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Education

Ph.D., West Virginia University, 2011

Lifespan Developmental Psychology

Graduate Certificate in University Teaching

Dissertation: *Predicting child safety: The effect of custodial grandparents' depression, home safety knowledge, and gender*. Chair: Julie Hicks Patrick, Ph.D.

M.S., West Virginia University, 2009

Lifespan Developmental Psychology

Thesis: *Predictors of Anticipated Parenting Efficacy in Younger Adults*. Chair: Julie Hicks Patrick, Ph.D.

B.A., West Virginia University, 2005

Psychology

Minors in English and Communication Studies

Graduated *summa cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa

Academic Appointments

2021 – Present	Associate Professor & Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University
2015 – 2021	Assistant Professor & Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University
2012 – 2015	Instructor, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University
2011 – 2012	Adjunct Professor, Sam Houston State University
2011 – 2012	Health Science Research Specialist, Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC)

Honors and Awards

- Ottilie Schillig Special Teaching Projects Award. Mississippi State University Center for Innovation in Teaching Excellence (CITE), 2026.
- Inclusive Excellence Teaching Grant. Mississippi State University College of Arts & Sciences, 2026.
- Recognized by a graduating student for contributions to their career success. MSU Career Center 2024-2025 First Destination Survey, 2026.
- Fellow, Mississippi State University Social Science Research Center (SSRC), 2025.
- Second Place / Honorable Mention, Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology Award for Best Non-Applied Course, 2025.

- Clinical Psychology Graduate Mentor of the Year Award. MSU Department of Psychology Clinical Psychology Program, 2020.
- Community Engaged Research Summer Institute (one of ten participants), 2019.
- Human Research Protection Program Appreciation of Service Award. Office of Research Compliance, Mississippi State University, 2016.
- Nicholas Evans Graduate Award for Advising Excellence. Office of the Provost of West Virginia University, 2010.
- Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Doctoral Research Award. Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, West Virginia University, 2010.

Editorial Leadership

I joined the International Journal of Aging and Human Development as Book Review Editor in 2018, became Associate Editor in 2022, and will assume the role of Editor-in-Chief by the end of 2026. As Associate Editor, I currently shepherd approximately six new manuscripts each week through desk evaluation, peer review, revision, and decision, on the order of 300 manuscripts per year.

2026 – Present Editor-in-Chief Designate, International Journal of Aging and Human Development

2026 – Present Guest Editor (with C.J. Tompkins & M.A. Stearns), Special Issue "Family Caregiving and Mental Health," Behavioral Sciences

2022 – Present Associate Editor, International Journal of Aging and Human Development

2018 – 2022 Book Review Editor, International Journal of Aging and Human Development

Research Program

My research examines how geographic, social, and economic contexts shape mental and physical health across the lifespan, with particular attention to populations the existing service system tends to miss: rural Southerners, custodial grandfamilies, and older adults affected by substance use and recovery. Across my career to date, I have thirty-six publications: thirty-two peer-reviewed journal articles, two peer-reviewed book chapters, and two editor-reviewed book reviews. Twenty of the journal articles have appeared since my promotion to Associate Professor in 2021. One additional article is in press, at Children and Youth Services Review. My program is supported by externally funded grants from SAMHSA, the NIH, the Brookdale Foundation, and the State of Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council.

Funded Research Grants

External Funding

- SAFE RESPONSE MS: First Responder Overdose Reversal Training and Post-Overdose System of Care. Awarded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), First Responders Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (FR-CARA) program, September 2026 (award 1H79TI089311; project period September 30, 2026 to September 29, 2030). Role: Principal Investigator and Project Director, 33% effort. Budget: $783,338 in Year 1, with a four-year total of $3,174,422. Status: Active multi-year award.
- Mississippi Blues: A Statewide Needs Assessment on Opioid Misuse and Recovery. Awarded by the State of Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council, 2026 (effective July 1, 2026). In partnership with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. Role: Primary Investigator. Budget: $100,000.
- Project BRIDGE: Brief Intervention & Referral to Get Youth Engaged. Awarded by SAMHSA, August 2026 (project period September 30, 2026 to September 29, 2031). Role: Program Evaluator, 25% effort (PI: Dr. Michael R. Nadorff). Budget: $981,891 in Year 1, with a five-year total of approximately $4.93 million. Status: Active multi-year award beginning September 30, 2026.

