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Education:

University of North Carolina at Greensboro	1999	Ph.D.	Human Development / Family Studies
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	1997	M.S.	Human Development / Family Studies
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	1983	B.A.	Communications

Position:

2005 to present	Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, Auburn University State Extension Specialist, Alabama Cooperative Extension System
2001 to 2005	Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, Auburn University State Extension Specialist, Alabama Cooperative Extension System
1999 to 2001	Agent, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Jefferson County Research Associate, Human Development and Family Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

Professional Designation:

Certified Family Life Educator 2000-present National Council on Family Relations

Grants and Contracts:

Oct 2006 – 2011	Principal Investigator and Project Director , Co-Principal Investigator, T. Smith; Co-Investigators, B. Vaughn and S. Ketring. <i>The Alabama Community Healthy Marriage Initiative</i> . Statewide outreach and research project in partnership with the Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, the Family Resource Center Network, and a consortium of other State and community agencies focused on promoting access to family life educational resources for low-income populations and supporting healthy relationships, marriages, and stable families. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance. \$8,224,493
Oct 2007 – 2011	Additional Award for Expansion of Project - \$1,054,556
Aug 2006 – Aug 2009	Principal Investigator . Co-Principal Investigators, J. Kerpelman and J. Pittman. <i>Program Impact Study of the Alabama Children's Trust Fund Grantee Programs</i> . 3-year contract to evaluate the 200+ programs funded by CTF in the areas of parenting, fatherhood, marriage education, respite care, and youth development. \$580,458 .
Oct 2005 – Sept 2010	Co-Principal Investigator . Kerpelman, J., Principal Investigator; Pittman, J., Co-Principal Investigator. <i>The impact of relationships/marriage education among ethnically-diverse low-resource youth: A short-term longitudinal study</i> . U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation . Statewide implementation and study of school-based relationship education in

Family and Consumer Science classes and in Health classes. 5-year study. **\$974,347.**

- Oct 2005 – May 2007 **Principal Investigator and Project Director.** *The Alabama Marriage and Family Project.* **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Compassion Capital Fund.** Partnering with AU's College of Business to serve as an Intermediary organization focused on building capacity among community-based agencies in Alabama for organizational viability and sustainability and on building specific capacity to provide programs that support healthy marriages, responsible fatherhood, and family stability. **\$950,000.**
- Oct 2005 – Aug 2006 **Principal Investigator.** *Support healthy marriage in low-income step and blended families.* Competitive contract award to Abt Associates (lead applicant) from the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.** Development of a technical guide and conceptual model for administrators, researchers, and practitioners. \$300,000 award to Abt. AU subcontract amount: **\$53,374.**
- Oct 2005 – March 2009 **Principal Investigator,** *Family Connections in Alabama: Targeted African American parents.* **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement** for Special Improvement Project grant. Collaboration with Alabama's Children's Trust Fund, Alabama (lead applicant), OCSE, the Governor's Office for Faith-Based Initiatives, and Alabama A&M. \$300,000 award to CTF. AU subcontract award for evaluation study: **\$60,000.**
- August 2005 – July 2006 **Principal Investigator.** Co-Principal Investigators, J. Kerpelman & J. Pittman. *CTF Parenting Program Pilot Evaluation Project.* **Alabama Children's Trust Fund.** Negotiated contract to pilot evaluation methods with a sample of CTF funded programs. **\$15,000**
- August 2005 – July 2006 **Project Director.** The Alabama Marriage Handbook. **Alabama Children's Trust Fund.** Negotiated contract to produce this educational resource for statewide distribution. **\$22,000.**
- Dec 2004 – August 2007 **Project Manager,** "Alliance for Healthy Americans" project to develop the National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network, **Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture \$60,000.**
- March 2005 – July 2006 **Principal Investigator,** *Family Connections in Sylacauga.* Evaluation study subcontract with the Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement. **Alabama Children's Trust Fund. \$12,000.**
- April 2004 – Dec 2004 **Co-Developer,** "Healthy Marriages" curriculum supplement development project focused on Trust, Commitment, and Stress Management, **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, and the Mathematica Policy Research Institute. Subcontract with Michigan State Extension \$20,000**
- May 2003 – April 2008 **Co-Principal Investigator,** "Begin Education Early and Healthy: Strengthening Rural Alabama Families," Implementation of mobile, rural family life education program in 3 of the highest poverty level counties in Alabama. **U.S. Department of Agriculture, \$690,000**
- Jan 2003 – Jan 2004 **Principal Investigator/Program Consultant,** "Family Connections in Alabama," Special Improvement Project. Collaborative with 4 Family Resource

Centers for implementation and study of a relationship education program for nonmarried parents. **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, \$200,000; Evaluation subcontract, \$53,136.**

- Jan 2002 – Dec 2002 Adler-Baeder, F. “Consulting Services” Award, Corporate Foundation for Children, AL. **Awarded 12-month consulting services (\$25,000 in kind grant)** used 1) to provide professional development trainings for ACES agents involved in Children, Youth, Families, and Communities (CYFC) programs; 2) to develop strategies for improving CYFC network structure and function within ACES; 3) to launch CYFC division’s adoption of the Family Development Credential for agents and program assistants.
- Aug 2002- July 2007 **Principal Investigator/Project Director**, “Healthy Couples, Healthy Children”, **Alabama Children’s Trust Fund**, Pilot projects of relationship and marriage education for youth, nonmarried parents, premarital couples, and married couples **\$242,500.**
- Aug 2001 – 2004 **Principal Investigator**, “Experiences with Divorce and Remarriage in the Military,” Secondary data analysis of Department of Defense family surveys. **Military Family Research Institute, Department of Defense \$75,000**
- April 2002-April 2003 **Co-Principal Investigator**, “Support for Adolescent Mothers’ Parenting: Experiences with Parents and Partners” Mixed methods study of low-resource teen mothers and their parenting partners **Auburn University Competitive Research Grant, \$10,000**
- April 2000 – August 2001 **Research Associate and Co-Developer of Curriculum and Resources**, “Healthy Parenting Initiative,” **Department of Defense.** \$347,000 award for development of materials for military commanders. Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- July 2000 – July 2001 **Project Coordinator and Co-Principal Investigator**, “Successful Stepfamilies Program Development Project,” **Cornell University, HDFS Dept.** Smith-Lever Grant, **\$28,000** Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- August 1999 – August 2001 **Project Coordinator**, “Parents as Teachers,” **Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation, \$85,000.** Cornell Cooperative Extension
- August 1999 – January 2000 **Project Coordinator**, “Babies Don’t Come with Directions,” **Youth Bureau, \$5000.** Cornell Cooperative Extension
- 1998-1999 **Principal Investigator**, *Explaining physical child abuse by biological mothers, biological fathers, and stepfathers*, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. **\$500**

