



Graduate Student Accomplishments
2015-2016

Graduate Student Recognition Lunch
May 5, 2016
Spice Box
Bevier Hall

ACES College of Agricultural, Consumer
and Environmental Sciences

Graduate Students 2015-2016

Student	Program	Adviser
Xi Chen	PhD – HDFS	Dr. McElwain
Jonathan Chiao	PhD – CSO/MSP	Dr. Ebata
Christy Clarke	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Ferguson
Sarai Coba-Rodriguez	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Jarrett
Sarah Curtiss	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Ebata
Helen Emery	PhD – HDFS	Dr. McElwain
*Polina Ermoshkina	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Hardesty
Anneliese Cook Feld	PhD – HDFS/ITOPP	Dr. Fiese
Roger Figueroa	PhD – HDFS/ITOPP	Dr. Wiley
Meghan Fisher	PhD – HDFS	Drs. McBride/Fiese
*Cagla Giray	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Ferguson
Rachel Hawn	PhD – HDFS	Dr. K Kramer
Elizabeth Holman	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Oswald
Dina Izenstark	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Ebata
Jessica Jarick	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Fiese
Joo Hyun Kim	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Bost
Kevin Linares	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Lleras
Katherine Magerko	PhD – HDFS/MSP	Dr. Wiley
Shawn Mendez	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Oswald
James Kale Monk	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Ogolsky
*Stephanie Moore	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Jarrett
Lorraine Munoz	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Raffaelli
*Carolyn Orson	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Larson
Alyssa Parsons	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Bost
Niyantri Ravindran	PhD – HDFS	Drs. McElwain/L. Kramer
*TeKisha Rice	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Ogolsky
*Jasmine Routon	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Oswald
Jaclyn Saltzman	PhD – HDFS/ITOPP	Dr. Fiese
*Jaclyn Theisen	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Ogolsky
Steve Tran	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Raffaelli
*Elizabeth Villegas	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Wiley
Angela Whittaker	PhD – HDFS	Dr. Hardesty

*Admitted Fall 2015

Publications

- Curtiss, S.L.**, & Ebata, A.T. (2016) Building capacity to deliver sex education to individuals with autism. *Sexuality and Disability, 34*, 27-47.
doi: 10.1007/s11195-016-9429-9
- Curtiss, S.L.**, Pearson, J.N., Akamoglu, Y., Wolowiet-Fisher, K., Snodgrass, M.R., Meyer, L.E., Meadan, H., & Halle, J.W. (2015). Bringing instructional strategies home: Essential questions for reaching parents from a distance. *Teaching Exceptional Children, Online First*, doi: 10.1177/0040059915605816
- Ebata, A.T., Dennis, S., & **Curtiss, S.L.** (In press). Family life education on the technological frontier. In S.F. Duncan & H.W. Goddard (eds.), *Family life education* (4th ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Ferguson, G.M., **Tran, S.**, **Mendez, S.N.**, & van de Vijver, F. J. R. (2015). Remote acculturation: Conceptualization, measurement, and implications for health outcomes. In S. J. Schwartz, & J. B. Unger (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Acculturation and Health*.
- Ferguson, G.M., Costigan, C.L., **Clarke, C.V.**, & Ge, J.S. (2016). *Introducing "Remote Enculturation": Learning your Heritage Culture from Afar*. Child Development Perspectives. Advance online publication. Doi 10.1111/cdep.1281
- Fiese, B.H., Jones, B. L., & **Jarick, J.M.** (2015). Family mealtime dynamics and food consumption: An experimental approach to understanding distractions. *Couple and Family Psychology: Research and Practice, 4*(4), 199.
- Fiese, B.H., Jones, B., & **Saltzman, J.A.** (In press). Systems unite family psychology. *Handbook of Contemporary Family Psychology*, American Psychological Association.
- Holman, E.G.** (In press, Invited). Community Climate. In A. E. Goldberg (Ed.), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies*.
- Holman, E.G.**, & Pacey, M.S. (In Press). Fostering research and diversity competencies for students and scholars: The case of an interdisciplinary research seminar. *Perspectives on Social Work Journal*.

