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**Student Name: Johnny Appleseed, M.S. Chair: John Adams, Ph.D. .**

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**Abstract:** The proposed project aims to investigate whether being a custodial grandparent (being the primary caregiver to a grandchild) is associated with improved cognitive functioning relative to those who have grandchildren but are not intimately involved in their care. Further, we aim to examine whether the effect, if found, is moderated by the age of the child or the amount of time spent helping the child with homework. Prior work has postulated that helping custodial grandchildren with their homework may result in cognitive benefits (Washington, et al., 1776), but these benefits have not been clearly demonstrated in the literature, nor have these hypotheses been tested until this investigation. The data utilized in this project will be Dr. Adams’ on-going data collection of older adult cognition which will contain an ample number of custodial and non-custodial grandparents for us to test our hypotheses. We aim to send the paper to the Journal of Gerontology, which has recently published similar papers examining custodial grandparents (Obama, et al., 2012) as well as the effects of helping with homework on cognition (Bush, 2008). Mr. Appleseed will serve as the first author, and will be responsible for data cleaning, analysis, and leading the write up of the document. Dr. Adams will serve as second author. He previously led the study design and data collection and will provide feedback and supervision on the data analyses as well as provide feedback on the paper.

**Proposal approved:**

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