Peer-reviewed Publications:

- Kerpelman, J., Pittman, J., Adler-Baeder, F., Eryigit, S., & Paulk, A. (in press). Evaluation of a Statewide Youth-Focused Relationships Education Curriculum. *Journal of Adolescence*.
- Higginbotham, B., & Adler-Baeder, F. (in press). Enhancing knowledge and agreement among ethnically and economically diverse couples in stepfamilies with *Smart Steps: Embrace the Journey* program. *Journal of Extension*.
- Skogrand, L., Reck*, K., Higginbotham, B., Adler-Baeder, F., & Dansie, L. (in press). Recruitment and Retention for Stepfamily Education. *Journal of Relationship and Couple Therapy and Education*
- Kerpelman, J., Pittman, J., Adler-Baeder, F. (2008). Identity as a moderator of intervention impact: Identity style and adolescents' responses to relationships education. *Identity* 8(2), 151-17.
- Higginbotham, B.* & Adler-Baeder, F. (2008). The Remarriage Belief Inventory: Validating the factorial structure among a sample of remarrieds. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 48. 33-54.
- Higginbotham & Adler-Baeder (2008). The *Smarts Steps: Embrace the Journey* program: Enhancing relational skills and relationship quality in remarriages and stepfamilies. *The Forum for Family and Consumer Issues*. 13(3).
- Adler-Baeder., F., Kerpelman, J., Higginbotham, B.,* Schramm, D.,* & Paulk, A.* (2007). The impact of relationship education on adolescents from diverse backgrounds. *Family Relations*, 56. 291-303.
- Yu, T.* & Adler-Baeder, F. (2007). The intergenerational transmission of relationship quality: The effects of parental remarriage quality on young adults' relationships. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*.47. 87-102.
- Adler-Baeder, F., Shirer, K., & Bradford., A* (2007). What's love got to do with it? The role of healthy couple relationships and marriages in promoting child, family, and community well-being. *Forum for Family and Consumer Issues*. (12/1).
- Adler-Baeder, F., & Erickson, M.* (2007). Marriage education for stepcouples. *Forum for Family and Consumer Issues*. (12/1).
- Higginbotham, B., *Henderson, K., & Adler-Baeder, F. (2007). Using research in marriage and relationship education programming. *Forum for Family and Consumer Issues* 12(1).
- Adler-Baeder, F., Pittman, J., & Taylor, L. (2006). The prevalence of marital transitions among military families. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 44(1). 91-106.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (2006). What Do We Know About the Physical Abuse of Stepchildren? A Review of the Literature. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 44(3). 67-82.
- McFadyen, J., Kerpelman, J., & Adler-Baeder, F. (2005). Examining the impact of workplace supports: Work-family fit and satisfaction in the U.S. Military. *Family Relations*, 54. 131-144.
- Higginbotham, B. & Adler-Baeder, F. Development of the Remarriage Belief Inventory. (2005). *Journal of Extension* 43(3).
- Futris, T., Adler-Baeder, F., Dean, K., McFadyen, J. (2005). Best Practices for Couples Education: Summary of a Dialogue Between Researchers and Educators. *Forum for Family and Consumer Issues*, 10(1).

Adler-Baeder, F., Higginbotham, B., & Lamke, L. (2004). Putting empirical knowledge to work: Linking research and programming focused on marital quality. *Family Relations*, 53. 537-546.

Adler-Baeder, F. & Higginbotham, B. (2004). The implications of remarriage and stepfamily formation for marriage education. *Family Relations*, 53. 448-458.

Futris, T., Adler-Baeder, F., & Dean K. (2004). Using technology to link researchers and educators: Evaluation of electronic conferencing. *Journal of Extension*, 42 (1).

Adler-Baeder, F. (2002). "Understanding Stepfamilies:" Family Life Education for Community Professionals. *Journal of Extension*, 40 (6).

*denotes student authors

Other professional publications/curricula

Kerpelman, J. & Adler-Baeder, F. (March, 2009). *Bridging the Great Divide: Helping Parents Teach Their Teens to Be Relationship Smart*. 6-module curriculum. Leader guide, power-points, background materials.

