. A., Bailey, J. A., **Merrin, G. J.,** Raniti, M., Patton, G. C., Toumbourou, J. W., & Sawyer, S. M. (2025). School suspension as a predictor of young adult homelessness: The International Youth Development Study. *Journal of Prevention*, 46, 467-485. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10935-025-00829-y>

- Le, V. T., Bailey, J. A., Heerde, J. A., **Merrin, G. J.**, Batmaz, E. A., Kelly, A. B., & Toumbourou, J. W. (2025). The roles of alcohol availability, overserving, and enforcement in recreational and social settings on alcohol misuse and harms: A comparison of Australia and the United States. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, 86(3), 340–348. <https://doi.org/10.15288/jsad.24-00036>
- Parodi, K. B., Holt, M. K., Aradhya, P., Green, J. G., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2025). A longitudinal analysis of risk and protective factors of bias-based bullying victimization among adolescents. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 1-25. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605251318276>
- \*Marsico, C., \*Wyatt, O., Parodi, K. B., Holt, M. K., Green, J. G., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2025). Longitudinal associations between witnessing bias-based harassment and mental health functioning. *Journal of School Violence*, 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15388220.2025.2524335>
- Razza, R. A., Liu, Q., Feng, R., Hao, X., Kirkman, K. A., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2025). Cultivating adolescents' self-compassion through mindfulness: The role of self-regulation at both the individual- and classroom-level. *Contemporary School Psychology* 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40688-025-00548-5>
- \*Bi, K., Chen, M. S., Zhang, C., Li, T., Liu, Y., Chen, J., Chen, H., Xie, Z., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Yip, P. (in press). Day-to-day dynamic coupling of affective symptomatology in Chinese mother-adolescent and father-adolescent dyads. *Clinical Psychological Science*.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Bailey, J. A., Kelly, A. B., Le, V. T., Heerde, J. A., Doery, E., Batmaz, E. A., & Toumbourou, J. W. (2024). Continuity and change in substance use patterns during the transition from adolescence to young adulthood: Examining changes in social roles. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction* 1-23. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11469-024-01342-9>
- Merrin, G. J.**, Wang, J. H., Kiefer, S. M., Jackson, J. L., Pascarella, L. A., Huckaby, P. L., Blake, C. L., Gomez, M. D., & Smith, N. D. W. (2024). Adverse childhood experiences and bullying during adolescence: A systematic literature review of two decades. *Adolescent Research Review*, 9, 513-541. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40894-023-00229-5>
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- Zhang, X., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Slavich, G. M. (2024). Adverse childhood experiences and emotion dysregulation phenotypes: An intersectional analysis of race/ethnicity and gender in a nationally representative U.S. sample. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 158, 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2024.107129>
- Grant, N., **Merrin, G. J.**, April, K., April-Sanders, A. K., Arora, I., & Gordon, D. (2024). A prospective study of sexual risk patterns associated with delinquency and justice involvement among child welfare system-involved adolescent males. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, 56, 30-40. <https://doi.org/10.1111/psrh.12255>
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\*Huang, Y., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Medina, M. (2025, April). Typologies and correlates of perceived academic stress among Chinese adolescents: a latent class analysis. Paper presented at the 2025 American Educational Research Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO, United States.

Holt, M. K., Green, J. G., **Merrin, G. J.**, Wyatt, O., and Reeves, D. (2025, April). *An Evaluation of Boston vs. Bullies: Effectiveness of Changing Bullying Knowledge, Attitudes and Behaviors*. Poster presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO.

Holt, M. K., Parodi, K. B., Fusco, N. V., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Hamer, E. (2025, April). *Longitudinal associations between multiple forms of bias-based bullying victimization and adolescent functioning*. Poster presented at the American Educational Research Association Conference, Denver, CO.

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Wang, J. H., Merrin, G. J., Wang, X., Liu, Q., & Kiefer, S. M. (2025, February 21). *An overlooked area in trauma-informed care for adolescents: Peer relations*. Paper presented at the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention, Seattle, WA, United States.

