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## EDUCATION

### Vanderbilt University, Peabody College

Ph.D Program in Psychological Sciences — Quantitative Methods ≈ 2018

*Certificates in College Teaching; Experimental Education (in progress)*

Advisor: Joseph L. Rodgers

*M.S. in Psychological Sciences* ≈ 2016

Masters Thesis: Extensions of discordant kinship models.

Thesis Committee: Joseph L. Rodgers & Kristopher J. Preacher

### University of British Columbia

*Fall 2015*

Visiting International Researcher & Quinn Exchange Fellow

Department of Psychology

Sponsor: Jeremy C. Biesanz

### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Summer 2014

Summer Scholar at the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research

### Washington University in St. Louis

*A.B in Economics & Psychology, magna cum laude* May 2013

Honors Thesis: Gender differences in a multilevel model of marital satisfaction after 20 years.

Thesis Advisor: Michael J. Strube

## INTERESTS

Archival Data • Differential Epidemiology • Dyad Modeling • Intelligence • Kinship-Based Designs • Personality

## ADMINISTRATION

Co-Director. Kelly/Connolly Longitudinal Marriage Study on Personality and Aging

Dec 2012 - Present

Lab Coordinator. Strube Social Behavior Lab, WUSTL

Oct 2012 - Jul 2013

## PUBLICATIONS

1. Jackson, J. J., Connolly, J. J., **Garrison, S. M.**, Leveille, M. M., & Connolly, S. L. (2015). Your friends know how long you will live: A 75-year study of peer-rated personality traits. *Psychological Science*, 26(3), 335-340.  
[doi:10.1177/0956797614561800](https://doi.org/10.1177/0956797614561800)

## SOFTWARE

1. Beasley, W., Rodgers, J. L., Bard, D., Hunter, M., **Garrison, S. M.**, & Meredith, K. (2015). NlsyLinks: Utilities and kinship information for research with the NLSY R package <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/NlsyLinks>

## SELECT AWARDS & HONORS

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$138,000)	2015 - 2020
Vanderbilt Graduate Honor Fellowship (\$50,000)	2013 - 2018
SPSP Diversity Fund Graduate Travel Award	2015
SPSP Graduate Travel Award <i>Declined</i>	2015
UBC Quinn Exchange Fellowship (C\$3,000)	2015
Tennessee Psychological Association, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Undergraduate Poster Competition	2014

ICPSR Jerome M. Clubb Scholarship (\$4,000)	2014
SMEP Workshop Travel Award (\$1,000)	2014
Robert Hogan Family Foundation Travel Grant (\$1,200)	2013
Hayek Fund for Future Scholars	2013
WUStL Latin Honors	2013
<i>Sigma Xi</i> Science Honors Society	2013

## WORKING PAPERS

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6. Rodgers, J. L., Beasley, W. H., Bard, D. E., Meredith, K. M., Hunter, M., Johnson, A. B., Buster, M., Li, C., May, K. O., **Garrison, S. M.**, Miller, W. M., van den Oord, E., & Rowe, D. C. (Revise-Resubmit). The NLSY Kinship Links: Using the NLSY79 and NLSY-Children Data to Conduct Genetically-Informed and Family-Oriented Research. *Behavior Genetics*.
5. **Garrison, S. M.**, Connolly, J. J., Leveille, M., Kelly, E. L., & Jackson, J. J. (in prep). As time goes by: Personality predicts the timing of divorce over 45 years.
4. **Garrison, S. M.** & Rodgers, J. L. (in prep). Intelligence and Age at First Intercourse: Cause or Confound?
3. Schultz, L., Connolly, J. J., **Garrison, S. M.**, Jackson, J. J. (in prep). Vocational Interests Across 20 Years of Adulthood: Stability, Change, and the Role of Work Experiences.
2. Stephenson, E., **Garrison, S. M.**, Lam, M., Biesanz, J., & DeLongis, A. (in prep). Mediation in Multivariate Dyadic Survival Analysis: Findings from the Alameda Study.
1. Zhu, J. Y., **Garrison, S. M.**, Hunter, M., Rodgers, J. L., Lahey, B. B., & Zald, D. H. (in prep). Shaping Perseverance: Evidence of Shared Environmental Effects on Grit and a Task-based Measure of Persistence.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Conference