Robertson, A., Adler-Baeder, F., Collins, A., DeMarco, D., Fein, D., & Schramm, D.* (2007). *Meeting the needs of low-income stepfamily couples in marriage education services*. Technical report. Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Washington, D.C.
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/strengthen/sup_stepfamilies/reports/meeting_needs/meeting_needs.pdf

National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network, *Cultivating Healthy Relationships and Marriages: A Trainer's Guide to Effective Programming*. University of Georgia Extension.
http://www.nermen.org/documents/Guide_SAMPLE.pdf

Adler-Baeder, F. (2002;updated 2007). *Smart Steps: Information and Skills for Adults and Children in Stepfamilies*. 12-hour program manual designed for facilitated workgroup delivery. Includes leader guidelines for both child and adult program, background readings, participant hand-outs, Power Point presentations, and video. Distributed through the National Stepfamily Resource Center: <http://www.stepfamilies.info/SmartSteps.php>

Adler-Baeder, F., Higginbotham, B., Schramm, D., & Paulk, A. (2006). *The Alabama Marriage Handbook*. Educational resource distributed through the probate courts, Extension offices, and Family Resource Centers throughout the state of Alabama.
<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/H/HE-0829/HE-0829.pdf>
Reprinted as "The Healthy Marriage Handbook" for use in other states (2007):
<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/H/HE-0858/HE-0858.pdf>

Adler-Baeder, F. (2006) *Parenting After Separation or Divorce*. 6-hour educational curriculum. Leader manual, participant handbook and power point presentations.

Adler-Baeder, F. & Shirer, K. (2004). *Together we can: Manage stress and toxic feelings*. 6-hour Supplemental modules for the *Building Strong Families* project (marriage education for fragile families). Contracted by **Mathematica Policy and Research Institute in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families**. Leader manual, parent hand-outs, and power point presentations

Shirer, K., Adler-Baeder, F., Contreras, D., Spicer, J. (2004). Preparing unmarried new parents to make healthy decisions about marriage, father involvement and family formation. *Visions 2004*, National Council on Family Relations.

- Adler-Baeder, F., Pittman, J., & Taylor, L. (2004). *Marital transitions in military families: Their prevalence and their relevance for adaptation to the military*. Technical Report to the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University. Auburn University.
- Adler-Baeder, F., Lippert, L., Pflieger, J., Higginbotham, B., Armstrong, S., Long, A. (2004). *Evaluating a marriage education program for low-resource families: The Family Connections in Alabama project*. Technical Report. Auburn University.
- Guidelines, standards, and requirements for parent education programs for separated/divorced parents in New York State to which courts make referrals*. (2003). Report of the Parent Education Advisory Board, New York State Office of Court Administration: NY.
- Thomas, M., Enroth, C., Forbes, D., Adler-Baeder, F. (2001). *Command schools training module on family functioning in the military: Final report*. Cornell University Family Development Center. Healthy Parenting Initiative, the Office of Family Policy, Department of Defense and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (for Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension service, US Department of Agriculture).
- Pittman, J., Teng, W., Knighton, W., & Adler, F., (1997). *Confronting family violence in the United States Air Force: Task 1 – Comparison of Incident Report Dataset and the Research Dataset*, Technical Report, USAF/USDA-CSREES.

Papers/Presentations

Refereed presentations at national/regional/state meetings

- Adler-Baeder, F., Bradford, A., Russell, C., Smith, T., & Ketring, S. (November, 2008). *A diverse sample of adults in marriage/relationship education: Consideration of marital status and ethnicity*. Symposium. Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Little Rock, AR.
- Schramm, D., & Adler-Baeder, F (November, 2008). *Economic pressure and stressors in stepfamilies: A family stress model for stepfamilies*. Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Little Rock, AR.
- Griffin, M*, Adler-Baeder, F., & Kerpelman, J. (November, 2008). *Evaluating prevention programs: Methods, results, and lessons learned* Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Little Rock, AR. ***Awarded Best Student Proposal in Education and Enrichment Section.**
- Calligas, A., Adler-Baeder, F., Smith, T., Ketring, S., & Bradford, A. (November, 2008). *The effects of marriage education on parenting quality: Examining change by participant characteristics*. Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Little Rock, AR.
- Bradford, A., Adler-Baeder, F. Kirkland, C., Lucier, M., Lathem, B., Stover, C., Efstoration, K., Decker, J., Calligas, A., Smith, T., & Ketring, S. (November, 2008). *Differences in relational outcomes for marriage education by sex and ethnicity*. Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Little Rock, AR.
- Lucier, M., Ketring, S., Adler-Baeder, F., Bradford, A., Smith, T., & Ketring, S. (November, 2008). *Marriage education and gender role malleability: An ethnically-diverse sample*. Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Little Rock, AR.
- Paulk, A., Kerpelman, J., Pittman, J., & Adler-Baeder, F. (November, 2008). *An investigation of predictors of risky sexual behavior during adolescence*. Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Little Rock, AR.

- Kerpelman, J., Pittman, J., & Adler-Baeder, F. (November, 2008). *Building a model of relationships education for youth*. Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Little Rock, AR.
- Kerpelman, J., Pittman, J., Adler-Bader, F., Eryigit, S., Stronger, K., Paulk, A., & Hachiya, M. (November, 2007). *Creating a model of youth-focused relationships education: The first year*. National Conference on Family Relations. Pittsburgh, PA.
- Futris, T. G., Kerpelman, J., Adler-Baeder, F., Higginbotham, B., & Behnke, A. (October 2007). *The National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network: Cultivating future healthy relationships through youth-focused programming*. National Extension 4-H Association Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- Futris, T. G. & Adler-Baeder, F. (August, 2007). *The National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network*. National Extension Family Life Specialist Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- Futris, T. G. & Adler-Baeder, F. (May, 2007). *The National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network*. National Children, Youth and Families At Risk (CYFAR) Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Adler-Baeder, F. & Schramm, D.* (November, 2006). *Examining and building the empirical knowledge on African American and Hispanic/Latino stepfamilies*. Symposium. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
- Schramm, D.,* Adler-Baeder, F., Kerpelman, J., & Higginbotham, B. (November, 2006). *The impact of relationship education among ethnically diverse high school youth*. Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN. ***Awarded Best Student Proposal in Education and Enrichment Section.**
- Kerpelman, J.L., Adler-Baeder, F., Pittman, J., Stringer, K.,* Eryigit, S.,* Paulk, A.* (November, 2006). *Youth-focused relationship education: Lessons learned the first year*. Round table. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
- Kerpelman, J. L., Adler-Baeder, F., & Schramm, D.* (2006, July). "Promoting healthy dating and marital relationships: Education targeting youth." Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationships, biennial meeting of the International Association for Relationships Research, Rethymnon, Crete.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (March, 2006). *What's love got to do with it? Linking couple functioning and the reduction of risks for children*. National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention. Washington, D.C.
- Yu, T., Pettit, G., Adler-Baeder, F., Bates, J., & Dodge, K. (March, 2006) *Transitions in Parental Marital Status and the Development of Internalizing and Externalizing Behaviors in Childhood and Adolescence*. Society for Research on Adolescence Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (March, 2006). *Healthy Couples, Healthy Children: The implications from research linking couple functioning, parenting, and child outcomes*. Northwest Conference on Parent and Family Life Education. Vancouver, WA.
- Higginbotham, B., & Adler-Baeder, F. (November, 2005) *The Remarriage Belief Inventory: Validity testing with a remarried sample*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Phoenix, AZ.
- Shirer, K., Adler-Baeder, F., Contreras, D., & Shoup-Olsen, C. (November, 2005). *Strategies for empowering low-income couples to strengthen their relationships*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Phoenix, AZ.