- Functional Limitations and Digital Accommodation in Agriculture: Pathways to Rural Health for Mississippi Farmers. Mississippi Center for Clinical and Translational Research (MCCTR) Pilot Projects Program (administered through the University of Mississippi Medical Center, with the National Institutes of Health as prime sponsor). Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Dr. Sujan Anreddy, MSU Social Science Research Center). Budget: $49,067 (project period November 15, 2026 to November 14, 2027). Status: Recommended for funding September 2026, pending final approval by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.
- AWARE in Mississippi (AIM). Awarded by SAMHSA via a subaward from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2022 (budget period December 31, 2022 to December 30, 2024, extended by modification). Role: Program Evaluator (MSU subaward PI: Dr. Michael R. Nadorff; project led by Dr. Dustin Sarver, University of Mississippi Medical Center). Budget: $600,000, with a modification adding $33,270 in July 2025. Status: Active (MSU grant G00007675).
- Extending the Mental Health Network of Mississippi Through Mental Health Awareness Training. Awarded by SAMHSA, 2021 (active through 2026). Role: Program Evaluator (PI: Dr. Michael R. Nadorff). Status: Active multi-year award.
- Drug Free Starkville Collaboration 2.0: Community-coalition substance use prevention. Awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2024. Role: Program Evaluator. Status: Active; continuation funded for September 30, 2026 to September 29, 2027.
- Healthy Transitions. Awarded by SAMHSA via the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, 2024 (active through 2026). Primary funding for the MSU Behavioral Health Clinic, serving Mississippians aged 16 to 25 at risk of or experiencing serious mental illness. Role: Program Evaluator (PI: Dr. Michael R. Nadorff, MSU Behavioral Health). Status: Active (MSU grant G00009518).
- MSU Cares: Preventing and Responding to Mississippi Youth Suicide (multi-year award sequence). Awarded by SAMHSA, 2019, renewed annually through 2024. Role: Program Evaluator (PI: Dr. Michael R. Nadorff). Budget: Approximately $1.68 million total across the award sequence. Status: Expired.
- Drug Free Communities. Awarded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), 2023 (active through 2025). Role: Co-Investigator. Budget: Approximately $1,000,000 across the multi-year award. Status: Expired; succeeded by the CDC Drug Free Starkville Collaboration 2.0 award.
- Rural Activities, Health, and Well-Being Among Older Rural African Americans. Awarded by the Southern Gerontological Society, 2023 (active through 2025). Role: Co-Investigator. Budget: $3,000. Status: Expired.
- Bridges to the Baccalaureate (R25). Awarded by NIH, 2019. Role: Student Mentor. Budget: $300,000 per year.
- The Grandfamilies Support Group of Starkville, MS (initial Brookdale award). Awarded by the Brookdale Foundation, 2017. Role: Primary Investigator. Budget: $10,000 (and eligible for $5,000 renewal).
- Grandfamilies Support Group of Starkville (Ramapo Trust continuation funding). Awarded by the Ramapo Trust (Brookdale Foundation's connected funder), 2017 (active through 2021). Role: Primary Investigator. Status: Continuation funding for the Brookdale-funded support group, now expired.

Internal Funding (Mississippi State University)

- The relation between nutrition and biopsychosocial health outcomes in children raised by non-parental caregivers. Awarded by the Mississippi State University Undergraduate Research Program, 2023. Role: Primary Investigator. Budget: $2,000.
- Rural Activities, Health, and Well-Being Among Older Adults. Awarded by the Mississippi State University Undergraduate Research Program. Role: Co-Investigator. Budget: $2,000.
- Counting your blessings: Improving mental health outcomes through gratitude training in a custodial grandchild population. Awarded by the Mississippi State University Cross-College Research Grant Program, 2017. Role: Primary Investigator. Budget: $2,000.

Pre-MSU Funding (West Virginia University)

- Predicting child safety: The effect of custodial grandparents' depression, home safety knowledge, and gender. Awarded by the Department of Psychology Research Fund, West Virginia University, 2010. Role: Primary Investigator. Budget: $950.
- Predicting child safety: The effect of custodial grandparents' depression, home safety knowledge, and gender. Awarded by the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Doctoral Research Award, West Virginia University, 2010. Role: Primary Investigator. Budget: $800.

Grant Applications Under Review

- Paths to Care: A Participatory Systems Map of Prenatal Opioid Screening and Support in Mississippi. Submitted to the State of Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council (administered through the Mississippi Attorney General's Office), October 2026. Role: Co-Principal Investigator (PI: Dr. Agnes Rieger). Budget Requested: $340,283 (proposed period July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2028). Status: Under review.

Grant Applications Not Funded Since Promotion to Associate Professor (2021 to Present)

- CONNECT NE-MS. Submitted to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Rural Communities Opioid Response Program, Impact (HRSA-26-037), July 2026. Role: Data Coordinator (PI: Dr. Michael R. Nadorff). Budget Requested: $2,998,193. Status: Not funded (October 2026). Scored 98 of 100 on merit review and met both funding priorities.
- Golden Triangle SAFER Partnership (Behavioral Health and Community Safety Partnerships). Submitted to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), July 2026. Role: Program Evaluator. Budget Requested: $3,740,256 (proposed five-year period September 30, 2026 – September 29, 2031). Status: Not funded (declined September 2026).
- Bridging the Gap: A Needs-Based Assessment of Digital Nutrition Literacy and Nutrition Literacy Among Caregivers of Children in Mississippi. Submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA), October 2025. Role: Co-Primary Investigator. Budget Requested: $299,986 (proposed two-year project). Status: Not funded.
- Project CONNECT: Reducing Overdose through Training First Responders and Key Citizens on Opioid Overdose Reversal Medications. Submitted to SAMHSA, July 2025. Role: Program Evaluator (PI: Dr. Michael R. Nadorff). Budget Requested: $3,200,000 (proposed four-year project). Status: Not funded.
- BERRY: Behavioral Health Education and Workforce Readiness Program for Rural Youth. Submitted to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Rural Communities Opioid Response Program family, April 2025. Role: Program Evaluator (PI: Dr. Anna Grace Tribble; additional Co-PIs include Dr. Michael R. Nadorff). Budget Requested: $1,199,578 (proposed three-year project). Status: Not funded.
- Innovative MSU Cares: Preventing and Responding to Mississippi Youth Suicide. Submitted to SAMHSA, June 2024. Role: Co-Primary Investigator. Budget Requested: $831,990 (proposed five-year intensive intervention with new components for rural communities). Status: Not funded.
- Kinercise: Improving Physical Fitness and Mental Health in Grandfamilies. Submitted to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), January 2024. Role: Primary Investigator. Budget Requested: $58,600. Status: Not funded.
- Enhancement and Expansion of the MSU Psychology Clinic into a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). Submitted to SAMHSA, May 2022. Role: Program Evaluator (PI: Dr. Michael R. Nadorff). Budget Requested: $3,989,912. Status: Not funded.
- Older Rural Caucasian and African Americans in Mississippi: Culturally-Specific Aspects of Rural Life That Predict Well-Being. Submitted to the Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging (INRPHA, administered through Pennsylvania State University), October 2022. Role: Co-Primary Investigator (with Dr. Carolyn Adams-Price). Budget Requested: $24,883 (proposed period December 15, 2022 to June 30, 2023). Status: Not funded.