Shafi, S., Mulvaney, M., **Merrin, G. J.** (2025, February). Examining the structure and correlates of

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- Merrin, G. J.,** Jian, B., Holt, M. K., Green, J. G., & Liu, Q. (2024, November). Co-occurring patterns of bias-based harassment among adolescents: Differential associations with mental health and perceptions of school safety and support. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Bellevue, WA.
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- Merrin, G. J.,** Wang, J. H., & Blake, C. L. (2023, October). Bullying perpetration and victimization among adolescents with adverse childhood experience: A systematic review. Paper symposium presented at the 2023 World Anti-Bullying Forum, Raleigh, NC.
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- Merrin, G. J.** (2023, March). Invited discussant for *Adverse Experiences at School: Bias-based Bullying by Peers and Unfair Treatment by Teachers* panel. Presented at the Society for Research in Child Development 2023 Biennial Conference.
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- \*Xu, Y., Liu, Q.Y., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Razza, R.A. (2023, March). Linking Early Fathering Trajectories to Child Social Behavioral Profiles in Middle Childhood: A Latent Transition Study. In Liu, Q.Y., & Ren, H. G. (Co-chair), *Leveraging Innovative Person-Centered Approaches to Study the Antecedents and Consequences of Parenting and Child Behaviors*. Paper Symposium presented at the Society for Research in Child Development 2023 Biennial Conference.
- Ames, M. E., Robillard, C. L., Ryan, J. E. H., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Turner, B. J. (2023, March). *Reciprocal associations between physical activity, self-concept, somatic symptoms, and depression from adolescence to young adulthood: Disaggregating within- and between-person effects*. Poster presented at the 2023 annual convention of the Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA). San Diego, CA.
- \*Fairclough, J., Martin, J. M., **Merrin, G. J.**, Plunkett, S., & Behnke, A. (2022, November). *Antecedents and consequences of peer victimization among adolescents: A person-centered approach*. Poster presented at the American Society of Criminology annual conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Holt, M. K., & Wyatt, O. (2022, June). Risk and protective factors of bias-based harassment perpetration in a nationally representative sample of adolescents: Examining peer and school moderators. In M. Holt (Chair), *Bias-Based Harassment and Hate Crimes among Adolescents: Prevention Implications from Three Methodologically Diverse Studies*. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research annual conference, Seattle, WA.
- Holt, M. K., **Merrin, G. J.**, Green, J., & Wyatt, O. (2022, June). Exposure to multiple forms of bias-based harassment among adolescents: predictors, correlates, and protective factors. In M. Holt (Chair), *Bias-Based Harassment and Hate Crimes among Adolescents: Prevention Implications from Three Methodologically Diverse Studies*. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research annual conference, Seattle, WA.
- \*Liu, Q. Y., Razza, R., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2022, April). *Reciprocal associations between parenting behaviors and children's self-regulation in the transition from early to middle childhood*. Poster presented at the 12th Biennial Cognitive Development Society. Madison, WI.
- Wang, J. H., **Merrin, G. J.**, Huckaby, P. L., Pascarella, L. A., Jackson, J. L., Smith, N. D. W., Schoener, E. P., & Gomez, M. D. (2022, February). *Double-edged sword: peer relations of adolescents with adverse childhood experiences*. Paper presented at the National Association of School Psychologists annual convention (NASP), Boston, MA.
- Green, J. G., Holt, M. K., Wyatt, O., **Merrin, G. J.**, Marsico, C., & Shah, T. N. (2022, February). *Bias-*