- Cox, R., Shirer, K., Adler-Baeder, F., & Parra, J. (November, 2005). *Implications for MFTs working with low-income couples with a child in common*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Phoenix, AZ.
- Cox, R., Shirer, K., Adler-Baeder, F., & Parra, J. (October, 2005). *From fragile to formidable: Systems-based interventions for fragile families*. American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Manhattan, KS.
- Shoup-Olsen, C., Dupree, J., Shirer, K., & Adler-Baeder (May, 2005). *Trust and Commitment In a Couple's Relationship: How Can It Be Taught?* Mexican International Family Strengths Conference. Mexico City, Mexico.
- Griffin, M., Smith, T., & Adler-Baeder, F. (May, 2005). *Use of a stages of change model to guide evaluation development*. CSREES Children, Youth, and Families At Risk Annual Conference. Boston, MA.
- Adler-Baeder, F., & Kerpelman, J. (April, 2005). *New directions for the Healthy Couples, Healthy Children project: Targeting youth*. National Extension Family Life Specialists Conference. Washington, D.C.
- Shoup-Olsen, C., Shirer, K., & Adler-Baeder, F., (April, 2005). *Producing curriculum materials for unmarried, at-risk couples*. 2005 National Extension Family Life Specialists Conference. Washington, D.C.
- Adler-Baeder, F., Lippert, L., Pflieger, J., Higginbotham, B., Armstrong, S., Long, A., (November, 2004). *Evaluating a marriage education program for low-resource families*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Orlando, FL
- Taylor, L.,* Adler-Baeder, F., & Pittman, J. (November, 2004). *Family adaptation differences between first married and remarried personnel in the military*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Orlando, FL
- Yu, T., & Adler-Baeder, F. (November, 2004). *The effects of parental remarriage quality on young adults' intimate relationships*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Orlando, FL
- Higginbotham, B., & Adler-Baeder, F. (November, 2004). *Examining inequalities and experiences in a marriage education program*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Orlando, FL
- Adler-Baeder, F. (July, 2004). *Family Connections in Alabama: Program impact evaluation and lessons learned*. Smart Marriages National Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Higginbotham, B., & Adler-Baeder, F. (February, 2004). *Evaluating the Healthy Couples, Healthy Children project*. Graduate Research Forum. Auburn University. (First Place, Oral Presentations in the Humanities).
- Adler-Baeder, F. & Abell, E. (November, 2003). *Young Mothers and Partners: Exploring Intra-generational and Inter-generational Co-parenting Relationships and the Effects on Mothers' Parenting Practices*. Paper presentation as part of a symposium on adolescent parents. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Vancouver, B.C.
- Higginbotham, B.,* & Adler-Baeder, F. (November, 2003). *Development and Validation of the Remarriage Belief Inventory (RMBI)*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Vancouver, B.C. ***Awarded Best Student Proposal in Education and Enrichment Section.**
- Shirer, K., & Contreras, D., & Adler-Baeder, F. (November, 2003). *Preparing unmarried new*

- parents to make healthy decisions about marriage, father involvement and family formation.* National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Vancouver, B.C.
- Higginbotham, B., & Adler-Baeder, F. (November, 2003). *Healthy Couples, Healthy Children" in Alabama: Building Collaboratives and Capacity for Marriage Education.* National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Vancouver, B.C.
- Futris, T., & Adler-Baeder, F. (November, 2003). *Electronic conferencing to link researchers and educators.* National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Vancouver, B.C.
- Adler-Baeder, F. & Higginbotham, B. (October, 2003). Developing a program for remarriage couples. 90-minute workshop. Southeastern Conference on Family Support, Birmingham, AL
- Adler-Baeder, F. & Higginbotham, B. (April, 2003). Developing a program for remarriage couples. 90-minute workshop. National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Abell, E., & Adler-Baeder, F. (April, 2003). *Adolescent mothers and partners: Exploring co-parenting relationships and the effects on mothers' parenting practices.* Bridge for Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting, and Sexuality Annual Conference. Phoenix, AZ.
- Adler-Baeder, F. & Higginbotham, B. (April, 2003). *Developing a program for remarriage couples.* 90-minute workshop. National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Adler-Baeder, F., Higginbotham, B., & Luckie, A. (April, 2003). *Research linking healthy couples and healthy children: Marriage education as a prevention program.* 90-minute workshop. National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Higginbotham, B., & Adler-Baeder, F. (March, 2003). *Developing the Remarriage Belief Inventory.* Graduate Research Forum, Auburn University. (3rd place in Oral Presentations in the Humanities).
- Adler-Baeder, F. (November, 2002). *Understanding stepfamilies: Family life education for professionals.* National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Houston, TX.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (February, 2002). *Physical abuse by biological parents and stepparents.* National Conference for Extension Specialists. Kansas City, Missouri.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (February, 2002). *Development of a program for adults and children in step relationships.* National Conference for Extension Specialists. Kansas City, Missouri.
- Adler, F., Pasley, K., & Pittman, J. (1998, November). *Physical child abuse by biological parents and stepparents.* The National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Milwaukee, WI.
- Adler, F. (1998, April). *Physical child abuse in stepfamilies.* The Southeastern Symposium on Child and Family Development.
- Adler, F., & Hall, A. (1998, April). *Teaching tactics: Getting undergrads to actually listen and learn.* The Southeastern Symposium on Child and Family Development.
- Adler, F. & Lange, G (1997, April). *The contributions of children's mastery orientation to school achievement in the Elementary Grades.* The Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Pate, C., Teng, W., Knighton, W., Zhao, F., Pittman, J., & Adler, F. (1997, November). *Recidivism in spouse abuse and recidivism in child abuse.* National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Crystal City, VA.
- Zhao, F., Knighton, W., Teng, W., Pate, C., Pittman, J., & Adler, F. (1997, November). *Child abuse*