- Kinercise: Improving Physical Fitness and Mental Health in Grandfamilies (UMMC pilot). Submitted to University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) pilot funding, January 2021. Role: Primary Investigator. Budget Requested: $39,994. Status: Not funded.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Italicized authors are lab students; my name is bolded.

37. *Mason, A.L.*, **Nadorff, D.K.**, & *Hollinger, C.* (in press). Under Pressure: Grandchild behavior problems and the context-dependent relation between negative parenting and caregiving grandparents' quality of life. *Children and Youth Services Review*. Impact Factor = 2.1.

36. Nadorff, D.K., Ralston, M., Mathews, R., Murphy, S.T., *McLin, M.A.*, *Shillingsburg, L.A.*, & *Mason, A.L.* (2026). Where the sidewalk ends: Perceived and structural place in grandparent caregiver well-being across the rural-urban spectrum. *Journal of Rural Studies, 129*, 104513. Impact Factor = 5.7.

35. Ralston, M., **Nadorff, D.K.**, *Mason, A.L.*, & *Shillingsburg, L.A.* (2026). Location, Location, Location: How community distress shapes physical and mental health outcomes for caregiving grandparents. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. Advance online publication. Impact Factor = 2.0.

34. Nadorff, D.K., Ralston, M., *Shillingsburg, L.A.*, & *Mason, A.L.* (2026). It Takes a Village (or a City): Perceived economic strain, caregiver ambivalence, and quality of life among caregiving grandparents across perceived residential area types. *Healthcare, 14*(18), 2972. Impact Factor = 3.4.

33. McLin, M.A., Shillingsburg, L.A., Mason, A.L., Barfield, K.M., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2026). Bias and beliefs: Age discrimination, perceived control over cognitive aging, and executive functioning in caregiving grandparents. *Geriatrics, 11*, 87. Impact Factor = 2.4.

32. Lantz, E.D., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2025). An attitude of gratitude: How psychological and social resources mediate the protective effect of religiosity on depressive symptoms. *Journal of Affective Disorders, 397*, 120851–120859. Impact Factor = 4.9.

31. Nadorff, D.K., Anreddy, S., Sergi, K., Ahonle, Z.J., Stouffer, C., Hemphill, T., & Buys, D.R. (2025). Down the Digital Delta: Health Information Inequities Among Rural Mississippi Caregivers. *Healthcare, 13*, 2361–2390. Impact Factor = 2.7.

30. McKay, I.T. & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2025). The Business of Recovery: A Novel Pilot Study Psychosocial Intervention to Build Self-Efficacy and Reduce Relapse Risk in Adolescent Substance Use Treatment. *Addictive Behaviors, 171*, 108473–108481. Impact Factor = 3.6.

29. Mathews, R., **Nadorff, D.K.**, & *Cowart, R.E.* (2025). Nurturing movement: Longitudinal associations between caregiver type, adolescent diet, and young adult physical activity in a national cohort. *Nutrients, 17*, 1874–1894. Impact Factor = 4.8.

28. Stearns, M.A., McCrae, C.S., Curtis, A., Nair, N., Hayse, B., **Nadorff, D.K.**, & Wilkerson, A. (2024). Adolescents' sleep mediates maternal depressive problems and parenting behaviors: daughter and son differences in a majority Black and Hispanic sample. *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine, 20*, 849–858. Impact Factor = 3.5.

27. Olson, M.G., Pyles, K.M., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2023). Give until it hurts: An exploratory analysis of mental health workers' wellness. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 20*, 6925. Cite Score = 5.4.

26. Lopez, A.R., **Nadorff, D.K.**, & *Peters, D.* (2023). The Twelve Ds: An Update to Edwards and Benson's Reasons for Non-Parental Caregiving. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 20*, 5618. Cite Score = 5.4.

