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Academic Positions

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| 2018 – Present | Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology Mississippi State University |
| 2018 – Present | Gender Studies Affiliate Faculty Mississippi State University |
| 2022 – Present | African American Studies Affiliate Faculty Mississippi State University |

Education

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| 2018 | Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of Georgia |
| 2017 | Quantitative Methods Certificate, University of Georgia |
| 2012 | M.S., Human Development & Family Science, University of Georgia |
| 2010 | B.S., Psychology, University of Georgia |

Research & Teaching Interests

Feminist & Queer Criminology; Family Violence; Sexual Violence; Gender, Race, & Crime; Criminological Theory; Victimology; Advanced Quantitative Methods

Peer-Reviewed Publications

(* indicates a graduate student co-author at time of acceptance)

Edwards, Katie M., Victoria Mauer*, Merle Huff*, Alexander Farquhar-Leicester*, **Tara E. Sutton**, and Sarah E. Ullman. 2022. "Disclosure of Sexual Assault among Sexual and Gender Minorities: A Systematic Literature Review." *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380211073842>

Sutton, Tara E., Katie M. Edwards, Laura Siller, and Ryan C. Shorey. 2022. "An Exploration of Factors that Mediate the Relationship Between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Sexual Assault Victimization among LGBTQ+ College Students." *Child Maltreatment*, 27(4), 539-549.

Boyle, Kaitlin M., Elizabeth Culatta, Jennifer L. Turner, and **Tara E. Sutton**. 2022. "Microaggressions and Mental Health at the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation in Graduate and Law School." *Journal of Women and Gender in Higher Education*, 15(2), 157-180.

- Steele, Megan E.*, **Tara E. Sutton**, Alyssa Brown*, Leslie Gordon Simons, and Patricia Warren. 2021. "A Test of General Strain Theory: Explaining Intimate Partner Violence and Alcohol Use among Black Women. *Feminist Criminology*. Advanced online publication at <https://doi.org/10.1177/15570851211065896>
- Wickrama, K.A.S., Klopach, Eric T., and **Tara E. Sutton**. 2021. "Trajectories of adolescent stressful life events and young adults' socioeconomic and relational outcomes: Weight and depressive symptoms as mediators. *British Journal of Developmental Psychology*. Advanced online publication at <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjdp.12401>
- Simons, Leslie Gordon and **Tara E. Sutton**. 2021. "The Long-Arm of Parenting: How Parenting Styles Influence Crime and the Pathways That Explain This Effect." *Criminology*. Advanced online publication at <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9125.12285>
- Sutton, Tara E.**, and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2021. "Examining Adolescent Family Experiences as Risks for Young Adulthood Intimate Partner Violence in Two Longitudinal Samples." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*, 50: 1797-1810.
- Tubman, Johnathan, Assaf Oshri, Erinn B. Duprey, and **Tara E. Sutton**. 2021. "Childhood Maltreatment, Psychiatric Symptoms, and Suicidal Thoughts among Adolescents Receiving Substance Use Treatment Services." *Journal of Adolescence*, 89: 18-27.
- Sutton, Tara E.**, Elizabeth Culatta, Kaitlin M. Boyle, & Jennifer Turner. 2021. "Individual Vulnerability and Organizational Context as Risks for Sexual Harassment of Female Graduate Students." *Social Currents*, 8(3): 229-248.
- Sutton, Tara E** and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2021. "A Longitudinal Test of a Feminist Pathways Model Among Black Youth: Incorporating the Influence of Racial Discrimination & School Difficulties" *Feminist Criminology*, 16(1): 26-46.
- Sutton, Tara E.**, Leslie Gordon Simons, and Kimberly A. Tyler. 2021. "Hooking-Up & Three Forms of Sexual Victimization on Campus: Examining Moderators of Risk." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 36(15-16): NP8146-NP8175.
- Steele, Megan E*., Leslie Gordon Simons, **Tara E. Sutton**, and Frederick X. Gibbons. 2020. "Family Context and Adolescent Risky Sexual Behavior: An Examination of the Influence of Family Structure, Family Transitions and Parenting." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*, 49: 1179-1194.
- Sutton, Tara E.**, Leslie Gordon Simons, Brittany T. Martin*, Eric T. Klopach*, Frederick X. Gibbons, Steven R.H. Beach, and Ronald L. Simons. 2020. "Racial Discrimination as a Risk Factor for African American Men's Physical Partner Violence: A Longitudinal Test of Mediators and Moderators." *Violence Against Women*, 26(2): 164-190.

- Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, Antoinette M. Landor, Ashley B. Barr, Chalandra M. Bryant, and Ellen Granberg. 2019. "The Challenge of Forming Romantic Relationships within the Context of Structural Inequality: Gender Differences in the Dating Experiences of African American Young Adults." *Youth & Society*, 53(1): 3-25.
- Klopach, Eric T. *, **Tara E. Sutton**, Leslie Gordon Simons, and Ronald L. Simons. 2019. "Disentangling the Effects of Boys' Pubertal Timing: The Importance of Social Context." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*, 49: 1393-1405.
- Sutton, Tara E.** 2019. "Review of Attachment Theory. Familial Predictors, Continuity and Change, and Intrapersonal and Relational Outcomes." *Marriage & Family Review*, 55(1): 1-22.
- Simons, Ronald L., David Woodring*, Leslie Gordon Simons, **Tara E. Sutton**, Man-Kit Lei, Steven R.H. Beach, Ashley B. Barr, and Frederick X. Gibbons. 2018. "Youth Adversities Amplify the Association between adult Stressors and Chronic Inflammation in a Domain Specific Manner: Nuancing the Early Life Sensitivity Model." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*, 48(1): 1-16.
- Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, Sarah Shannon, and Mark T. Berg. 2018. "The Cost of Being Cool: How Adolescent Pseudomature Behaviors Map onto Adult Adjustment." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence* 47(5): 1007-1021.
- Sutton, Tara E.** 2017. "The Lives of Female Gang Members" *Aggression & Violent Behavior: A Review Journal* 37:142-152.
- Sutton, Tara E.**, Leslie Gordon Simons, Ronald L. Simons, and Carolyn Cutrona. 2017. "Psychological Distress, Couple Interactions, and Parenting: A Dyadic Analysis of African American Couples." *Journal of Marriage & Family* 79(3):850-864.
- Futris, Ted G., **Tara E. Sutton**, and Jenee' C. Duncan. 2017. "Factors Associated with Romantic Relationship Self-Efficacy Following Youth-Focused Relationship Education." *Family Relations* 66: 777-793.
- Barr, Ashley B., **Tara E. Sutton**, Leslie Gordon Simons, K.A.S. Wickrama, and Frederick O. Lorenz. 2016. "Romantic Relationship Transitions and Changes in Health among Rural, White Young Adults." *Journal of Family Psychology* 30(7):832-842.
- Simons, Leslie Gordon, **Tara E. Sutton**, Ronald L. Simons, Frederick X. Gibbons, and Velma McBride Murry. 2016. "Mechanisms That Link Parenting Practices to Adolescents' Risky Sexual Behavior: A Test of Six Competing Theories." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence* 45(2):255-270.
- Oshri, Assaf, Itai Himelboim, Josephine A. Kwon, **Tara E. Sutton**, and James MacKillop. 2015. "Child Physical and Sexual Abuse and Social Network Patterns on Social Media: Associations with Alcohol Use and Problems among Young Adult Women." *Journal of Studies on Alcohol & Drugs* 76(6):845-851.

Sutton, Tara E. and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2015. "Sexual Assault among College Students: Family of Origin Hostility, Attachment, and the Hook-Up Culture as Risks." *Journal of Child & Family Studies* 24(10): 2827-2840.

Oshri, Assaf, **Tara E. Sutton**, Joshua Miller, and Jody Clay-Warner. 2015. "Child Maltreatment Types and Risk Behaviors: Associations with Attachment Style and Emotion Regulation Dimensions." *Personality & Individual Differences* 73: 127-133.

