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PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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
August 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: “Examining the reciprocal association between delinquency and parental monitoring in two adolescent samples: A within- and between-person latent variable analysis”
<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

- Identity based harassment, aggression, and victimization in the school context
- Delinquency, substance use, and other problem behaviors
- Prevention science and evaluation of school-based interventions
- Adolescence development and the transition to young adulthood
- Longitudinal quantitative methods

TEACHING

Assistant Professor

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

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). BullyDown: An Innovative Approach to Reducing Bullying Among Middle School Youth. *Institute of Education Sciences* (Funding Period: 2021 – 2024 - Submitted).

Merrin, G. J. (Co-PI). Development and Pilot Testing of Sources of Strength's Elementary Curriculum: Promoting Resiliency through Social-Emotional Learning and Proactive Prevention. *Institute of Education Sciences* (Funding Period: 2021 – 2025 - Submitted).

Merrin, G. J. (Co-PI). Assessing Youth Disability Identity Development: The Creation and Validation of Student Measure of Youth Disability Identity Development. *Institute of Education Sciences* (Funding Period: 2021 – 2025 - Submitted).

Merrin, G. J. (Co-PI). Root Causes of Bias-Based Harassment in Schools: Risk and Protective Factors Across Multiple Levels of the Social Ecology, *National Institute of Justice* \$1,290,546 (Funding Period: 1/1/2021 – 12/30/2023 - 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* \$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-PI). 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

- Merrin, G. J.,** Davis, J. P., Ingram, K., & Espelage, D. L. (2020). Examining social-ecological predictors of youth gang entry among serious juvenile offenders: A survival analysis. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ort0000491>
- Merrin, G. J.,** Ames, M., Sturgess, C., & Leadbeater, B. J. (2020). Disruption of transitions in high-risk substance use from adolescence to young adulthood: School, employment, and romantic relationship factors. *Substance Use and Misuse*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2020.1729200>
- Forber-Pratt, A. J., **Merrin, G. J.,** & Espelage, D. L. (2020). Exploring the intersections of disability, race & gender on student outcomes in High School. *Remedial and Special Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0741932520941201>
- Forber-Pratt, A., **Merrin, G. J.,** Mueller, C. O., Price, L. R., & Kettrey, H. H. (2020). Initial factor exploration of disability identity. *Rehabilitation Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/rep0000308>
- Davis, J. P., Ingram, K. M., **Merrin, G. J.,** & Espelage, D. L. (2020). Exposure to parental and community violence and the relationship to bullying perpetration and victimization among early adolescents: A parallel process growth mixture latent transition analysis. *Scandinavian Journal of Psychology*, 61, 77-89. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sjop.12493>
- Ames, M., Leadbeater, B., **Merrin, G. J.,** & Thompson, K. (2020). Patterns of marijuana use and physical health indicators among Canadian Youth. *International Journal of Psychology*, 55(1), 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ijop.12549>
- Ingram, K., Espelage, D., Davis, J. P., & **Merrin, G. J.,** (2020). Family violence, sibling, and peer aggression during adolescence: Associations with behavioral health outcomes. *Frontiers in Psychiatry* 11(26). <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsy.2020.00026>
- Valido, A., Ingram, K., Espelage, D. L., Torgal, C., **Merrin, G. J.,** & Davis, J. P. (2020). Intra-familial violence and verbal and physical aggression among early adolescents: Moderating role of school sense of belonging. *Journal of Family Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-020-00142-8>
- Green, J. G., Holt, M. K., Oblath, R., Robinson, E., Story, K., **Merrin, G. J.** (2020). Engaging professional sports to reduce bullying: An evaluation of the Boston vs. Bullies program. *Journal of School Violence*, 19(3), 389-405. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15388220.2019.1709849>
- Merrin, G. J.,** Davis, J. P., Berry, D., & Espelage, D. L. (2019). Developmental changes in deviant and violent behavior from early to late adolescence: Associations with parental monitoring and peer deviance. *Psychology of Violence*, 9(2), 196-208. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/vio0000207>
- Grant, N., **Merrin, G. J.,** King, M., & Espelage, D. L. (2019). Examining within-person and between-person associations of family violence and peer deviance on bullying perpetration among middle school students. *Psychology of Violence* 9(1), 18 - 27. <http://doi.org/10.1037/vio0000210>.
- Davis, J. P., **Merrin, G. J.,** Ingram, K., Espelage, D. L., Valido, A., & El Sheikh, A. (2019). Examining pathways between bully victimization, depression, & school belonging among early adolescents. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 28(9), 2365-2378. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-019-01340-9>
- Hatchel, T., **Merrin, G. J.,** & Espelage, D. L. (2019). Peer victimization and suicidality among LGBTQ youth: The protective roles of self-compassion, school belonging, and parental support. *Journal of LGBT Youth*, 16(2), 134-156. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19361653.2018.1543036>
- Peguero, A., **Merrin, G. J.,** Hong, J. S., & Johnson, K. R. (2019). School disorder and dropping out: The intersection of gender, race, and ethnicity. *Youth and Society*, 51(2), 193–218. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X16668059>.
- Ames, M. E., Leadbeater, B. J., **Merrin, G. J.,** Sturgess, C., & Thompson, K. (2019). Adolescent patterns of peer victimization: Concurrent and longitudinal health correlates. *Journal of Applied Biobehavioral Research*, 24, 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jabr.12151>
- Ingram, K., Espelage, D. L., **Merrin, G. J.,** Valido, A., Heinhorst, J., & Joyce, M. (2019). Evaluation of a virtual reality enhanced bullying prevention curriculum pilot trial. *Journal of Adolescence* 71, 72-83. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adolescence.2018.12.006>