- based Harassment Among US Adolescents During COVID-19*. Paper presented at the National Association of School Psychologists annual convention (NASP), Boston, MA.
- Valido, A., Ingram, K., Espelage, D. L., Torgal, C., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Davis, J. P. (2021, November). *Intra-familial violence and peer aggression among early adolescents: Moderating role of school sense of belonging*. Poster presented at the World Antibullying Forum, Stockholm, Sweden.
- \*Rivas-Koehl, M., Rivas-Koehl, D., **Merrin, G. J.**, Balzarini, R. N., Zoppolat, G., & Slatcher, R. B. (2021, November) *The Role of Perceived Partner Responsiveness in Couples' Sex Lives During the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Paper presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Leadbeater, B. J., Sukhawathanakul, P., Rush, J., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Lewis, N. (2021, June). *Understanding preventive interventions in the context of trajectories of normative child development in a cluster randomized controlled trial*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Virtual Conference.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Hernandez, M. M., Masarik, A., & Mercado, E. (2021, April). *Attention early scholars: How to thrive professionally in interdisciplinary research, and personally as a human*. In C. R. Rogers (Chair), Student and Early Career Council Conversation Hour Series at the Society for Research on Child Development Conference. Virtual Conference.
- Ravindran, N., **Merrin, G. J.**, Fairclough, J., Phelps, B., Zoppolat, G., Balzarini, R. N., & Slatcher, R. B. (2021, April). *Longitudinal Within-Person Associations between COVID-19-Related Stressors, Parents' Emotions, and Parent-Child Interactions*. Paper presented at the Society for Affective Science Virtual Conference.
- Fairclough, J., **Merrin, G. J.**, Hong, J. S., Mountain, S., & Voisin, D. (2021, April). *Religiosity and associations with substance use and delinquency among urban African American adolescents*. Poster presented at the 2021 Society for Research in Child Development Virtual Biennial Meeting, April 7-9, 2021.
- Marsico, C., Holt, M., **Merrin, G. J.**, Fairclough, J., Shah, T., Green, J. G., & Fogelman, P. (2021, April). *Adolescents' exposure to direct and indirect immigration-based harassment: Associations with social emotional and academic functioning*. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Convention, Virtual.
- Shah, T. N., Wyatt O., Holt, M., **Merrin, G. J.**, Marsico, C., Green, J., & Fogelman, P. (2021, April). *Identity-Based Harassment Experiences at the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Sexual Orientation: Associations with Functioning*. Poster presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Convention, Virtual.
- Valido, A., Torgal, C., Ingram, K., Espelage, D. L., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Davis, J. P. (2020, August). *Intra-familial violence and verbal and physical aggression among early adolescents: Moderating role of school sense of belonging*. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, DC.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Koval, A., & Moselle, K. (2020, July). *The need for full cross continuum secondary and tertiary encounter data to inform integrated service delivery for patients with substance use disorders*. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Convention, Washington, DC.
- Leadbeater, B. J., Sturgess, C., **Merrin, G. J.**, Ames, M., & Thompson, K. (2020, July). *Predictors of Early-Onset Cannabis Use in Adolescence and Risks for Substance Use Disorder Symptoms in Young Adulthood*. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Convention, Washington, DC.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Davis, J. P., Ingram, K., & Espelage, D. L. (2020, April). *Examining social ecological predictors of youth gang entry among serious juvenile offenders: A survival analysis*. Poster scheduled to be presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.
- Espelage, D. L., Davis, J. P., Ingram, K. M., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2020, April). *Exposure to*