- Hughes, R., Jr., Bowers, J.R., **Monk, J.K.**, & Kanter, J. in press). Divorce and custody. In H. Montgomery (Ed.), *Oxford bibliographies in childhood studies*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- Hughes, R., Ebata, A.T., Bowers, J., Mitchell, E.T., & **Curtiss, S.L.** (2015). Strategies for designing family life education programs. In M.J. Walcheski & J.S. Reinke (eds.), *Family life education: The practice of family science* (3rd ed.).
- Izenstark, D.** & Ebata, A. (In press). Theorizing family-based nature activities impact on family functioning: Using routines and rituals and attention restoration theory. *Journal of Family Theory & Review*.
- Izenstark, D.**, Oswald, R.F., **Holman, E.G.**, **Mendez, S.** & Greder, K. (2016). Rural, low-income mothers' use of family-based nature activities to promote family health. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 48(2), 134-155.
- Larson, R.W., **Izenstark, D.**, Rodriguez, G., & Perry, S.C. (2015). The art of restraint: How the professional staff of programs use their authority to support youth's agency. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*. doi: 10.1111/jora.12234
- Laxman, D.J., McBride, B. A., Jeans, L.M., Dyer, W.J., Santos, R.M., Kern, J., Sugimura, N., & **Curtiss, S. L.** (2015). Father involvement and maternal depressive symptoms in families of children with disabilities or delays. *Maternal & Child Health Journal*, 19, 1078–1086. doi: 10.1007/s10995-014-
- Lazarevic, V., **Holman, E.G.**, Oswald, R. F., & Kramer, K.Z. (2015). Relations between economic well-being, family support, community attachment, and life satisfaction among LGBQ adults. *Journal of Family & Economic Issues*. doi: 10.1007/s10834-015-9464-1
- Liechty J.M., **Saltzman, J.A.**, Musaad, S.A., & the STRONG Kids Team (2015) Health literacy is associated with parent attitudes about weight control for children: Findings from the STRONG Kids study. *Appetite*. 91, 200-208. doi: 10.1016/j.appet.2015.04.010
- Mendez, S.**, Oswald, R.F., **Holman, E.G.**, & **Izenstark, D.** (2016). Minority stress in the context of rural poverty: One lesbian mother's story. *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*, 0(0), 1-22.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1550428X.2015.1099493>

- Monk, J.K.**, Ogolsky, B.G., & Bruner, V. (2016). Veteran Couples Integrative Intensive Retreat model: An intervention for military veterans and their relational partners. *Journal of Couple & Relationship Therapy, 15*, 158-176.
- Nelson Goff, B.S., Summers, K., Hartman, K., Billings, A., Chevalier, M., Hermes, H., & **Monk, J.K.** (in press). Disclosure of war deployment experiences: A qualitative study of the relationship impact on military couples. *Military Behavioral Health*.
- Ogolsky, B., Surra, C., & **Monk, J.K.** (in press). Pathways of commitment to wed: An analysis of the development and dissolution of romantic relationships. *Journal of Marriage & Family*.
- Saltzman, J.A.**, & Liechty, J.M. (2016) Family risk factors for binge eating in childhood: A systematic review. (2016). *Eating Behaviors*. doi: 10.1016/j.eatbeh.2016.03.027
- Saltzman, J.A.**, Liechty, J.M., Bost, K.K., Fiese, B.H., & the STRONG Kids Team. (2016) Parent binge eating and restrictive feeding practices: Indirect effects of parent responses to child negative emotion. *Eating Behaviors, 21*, 150-154. doi: 10.1016/j.eatbeh.2016.02.001
- Saltzman, J.A.**, Liechty, J.M., & Badskey, E.A. (2015) Holistic health promotion for adolescent girls in an alternative school setting: Lessons learned. *School Social Work Journal, 40*(1). 58-78.
- Staats, N., Nelson Goff, B. S., Springer, N., & **Monk, J.K.** (In press). Hope, coping, life satisfaction, and relationship satisfaction in parents of children with Down syndrome: A comparison of prenatal and postnatal diagnosis groups. *Journal on Developmental Disabilities*.
- Swarta, R.A., Wiley, A.R., Koziol, N., & **Magerko, K.A.** (Online). Psychological influences upon the workforce and professional development participation of family child care providers. *Child & Youth Care Forum*.