recidivists. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Crystal City, VA.

Invited National Presentations

- Adler-Baeder, F. (May, 2009) *What's love got to do with it? Innovations in programming and research to address children's development in the context of their parents' relationships*. Opening keynote. Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (October, 2008). *Innovations in University-Community Partnerships*. National Press Club Policy Seminar sponsored by the Population Reference Bureau, NICHD, and the National Center for Marriage Research. Washington, D.C.
- Adler-Baeder, F., & Higginbotham, B. (October, 2008). *Building Strong Marriages: Resources for and Lessons Learned from Working with Stepfamilies*. Webinar for community educators sponsored by the Children, Youth, and Families Education and Research Network, USDA.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (August, 2008). *Evaluation in the "real world": Methods for assessing multi-site, multi-curricula relationship and marriage education projects*. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance Healthy Marriage Grantees Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (April, 2008). *Innovative approaches to university-community partnerships: The Alabama experience*. The White House Roundtable sponsored by the White House Office for Faith-based and Community Initiatives. Washington, D.C.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (June 2008). *Keys to Healthy Stepfamily Couples*. Smart Marriages, Annual Conference of the Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education. San Francisco, CA.
- Adler-Baeder, F., Slack, R., & Del Rosario, J. (June, 2008). *The Toolbox: Tools for Building and Maintaining Relationships*. African American Healthy Marriage Initiative Conference. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Chapel Hill, N.C.
- Kerpelman, J., Adler-Baeder, F., & Pittman, J. (June, 2008). *It's More Than Romance: Becoming "Relationship Smart"* African American Healthy Marriage Initiative Conference. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Chapel Hill, N.C.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (August, 2007). *Relationship Education: The missing link in prevention programming*. U.S. Army National Family Advocacy Program Conference. Orlando, FL.
- Coffin, B. & Adler-Baeder, F. (April, 2007). *Linking Couple Functioning and Risks for Child Abuse and Neglect: Implications for Prevention Programming*. U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention. Portland, OR.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (June 2007). *Keys to Healthy Stepfamily Couples*. Smart Marriages, Annual Conference of the Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education. Denver, CO.
- Adler-Baeder, F. & Futris, T. G. (June 2007). *Partner with Cooperative Extension: Create capacity*. Smart Marriages, Annual Conference of the Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education. Denver, CO.
- Kerpelman, J., Adler-Baeder, F., & Pittman, J. (June, 2006). *The impact of school-based relationship education among youth*. Annual Conference of the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. Washington, D.C.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (April, 2006). *Marriage Education for "Stepcouples."* The Ohio State University Extension National Electronic Seminar on Relationship and Marriage Education.

- Adler-Baeder, F., & Shirer, K. (April, 2006). *What's love got to do with it? The role of healthy couple relationships and marriages in promoting child, family, and community well-being*. Ohio State University Extension National Electronic Seminar on Relationship and Marriage Education.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (March, 2006). *What's love got to do with it? The role of healthy couple relationships and marriages in reducing the risk of child maltreatment*. National Community-Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (March, 2006). *Healthy Couples, Healthy Kids: Programmatic approaches to strengthening couple relationships for better child outcomes*. Parenting and Family Education Conference. Vancouver, WA.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (March, 2006). *Smart steps for stepfamilies*. Parenting and Family Education Conference. Vancouver, WA.
- Adler-Baeder, F. & Shirer, K. (December, 2005). *The impact of couple and marital relationships on parenting and child outcomes*. National Satellite Series sponsored by the Iowa State University Extension.
- Shirer, K., & Adler-Baeder, F. (July, 2005). *Caring for My Family: Lessons learned from a marriage education program for nonmarried parents*. Smart Marriages National Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Kobbe, A., Adler-Baeder, F., Petty, B., & Shoup-Olsen, M. (July, 2005). *Partner with Cooperative Extension: Create capacity*. Smart Marriages National Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (July, 2005). *Seven keys to healthy couple relationships in stepfamilies*. Smart Marriages National Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Shoup-Olsen, C., Shirer, K., & Adler-Baeder, F., (April, 2005). *Producing curriculum materials for unmarried, at-risk couples*. National Extension Family Life Specialists Conference. Washington, D.C.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (January, 2005). *Evaluation methods for low-resource populations*. Plenary presentation. Best Practices Conference for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Grantees. Washington, D.C.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (January, 2005). *Program selection criteria for marriage education for low-resource parents*. Plenary presentation. Best Practices Conference for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Grantees. Washington, D.C.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (August, 2004). *The Family Connections in Alabama project: Program impact evidence*. Webcast sponsored by the National Governors' Association for Best Practices. Washington, D.C.
- Kobbe, A., Adler-Baeder, F., Petty, B., & Shoup-Olsen, M. (July, 2004). *Partner with Cooperative Extension: Create capacity*. 90-minute workshop Smart Marriages National Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (July, 2004). *Family Connections in Alabama: Program impact evaluation*. 90-minute workshop Smart Marriages National Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (July, 2004). *Healthy Couple Relationships in Stepfamilies*. 90-minute workshop. Smart Marriages National Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Futris, T., & Adler-Baeder, F. (November, 2003). *Electronic conferencing to link researchers and educators*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Vancouver, B.C. Workshop forum.