Oshri, Assaf, Elizabeth D. Handley, **Tara E. Sutton**, Sanne Wortel, and Mandi L. Burnette. 2014. "Developmental Trajectories of Substance Use among Sexual Minority Girls: Associations with Sexual Victimization and Sexual Health Risk." *Journal of Adolescent Health* 55(1): 100-106.

Sutton, Tara E., Leslie Gordon Simons, K.A.S. Wickrama, and Ted G. Futris. 2014. "The Intergenerational Transmission of Violence: Examining the Mediating Roles of Insecure Attachment and Destructive Disagreement Beliefs." *Violence & Victims* 29(4): 670-687.

Futris, Ted G., **Tara E. Sutton**, and Evin W. Richardson. 2013. "An Evaluation of the *Relationship Smarts Plus* Program on Adolescents in Georgia." *Journal of Human Sciences & Extension*, 1(2):1-15.

Simons, Leslie Gordon, Ronald L. Simons, Man-Kit Lei, and **Tara E. Sutton**. 2012. "Exposure to Harsh Parenting and Pornography as Explanations for Males' Sexual Coercion and Females' Sexual Victimization." *Violence and Victims* 27(3): 378-395.

Editorial

Simons, Leslie Gordon, and **Tara E. Sutton**. 2021. "A Review of Feminist Scholarship on Domestic Violence and Innovative Pathways Forward: An Introduction to the Special Issue." *Feminist Criminology*, 16(3): 239-246.

Encyclopaedia/Book Chapters

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2018. "Family Violence." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology & Criminal Justice*. Available online at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.468>

Grant Support

Funded

2022 Co-I. \$4.3 million. "An Innovative, Prospective Model to Understand Risk and Protective Factors for Sexual Assault Experiences and Outcomes among Sexual Minority Men." National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01), National Institute of Health.

2020 PI, \$2000, "Early Adverse Experiences and Sexual and Relational Violence Among College Students in Mississippi." Mississippi State University College of Arts & Sciences Strategic Research Initiative.

Applied

- 2021 PI. "An Evaluation of Dual Generation Programming to Prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences among Predominantly Black and Low-Income Youth in Rural Communities." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (R01). Score: 61

Awards & Scholarships

- 2021 New Scholar Award, Division on Women & Crime, American Criminological Society
- 2019 Bo Williams Ph.D. Award, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2017 Graduate Student Paper of the Year Award, Division on Women & Crime. American Society of Criminology
- 2017-2018 Dissertation Completion Award (\$15,000), The Graduate School, University of Georgia
- 2017 Certificate of Excellence (Research), Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2017 Beck Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2017 Outstanding Teacher Award, Office of the Vice President for Instruction, University of Georgia

Invited Talks

- "Purple Panel" on Social Media & Partner Violence. November 2021. Invited Panelist for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Coordinated Community Response Team, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS.
- "Intimate Partner Violence at Mississippi State University." April 2021. Invited Speaker for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Coordinated Community Response Team, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS.
- "Women & Girls in Gangs." October 2019. Keynote Speaker, Workshop on Women in Gangs, Criminal Justice Council of Santa Cruz County. Aptos, CA.
- "Hooking-Up & Sexual Victimization on Campus." April 2019. Invited Speaker, Brown Bag Series, Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University. Mississippi State, MS.
- "Preparing for & Applying to Graduate School." November 2018. Invited Speaker, Sociological Student Association, Mississippi State University. Mississippi State, MS.

Media

- 2020 "Episode #5: Dr. Tara E. Sutton." The Feminist Academic Podcast, <https://lnns.co/WDrThSAPibR>
- 2020 "Gender & Crime." Untenured Tracks Podcast, <https://www.podbean.com/eu/pb-ktrvk-d86daa>
- 2019 "How Helping Families with Ongoing Problems Can Prevent Child and Partner Abuse." Key Findings Brief. Scholars Strategy Network.

Presentations (Selected)

Sutton, Tara E. April 2022. "Childhood Abuse Experiences, Masculinity, & Intimate Partner Violence Perpetration among College Men." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Birmingham, AL.

Sutton, Tara E. & Lindsey Kahle Semprevivo. November 2021. "Double Jeopardy: Exploring the Combined Influence of Dating Violence and Bullying Victimization on School Outcomes." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.