- Ingram, K., Davis, J. P., Espelage, D. L., Hatchel, T., & **Merrin, G. J.**, Valido, A., & Torgal, C. (2019). Longitudinal associations between toxic masculinity and bystander willingness to intervene in bullying among middle school boys. *Journal of School Psychology, 77*, (139-151). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsp.2019.10.007>
- Jones, A. E., Espelage, D. L., Valido, A., Ingram, K., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2019). Examining classes of bully perpetration among Latinx high school students and associations with substance use and mental health. *International Journal of Bullying Prevention, 1*(3), 170-179. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42380-019-00028-4>
- Thompson, K., Leadbeater, B. J., Ames, M., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2019). Associations between marijuana use trajectories and educational and occupational success in adulthood. *Prevention Science 20*(2), 257-269. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11121-018-0904-7>
- Merrin, G. J.**, Thompson, K., & Leadbeater, B. J. (2018). Transitions in the use of multiple substances from adolescence to young adulthood. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence 189*, 147-153. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2018.05.015>
- Merrin, G. J.**, & Leadbeater, B. J. (2018). Do adolescent patterns of polysubstance use predict differential use of substances in young adulthood? *Journal of Substance Use and Misuse 53*(13), 2112 - 2124. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2018.1455702>
- Merrin, G. J.**, de la Haye, K., Espelage, D. L., Ewing, B., Tucker, J., Hoover, M., & Green, H. (2018). The co-evolution of bullying perpetration, homophobic teasing, and a school friendship network. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence, 47*(3), 601-618. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10964-017-0783-4>.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Espelage, D. L., & Hong, J. S. (2018). Applying the social-ecological framework to understand the associations of bullying perpetration among high school students: A multilevel analysis. *Psychology of Violence, 8*(1), 43-56. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/vio0000084>.
- Espelage, D. L., **Merrin, G. J.**, Hong, J. S., & Resko, S. M. (2018). Applying social cognitive and social information processing theory to explore relational aggression across early adolescence: A within- and between-person analysis. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence 47*(11), 2401-2413. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10964-018-0910-x>
- Espelage, D. L., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Hatchel, T. (2018). Peer victimization and dating violence among LGBTQ youth: The impact of school violence and crime on mental health outcomes. *Journal of Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice 16*(2), 156-173. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1541204016680408>.
- King, M., **Merrin, G. J.**, Espelage, D. L., & Grant., N. J. (2018). Victimization, suicidal ideation, and intersectionality among LGBTQ youth and students with disabilities. *Exceptional Children, 84*(2), 141-158. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0014402917736261>.
- Thompson, K., **Merrin, G. J.**, Ames, M., & Leadbeater, B. J. (2018). Trajectories of marijuana use in Canadian youth and association with substance use, mental health, and behavioral problems in adolescence and young adulthood. *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Sciences 50*(1), 17-28. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/cbs0000090>.
- Dumas, T. M., Davis, J. P., **Merrin, G. J.**, Puccia, M., & Blustein, D. (2018). If you're high status and you know it: Teasing apart the within- and between-person effects of peer-nominated and self-reported status in the drinking group on alcohol-related outcomes. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, 32*(3), 327-337. <https://doi.org/10.1037/adb0000352>.
- Davis, J. P., Dumas, T. M., **Merrin, G. J.**, Espelage, D., Tan, K., Madden, D. & Hong J. S. (2018). Examining the pathways between bully victimization, depression, academic achievement, and problematic drinking in adolescence. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, 32*(6), 605-616. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/adb0000394>
- Espelage, D. L., Hong, J. S., **Merrin, G. J.**, Davis, J. P., Rose, C. A., & Little, T. D. (2018). A longitudinal examination of homophobic name-calling perpetration in middle school: Bullying, traditional masculinity, and sexual harassment as predictors. *Psychology of Violence, 8*(1), 57-66. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/vio0000083>.
- Leadbeater, B. J., Thompson, K., Sukhawathanakul, P., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2018). The longitudinal