Conference Presentations

American Sociological Association (ASA) Chicago, IL August 2015

Jarrett, R.L., & **Coba-Rodriguez, S.**

"My mother didn't play about Education:" Low-income African American Mothers' Early School Experiences and their Impact on School Involvement for Preschoolers Transitioning to Kindergarten.

Lazarevic, V., **Holman, E.G.**, Oswald, R. F., & Kramer, K.

Economic well-being and family support as predictors of life satisfaction among LGBTQ adults.

National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Vancouver, Canada November 2015

Coba-Rodriguez, S., & Jarrett, R.L. (Poster)

"So, We King of Tag Team..." African-American Extended Kin and Child Literacy Development.

Figueroa, R., & Wiley, A.R.

Family Child Care Practices and Characteristics that Promote Activity in Children.

Holman, E. (Symposium Chair)

Sexuality and religiosity: The Religion-family Association for LGBTQ People.

Holman, E., Oswald, R.F., & Okrey-Anderson, S

Religiosity, Perceived Congregational Support, and Same Sex Couple Relationship Satisfaction.

Holman, E.G., & Oswald, R.F.

Objective vs. Subjective Residential Community Climate: Which is a Stronger Correlate of LGBT Youth Well-being?

Izenstark, D., Mitchell, E., & Bowers, J. (Poster)

Developing Emerging Adults' Career Skills: A Participatory Approach.

Magerko, K., & Wiley, A.R.

Healthy Minds and Bodies in Child Care Settings.

Mendez, S., Holman, E.G., Izenstark, D., & Oswald, R.F. (Poster)

Minority Stress and Stigma in the Rural Midwest: One Lesbian Mother's Story.

Monk, J., Ogolsky, B., & Oswald, R.F.

As the States Turn: Marriage in a Changing Legal Context.

Monk, J., Ogolsky, B., & Dennison, R.

Newlywed Marital Quality: The Role of Family-of-Origin and Conflict Style Discrepancy.

Ravindran, N., Emery, H., & McElwain, N. (Poster)

Parental Distress and Toddler Temperament Combine to Predict Child Adjustment.

Rice, T.M., Ogolsky, B.G., **Monk, J.K.,** & Oswald, R.F.

Heterosexism, Instability, and Commitment in Same-Sex Relationships.

Rice, T.M., McNeil Smith, S., Fincham, F.D., & Beach, S.R.H.

Perceived discrimination and marital instability in African-American couples.

**Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA)
Baltimore, MD
March 2016**

Iturbide, M. I., Raffaelli, M., Saucedo, M., & **Munoz, L.** (Poster)

Messages Internalized by Adolescents' from Caregivers' Stories.

**HDFS Visiting Day
Urbana, IL
March 2016**

Dina Izenstark: *The effects of family-based nature activities on family relationships.*

Jaclyn Saltzman: *Eating, Feeding, and Feeling: Do feeding and emotional responsiveness mediate associations between maternal binge eating and child weight gain?*

**UIUC Undergraduate Research Symposium
Champaign, IL
April 2016**

LePoire, E., Lopez, M., Wiley, A., **Villegas, E.**, Teran-Garcia, M., Cruz S, & Abriendo Caminos Research Team.

The Feasibility of Healthy Eating: Meal Preparation and Family Dynamics Among Hispanic Families.