Sutton, Tara E., Katie M. Edwards, Laura Siller, & Ryan C. Shorey. August 2021. "Childhood Experiences and Sexual Assault among LGBTQ+ Adults: Adolescent Assault, Internalized Homonegativity, & Alcohol as Mediators." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Online.

Culatta, Elizabeth T., Kait M. Boyle, **Tara E. Sutton,** & Jennifer Turner. August 2021. "Minority Stress, Social Support, and Mental Health in Graduate and Law School: Centering Minoritized Students." Roundtable session presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Online.

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. August 2020. "Paths Linking Early Adversity to Young Adulthood Crime Among Black Women and Men." Roundtable accepted presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological of Association. San Francisco, CA. [Cancelled Due to COVID-19].

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. November 2019. "Testing a Feminist Pathways Model among African American Women and Men." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Sutton, Tara E. and Leslie Gordon Simons. August 2019. "A Comparison of Parenting Techniques in Adolescence on Adulthood Offending among African American men." Roundtable session presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York City, NY.

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. November 2018. "Hooking-Up & Sexual Victimization among College Women: Examining Moderators of Risk." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. October 2018. "Hooking-Up & Sexual Victimization among College Men." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Birmingham, AL.

Boyle, Kaitlin M., Jennifer Turner, and **Tara E. Sutton.** August 2018. "Feeling Sexual Harassment and Microaggression in Graduate School: The Role of Negative Emotion in Disordered Drinking." Roundtable session presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. November 2017. "Linking Early Financial Difficulties to Partner Violence Among African American Young Adults." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Sutton, Tara E., Leslie Gordon Simons, Brittany T. Martin, and Eric T. Klopach. August 2017. "Linking Adolescent Racial Discrimination and Young Adulthood Partner Violence Among African American Men & Women." Roundtable session presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada.

Sutton, Tara E., and Leslie Gordon Simons. March 2016. "The Long-Term Impact of Adolescent Minor Delinquency and Popularity on Adulthood Criminal and Family Outcomes." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Greenville, SC.

Sutton, Tara E. and Leslie Gordon Simons. November 2016. "Examining Mediators in the Association between Adolescent Racial Discrimination and Adulthood Partner Violence among African American Young Adults." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA.

Simons, Leslie Gordon and **Tara E. Sutton**. November 2016. "The Cost of Being Cool: How Adolescent Peer Crowds Map onto Adult Adjustment." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA.

Sutton, Tara E. and Leslie Gordon Simons. August 2016. "Extending the Family Stress Model to Aggression in Romantic Partnerships among African American Young Adults." Roundtable session presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA.

Sutton, Tara E., Ashley B. Barr, and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2016. "Romantic Relationship Transitions and Changes in Health among Rural, White Young Adults." Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, Georgia.

Teaching Experience

**Indicates courses also taught online*

Advanced Quantitative Methods (Graduate)

Criminological Theory (Graduate)

*Criminological Theory (Undergraduate; Writing Intensive)

*Gender, Crime, & Justice

Introduction to Social Research

Senior Seminar: Family Violence

Sociology of the Family

Service to the Department

Mississippi State University

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| 2022 | Co-Organizer, Race & Racism Working Group, African American Studies Program |
| 2022 | President, College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate |
| 2022 | Preliminary Examination committee, Social Inequality |
| 2022-2024 | Graduate Policies and Curriculum Committee |
| 2020-2022 | AKD Faculty Advisor |
| 2020-2022 | Loftin Support Committee |
| 2019, 2020-2022 | Preliminary Examination Committee, Criminology |
| 2021 | Clinical Assistant Professor Search Committee |
| 2021 | Vice President/President Elect, College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate |
| 2020-2021 | Assistant Professor Representative (Elected), Advisory Council |
| 2019 | Chair, Anti-Bullying and Harassment Committee |
| 2018-2020 | Graduate Admission and Support Committee |
| 2018-2019 | Department Head Search Committee |
| 2018, 2019 | Graduate Student Teaching Observation |