- parental and community violence with bullying perpetration and cyber and face-to-face victimization among adolescents.* Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.
- Ingram, K., Davis, J. P., Espelage, D. L., Hatchel, T., & **Merrin, G. J.**, Valido, A., & Torgal, C. (2020, April). *Longitudinal Associations Between Features of Toxic Masculinity and Bystander Willingness to Intervene in Bullying Among Middle School Boys.* Paper presented at the American Education Research Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Jones, A., Espelage, D. L., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2019, August). *Examining Classes of Sexual Violence Victimization among Latina/o High School Students and Associations with Suicidal Ideation and Attempts and Help Seeking Behaviors.* Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Ingram, K., Davis, J. P., Espelage, D. L., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2019, May). *Exploring Interpersonal Risk Factors for Teen Dating Violence Longitudinally across Adolescence.* Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Ingram, K., Espelage, D. L., & **Merrin, G. J.**, Heinhorst, J., & Valido, A. (2019, May). *Exploring the Role of Virtual Reality in Bullying Prevention: Evaluation of a Pilot Trial.* Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Ames, M., Leadbeater, B., & **Merrin, G. J.**, Sturgess, C., & Contreras, A. (2019, May). *Adolescent Patterns of Peer Victimization: Concurrent and Longitudinal Health Correlates.* Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Marsico, C., Holt, M. K., Green, J. G., Espelage, D. L., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2019, April). *Harnessing the power of youth: An evaluation of the Anti-Defamation League's peer leader program.* Paper presented at the American Education Research Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada.
- Forber-Pratt, A. J., Zape, M. P., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2018, August). *Construction and Preliminary Validation of the Disability Identity Development Scale (DIDS).* Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Espelage, D. L., Ingram, K. M., Davis, J. P., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Valdio, A. (2018, August). *A social-ecological analysis of teen dating violence perpetration.* Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Thompson, K., Ames, M., & Leadbeater, B. J. (2018, July). *Marijuana Trajectories in Canadian Youth: Associations with Substance Use and Mental Health.* Poster presented at the Research Society on Marijuana Conference, Fort Collins, C.O.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Leadbeater, B. J., Sturgess, C., Ames, M., & Thompson, K. (2018, July). *Predicting and Preventing Early Onset Marijuana Use: The Cumulative Influence of Risk and Protective Factors.* Poster presented at the Research Society on Marijuana Conference, Fort Collins, C.O.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Thompson, K., & Leadbeater, B. J. (2018, May). *Transitions in the use of multiple substances from adolescence to young adulthood.* Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Science Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Merrin, G. J.**, & Leadbeater, B. J. (2018, May). *Do classes of polysubstance use in adolescence differentiate growth in substances used in the transition to young adulthood?* Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Science Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Thompson, K. T., Ames, M., Leadbeater, B. J., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2018, May). *Associations between marijuana use trajectories and educational and occupational success for Canadian youth.* Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Science Conference, Washington, D.C.
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- Merrin, G. J.**, Davis, J. P., Berry, D., D'Amico, E. J., & Dumas, T. M. (2018, May). *The longitudinal associations between substance use, crime, and social risk among emerging adults: A longitudinal within and between-person latent variables analysis.* Paper presented at the Modern Modeling Methods Conference, Storrs, CT.

- Dumas, T., Davis, J. P., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Neighbors, C. (2018, April). *Peer drinking groups: A longitudinal assessment of members' binge drinking, group norm overestimation, and within-group status*. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Convention, Minneapolis, MN.
- Davis, J. P., Dumas, T., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2018, April). *The mechanistic role of social context: Results from two studies investigating crime, substance use, and self-regulation*. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Convention, Minneapolis, MN.
- Leadbeater, B. J., Thompson, K., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Ames, M. E. (2017, November). *Trajectories of marijuana use across a decade: Their predictors in adolescence and impact on health, academic, social, and economic outcomes in young adulthood*. Paper presented at the Public Health Association of BC, Vancouver, BC.
- Espelage, D. L., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2017, June). *Measuring school climate to inform prevention: The promise of multi-informant surveys and observation methodologies*. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Convention, Washington, DC.
- Thompson, K., **Merrin, G. J.**, Ames, M. E., & Leadbeater, B. J. (2017, June). *Trajectories of marijuana use in Canadian youth and association with substance use, mental health, and behavioral problems in adolescence and young adulthood*. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Convention, Washington, DC.
- King, M., **Merrin, G. J.**, Espelage, D. L., & Grant, N. J. (2017, April). *Victimization, suicidal ideation, and intersectionality among LGBQ youth and students with disabilities*. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biannual Convention, Austin, TX.
- Espelage, D. L., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Davis, J. (2017, April). *Longitudinal analysis of affective empathy, attitudes supportive of bullying, and bully perpetration among middle school youth*. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biannual Convention, Austin, TX.
- Espelage, D. L., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2016, November). *Violence victimization among sexual minority high school students: Impact of school disorganization on mental health outcomes*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Davis, J. P., Berry, D., D'Amico, E. J., & Dumas, T. M. (2016, August). *The longitudinal associations between substance use, criminal behavior, and social risk among emerging adults: A longitudinal within and between-person latent variables analysis*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Hatchel, T., & Espelage, D. L. (2016, August). *An examination of parental monitoring and school connectedness on suicidality among LGBQ youth*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO.
- Hatchel, T., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Espelage, D. L. (2016, August). *Peer victimization and suicidality among LGBQ youth: What protects youth?* Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO.
- Espelage, D. L., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2016, August). *Violence among LGBQ students: Impact of school climate and disorganization on mental health outcomes*. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Davis, J., Jones, A. E., Hatchel, T., & De La Rue, L. (2016, May). *Longitudinal effects of maternal depression, stress, and economic hardship on the development of childhood behavior problems among at-risk mothers: Recommendations for prenatal and postnatal prevention*. Paper presented in an invited Paper (Sloboda and Bukkoski Cup) at the annual meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Jones, A. E., **Merrin G. J.**, Charmaraman, L., & Espelage, D. L. (2016, April). *School climate, gender, context, and consequences: Effectively addressing middle school sexual harassment at school*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Washington, D.C.
- Charmaraman, L., Jones, A. E., **Merrin G. J.**, & Espelage, D. L. (2016, April). *Predicting early*