**4th Annual LGBT Research Symposium
Champaign, IL
May 2016**

Fish, J.N. & **Holman, E.G.**

Psychometric testing of The LGBT Climate Inventory: Hostility and support are not two sides of the same coin.

Holman, E.G.

The cross-contextual effects of minority stress processes across the work/family border.

Rice, T.M., Ogolsky, B.G., & Oswald, R.F.

The Influence of Individuals' Attitudes toward Same-Sex Marriage on Experiences of Stress, Instability, and Relationship Maintenance.

**International Association of Relationship Research (IARR)
Toronto, ON
July, 2016**

Monk, J.K., Ogolsky, B. G., & Oswald, R. F.

Coming out and getting back in: On-off instability and mental health in same and different sex relationships.

Ogolsky, B.G., **Monk, J.K.**, Surra, C., **Rice, T.M.**, & **Theisen, J.C.**

Pathways of Commitment to Wed: A couple level analysis of the development and dissolution of romantic relationships.

Rice, T.M., Ogolsky, B.G., & Oswald, R.F. (Poster)

The Influence of Individuals' Attitude toward Same-Sex Marriage on Experiences of Stress, Instability, and Relationship Maintenance.

Theisen, J.C., Ogolsky, B. G., & Simpson, J. A.
How humor, stress, and pregnancy intention relate to relationship satisfaction across the transition to parenthood.

Additional Conference Presentations

Bruner, V., Nelson Goff, B. S., & **Monk, J.K.** (2015, September). *Veteran couple retreats: A systemic PTSD intervention.* Workshop conducted at the meeting of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Austin, TX.

Curtiss, S.L., Akamoglu, Y., Pearson, J., & Fisher, K.W., Meyer, M.L., Snodgrass, M.R., Chung, M.Y., Meadan, H., & Halle, J.W. (2015, January). Supporting parents of children with autism at a distance: Implications for practice. Poster presented at the annual conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability, and Developmental Disabilities. Clearwater, FL.

Ermoshkina, P. (2015). *Lifelong effects of hardships: Aging Experiences among older former Soviet Union immigrant women.* Gerontological Society of American Annual Scientific Meeting in Orlando, FL.

Figueroa R. & An, R. (2015, October). *Motor Development and Physical Activity in Preschoolers: A Systematic Review.* Presentation at: Society for the Study of Human Development's 9th biennial meeting, Austin, Texas.

Figueroa, R. Saltzman, J., Jarick, J. & Wiley, A. (2015, October) "Culture is so interspersed": *Childcare & Healthcare Providers' Perceptions of Childhood Obesity in South Africa.* Presentation at 21st Annual Qualitative Health Research Conference; Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Holman, E.G., & Paceley, M. S. (2015, October). *LGBTQ experiences in a changing context: Research challenges during times of flux.* Paper presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO.

Fisher, M. (2015) (Poster). *Creativity and Innovation in Nutrition Education.* Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Giray, C., Ferguson, G. M., Ge, J. S., Costigan, C. L., & **Clarke, C.V.** (2016, August upcoming). *New horizons in modern enculturation: Remote means of heritage culture learning.* In symposium "Sojourners, foreigners, identity, and enculturation". Paper presented at the regional meeting of the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology, San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico.

Holman, E.G. & Okrey-Anderson, S. (2015, September). *Religiosity and relationship satisfaction: (How) can the church support my family too?* Invited presentation for the 6th Annual Champaign-Urbana Pride Festival. Champaign, IL.

Izenstark, D., Oswald, R. F., **Holman, E. G.**, **Mendez, S.**, & Greder, K. (2015). *Using family-based nature activities to promote rural, low-income families' health.* Paper presentation at the annual conference of the National Recreation and Park Association. Las Vegas, NV.

Jarick, J. & Fiese, B. *Preschool Children's Food Involvement is Related to Fruit and Vegetable Intake.* Oral Presentation at Experimental Biology Annual Meeting, April 2016, San Diego, CA.