21. **Garrison, S. M.**, Connolly, J. J., Leveille, M., & Jackson, J. J. (January 2016). When does personality influence the timing of divorce?: A dyadic Aalen regression of peer-rated personality over 45 years. Poster to be presented at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA. Also, to be presented at the 4th Annual Lifespan Social-Personality Preconference, San Diego, CA.
20. Zhu, J. Y., **Garrison, S. M.**, Rodgers, J. L. & Zald, D. H. (January 2016). Shaping Perseverance: Evidence of shared environmental effects on Grit and a task-based measure of persistence. Poster to be presented at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
19. Rodgers, J. L. & **Garrison, S. M.** (September 2015). Do intelligent girls delay age at first intercourse?: Different results within-families versus between-families. Talk given at the International Society for Intelligence Research Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM.
18. **Garrison, S. M.** & Rodgers, J. L. (June 2015). Additive effects of maternal conscientiousness and general ability on infant health: Cause or Confound? Poster presented at the 2015 Association for Research in Personality Conference, St. Louis, MO.
17. **Garrison, S. M.**, Hadd, A. R., & Rodgers, J. L. (February 2015). Impact of adolescent conscientiousness and intelligence on health at middle age: A sibling comparison approach. Poster presented at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA. Also, presented at the 3rd Annual Lifespan Social-Personality Preconference, Long Beach, CA.
16. Jackson, J. J., **Garrison, S. M.**, Connolly, J. J., & Leveille, M. (February 2015). Using multiple perspectives to inform the association between personality and important life outcomes. Talk given at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
15. **Garrison, S. M.**, Connolly, J. J., Leveille, M., & Jackson, J. J. (February 2015). Agreeableness-Stress interactions explored: Within couple differences partially moderate the relationship between stress and divorce. Poster presented at the 3rd Annual Lifespan Social-Personality Preconference, Long Beach, CA.

14. Romick, K., **Garrison, S. M.**, & Rodgers, J. L. (November 2014). Early book ownership: Catalyst for future reading enjoyment and achievement. Poster presented at the 2014 Tennessee Psychological Association Annual Convention, Nashville, TN. *Poster awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Undergraduate Poster Competition*
13. **Garrison, S. M.**, Hadd, A. R., & Rodgers, J. L. (October 2014). The downstream health consequences of individual differences: Evidence from a kinship modeling perspective. Poster presented at the 2014 Tennessee Psychological Association Annual Convention, Nashville, TN.
12. Connolly, J. J., Leveille, M., **Garrison, S. M.**, & Jackson, J. J. (October 2014). Relief, regret, resilience: The long-term psychological effects of getting divorced. Paper presented at the 28th Annual Convention of the Connecticut Psychological Association, Haddam, CT.
11. **Garrison, S. M.**, Connolly, J. J., Leveille, M., & Jackson, J. J. (July 2014). Your friends know when you will divorce: A dyadic Cox regression of peer-rated personality. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Meeting of the European Conference on Personality, Lausanne, Switzerland.
10. Jackson, J. J., **Garrison, S. M.**, Connolly, J. J., & Leveille, M. (July 2014). Personality trait change in adulthood predicts health status in older adulthood. Talk given at the 17th Annual Meeting of the European Conference on Personality, Lausanne, Switzerland.
9. Rodgers, J. L., **Garrison, S. M.**, & Hadd, A. R. (June 2014). Intelligence and Fertility in the NLSY79 Respondents: Children of Siblings and Biometrical Models. Paper presented at the 2014 Behavior Genetics Association, Charlottesville, VA.
8. **Garrison, S. M.**, Connolly, J. J., Leveille, M., & Jackson, J. J. (February 2014). Peer-rated personality traits influence relationship duration and dissolution. Poster presented at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX. Also, presented at the 2nd Annual Lifespan Social-Personality Preconference, Austin, TX.
7. Jackson, J. J., **Garrison, S. M.**, Connolly, J. J., & Leveille, M. (February 2014). What your friends know that you don't: Friend rated personality predicts longevity 70 years later. Talk given at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