25. Nadorff, D.K., Duck, A., Lim, C., & Fastring, D. (2022). The charm of country life? Impact of rural childhood residence on physical and mental health in later life. *Journal of Rural Health*. Impact Factor = 5.7.

24. Nadorff, D.K., *Scott, R.K.*, & *Fitchie, T.* (2022). Depressive Symptoms and Suicidality of Those Raised in Kincare: A Peer Comparison Study. *OMEGA – Journal of Death and Dying, 81*(1), 298–311. Impact Factor = 2.8.

23. Mathews, R.M., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2022). Too many treats or not enough to eat? The impact of caregiving grandparents on child food security and nutrition. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 19*(10). Impact Factor = 3.4.

22. Scott, R.K., **Nadorff, D.K.**, Barnett, M.A., & Yancura, L. (2022). Respect Your Elders: Generativity and Life Satisfaction in Caregiving Grandparents. *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*. Impact Factor = 2.2.

21. Lantz, E., Stearns, M.A., McKay, I., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2021). The mediating effect of gratitude on the relation between religiosity and well-being in samples of undergraduate students and adults formerly raised by grandparent caregivers. *Journal of Happiness Studies*. Impact Factor = 3.9.

20. Nadorff, D.K., *Scott, R.K.*, & *Griffin, R.* (2021). Custodial grandchildren and foster children: A school performance comparison. *Children and Youth Services Review*. Impact Factor = 2.4.

19. Fastring, D., **Nadorff, D.K.**, & DeShong, H.L. (2021). The influence of rurality on fruit and vegetable intake and BMI: Findings in Mississippi are not consistent with those at the national level. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 18*, 5021–5034. Impact Factor = 3.4.

18. McKay, I.T., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2021). The impact of custodial grandparenting on cognitive performance in a longitudinal sample of grandparents raising grandchildren. *Journal of Family Issues*. Impact Factor = 1.3.

17. Provenzano, A., Stearns, M.A., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2021). The influence of caregiving on the relation between marital status and psychological health in a grandparent sample. *International Journal of Aging and Human Development, 00*, 1–20. Impact Factor = 2.2.

16. Israel, S.M., Adams-Price, C.E., Bolstad, C.J., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2020). Age and recognition for one's creative hobby are associated with fewer depressive symptoms in middle-aged and older adults. *Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts*. Impact Factor = 2.5.

15. Stearns, M.A., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2020). The Moderation of Raising One's Grandchildren on the Relation between Sleep and Depressive Symptoms. *Nature and Science of Sleep, 2020:12*, 615–626. Impact Factor = 4.4.

14. Fokakis, Z.N., **Nadorff, D.K.**, & *McKay, I.T.* (2020). Is raising your grandchild bad for your health? The association between custodial grandparent status and health biomarkers in Taiwanese grandparents. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. Impact Factor = 3.4.

13. Nadorff, D.K., & Patrick, J.H. (2018). Predicting child safety: The effect of custodial grandparents' depressive symptoms, home safety, knowledge, and gender. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships, 16*, 225–242. H Index = 18.

12. Stearns, M.A., **Nadorff, D.K.**, *Lantz, E.D., & McKay, I.T.* (2018). Religiosity and depressive symptoms in older adults compared to younger adults: Moderation by age. *Journal of Affective Disorders, 238*, 522–525. Impact Factor = 4.1.

11. Adams-Price, C., **Nadorff, D.K.**, Morse, L., Davis, K., & *Stearns, M.A.* (2018). The Creative Benefits Scale: Connecting generativity to life satisfaction. *International Journal of Aging and Human Development, 86*, 242–265. Impact Factor = 2.2.

10. Lund, E., Thomas, K., **Nadorff, D.**, Bouchard, L., Galbraith, K., & Bradley, A. (2018). A comparative analysis of three screening methods for nonsuicidal self-injury in college students. *Journal of College Counseling, 21*, 224–238. H Index = 14.

9. Patrick, J.H., Graf, A.S., **Nadorff, D.K.**, & Hayslip, B. (2015). Experiences with grandparents and attitudes toward custodial grandparenting. *Grandfamilies: The Contemporary Journal of Research, Practice, and Policy, 2*, 92–109.

8. Nadorff, M.R., **Nadorff, D.K.**, & Germain, A. (2015). Nightmares: under-reported, undetected, and therefore untreated. *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine, 11*, 747–750. Impact Factor = 3.5.

7. Adler, G., Pritchett, L.R., Kauth, M.R., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2014). A pilot project to improve access to telepsychotherapy at rural clinics. *Journal of Telemedicine and e-Health, 20*. Impact Factor = 2.0.

6. Gentzler, A.L., Oberhauser, A.M., Westerman, D., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2011). College students' use of electronic communication with parents: Links to loneliness, attachment, and relationship quality. *Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking, 14*, 71–74. Impact Factor = 2.7.

5. Patrick, J.H., & **Tomczewski, D.K. [maiden name]** (2008). Grandparents raising grandchildren: Benefits and drawbacks. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships, 5*, 113–116. H Index = 18.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

4. Patrick, J.H., **Nadorff, D.K.**, & Blake, V.K. (2016). Physical health of custodial and caregiving grandfathers in North America. Chapter 11 in *Grandfathers: Global Perspectives*. A. Buchanan & A. Rotkirch (Eds.), Palgrave Macmillan, 201–213.