- Goddard, W., Myers-Walls, J., Adler-Baeder, F., & Higginbotham, B. (November, 2003). *Extension faculty development*. Panel presentation. National Council on Family Relations Annual Extension Pre-Conference, Vancouver, B.C.
- Smith, S., Larson, A., Fishman, M., & Adler-Baeder, F. (June, 2003). *Grant-writing and evaluation*. Smart Marriages National Conference. Reno, NV.
- Kobbe, A., Adler-Baeder, F., Petty, B., & Ferrer, M. (June, 2003). *Partner with Cooperative Extension: Create capacity*. Smart Marriages National Conference, Reno, NV.
- Adler-Baeder, F. & Higginbotham, B. (April, 2003). *Developing a program for remarrying couples*. National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, St. Louis, MO.
- Adler-Baeder, F., Higginbotham, B., & Luckie, A. (April, 2003). *Research linking healthy couples and healthy children: Marriage education as a prevention program*. National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, St. Louis, MO.
- Adler-Baeder, F. & Futris, T. (November, 2002). Co-Chairs, Special Symposium on Couple Relationships Education. Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations. Houston, TX.
- Adler-Baeder, F., & Higginbotham, B. (November, 2002). *Putting Empirical Knowledge to Work: Building a Framework for Linking Research and Programming Focused on Marital Quality*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference. Houston, TX.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (March, 2002). *Development of a program for adults and children in step relationships*. National Family Life Extension Specialists' Conference. Kansas City, MO.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (July, 2002). *A Land-Grant Institution's role in the Alabama Marriage Initiative*, Smart Marriages National Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (2001, February). *The physical abuse of stepchildren: Fact and fiction*. The National Conference on Stepfamilies. New Orleans, LA.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (2001, February). *Stepfamilies in the military*. The National Conference on Stepfamilies. New Orleans, LA.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (2001, November). *Children's experiences in stepfamilies*. Child Magazine Newsroom Seminar. New York, NY
- Adler-Baeder, F. (2001, May). *Children in stepfamilies*. The Ohio State University E-Conference on Stepfamily Relationships.

Invited State or Local Presentations and Trainings

- Loftin, M., Ketring, & Adler-Baeder, F. (September, 2007). *What's Love Got to Do With It? The case for couples/marriage education as prevention programming*. Alabama State Conference on Healthy Marriages, Healthy Families, and Responsible Fatherhood. Opelika, AL.
- Adler-Baeder, F., & Higginbotham, B. (September, 2007). *Meeting the needs of stepfamily couples in marriage education*. Alabama State Conference on Healthy Marriages, Healthy Families, and Responsible Fatherhood. Opelika, AL.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (June, 2007). *Lessons Learned to Enhance Marriages and Couple Relationships of Low Resource Parents*. Full-day workshop. School of Social Work, Syracuse University.

- Adler-Baeder, F. (April, 2007). *Building families through relationships and marriage education: The Alabama experience*. Administration for Children and Families-sponsored forum for community leaders. Montgomery, AL
- Adler-Baeder, F. and Loftin, M. (March, 2007). *Healthy relationships education: The missing link in prevention programming*. Children's Policy Council Conference. Anniston, AL.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (2006). *Utilizing the Compassion Capital Fund grants to provide community-based programs focused on the Healthy Marriage Initiative*. Provided to over 200 representatives from community-based organizations around the State in 4 separate sessions (Demopolis, Florence, Auburn, and Birmingham).
- Adler-Baeder, F. (August, 2006). *What's Love Got to Do With It? Linking healthy relationships and positive parenting*. Alabama Marriage and Family Regional Training Conferences. Provided to over 200 representatives from community-based organizations around the State in 4 separate sessions (Demopolis, Florence, Auburn, and Birmingham).
- Adler-Baeder, F. (May, 2006). *What's Love Got to Do With It? Healthy relationships and marriages and responsible fatherhood: Empirical linkages put into practice*. Alabama Fatherhood Conference. Birmingham, AL .
- Adler-Baeder, F. (October, 2005). *Linking healthy relationships and marriages with Child Support Enforcement goals*. State Conference of the Alabama Child Support Enforcement Agency, DHR. Orange Beach, AL.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (September, 2005). *What's Extension got to do with it? Linking relationships and marriage education work with the Cooperative Extension Mission*. State meeting of the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension. Champaign, IL.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (June, 2005). *Healthy relationships and marriages and responsible fatherhood: Empirical linkages put into practice*. Alabama Fatherhood Conference. Birmingham, AL .
- Adler-Baeder, F. (June, 2005). *Strategies for stepfathers*. Alabama Fatherhood Conference. Birmingham, AL
- Adler-Baeder, F. (June 2005). *Looking toward a healthy marriage: Results from a school-based marriage education pilot project*. Strong Marriages, Strong Families Conference, Dept. of Children and Families, Orlando, FL.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (June 2005). *Program Impact and Lessons Learned from the Family Connections in Alabama Project*. Strong Marriages, Strong Families Conference, Dept. of Children and Families, Orlando, FL.
- Adler- Baeder, F. (April, 2005). *Looking toward a healthy marriage: Results from a school-based marriage education pilot project*. NEAFCS –Alabama Affiliate Annual Conference. Birmingham, AL .
- Adler-Baeder, F. (March, 2005). *BEEing Families: Building Healthy Relationships*. One day Train-the Trainers session for BEE program personnel and FCD REAs. Clanton, AL.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (February, 2005). *Building a Community Healthy Marriage Initiative*. Greene County CHMI meeting. Eutaw, AL.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (January, 2005). *Healthy Relationships and Marriages: Available resources and best practices*. Program Priority Team meeting with all ACES Regional Extension Agents. Birmingham, AL.
- Adler-Baeder, F. (January, 2005). *Alabama Marriage Initiative pilot projects*. Alabama Healthy

Marriage Initiative steering committee meeting. Auburn, AL.