- adolescent online sexual harassment. Association with dismissive attitudes, peer support, and school belonging.* Poster presented at the Biannual Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.
- Hong, J. S., **Merrin, G. J.**, Crosby, S., Hernandez-Jozefowicz, D., Lee, J., & Allen-Meares, P. (2016, January). *Factors Associated with Immigrant Youths' Perceptions of School Safety: An Application of the Social-Ecological Framework.* Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Davis, J., **Merrin, G. J.**, Berry, D., Dumas, T. M., Hong, J. S., & Smith, D. C. (2015, October). *Examining within-person and between-person effects of victimization and social risk on cannabis use among emerging adults in substance-use treatment.* Paper presented at the Society for the Study on Emerging Adulthood, Miami, FL.
- Merrin, G. J.**, King, M. T., & Espelage, D. L. (2015, August). *An examination of teacher-student interactions on a middle school playground.* Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Toronto, CA.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Berry, D. J., & Espelage, D. L. (2015, May). *Developmental changes in delinquency from early to late adolescence: Associations with parental monitoring and peer deviance.* Paper presented at Hong Kong University, Faculty of Education Conference, Hong Kong, China.
- Espelage, D. L., **Merrin, G. J.**, & De La Rue, L. (2015, March). *Relational aggression among middle school students: A social network study.* Paper presented at the Biannual Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Berry, D. J., & Espelage, D. L. (2015, March). *Developmental changes in delinquency from early to late adolescence: Associations with parental monitoring and peer deviance.* Poster presented at the Biannual Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.
- Rivers, T., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Espelage, D. L. (2013, April). *Examining roasting among middle school students: The initial construction of a roasting scale.* Roundtable discussion at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Merrin, G. J.**, River, T., & Espelage, D. L. (2013, April). *"First person I see, I'm bout to get to ridin' on." Exploring the effects of roasting among middle school students.* Roundtable discussion at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Rivers, T., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Espelage, D. L. (2012, October). *Ritual insults among African American middle school students: Causing harm or passing time?* Poster presented at the National Conference in Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, Lawrence, Kansas.
- Gates, E., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Case, A. (2012, November). *When worlds collide: Practicing restorative circles at a juvenile hall.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
- Merrin, G. J.**, De La Rue, L., & Espelage, D. L. (2012, August). *The association of past victimization and gang involvement: Concerns for future violence perpetration.* Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Orlando, FL.
- Merrin, G. J.**, & Espelage, D. L. (2012, April). *Cumulative risk factors leading to delinquency and antisocial behavior.* paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Vancouver, Canada.