- inter-relations among fidelity, quality and students' use of program in the diffusion of implementation of a whole-school, victimization prevention program. *Prevention Science* 19(8), 1066-1078. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11121-018-0948-8>
- Davis, J. P., D., Dumas, T. M., Berey, B., **Merrin, G. J.**, Tan, K., Madden, D. R. (2018). Poly-victimization and trajectories of binge drinking from adolescence to young adulthood among serious juvenile offenders. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 186, 29 - 35. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2018.01.006>.
- Davis, J. P., Dumas, T. M., Berey, B. L., **Merrin, G. J.**, Roberts, B. W., & Robinson-Cimpian, J. (2017). Effect of victimization on impulse control and binge drinking among juvenile delinquents from adolescence to young adulthood. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 46(7), 1515-1532. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10964-017-0676-6>.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Davis, J. P., Berry, D., D'Amico, E. J., & Dumas, T. M. (2016). The longitudinal associations between substance use, crime, and social risk among emerging adults: A longitudinal within and between-person latent variables analysis. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 165, 71-78. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2016.05.009>.
- Hong, J. S., **Merrin, G. J.**, Peguero, A. A., Gonzalez-Prendes, A. A., & Lee, N. Y. (2016). Exploring the social-ecological determinants of physical fighting in U.S. schools: What about youth in immigrant families? *Child and Youth Care Forum*, 45(2), 279-299. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10566-015-9330-1>.
- Davis, J. P., **Merrin, G. J.**, Berry, D., Dumas, T. M., Hong, J. S., & Smith, D. C. (2016). Examining within-person and between-person effects of victimization and social risk on cannabis use among emerging adults in substance-use treatment. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, 30(1), 52-63. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/adb0000121>.
- Hong, J. S., **Merrin, G. J.**, Crosby, S., Hernandez-Jozefowicz, D., Lee, J., & Allen-Meares, P. (2016). Individual and contextual factors associated with immigrant youth's feeling unsafe in school: A social-ecological analysis. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 18(5), 996-1006. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-015-0242-9>.
- Davis, J. P., Dumas, T. M., Wagner, E. F., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2016). Social ecological determinants of substance use treatment entry among serious juvenile offenders from adolescences through emerging adulthood. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 71, 8-15. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsat.2016.08.004>.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Hong, J. S., & Espelage, D. L. (2015). Are the risk and protective factors similar for gang-involved, pressured-to-join, and non-gang involved youth? A social-ecological analysis. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 85(6), 522-535. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/ort0000094>.