Adler-Baeder, F. (December, 2004). *Update on the President's Healthy Marriage Initiative and policy recommendations for Alabama*. Governor's Black Belt Commission, Families Subcommittee meeting. Livingston, AL.

Adler-Baeder, F. (September, 2004). *Alabama pilot projects under the President's Healthy Marriage Initiative*. Regional Administration for Children and Families Priority meeting. Montgomery, AL.

Higginbotham, B., Adler-Baeder, F., & Luckie, A. (October, 2003). *Building collaboration for the development of the Healthy Marriage Initiative in Alabama*. 90-minute workshop. Southeast Regional Conference on Family Support, Birmingham, AL.

Higginbotham, B., & Adler-Baeder, F. (October, 2003). *Meeting the needs of couples in stepfamilies in marriage education*. 90-minute workshop. Southeast Regional Conference on Family Support, Birmingham, AL.

Adler-Baeder, F. (April, 2003). *Changing families, changing programs*. HDFS Extension Family Matters Conference. Lake Martin, AL.

Adler-Baeder, F. (February, 2003). *HDFS research and the implication for child and family programs in Extension*. Russell County Extension, AL.

Adler-Baeder, F. (January, 2003). *The role of AU/HDFS in the Alabama Marriage and Family Initiative*, Dean's Advisory Board meeting. Auburn University.

Adler-Baeder, F. (October, 2002). *Informed practice under the President's Healthy Marriage Initiative*. Plenary Speaker. State Conference for the Alabama Department of Human Resources. Mobile, AL. Audience included over 900 DHR employees, including county directors and case workers.

Adler-Baeder, F., & McBride, J. (October, 2002). *Family life education for stepfamilies*. Stepfamily Association of America Training Institute, Ft. Collins, CO.

Adler-Baeder, F. (October, 2002). *Children in stepfamilies: Implications from research*. Stepfamily Association of America Training Institute, Ft. Collins, CO.

Adler-Baeder, F. (June, 2002). *The impact of the NYS guidelines for parent education programs for separated/divorced parents on Extension programming*. Annual Cooperative Extension Research Update, 3-hour workshop. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Audience: 75 Extension Educators.

Frazee, E., Adler-Baeder, F., & Pedro-Carroll, J. (May, 2002) *New York State Guidelines for Parent Education Programs focused on Separated/Divorced Parents, State Training for Program Leaders*, full day, Albany, NY. Audience: Program Leaders – Family Life Educators, Psychologists, Social Workers, Attorneys, Judges

Adler-Baeder, F. (May, 2002) *Communicating with toddlers*. 1-hour workshop Beginning Education Early (BEE) Conference, Auburn University.

Adler-Baeder, F. (January, 2002). *Developing research-based family life education programs*. Stepfamily Association of America Board Meeting, Atlanta, GA. Audience: Board members – researchers and practitioners.

Adler-Baeder, F. (2001, June). *The development of a family life education program for adults and children in stepfamilies*. Cornell University Department of Human Development and Family Studies Research Update. Ithaca, NY.

- 1999-2001 *“Understanding Stepfamilies: Information and Strategies”*. This 4-hour training session was provided through Cornell Cooperative Extension and presented to over 400 professionals throughout the state of New York. Audiences included teachers, administrators, counselors, psychologists, law guardians, mediators, social workers, and family life educators. An overview of research findings in the area of stepfamily functioning was presented; experiential exercises were used to promote understanding of concepts; implications for practice were emphasized.
- 1999-2001 *Divorce Education Programs: Development and Effectiveness*, Guest speaker presentation provided through Cornell Cooperative Extension to schools, human service agencies, and at New York Law Guardian Training (over 350 attendees)
- 1999-2001 - provided parents instruction on and direct access to current, research-based information in the areas of child development, parenting, and family relationships through class series (offered 4 times per year each) and home visits. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Jefferson County.
- Parenting After Separation or Divorce* – 6 hour series
 - Successful Stepparenting* – 12 hour series
 - Parenting the Preschool Years* – 9 hours series
 - Parenting the Middle Years* – 9 hours series
 - Parenting Adolescents* – 9 hour series
 - Babies Don’t Come with Directions* - 9 hour series
- 1994-1997 Approved by North Carolina Department of Human Resources, Division of Child Development as an In-service trainer. Presented workshops to over 200 childcare professionals in the Greensboro, NC area in the following topic areas:
- “Effective Discipline,” “Nurturing Self-Esteem in Young Children,” “Kindergarten Readiness,” “Enhancing Cognitive Development in Young Children,” “Nurturing Self-Esteem in Young Children,” “Disciplining Toddlers,” “Preventing Child Abuse,” “Anger Management,” and “Child Development 0-6.”*
- 1990-1997 - provided military parents instruction on and direct access to current, research-based information in the areas of child development, parenting, and family relationships through class series and workshops in the follow topic areas.]
- “Building Your Baby’s Brain,” “Effective Discipline,” “Nurturing Self-Esteem in Young Children,” “Kindergarten Readiness,” “Enhancing Cognitive Development in Young Children,” “Nurturing Self-Esteem in Young Children,” “Disciplining Toddlers.”*
- 1990 – 1995 - Parent Education Group Facilitator
- PET (Parent Effectiveness Training) Program*, 12-hour series, Washington, D.C.
 - STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) Program*, 15-hour series, Winston-Salem, N.C.
 - Successful Parenting Program*, 9 hour series, Winston-Salem, N.C.
 - Nurturing Parent Program*, 24-hour series, Winston-Salem, N.C.
 - Children’s Parents Group (work with Abusive Parents)*, Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN), 24-hour series Winston-Salem, N.C.
 - Children Coping with Divorce*, 4-hour workshop Family Life Council, Greensboro, N.C.