## INVITED TALKS/KEYNOTES

- Merrin, G. J.** (2023, August). Navigating the complexities of measuring and modeling polysubstance use from adolescence to young adulthood. Presentation given at Science Wednesdays, University of Washington, Department of Social Work.
- Merrin, G. J.** (2022, April). High stakes but weak effects: New challenges for school-based prevention. Keynote address at Illinois Wesleyan University John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference, Bloomington, IL.

**Merrin, G. J.,** Hong, J. S., & Espelage, D. L. (2019, November). *Are the risk and protective factors similar for gang-involved, pressured-to-join, and non-gang involved youth? A social-ecological analysis.* Paper presented at the Voice of Our Youth, Dane County Youth Authority Research Summit, Madison, WI.

Forber-Pratt, A., **Merrin, G. J.,** & Espelage, D. L. (2019, November). *Exploring the intersections of disability, race & gender on peer victimization, suicidal ideation, and school connectedness in high school.* Paper presented at the Voice of Our Youth, Dane County Youth Authority Research Summit, Madison, WI.

## AWARDS

- Merrin, G. J. (Awardee). *The development of poly-substance use in two countries: Examining early risk and resilience and young adult outcomes* — National Institutes of Health, Loan Repayment Program Award (2025 - 2027).
- Syracuse University 2025 - 2026 SOURCE Research Assistant Grant
- Syracuse University 2024 Falk College [Faculty of the Year Award for Excellence in Research](#)
- Syracuse University 2024 Excellence in [Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award](#)
- Texas Tech University 2021-2022 Alumni Association [New Faculty Award](#)
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, College of Education, 2016-2017 *Outstanding Student Medal Award for Doctoral Students* ([Graduation Speech](#))
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, College of Education, 2015-2016 *Outstanding Teaching Award for Teaching Assistants*
- University of Illinois, College of Education, 2015 Conference Best Paper Award. Paper entitled: Developmental Changes in Delinquency from Early to Late Adolescence: Associations with Parental Monitoring and Peer Deviance
- University of Illinois [Teachers Ranked as Excellent](#) (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2017)
- University of Illinois, College of Education 2013 Conference Best Paper Award. Paper entitled: “First person I see, I’m bout to get to ridin’ on.” Exploring the Effects of Roasting Among Middle School Students

## MEDIA/PRESS

Davis, J. P., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2016, October 6). Delinquent youths with PTSD need individualized treatment, studies suggest. Interviewer Sharita Forrest with the Illinois News Bureau. Retrieved from <https://education.illinois.edu/about/news-events/news/article/2016/10/03/delinquent-youth-with-ptsd-need-individualized-treatment-study-suggest>

Davis, J. P., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2016, December 1). Adolescents with PTSD history more likely to struggle with substance abuse. Interviewer Jess Peterson with the Daily Illini. Retrieved from <http://dailyillini.com/special-sections/2016/12/01/adolescents-ptsd-history-likely-struggle-substance-abuse/>

**Merrin, G. J.** (2016, January 21). Personal history with street gangs sparks U. of I. graduate student’s research. Interviewer Sharita Forrest with the Illinois News Bureau. Retrieved from <https://news.illinois.edu/personal-history-with-street-gangs-sparks-u-of-i-graduate-students-research/>

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

*Syracuse University*

- Graduate Committee (Fall 2025 – Present; Fall 2023 – Spring 2024)

- Faculty advisor for the HDFS Future Professoriate Program (Spring 2025)
- HDFS Assessment Committee (Fall 2024 – Spring 2025)
- Faculty advisor for Mixtape, an Undergraduate Student Group (Fall 2023 – Present)
- Faculty advisor for HDFS Graduate Student Group (Fall 2023 – Fall 2024)
- Graduate Application Committee (Fall 2023 – Spring 2024)
- Undergraduate Committee (Fall 2021 – Spring 2023)
- Shaw Center Hiring Committee (Fall 2022)
- HDFS Award Committee (Spring 2022)
- HDFS Chair of Colloquium Committee (Spring 2023)