3. Fiske, A., Ciliberti, C., Clegg-Kraynok, M., Gould, C., **Nadorff, D.K.**, Nadorff, M.R., Nazem, S., & Stahl, S. (2012). Mental health and aging. In Maddux, J.E. & Winstead, B. (Eds.), *Psychopathology: Foundations for a contemporary understanding* (3rd ed.), 399–425.

Editor-Reviewed Book Reviews

2. Scott, R.K., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2021). [Review of the book *The caregiver's encyclopedia: A compassionate guide to caring for older adults*, by M.R. Gillick]. *International Journal of Aging & Human Development, 0*. Impact Factor = 2.2.

1. Nadorff, D.K., & *Stearns, M.A.* (2018). [Review of the book *The hidden among the hidden: African-American elder male caregivers*, by H.K. Black, J.T. Groce, & C.E. Harmon]. *International Journal of Aging and Human Development, 86*, 426–428. Impact Factor = 2.2.

Manuscripts Under Review and in Revision

Nadorff, D.K., Murphy, S.T., *McLin, M.A.*, *Shillingsburg, L.A.*, & Adams-Price, C. Country Roads, Take Me Home: Linking Activity Engagement Profiles to Well-being in Rural African American Older Adults. Status: Under review, Journal of Applied Gerontology.

Nadorff, D.K., Anreddy, S., Sergi, K., Hemphill, T., Read-Wahidi, M., & Buys, D. The Ailment Shapes the Search: A Latent Class Analysis of Caregiver Information Seeking Through the Lens of Andersen's Behavioral Model of Health Services Use. Status: Under review, Patient Education and Counseling.

Anreddy, S., **Nadorff, D.K.**, Hemphill, T., Sergi, K., Buys, D.R., McCown, J., & Ahonle, Z.J. When Health Services Information Source Use and Preference Differ: A Telephone Survey of Adults Aged 50 Years and Older in Mississippi. Status: Revise and resubmit invited, JMIR Aging.

Scott, R.K., *Shillingsburg, L.A.*, & **Nadorff, D.K.** Do opposites attract…or aggravate? The impact of intergenerational solidarity on well-being. Status: Under review, Social Science Research.

Stearns, M.A., **Nadorff, D.K.**, Curtis, A.F., McHale, J., Lee, S., Haley, W.E., & McCrae, C. Wide Awake Worries: Sex-Specific Moderation by Grandparent Caregiving Status on the Relation Between Stress and Sleep. Status: Revising for new submission.

Stearns, M.A., *Szkody, E.*, Dao, V., & **Nadorff, D.K.** Family Communication Patterns, Perceived Criticism, and Insomnia in Emerging Adulthood. Status: Under review, Sleep Medicine.

Sergi, K., Hemphill, T., **Nadorff, D.K.**, Buys, D.R., Ahonle, Z.J., & Anreddy, S. Healthcare Access at the Crossroads: Older Adults' and Caregivers' Perspectives on Health Literacy, Bias, and System Navigation in Rural Mississippi, with Implications for Elder Policy. Status: Under review, Journal of Elder Policy.

Lopez, A.R., & **Nadorff, D.K.** Bonded or broken? An expansion of Goodman & Gotlib's model of maternal psychopathology transmission extended to nonparental caregivers. Status: Revising for new submission.

Lopez, A.R., & **Nadorff, D.K.** Risk behavior in children raised in non-traditional homes: Parenting styles, attachment, and caregiver type. Status: Revising for new submission.

Nadorff, D.K., Yancura, L., Berry, A.A., & Metzger, B. The financial impact of raising grandchildren: An analysis from the American Community Survey. Status: Revising for new submission.

Nadorff, D.K., *Williamson, E.A.*, & *McKay, I.T.* Could Chasing Grandkids Keep Us Young? The Association Between Custodial Grandparent Status and Health. Status: Revising for new submission.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Anreddy, S., **Nadorff, D.K.**, Buys, D.R., Sergi, K., & Saei, S. Health Information Source Co-Use Among Digitally Engaged Caregivers of Older Adults in Mississippi: Cross-Sectional Web Survey. Status: In preparation.

Nadorff, D.K., Ralston, M., Rieger, A., Murphy, S.T., *Shillingsburg, L.A.*, & *Lamore, J.* Apples and Oranges: Why the Skip-Generation Contrast Understates Differences Among Grandfamilies. Status: In preparation.

Nadorff, D.K., Sergi, K., & Anreddy, S. Below the Radar: Geography, Not Wealth, Predicts Higher Recorded Overdose Mortality in Mississippi Counties. Status: In preparation.

Nadorff, D.K., Mathews, R., Ralston, M., & Snyder, K.R. Zero or Sixty: Children in Grandfamilies Are More Often Inactive and More Often Active Every Day. Status: In preparation.

Ralston, M., **Nadorff, D.K.**, Murphy, S.T., Rieger, A., & Trest, C. Home Is Where the Help Is: Neighborhood Social Cohesion and Health Care Access Among Children in Grandfamilies. Status: In preparation.