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## Departmental

6. **Garrison, S. M.**, Connolly, J. J., Leveille, M., Biesanz, J. & Jackson, J. J., (February 2016) Personality, Intelligence, and Mortality. Talk to be given at the Health Psychology Area Workshop, Department of Psychology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.
5. **Garrison, S. M.**, Connolly, J. J., Leveille, M., & Jackson, J. J. (November 2015) Personality and the Timing of Divorce. Talk to be given at the Junior Fellows Speaker Series, St. John's College, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.
4. **Garrison, S. M.** & Rodgers, J. L. (April 2015). Smarter girls *really don't* delay sex: An extended discordant siblings model. Talk given at the Quantitative Methods Colloquium, Department of Psychology & Human Development, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
3. **Garrison, S. M.**, Hadd, A. R., & Rodgers, J. L. (April 2014). Influence of adolescent intelligence and conscientiousness on health outcomes at middle age. Talk given at the Quantitative Methods Colloquium, Department of Psychology & Human Development, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
2. Hadd, A. R., **Garrison, S. M.**, & Rodgers, J. L. (April 2014). The relationship between maternal IQ and home environment. Talk given at the Quantitative Methods Colloquium, Department of Psychology & Human Development, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
1. **Garrison, S. M.** & Strube, M. J. (April 2013). Domestic dissatisfaction: Gender differences in a multilevel model of marital satisfaction. Poster presented at the Annual Psychology Honors Symposium, WUSTL, St. Louis, MO. Also, presented at the Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, WUSTL, St. Louis, MO.

## TEACHING

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### Instructor

Introduction to Applied Statistics. Vanderbilt Summer Academy Summer 2016

### Laboratory Instructor

Introduction to Statistical Analysis. Prof. Joseph L. Rodgers, Vanderbilt Spring 2014

Lecture Topics: Excel Tutorials, Graphical Data Analysis, Hypothesis Testing,  
Probability Distributions, Scale Development, Statistical Literacy, Z-Scores

Introduction to Statistical Analysis. Prof. James H. Steiger, Vanderbilt Fall 2013

Lecture Topics: Power and Effect Size, R Tutorials

### Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Statistical Analysis. Prof. Joseph L. Rodgers, Vanderbilt Spring 2014

Introduction to Statistical Analysis. Prof. James H. Steiger, Vanderbilt Fall 2013

Introduction to Social Psychology. Prof. Michael J. Strube, WUSTL Fall 2012

### Disability Support

Introduction to Statistical Analysis. Prof. Joseph L. Rodgers, Vanderbilt Spring 2015

Introduction to Statistical Analysis. Prof. Joseph L. Rodgers, Vanderbilt Spring 2014

## EXPERIENCE

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### Academic

Visiting Graduate Researcher. Biesanz Social Accuracy Laboratory, UBC Jul 2015 - Present

User and Statistical Support, NLSY79 Kinship Links. Rodgers Lab, Vanderbilt Feb 2014; Aug 2014 - Present

Graduate Researcher. Rodgers Lab, Vanderbilt Jul 2013 - Present

Research Affiliate. Jackson Personality Measurement & Development Lab, WUSTL Jul 2013 - Present

Research Assistant. Jackson Personality Measurement & Development Lab, WUSTL Aug 2012 - Jul 2013

Research Assistant. Strube Social Behavior Lab, WUSTL Jan 2012 - Oct 2012

### Consulting\*

U. of British Columbia Sauder School of Business, Paulhus Personality Lab

Cornell U. Mendle Adolescent Transitions Lab

Georgetown U. Ryan Lab

Georgia Southern U. Holtzman Lab

U. of Michigan Kross Emotion & Self Control Lab

Northwestern U. Mroczek Lab

Vanderbilt U. Leadership, Policy, & Organizations Dept., Needham Infant Learning  
Lab, Zald Affective Neuroscience Lab