#### *Texas Tech University*

- Graduate Student Award Committee (Fall 2021)
- Methods Qualifying Exam Committee (2020 – 2021)
- Interview Committee for the Human Development and Family Studies Ambassadors (2019 – 2020)

#### *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

- College of Education Diversity Committee
  - Student representative (2013-2014)
- Department of Educational Psychology Child Development Search Committee
  - Student representative (2013-2014)
- Department of Educational Psychology Executive Committee
  - Student representative (2012-2013)

### **OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT**

- Elmcrest Children's Center [Board of Directors](#), Syracuse, NY (Fall 2024 – Present)
- Texas Tech University Community Advocacy Project for Students (2019 – 2021)
  - Student Advocate
- Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center (2015 – 2017)
  - Adolescent Advocacy
- UP Center of Champaign County (2015 – 2017)
  - Board Member
- Danville, Illinois Public Schools (2015 – 2017)
  - Building a Restorative Justice System within a local High School

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Education Research Association (AERA)  
 Association for Psychological Science (APS)  
 Society for Prevention Research (SPR)  
 Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA)  
 Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

### **PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

- SPR 2019 – 2020 Code of Conduct Policy Task Force
- AERA 2016 – 2018 Social Justice and Action Committee: Student Representative
- AERA 2016 – 2017 Graduate Student Council: Past Chair

- AERA 2015 – 2016 AERA Council: Student Representative
- AERA 2015 – 2016 Graduate Student Council: Chair
- AERA 2014 – 2015 Graduate Student Council: Chair-Elect
- AERA 2013 – 2014 Division E: Webmaster

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3/2025	Linghua Jiang, Human Development and Family Sciences, Syracuse University (Advisor: Sara Vasilenko) (Ph.D.)
3/2025	Qingyang Liu, Human Development and Family Sciences, Syracuse University (Advisor: Rachel Razza) (Ph.D.)
10/2023	Javari Fairclough, Human Development and Family Sciences, Texas Tech University (Advisor: Monica Martin) (Ph.D.)
8/2023	Sanum Shafi, Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University (Advisor: Matthew Mulvaney) (Ph.D.)
8/2023	Suzanne Holland, Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University (Advisor: Rachel Razza) (M.S.)
5/2023	Dominica Colavito, Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University (Advisor: Kamala Ramadoss) (M.S.)
4/2023	Chloe Ludden, Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University (Advisor: Sara Vasilenko) (M.S.)
8/2022	Xiaoyan Zhang, Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University (Advisor: Merril Silverstein) (Ph.D.)
6/2022	Sara Alansaari, Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University (Advisor: Sara Vasilenko) (M.S.)
5/2022	Shuangyue Cui, Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University (Advisor: Eunjoo Jung) (M.S.)
4/2022	Tianyu Li, Human Development and Family Science, Texas Tech University (Advisor: Zhe Wang) (Ph.D.)
4/2022	Abby Picinich, Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University (Advisor: Sara Vasilenko) (M.S.)
4/2022	McKeena Farley, Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University (Advisor: Sara Vasilenko) (M.S.)
4/2021	Bethany Phelps, Human Development and Family Sciences, Texas Tech University (Advisor: Malinda Colwell) (M.S.)
5/2021	Omolola A. Odejimi, Educational Psychology, Texas Tech University (Advisor: Todd Little) (Ph.D.)

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## **STATISTICAL CONSULTING**

- The Sports Museum (Boston, MA) – Evaluation of Boston vs. Bullies (2023 – 2024)
- Anti-Defamation League (Washington, D.C.) – Evaluation of No Place for Hate (2021 – 2024)
- Committee for Children (Seattle, Washington) - Evaluation of Second Step Program (2018 – 2020)
- Vancouver Island Health Authority (British Columbia, Canada) - Evaluation of health service utilization for patients with substance use and mental health issues. (2017 – 2019)
- Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation (Short Hills, New Jersey) - Evaluation of disability programming (2018 – 2019)