Snyder, K.R., & **Nadorff, D.K.** Two Yardsticks: Equal Risk Counts, Unequal Risk Profiles, and Health at Age 22 in a Birth Cohort. Status: In preparation.

Selected Conference Presentations

Nadorff, D.K. (Chair), Whitley, D.W., Shillingsburg, L., Littleton, T., Lee, Y., & McLin, M. (2025, November). Custodial Grandfamilies: Systemic Inequalities, Cultural Resilience, and Trauma-Informed Interventions. Symposium presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Boston, MA.

Shillingsburg, L.A., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2025, November). Trauma Informed Parenting: Tailoring Interventions for Custodial Grandparents. Paper presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Boston, MA.

McLin, M.A., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2025, November). Resilience, Racial Identity, and Memory in Marginalized Caregiving Grandparents: The Role of Physical Activity. Paper presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Boston, MA.

Hicks-Patrick, J., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2025, November). Got a Question about Publishing Globally in Gerontology? Ask the Editors! Symposium conducted at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Boston, MA.

Nadorff, D.K., & Patrick, J.H. (2024). Publishing with the International Journal of Aging and Human Development. Symposium presentation at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Seattle, WA.

Stearns, M.A., McGovney, K., Curtis, A.F., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2024). Impact of community type on sleep health disparities in grandparents raising grandchildren. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Seattle, WA.

McLin, M., Shillingsburg, L.A., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2024). Caregiver status' moderation of the relation between perceptions of cognition and cognitive performance. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Seattle, WA.

McLin, M., Bosques, N.C., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2024). Grandparent caregivers' interaction with experiences of discrimination's effect on perceptions of cognitive control. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology, 39*, 1026.

McLin, M., Bosques, N.C., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2024). Grandparent caregivers' interaction with experiences of discrimination's effect on perceptions of cognitive control. Poster presented at the annual Clinical Neuropsychology Conference.

Chapman, L.A., Lopez, A.R., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2024). Grandparenting in the Digital Age: Loneliness and computer usage trends among children in grandfamilies. Poster presented at the annual Mississippi Academy of Sciences Conference. Tupelo, MS.

Nadorff, D.K., Duck, A., Lim, C., & Fastring, D. (2023). The charm of country life? Impact of rural childhood residence on physical and mental health in later life. Paper presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Tampa, FL.

Scott, R.K., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2023). The impact of intergenerational solidarity on grandparent well-being. Paper presented within the "Family Functioning" symposium at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Tampa, FL.

McLin, M., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2023). Nonparental caregiver differences in locus of control and GPA of grandchildren and foster children. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Tampa, FL.

Lopez, A.R., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2023). The 12 Ds: An update to Edwards' and Ray's reasons for nonparental caregiving. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Tampa, FL.

Mendoza, N., Xu, Y., Lee, Y., Yancura, L., Lopez, A., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2022). Embracing the diversity of grandfamilies: Understanding the influence of culture and racism. Symposium presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Indianapolis, IN.

Olson, M.G., Pyles, K., Lopez, A.R., Scott, R.K., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2022). Moderation of custodial grandparents' wellness and grandchild behavior by relationship quality. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Indianapolis, IN.

Scott, R.K., **Nadorff, D.K.**, *Lopez, A.R., & Olson, M.G.* (2022). Do opposites attract…or aggravate? The impact of intergenerational solidarity on well-being. Paper presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Indianapolis, IN.

Scott, R.K., Lopez, A., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2021). Agree to disagree: Generational differences in ideological values and the impact on depressive symptoms. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Held online.

Lopez, A., Scott, R.K., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2021). Is age just a number? Influence of caregiver age on injuries of children raised by grandparents. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Held online.

Nadorff, D.K., Barnett, M., & Yancura, L. (2021). The moderation of middle-generation support on the relation of stress and depression in coresident grandparents. Paper presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Held online.

Nadorff, D.K., & *Lopez, A.* (2020). Substance abuse and kincare: Prevalence and impact. Invited presentation at the annual Karen McNealy H.E.R.D. Series Conference. Held online.

Nadorff, D.K., & Mathews, R. (2020). Too many treats or not enough to eat? The impact of custodial grandparents on food security and nutrition. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Held online.

Scott, R.K., **Nadorff, D.K.**, Barnett, M., & Yancura, L. (2020). Respect your elders: The relation between generativity and life satisfaction in custodial grandparents. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Held online.

Tompkins, C.J., Zic, A., Carlson, E., Purvis, A., Yancura, L., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2020). Exploring the stress and strengths arising from the complexities existing within grandfamilies. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Held online.

Scott, R.K., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2020). The role of intergenerational relationships: Applying the Family Stress Model to grandfamilies. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America conference. Held online.

McKay, I.T., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2020). Anger and hostility: A comparison of custodial and non-custodial grandparents. Poster accepted for the annual Aging in America conference. Atlanta, GA. Canceled due to COVID-19.

Adams-Price, C.E., Kivnick, H.Q., de Medeiros, K., Ardelt, M., Orwoll, L., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2019). Creativity in later life: Perspectives on its forms and meanings. Symposium presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America meeting. Austin, TX.