WUSTL Jackson Personality Measurement & Development Lab, Strube Social  
Behavior Lab

West Virginia U. Turiano Personality, Health, & Development Lab

Industry Feed the Arts, Framewürk, LoveLogica, SkilledUp, ReviewNet

\*includes faculty, postdocs, and graduate students\*

### Field Work

Visiting Researcher. Bentley Historical Library, U. of Michigan Jul 2014

Visiting Researcher. Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard Jan 2013

## SERVICE

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### National

Volunteer, On-Site. SPSP Annual Meeting	Jan 2016
Reviewer, SPSP Program Committee (Undergrad) Poster Review Panel	Sep 2015
Volunteer, Conference Transportation. SMEP Annual Meeting	Oct 2014

### Department & University

Panelist, Path to Graduate School Panel. Dept. of Psychology, UBC	Sep 2015
Panelist, Doctoral Application Advice. Dept. of Psychology & Human Dev., Vanderbilt	Apr 2014; Mar 2015
Panelist, Graduate Application Advice. Psychological Sciences Honors Program, Vanderbilt	Sep 2014
Panelist, Graduate School Admissions. <i>Psi Chi</i> , Vanderbilt	Sep 2013
President, Undergraduate Economics Association. Dept. of Economics, WUSTL	May 2011 - Dec 2011
Treasurer, Undergraduate Economics Association. Dept. of Economics, WUSTL	May 2010 - May 2011
Marketing Executive, Undergraduate Economics Association. Dept. of Economics, WUSTL	Aug 2009 - May 2010

### Editorial Boards

Graduate Advisor (General Statistics), Undergraduate Journal of Psychology, UBC	Sep 2015 - Present
Graduate Advisor (Health Psychology), Undergraduate Journal of Psychology, UBC	Sep 2015 - Present

### Ad Hoc Reviewer

Awards/Grants	APS Student Council Student Research Award · APSSC Student Grant Competition · SPSP Graduate Student Council Student Poster Award
Conferences	AERA Annual Meeting SIG-Cognition and Assessment · AERA Annual Meeting SIG-Test Validity Research and Evaluation · SPSP Annual Meeting Undergraduate Posters
Journals	Journal of Family Issues · Journal of Research in Personality · Translational Issues in Psychological Science

## COMMITTEES

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### Undergraduate Honors Theses Committees

Sloane Sparks (Apr 2014), <i>Gender Differences in Emotional Intelligence: Positive Emotions and Appraisal Theory</i> .
Lydia Fuller (Apr 2014), <i>GED Student Achievement Trajectories and Predictors: Using the Latent Class Growth Model to Understand Heterogeneous Learning Patterns</i> .

## OUTREACH

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### Administration

Limited Moderator. <a href="#">Science</a> , <a href="#">Reddit.com</a>	May 2015 - Present
Moderator. <a href="#">GradAdmissions</a> , <a href="#">Reddit.com</a>	Jan 2015 - Present
Limited Moderator. <a href="#">AskScience</a> , <a href="#">Reddit.com</a>	Sep 2014 - Present

### Participation

Panelist, Science AMA: Graduate School. <a href="#">AskScience</a> , <a href="#">Reddit.com</a>	Oct 2015
Volunteer, Genome BC. Community Science Celebration, Science World	Sep 2015
Science Verified User. <a href="#">Science</a> , <a href="#">Reddit.com</a>	May 2015 - Present
Panelist, Expert AMA: Psychology & Social Work. <a href="#">AskSocialScience</a> , <a href="#">Reddit.com</a>	Apr 2014
Science Panelist, Quantitative Psychology. <a href="#">AskScience</a> , <a href="#">Reddit.com</a>	Dec 2013 - Present
Science Panelist, Individual Differences. <a href="#">AskSocialScience</a> , <a href="#">Reddit.com</a>	Dec 2013 - Present
Member, Women in Science & Engineering. School of Medicine, Vanderbilt	Dec 2013 - Present
Member, Peabody Queeries (Q.Ed). Peabody College, Vanderbilt	Aug 2013 - Present