Saltzman, J.A., Badskey, E.A., & Liechty, J.M. (November 2015). *Holistic health promotion for adolescent girls in an alternative school setting: Lessons learned.* Poster presentation at the Illinois Transdisciplinary Obesity Prevention Program Biennial Symposium. Urbana, IL, USA.

Saltzman, J.A., Liechty, J.M., Bost, K.K., Fiese, B.H., & the STRONG Kids Team. (November 2015). *Parent binge eating and restrictive feeding practices: Indirect effects of emotion responsiveness.* Oral presentation at the Illinois Transdisciplinary Obesity Prevention Program Biennial Symposium. Urbana, IL, USA

Saltzman, J.A., Pinerros-Leano, M., Liechty, J.M., Bost, K.K., Fiese, B.H., & the STRONG KIDS Team (June 2016). *Eating, feeling, and feeding: Does maternal binge eating predict use of child feeding practices through emotional responsiveness?* Oral presentation at the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity. Cape Town, South Africa

Saltzman, J.A., Pinerros-Leano, M., Liechty, J.M., Bost, K.K., Fiese, B.H., & the STRONG KIDS Team (May 2016). *Eating, feeling, and feeding: Does maternal binge eating predict use of child feeding practices through emotional responsiveness?* Poster presentation at the International Conference on Eating Disorders. San Francisco, CA, USA.

Saltzman, J.A., Pinerros-Leano, M., Liechty, J.M., Bost, K.K., Fiese, B.H., & the STRONG KIDS Team (April 2016). *Eating, feeling, and feeding: Does maternal binge eating predict use of child feeding practices through emotional responsiveness?* Poster presentation at Experimental Biology. San Diego, CA, USA.

Theisen, J.C. (2016, March). *Feeling felt in relationships.* Presented at the Community of Scholars Research Symposium, Champaign, IL.

Fellowships (2015-2016)

University of Illinois Distinguished Fellowship

Xi Chen

Graduate College Distinguished Fellowship

Kevin Linares

Graduate College Fellowship

Christy Clarke

TeKisha Rice

Block Grant Fellowship (HDFS/Graduate College)

Polina Ermoshkina

Jaclyn Theisen

Stephanie Moore

Elizabeth Villegas

Jasmine Routon

Jonathan Baldwin Turner Graduate Fellowship (ACES)

Sarah Curtiss

Alyssa Parsons

Carolyn Orson

Angela Whittaker

College of ACES Fellowship

Lorraine Munoz

Lita Bane Fellowship (HDFS)

Jasmine Routon

Clareta Walker Graduate Fellowship (HDFS)

Cagla Giray

Earnest Anderson Graduate Fellowship (HDFS)

Jasmine Routon

Emily Schroeder Fellowship (HDFS)

Stephanie Moore

Janice M. Smith Graduate Fellowship (HDFS)

Stephanie Moore

Jewel L. Taylor Fellowship (AAFCS)

James Kale Monk

ITOPP Scholars

Anneliese Feld

Roger Figueroa

Jessica Jarick

Jaclyn Saltzman

Grants (2015-2016)

HCD Travel Award

Fall 2015

Sarai Coba-Rodriguez
Meghan Fisher
Elizabeth Holman
Dina Izenstark
Katherine Magerko
Shawn Mendez
James Kale Monk
TeKisha Rice
Jaclyn Theisen

Spring 2016

Xi Chen
Polina Ermoshkina
Cagla Giray
Lorraine Munoz
Carolyn Orson
Niyantri Ravindran
Jaclyn Saltzman
Elizabeth Villegas
Angela Whittaker

Susan Kahl Bates Leadership Development Award (ACES)

Meghan Fisher (Summer 2015)
Polina Ermoshkina (Fall 2015)
Elizabeth Villegas (Fall 2015)
Angela Whittaker (Fall 2015)

Conference Travel Award (Graduate College)

Katherine Magerko (Fall 2015)
Shawn Mendez (Fall 2015)
Cagla Giray (Spring 2016)
Jaclyn Saltzman (Spring 2016)