Nadorff, D.K., *Williamson, E.A.*, & *McKay, I.T.* (2019). Could chasing grandkids keep us young? The association between custodial grandparent status and health. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America meeting. Austin, TX.

Stearns, M.A., **Nadorff, D.K.**, & *Scott, R.K.* (2019). The moderating effect of raising one's grandchildren on the relation between sleep and depression. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America meeting. Austin, TX.

Kim, E.B., **Nadorff, D.K.**, *Scott, R.K., & McKay, I.T.* (2019). The influence of custodial status on marital affectual solidarity and mental health among grandparents. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America meeting. Austin, TX.

Nadorff, D.K. (2017). Depression in children raised by their grandparents vs foster parents: The impact of parenting style. Poster presented at the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics World Congress meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Stearns, M.A., Lantz, E.D., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2017). Religiosity and depressive symptoms in older adults compared to younger adults: Moderation by age. Poster presented at the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics World Congress meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Nadorff, D.K., & Adams-Price, C. (2016). Not just a hobby: Creativity's moderation of the relation between anhedonia and suicidality in middle-aged and older adults. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America meeting. New Orleans, LA.

Stearns, M.A., Lantz, E., McKay, I., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2016). Comparing grandparents raising grandchildren to foster parents on consistent parenting style and child attachment: Moderation by religious attendance. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America meeting. New Orleans, LA.

Adams-Price, C., Morse, L.W., & **Nadorff, D.K.** (2016). Connecting creativity to adult development: The link between generativity and life satisfaction. Paper presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America meeting. New Orleans, LA.

Adams-Price, C., **Nadorff, D.K.**, & Morse, L. (2015). The effects of creative meaning on depression and life satisfaction in mid and late life creative hobbyists. Poster presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America meeting. Orlando, FL.

Public Scholarship and Research in the Media

Church, K. (2026, Summer). Roots of a Healthy Life [cover feature]. *MAFES Discovers*, Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, Mississippi State University. A public-audience feature on Mathews, **Nadorff**, & Cowart (2025), *Nutrients*. https://www.mafes.msstate.edu/discovers/article.php?id=356

Nadorff, D.K., Sergi, K., & Anreddy, S. (2026). *Mississippi's Overdose Crisis: What the Data Show*. Statewide Comprehensive Behavioral Health Needs Assessment, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University, prepared in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

Teaching and Mentoring

My teaching is grounded in three habits I make visible to every student: scaffolding, operational definitions, and observable behavior. I have served as primary mentor to nine doctoral students (five graduated) and 53 undergraduate researchers. More than 70% of my peer-reviewed articles since 2021 include student co-authors, and seven of my doctoral students (six primary-mentored and one secondary) have first-authored peer-reviewed articles with me since 2021, in journals including the *Journal of Affective Disorders*, *Addictive Behaviors*, *Geriatrics*, and the *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine*. Of my four undergraduate honors theses, one has produced a peer-reviewed publication and the remaining three are being prepared for submission this summer. My redesign of PSY 8623 earned second place / honorable mention for the 2025 CUDCP Award for Best Non-Applied Course, and the 2026 Ottilie Schillig Special Teaching Projects Award and a 2026 Inclusive Excellence Teaching Grant support the launch of a new course-based undergraduate research experience in Spring 2027.

Teaching Experience

- Undergraduate Teaching: General Psychology, Careers in Psychology, Psychology of Gender Differences, Developmental Psychology, Psychology of Learning, Behavior Modification, Psychology of Aging, and Applied Research, Analysis, and Communication in Psychology (PSY 4503; developed under the Ottilie Schillig Special Teaching Projects Award; first offered Spring 2027).
- Graduate Teaching: Advanced Social and Developmental Psychology, Graduate Developmental Psychology, Seminar on the Teaching of Psychology.

Funded Teaching Grants

- Broadening Discovery: Expanding Undergraduate Research Access in Psychology. Awarded by the Mississippi State University Center for Innovation in Teaching Excellence Ottilie Schillig Special Teaching Projects Award, 2026. Role: Primary Investigator. Budget: $3,000.
- Open Access to the Symposium: Needs-Based Poster Printing and Statistical Reference Materials for an Inclusive Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experience. Awarded by the Mississippi State University College of Arts & Sciences Inclusive Excellence Teaching Grant (IETG), 2026. Role: Primary Investigator. Budget: $500.

Doctoral Dissertations Chaired

- Lantz, E. (2020). *The Mediating Effect of Gratitude and Social Support: Exploring the Relation Between Religiosity and Psychological Well-Being in a National Sample*. Doctoral Dissertation, Mississippi State University.
- McKay, I.T. (2021). *A Pilot Study Examining the Influence of an Entrepreneurial Education Program on Entrepreneurial Intention and its Antecedents in a Population of Adolescent Males in Recovery*. Doctoral Dissertation, Mississippi State University.
- Scott, R.K. (2024). *Living with Mamaw and Pawpaw: Examining the Impact of Context When Raising One's Grandchildren*. Doctoral Dissertation, Mississippi State University.
- Lopez, A. (now Edwards) (2025). *My Grandparents Raised Me: The Role of Formative Individual and Family Experiences in Predicting Emerging Adult Substance Use, Attachment, and Mental Health Outcomes*. Doctoral Dissertation, Mississippi State University.
- Olson, M.G. (2025). *In Good Times & Bad: Measuring Ambivalence in Custodial Grandparents*. Doctoral Dissertation, Mississippi State University.