**Wikiprojects**

Psychology Wikiproject

[List of Quantitative Psychology Programs](#)

Other Projects

Assessment in Psychology · Disability · Statistics

**GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

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21. Factor Analysis. Prof. K. Preacher, Vanderbilt	<i>Spring 2016</i>
20. Health Psychology. Prof. A. DeLongis, U. of British Columbia	Fall 2015
19. Personality Dimensions & Structure. Prof. D. Paulhus, U. of British Columbia	Summer 2015
18. Item Response Theory II. Prof. S.-J. Cho, Vanderbilt	Spring 2015
17. Multilevel Modeling. Prof. K. Preacher, Vanderbilt	Spring 2015
16. Multivariate Statistics. Prof. J. Steiger, Vanderbilt	Spring 2015
15. Cognitive Science to the Classroom. Prof. B. Rittle-Johnson, Vanderbilt	Fall 2014
14. Item Response Theory I. Prof. S.-J. Cho, Vanderbilt	Fall 2014
13. Structural Equation Modeling. Prof. D. Cole, Vanderbilt	Fall 2014
12. Applied Bayesian Modeling. Profs. R. Bakker & J. Karreth, U. of Michigan	Summer 2014
11. Behavior Genetics. Prof. J. Rodgers, Vanderbilt	Summer 2014
10. Exploratory & Graphical Data Analysis. Prof. J. Rodgers, Vanderbilt	Spring 2014
9. Psychological Measurement. Prof. D. Lubinski, Vanderbilt	Spring 2014
8. Quantitative Methods & Experimental Design. Prof. A. Tomarken, Vanderbilt	Spring 2014
7. Correlation & Regression. Prof. J. Rodgers, Vanderbilt	Fall 2013
6. Gifted Learner: Characteristics & Assessment. Prof. T. Stambaugh, Vanderbilt	Fall 2013
5. First Year Research Seminar: Ethics & Grant Writing. Profs. D. Levin & R. Marois, Vanderbilt	Fall 2013
4. Statistical Inference. Prof. J. Steiger, Vanderbilt	Fall 2013
3. Quantitative Methods II. Prof. J. Jackson, WUSTL	Spring 2013
2. Quantitative Methods I. Prof. J. Jackson, WUSTL	Fall 2012
1. History and Modern Systems of Psychology. Prof. H. Roediger III, WUSTL	Spring 2012

**SKILLS**

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<b>Certifications</b>	Microsoft Office Access Specialist · Microsoft Office Excel Specialist
<b>Coding</b>	HTML · $\text{\LaTeX}$ · Lua · Markdown · Python · R
<b>Languages</b>	English · Latin
<b>Select Software</b>	BUGS/JAGS · Git · LISREL · Mechanical Turk · <i>Mplus</i> · R · SAS · SPSS
<b>Statistics</b>	Bayesian Methods · Behavioral Genetics/Biometrical Modeling · Classical Test Theory · Dyad Modeling · Experimental Designs · Exploratory Data Analysis · Factor Analysis · Generalized Linear Modeling · Item Response Theory · Monte Carlo Simulations · Multilevel Modeling · Robust Methods · Quasi-Experimental Designs · Structure Equation Modeling · Survival Analysis

**MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Psychological Association (APA)	Association for Psychological Science (APS)
· Div 5: Evaluation, Measurement, and Statistics	Association for Research in Personality (ARP)
· Div 8: Personality and Social Psychology	Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

**REFERENCES**

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**Joseph L. Rodgers, Ph.D**

Lois Autrey Betts Professor  
Quantitative Methods Area Head  
Department of Psychology & Human Development  
Vanderbilt University, Peabody College

**Jeremy C. Biesanz, Ph.D**

Associate Professor  
Department of Psychology  
The University of British Columbia

**Joshua J. Jackson, Ph.D**

Assistant Professor  
Department of Psychology  
Washington University in St. Louis

**Lewis R. Goldberg, Ph.D**

Professor *Emeritus*  
Department of Psychology  
University of Oregon