JOURNAL ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW/REVISION

- Merrin, G. J.**, Leadbeater, B. J., Sturgess, C., Ames, M., & Thompson, K. (under review). Predicting and preventing early onset marijuana use: The cumulative influence of risk and protective factors. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*.
- Valido, A., **Merrin, G. J.**, Espelage, D. L., Robinson, L. E., Ingram, K. M., El Sheikh, A. J., Torgal, C., & Fairclough, J. (revised and resubmitted). Social-Ecological Predictors of Homophobic Bullying Perpetration and Victimization among Early Adolescents. *Journal of Early Adolescence*.
- Espelage, D. L., Ingram, K. M., **Merrin, G. J.**, Robinson, L. E., Bowman, C. E., & Holt, M. (revise and resubmit). Longitudinal Effects of a Middle School Social-Emotional Learning Program on Bullying & Gender-based Harassment in High School. *Youth & Society*.
- Espelage, D. L., Ingram, K. M., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Hong, J. S. (revise and resubmit). Bullying as a Developmental Precursor to Sexual Violence throughout Adolescence: Decade in Review. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*.
- Contreras, A., Leadbeater, B. J., **Merrin, G. J.** (under review). Using cannabis when anxious in adolescence and young adulthood. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Merrin, G. J.** (in prep). Using Hidden Markov models to examine risk and protective pathways across adolescence development.
- Merrin, G. J., & Fairclough, J.** (in prep). Social influences in the transitions of substance use profiles from adolescence to young adulthood.
- Merrin, G. J.** (in prep). Examining the reciprocal association between parental monitoring and delinquency in two adolescent samples: A within- and between-person latent variable analysis.
- Merrin, G. J.** (in prep). Family, peer, and neighborhood predictors of youth gang involvement: A meta-analysis.
- Fairclough, J., **Merrin, G. J.**, Hong, J. S., Mountain, S., & Voisin, D. R. (in prep). Religiosity and associations with substance use and delinquency among urban African American Adolescents.
- Fairclough, J., **Merrin, G. J.**, Ingram, K., & Espelage, D. L. (in prep). Reciprocal association between delinquency and impulsivity among adolescence: A within- and between-person latent variable analysis.
- Holt, M., **Merrin, G. J.**, Fairclough, J., Green, J., Wyatt, O., & Fogelman, P. (in prep). Exposure to direct and indirect identity-based harassment: Protective factors and associations with academic functioning.
- Koval, A. V., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Moselle, K. (in prep). The need for full cross continuum secondary and tertiary encounter data to inform integrated service delivery for patients with substance use disorders.
- Forber-Pratt, A., Price, L., **Merrin, G. J.**, Fairclough, J., & Hanebutt, R. (in prep). Psychometric validation of the Disability Identity Development Scale.
- Leadbeater, B. J., Sukhawathanakul, P., Rush, J., **Merrin, G. J.**, Lewis, N., & Hoffer, S. (in prep). Understanding preventive interventions in the context of trajectories of normative child development in a cluster randomized controlled trial.
- Espelage, D. L., Kuehl, T., Wyman, P., Mintz, S., Hoagland, K., Valido, A., Ingram, K., Schmeelk-Cone, K., LoMurray, S., **Merrin, G. J.**, Nickodem, K. (in prep). An RCT of Sources of Strength high school primary prevention program on sexual violence perpetration and associated gender-based attitudes & behaviors.