University of Georgia

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| 2016-2017 | Speaker Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Society Speaker: Dr. Robert Sampson, Harvard |
| 2015-2016 | Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology |
| 2015-2016 | Forum Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Society |
| 2015-2017 | Graduate Student Mentor Program, Department of Sociology |
| 2011-2012 | Representative to the Graduate Student Association, Department of Human Development & Family Science |

Service to the University

Mississippi State University

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| 2022 | Senator, Holland Faculty Senate |
| 2020-present | Coordinated Community Response Team Member |
| 2020-present | 2BU at MSU Facilitator (Program for LGBTQ+ students) |
| 2020-present | Safe Zone Advisory Board Member |
| Spring 2020 | Panelist, Feminist Film Festival. "Commentary on 'Push Out: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools.'" Gender Studies Program. |
| Spring 2019 | Panellist, Feminist Pedagogy Panel, "#MeToo: #TimesUp for Patriarchal Narratives of Women's Lives, Work, & Sexuality" |

University of Georgia

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| 2015 | Thesis Reader, Center for Undergraduate Research |
| 2012 | Session Moderator, Graduate Student Association Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Georgia |

Service to the Discipline

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| 2021-2022 | Member, Awards Committee, Division of Queer Criminology. American Society of Criminology |
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| 2021-2022 | Mentor, Dr. Christine Rasche Mentoring Program, Division on Women & Crime, American Criminological Society |
| 2021-present | Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Youth & Adolescence</i> |
| 2021-present | Member, Anti-Racist Action Subcommittee, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Division on Women & Crime, American Society of Criminology |
| 2021 | Organizer, Virtual Forum on Anti-Racism & Intersectionality in feminist Criminology, Anti-Racist Action Subcommittee, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Division on Women & Crime, American Society of Criminology |
| 2021 | Chair, "Victimization: Causes & Correlates of Victimization." Panel. American Criminological Association. Chicago, IL. |
| 2021 | Presider, "Thinking About Numbers, Thinking About the Box," Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Online. |
| 2021 | Best Article of the Year Award Committee Member, Division on Women & Crime, American Society of Criminology |
| 2020-present | Associate Editor, Newsletter Committee, Division on Women & Crime, American Society of Criminology |
| 2020 | Presider, "The Complexities of LGBTQ Visibility and Advocacy." Section on Sexualities. American Sociological Association. [Cancelled due to COVID-19] |
| 2019-2021 | Guest Co-Editor, <i>Feminist Criminology</i> , Special Issue on Domestic Violence |
| 2019 | Mentor, "Mentoring Across Specializations," Race, Gender, and Class; Sex and Gender; and Sexualities Sections. American Sociological Association Annual Conference. New York, NY. |
| 2019 | Presider, Section on Crime, Law, & Deviance Refereed Roundtables, American Sociological Association Annual Conference. New York, NY. |
| 2018 | Chair, Topics in Victimology Section, Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Conference. Birmingham, AL. |
| 2017 | Conference Proposal Reviewer, National Council on Family Relations, Research & Theory Section |
| 2013 | Conference Proposal Reviewer, National Council on Family Relations, Research & Theory Section |
| 2012 | Student Volunteer, Annual Conference of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations |

Thesis/Dissertation Committee Member

Ash Adams, M.S., in progress
 Alex Golden, M.S., in progress
 Brian Tesch, Ph.D., in progress
 Sarah Rogers, Ph.D., Graduated Summer 2020

Ad Hoc Reviewer (Selected)

American Journal of Criminal Justice
Crime & Delinquency
Criminology
Critical Criminology
Feminist Criminology
Journal of Adolescence
Journal of Family Violence
Journal of Interpersonal Violence
Journal of Men's Studies
Psychology of Violence
Social Psychology Quarterly
Social Problems
Sociological Inquiry
Sociology Compass
Violence & Victims
Violence Against Women
Youth & Society

Professional Membership

American Society of Criminology (*Women & Crime; Queer Criminology; Victimology*)
American Sociological Association (*Crime, Law, & Deviance; Race, Gender, & Class; Family; Children & Youth; Sex & Gender*)
Southern Sociological Society
Scholars Strategy Network

Professional References

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