Doctoral Dissertations in Progress

- *McLin, M.A.* (2025). *Not All Heroes Wear Capes: The Superwoman Schema, Coping, and Depressive Symptoms in African American Caregiving Grandmothers*. Doctoral Dissertation, Mississippi State University. Defended; degree to be conferred following completion of clinical internship.

- *Shillingsburg, L.A. Bridging the Gap: Adapting Parent-Child Care for Virtual Delivery to Custodial Grandparents*. Doctoral Dissertation, Mississippi State University. Proposal approved; data collection in progress.

Master's Theses Chaired

- McKay, I.T. (2019). *The Impact of Custodial Grandparenting on Levels of Cognition in a Longitudinal Sample of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*. Master's Thesis, Mississippi State University.
- Lopez, A. (now Edwards) (2021). *Bonded or Broken? An Expansion of Goodman and Gotlib's Depressive Symptom Transmission Model Extended to Foster Parents and Grandparent Caregivers*. Master's Thesis, Mississippi State University.
- Scott, R.K. (2022). *Do Opposites Attract…or Aggravate? The Impact of Intergenerational Solidarity on Well-Being*. Master's Thesis, Mississippi State University.
- McLin, M. (2025). *Family Matters: How Caregiver Influence and Internal Locus of Control Relate to Academics*. Master's Thesis, Mississippi State University.
- *Mason, A.L.* (2026). *Breaking the Chain or Passing the Torch? Caregiver Type, Perceived Caregiving, and Extent of Aggression in Emerging Adulthood*. Master's Thesis, Mississippi State University. Defended 2026; degree to be conferred August 2026.

Undergraduate Honors Theses Chaired

- Miller, P. (2024). *The Relations between the Financial Wellbeing of Custodial Grandparents, their Overall Wellbeing, and their Perceived Social Support*. Shackouls Honors College, Mississippi State University.
- Barfield, K.M. (2024). *Parenting Practices and Attachment Levels in Relation to Externalizing Behaviors in Children Raised by Nonparental Caregivers*. Shackouls Honors College, Mississippi State University.
- Hunter, K.A. (2020). *The Effect of Family Structure and Mental Health on Childhood Bullying Behaviors*. Shackouls Honors College, Mississippi State University.
- Fitchie, T. (2017). *Suicidality and Depression of those Raised in Kincare*. Shackouls Honors College, Mississippi State University. Resulting publication: Nadorff, D.K., Scott, R.K., & Fitchie, T. (2022). Depressive Symptoms and Suicidality of Those Raised in Kincare: A Peer Comparison Study. *OMEGA – Journal of Death and Dying, 81*(1), 298–311.

Theses and Dissertation Committees Served On

- Engelstad, K. Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- Israel, S. Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- Kelly, K. Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- Mackenstadt, D. Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- Nelson, R. Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- Peterson, K. Doctoral Dissertation and Manuscript Examination Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- Rogers, M. Doctoral Dissertation and Manuscript Examination Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- Steel, E. Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- Stearns, M. Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- Szkody, E. Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- Valentine, M. Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- DiCarlo, S. Doctoral Dissertation and Manuscript Examination Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.

- Lass, A. Manuscript Examination Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- Durham, A. Master's Thesis Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.
- Kukay, A. Master's Thesis Committee, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University.

Service

My service centers on the discipline of gerontology, the university and department, and the community my research is intended to serve. At the discipline level, my editorial trajectory at the International Journal of Aging and Human Development has placed me in the Editor-in-Chief role by the end of 2026, and I co-convene the Gerontological Society of America Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Interest Group. At the university and department, I chair the General Education subcommittee for Human Society and the Individual and the Department of Psychology Undergraduate Committee, and I mentor junior faculty through the College of Arts and Sciences New Faculty Mentorship Program. In the community, I directed the Brookdale-funded Grandfamilies Support Group of Starkville and now lead the Mississippi Blues statewide opioid needs assessment for the State of Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council.

Professional Service

2022 – Present Co-Convener, Gerontological Society of America Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Interest Group

2019 – Present Member, MCCTR Community-Engaged Research Institute

Institutional Service

2024 – Present Chair, General Education Curriculum Committee, Human Society and the Individual Subcommittee

2017 – Present Institutional Effectiveness Review Committee

2013 – Present Chair, Psychology Undergraduate Committee

2013 – Present Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of Psychology

2017 – 2022 MSU Women's Club Scholarship Chair

2021 Vision Podcast (College of Arts & Sciences), Episode 21 (July 2021): faculty interview with Dr. Ian McKay (Class of 2021) on his dissertation work at the StoneWater Adolescent Recovery Center

2013 – 2019 Phi Beta Kappa Faculty Committee

2016 – 2017 A&S Scholarship Committee

2013 – 2016 Institutional Review Board

2013 – 2014 Chair, Psychology Compliance Committee

2013 – 2014 PRP Administrator

Community Service

2017 – 2021 Director, Grandfamilies Support Group of Starkville, MS