BOOK CHAPTERS/ENTRIES/REPORTS

- Espelage, D. L., Hong, J. S., & **Merrin, G. J.** (2018). [Predictors of relational aggression & bullying in children and adolescence: Applying the social cognitive theory and the social-ecological perspective](#). In Coyne, S. M. & Ostrov, J. M. (Eds), [The Development of Relational Aggression](#). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Merrin, G. J.** (2018). American Educational Research Association. In [The SAGE Encyclopedia of Educational Research, Measurement, and Evaluation](#). (Vol. 1, pp. 70-72). Los Angeles, CA: SAGE Publications.
- Leadbeater, B., Thompson, K., Ames, M., **Merrin, G. J.**, Sukhawathanakul, P., & Sturgess, S. (2017). Using cannabis in the transition to young adulthood: Recognizing and reducing risks. *Psynopsis* 39(4) 10-11. <https://cpa.ca/docs/File/Psynopsis/2017/PsynopsisFall2017.pdf>.
- Espelage, D. L., Berry, B., **Merrin, G. J.**, & Swearer, S. M. (2013). Social-ecological model for predicting workplace bullying. In L. M. Crothers & J. Lipinski (Eds.), [Bullying in the Workplace: Symptoms, Causes and Remedies](#). New York: Routledge.
- Espelage, D. L., & **Merrin, G. J.**, (2014). Adjustment of students who experience school bullying: Empirical examination of the social-ecological theory. Prepared for: Korea-US Joint Research on the Support of School Bullying Prevention and Intervention: The Relations between School Bullying and School Adjustment.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Marsico, C., Holt, M., **Merrin, G. J.**, Fairclough, J., Shah, T., Green, J. G., & Fogelman, P. (2021). *Adolescents' exposure to direct and indirect immigration-based harassment: Associations with social emotional and academic functioning*. Symposium to be 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*. Symposium presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington DC.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Koval, A., & Moselle, K. (2020, May). *The need for full cross continuum secondary and tertiary encounter data to inform integrated service delivery for patients with substance use disorders*. Symposium presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Convention, Washington DC.
- Leadbeater, B. J., Sturgess, C., **Merrin, G. J.**, Ames, M., & Thompson, K. (2020, May). *Predictors of Early-Onset Cannabis Use in Adolescence and Risks for Substance Use Disorder Symptoms in Young Adulthood*. Symposium presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Convention, Washington DC.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Davis, J. P., Ingram, K., & Espelage, D. L. (Conference Canceled). *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, CA16
- Espelage, D. L., Davis, J. P., Ingram, K. M., & **Merrin, G. J.** (Conference Canceled). *Exposure to parental and community violence with bullying perpetration and cyber and face-to-face victimization among adolescents*. Symposium scheduled to be 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*. Symposium 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*. Symposium 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*. Symposium 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*. Symposium 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*. Symposium 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)*. Symposium 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*. Symposium 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?* Symposium 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*. Symposium presented at the Society for Prevention Science Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Merrin, G. J.**, Thompson, K., & Leadbeater, B. J. (2018, May). *Transitions in substance use patterns from adolescence to young adulthood*. Symposium presented at the Modern Modeling Methods Conference, Storrs, CT.
- 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*. Symposium 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*. Symposium 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*. Symposium 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*. Symposium 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*. Symposium 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*. Symposium 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 LGBTQ youth and students with disabilities*. Symposium 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*. Symposium 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.* Symposium 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?* Symposium 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.* Symposium 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 symposium (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*

- student: 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

- 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.* Symposium 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.* Symposium presented at the Voice of Our Youth, Dane County Youth Authority Research Summit, Madison, WI.

AWARDS

- Texas Tech University, College of Human Sciences 2020-2021 *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://illinois.edu/blog/view/6367/414822>

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/blog/view/6367/314207>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Prevention Research (SPR)
Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA)
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

UNIVERSITY/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member - STEM Center for Outreach, Research & Education ([STEM CORE](#))

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

POV 2020 – 2022 Editorial Board Member for Psychology of Violence
SPR 2019 – 2022 Early Career Reviewer Program (Editorial Board Member for Prevention Science)
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

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Texas Tech University

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

- Texas Tech University Community Advocacy Project for Students (2019 – Present)
 - Student Advocate

- Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center (2015 – 2017)
 - Adolescence Advocate
- 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

AD-HOC REVIEWER

(54 peer reviews completed - [Publons Profile](#))

Addiction (2018 – present)
 American Journal of Epidemiology (2019 - present)
 American Journal of Preventive Medicine (2018 – present)
 Applied Developmental Psychology (2020 – present)
 Drug and Alcohol Dependence (2017 – present)
 JAMA Open Network (2019 – present)
 Journal of Affective Disorders (2019 – present)
 Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse (2018 – present)
 Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry (2018 – present)
 Journal of Family Violence (2019 – present)
 Journal of Orthopsychiatry (2017 – present)
 Journal of Quantitative Criminology (2018 – present)
 Journal of Sexual Abuse (2020 – present)
 Prevention Science (2019 – present) (**Editorial Board Member, 2020 - present**)
 Psychology of Violence (2017 – present) (**Editorial Board Member, 2020 - present**)
 Rural Sociology (2019 – present)
 Substance Use and Misuse (2017 – present)
 Violence and Gender (2017 – present)

STATISTICAL CONSULTING

- **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)