Graduate College Focal Point Initiative Grant

Sarai Coba-Rodriguez

ITOPP Scholar Seed Grant

Jessica Jarick
Jaclyn Saltzman

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies – Tinker Field Research

Elizabeth Villegas

Awards (2015-2016)

2016 Campus Award for Excellence in Public Engagement

Katherine Magerko – Student Award

2016 Love of Learning Award from Phi Kappa Phi National Society

Meghan Fisher

2015 Seymour Sudman Dissertation Award

Katherine Magerko

2015 O'Moroche Leadership in Medicine Award

Katherine Magerko

2015 Special Recognition for Graduate student Leadership

Katherine Magerko

2016 Louis V Logeman Graduate Student Teaching Award (ACES)

Dina Izenstark

Graduate Student International Grant - ACES Office of International Programs

Cagla Giray
Elizabeth Villegas

Illinois Council on Family Relations

James Kale Monk – Outstanding Student Research Award

Best Student Research Paper Award (NCFR)

James Kale Monk

Feldman Outstanding Research Proposal for Research in Family Policy (NCFR)

James Kale Monk

2015 Joseph Pleck Outstanding Graduate Student Award (HCD)

Elizabeth Holman

Academy of Leisure Science's Best Student Abstract

Dina Izenstark

International Association for Relationship Research

Jaclyn Theisen - IARR Student Award

Graduate College Educational Equity Program Service Award

Jaclyn Theisen

Graduate College Academic Excellence & Good Citizenship Award

Sarai Coba-Rodriguez

Shawn Mendez

Graduate Teacher Certificate

James Monk

National Recreation & Park Association

Dina Izenstark – Best Research Abstract for Health & Wellness Pillar

Graduate College Small Dissertation Grant for Humanities, Arts & Social Science

Elizabeth Holman

American Society for Nutrition, Experimental Biology Annual Meeting

Jaclyn Saltzman

Leadership & Professional Development (2015-2016)

HCD Graduate Student Organization (GSO)

Shawn Mendez – President
Jaclyn Saltzman - Secretary
Niyantri Ravindran - Treasurer

Illinois Council on Family Relations (ILCFR)

Kimberly Crossman – President Emeritus and Secretary
Dina Izenstark – Co-President

Illinois Student Council on Family Relations (ISCFR)

Christy Clarke – President
Angela Whittaker - Treasurer

School of Methods and Techniques European Consortium for Political Research

Anneliese Feld

Guest Lecturer - School of Social Work

Jaclyn Saltzman

Annual Community of Scholars Conference

Shawn Mendez – Moderator

Children’s Nutrition Education Division of the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior

Jessica Jarick – Student Representative

CIC Traveling Scholarship – Northwestern University

Roger Figueroa

University of Michigan – Teaching Assistantship – Summer 2016

Roger Figueroa

HDFS Teaching Assignments (2015-2016)

