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Academic Positions

2024 – Present	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology Mississippi State University
2018 – 2024	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

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; Gender-Based Violence; Child Abuse; Family Violence; Gender, Race, & Crime; Criminological Theory; Victimology; Advanced Quantitative Methods

Peer-Reviewed Publications

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

Tara E. Sutton, Rayni Thomas, Lorey A. Wheeler, *Genevieve D. Bryson, *Michael Nti Ababio, Ryan C. Shorey, Skyler Hopfauf, Ramiro Angelino, and Katie M. Edwards. In Press. “Childhood Sexual Abuse & Sexual Revictimization among Sexual Minority Men.” *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse (Special Issue: Sexual Victimization Across the Lifespan)*.

Tara E. Sutton. 2024. “Hostile Masculinity, Male Peer Support for Violence, and Problematic Anger: Linking Childhood Abuse to Men’s Partner Violence Perpetration.” *Violence Against Women*. Advanced online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/107780122412520>

- Culatta, Elizabeth, Kaitlin M. Boyle, *Sophia Shaiman, and **Tara E. Sutton**. 2024. "Justice Perceptions, Sexual Identity, and Race, Likelihood of Police Reporting Intentions Following Sexual Assault." *Journal of Criminal Justice & Behavior*. Advanced online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548241227>
- Wickrama, K.A.S., Thulitha Wickrama, **Tara E. Sutton**, and Tae Kyoung Lee. 2023. "Adolescent Chronic Pain Links Parental Rejection to Young Adult Biopsychosocial Problems." *British Journal of Developmental Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjdp.12440>
- 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 Arialle K. Crabtree. 2023 "Sexual Assault Victimization among LGBTQ+ People." *In Sage Encyclopedia of LGBTQ+ Studies, 2nd Edition*.

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. \$3.9 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

2024 Early Career Gender Scholar Award, Sociologists for Women in Society - South
2023 Emerging Scholar Award, Division on Queer Criminology, American Criminological Society
2021 New Scholar Award, Division on Feminist Criminology, 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

- “Pedagogies of Hope in an Anti-Social Justice Era.” August 2024. Panelist. Invited Session at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada.
- “Purple Panel: 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.

Conference Presentations (Selected)

- Sutton, Tara E.** November 2022. “Early Trauma, Social Interactions, and Individual Characteristics as Risks for College Women’s Stalking Victimization.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- Sutton, Tara E.** November 2022. “Supporting Junior Scholars Through Times of Transition.” Roundtable discussant at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

- Boyle, Kaitlin, Elizabeth Culatta, and **Tara E. Sutton**. November 2022. “(Un)fair Outcomes, (Un)fair Treatment: Justice Perceptions and Intentions to Report Sexual Assault.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- 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.** 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.
- 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

Graduate Social Statistics I

Introduction to Social Research

Social Research Practice

Senior Seminar in Criminology: Family Violence

Sociology of the Family

Thesis/Dissertation Committee Member

Megan Phillips, Ph.D. in progress

Brian Tesch, Ph.D. in progress

Destiny Welsh, M.S., Graduated Spring 2024 (Chair)

Sarah Rogers, Ph.D., Graduated Summer 2020

Service to the Department of Sociology

2022-2024	Graduate Policies and Curriculum Committee
2022	Preliminary Examination Committee, Social Inequality
2020-2024	AKD Faculty Advisor
2020-2023	Loftin Support Committee
2019, 2020-2022	Preliminary Examination Committee, Criminology
2021	Clinical Assistant Professor Search Committee
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

Service to the College of Arts & Sciences

2022	Co-Organizer, Race & Racism Working Group, African American Studies Program
2022	President, College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate
2021	Vice President/President Elect, College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate
Spring 2020	Panelist. Feminist Film Festival. "Commentary on 'Push Out: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools.'" Gender Studies Program.
Spring 2019	Panelist, Feminist Pedagogy Panel, "#MeToo: #TimesUp for Patriarchal Narratives of Women's Lives, Work, & Sexuality"

Service to the University

2022-2025	Senator, Holland Faculty Senate
2022-2023	Campus Climate Survey Committee
2020-present	Coordinated Community Response Team Member
2020-present	Safe Zone Advisory Board Member
2020-2021	2BU at MSU Facilitator (Program for LGBTQ+ students)

Service to the Discipline

2024-present	Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Child Sexual Abuse</i>
2023-present	Reviewer Pool, <i>Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma</i>
2023-2024	Reviewer Pool, <i>Journal of Child Sexual Abuse</i>
2021-present	Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Youth & Adolescence</i>
2021-2022	Member, Awards Committee, Division of Queer Criminology. American Society of Criminology
2021-2022	Mentor, Dr. Christine Rasche Mentoring Program, Division on Feminist Criminology, American Criminological Society
2021-2022	Member, Anti-Racist Action Subcommittee, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Division on Feminist Criminology, American Society of Criminology
2021	Organizer, Virtual Forum on Anti-Racism & Intersectionality in feminist Criminology, Anti-Racist Action Subcommittee, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Division on Feminist Criminology, 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 Feminist Criminology, American Society of Criminology
2020-present	Associate Editor, Newsletter Committee, Division on Feminist Criminology 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.

Ad Hoc Reviewer (Selected)

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

Professional Membership

American Society of Criminology (*Feminist Criminology; Queer Criminology; Victimology*)

American Sociological Association (*Crime, Law, & Deviance; Race, Gender, & Class; Sex & Gender*)

Southern Sociological Society

Scholars Strategy Network