Summer 2015

Intro to Human Development (HDFS 105, on-line) Co-Instructors

Sarai Coba-Rodriguez
Shawn Mendez

Fall 2015

Intro to Human Development (HDFS 105) TA's

Stephanie Moore
Lorraine Munoz
Jasmine Routon
Jaclyn Theisen
Jacki Saltzman

HDFS 105 (on-line) TA

Rachel Hawn

Intro to Family Studies (HDFS 120) Instructor

Shawn Mendez

Intro to Research Methods (HDFS 290) TA's

Elizabeth Holman
Helen Emery

Infancy and Early Childhood (HDFS 301) TA

Sarai Coba-Rodriguez

Socialization and Development (HDFS 401) TA

Alyssa Parsons

Critical Family Transitions (HDFS 425) TA

Dina Izenstark

Practicum in HDFS (HDFS 450) TA

James Kale Monk

Spring 2016

Intro to Human Development (HDFS 105) TA's

Lorraine Munoz
Jasmine Routon
Jaclyn Theisen

Intro to Human Development (HDFS 105, on-line) Instructor

Dina Izenstark

Intro to Family Studies (HDFS 120) TA

Polina Ermoshkina

Comparative Family Org (HDFS 220/ANTH 210) TA

Shawn Mendez

Intro to Research Methods (HDFS 290) Instructor

Elizabeth Holman

Intro to Research Methods (HDFS 290) TA

Helen Emery

Infancy and Early Childhood (HDFS 301) Instructor

Sarai Coba-Rodriguez

Adolescent Development (HDFS 405) TA

Steve Tran

Practicum in HDFS (HDFS 450) TA

James Kale Monk

Intermediate Statistical Analysis (HCD 594) TA

Angela Whittaker

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students (2015)

Spring 2015

Sarai Coba-Rodriguez - HDFS 301 Instructor
Helen Emery - HDFS 105 TA
Roger Figueroa - HDFS 105 TA
Rachel Hawn - HDFS 120 TA
* Dina Izenstark - HCD 591 TA
Shawn Mendez - HDFS 220 TA
Niyantri Ravindran - HDFS 105 TA
Steve Tran - HDFS 220 TA
Angela Whittaker - HDFS 120 TA

Fall 2015

Sarai Coba-Rodriguez - HDFS 301 TA
Helen Emery - HDFS 290 TA
Dina Izenstark - HDFS 425 TA
Shawn Mendez - HDFS 120 TA
James Kale Monk - HDFS 450 TA
Jaclyn Saltzman - HDFS 105 TA

* Instructor ratings were outstanding

Passed their Qualifying Exam (2015-2016)

Roger Figueroa
Joo Hyun Kim
Shawn Mendez
James Kale Monk

Passed their Preliminary Exam (2015-2016)

Sarai Coba-Rodriguez
Sarah Curtiss
Shawn Mendez
Steve Tran

Passed their Thesis Equivalency

Meghan Fisher
Jaclyn Saltzman

Master's Degrees

Niyantri Ravindran

May 2016

MS in Human development and Family Studies

Thesis Title: *Mothers' personal distress and child dysregulation: Joint contributions to change in maternal support in an emotionally challenging situation*

Advisor: Dr. Nancy McElwain
Second Reader: Dr. Laurie Kramer

Pending Master's Degrees

Christy Clarke

August 2016

MS in Human Development and Family Studies

Thesis Title: *Emotional eating in early Jamaican adolescents: The role of remote acculturation, psychological distress and U.S. media*

Advisor: Dr. Gail Ferguson
Second Reader: Dr. Angela Wiley

Lorraine Munoz

August 2016

MS in Human Development and Family Studies

Thesis Title: *Perspectives from parent-adolescent dyads on parental engagement in their adolescents' out-of-school programs*

Advisor: Dr. Marcela Raffaelli

Second Reader: Dr. Reed Larson

Pending Doctor of Philosophy In Human Development & Family Studies

Elizabeth Holman

August 2016

TITLE: *Exploring minority stress processes and social supports in the workplace: individuals in same-sex relationships manage the work/family border*

COMMITTEE: Dr. Ramona Oswald Chair and Director of Research
Dr. Jennifer Hardesty
Dr. Sharde Smith
Dr. Anisa Zvonkovic, Virginia Tech

Dina Izenstark

August 2016

TITLE: *The effects of a walk in the park on family interactions*

COMMITTEE: Dr. Aaron Ebata Chair and Director of Research
Dr. Nancy McElwain
Dr. Angela Wiley
Dr. Andrea Faber Taylor

Katherine Magerko

August 2016

TITLE: *Healthy hearts in Family child care: What is the current state of provider health?*

COMMITTEE: Dr. Angela Wiley Chair and Director of Research
Dr. Barbara Fiese
Dr. Brent McBride
Dr. Margarita Teran-Garcia

Employment

Elizabeth Holman

Assistant Professor of HDFS
Bowling Green State University, OH

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
EVERYONE!!**