Curriculum Trainings

Kerpelman, J. & Adler-Baeder, F. (March, 2009). *Bridging the Great Divide: Parents teaching their teens to be relationship smart*. Attendees included Extension Educators, clergy, family life educators, social workers, high school teachers. 40 in attendance.

Adler-Baeder, F. *Smart Steps* Training Institute. 2-day trainings for facilitators of the *Smart Steps for Stepfamilies* curriculum. Attendees have included Extension Educators, counselors, therapists, social workers, teachers, community educators, family service workers, clergy, and graduate students. Approximately 1200 trained to date.

(May, 2009) Macon, GA; Georgia Family Council
 (November, 2008). Ogden, Utah; Utah State Extension
 (June, 2008). Smart Marriages Conference; San Francisco, CA.
 (March, 2008). ACHMI; Auburn, AL.
 (March, 2008). Michigan Family Council; Lansing Michigan
 (January, 2008). Ogden, Utah; Utah State Extension
 (January, 2007). Ogden, Utah; Utah State Extension
 (February, 2007). Thomasville, GA; UGA Extension and the Georgia Family Council
 (March, 2007). Michigan Family Council; Lansing Michigan
 (May, 2007). ACHMI; Auburn, AL.
 (June, 2007). Smart Marriages Conference; Denver, CO.
 (March, 2006). ACES, Lake Martin, AL.
 (July, 2005). Smart Marriages National Conference, Dallas, TX.
 (July, 2004). Smart Marriages National Conference, Dallas, TX
 (June, 2004). Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
 (September, 2004) Southeastern School Psychologists Association Annual Conference, Wilmington, NC
 (June, 2003). Smart Marriages National Conference, Reno, NV.
 (May, 2003). University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point
 (January, 2003). ACES, Montgomery, AL
 (October, 2002). Stepfamily Association of America Training Institute, Ft. Collins, CO.
 (July, 2002). Smart Marriages National Conference. Washington, DC.
 (June, 2002). Cornell Cooperative Extension. Ithaca, NY
 (May, 2002). Ohio State University Cooperative Extension, Columbus, OH
 (December, 2001). Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County. Middletown, NY.

Kerpelman, J. & Adler-Baeder, F. *Relationship Smarts* Training. 2-day trainings for teachers and facilitators. Attendees have included FCS teachers, Health teachers, Extension Educators, counselors, therapists, social workers, teachers, community educators, family service workers, clergy, and graduate students.

(January, 2009) Auburn, AL
 (December 2007) Auburn, AL.
 (June, 2007) Auburn, AL
 (January, 2007) Auburn, AL
 (February 2006). Lake Martin, AL
 (December, 2004) Auburn, AL

Adler-Baeder, F. (March, 2006). *Parenting After Separation and Divorce and Smart Steps for Stepfamilies* training.

Adler-Baeder, F. (March, 2005). *BEEing Families: Building Healthy Relationships*. One day Train-the Trainers session. Clanton, AL.

Adler-Baeder, F. (February, 2004). *BEEing Families: Building Healthy Relationships*. One day Train-the Trainers session. Opelika, AL.

Primary Collaborative and Outreach Activities

Project Director, Alabama Community Healthy Marriage Initiative. 2006-2011.

Administrator of the federal grant, Supervisor of 6 full-time staff and 16 full-time marriage educators; coordinate a network of 150 community organizations and 7-member State Agency Consortium; oversee research team (13 graduate and 50 undergraduate students annually working on project).

Oversee implementation of outreach activities that include:

State public awareness campaign

Teen Advisory Board – development of resources for teens

Website

TV/Radio/Web PSAs

www.realteenrelationships.org

“Healthy Relationships” dramatic production for school-based presentation and facilitated discussion

State network of community partners –training and implementation of programs

On-line resource development (website; educational modules)

www.alabamamarriage.org

Regional Healthy Marriages, Healthy Families, and Responsible Fatherhood: Conference on Best Practices

“Marriage Month” activities, February of each year:

Governor’s Proclamation signing event

Statewide Student Essay Contest

“Celebrating Healthy Marriages” reception at the Governor’s Mansion

Annual Trainings:

Community Initiative-building skills

Research Methods training for community partners

Black Marriage Education curriculum

Master the Mysteries of Love curriculum

Together We Can curriculum

Smart Steps for Stepfamilies curriculum

Resource Distribution (Alabama Marriage Handbooks (100,000 a year); NERMEN Publications, etc.).

Co-Director, National Extension Relationships and Marriage Education Network. 2005- present. A group of Specialists selected by the previous National Program Leader for Nutrition and Family Sciences, Dr. Anna Mae Kobbe to provide guidance to the System on best practices for Relationship and Marriage Education. Federal partner is the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services.

Work has included:

1. the development of a website – www.nermen.org – (a clearinghouse of research-based resources for HMI work and Extension activities)
2. Publication of ***Cultivating Healthy Relationships and Marriages: A Trainer’s Guide to Effective Programming***
3. On-line Breeze Conference for Extension Educators, “Going Further: Community Planning for Healthy Couple and Marriage Education Programs and Support.” May, 2007
4. Publication on the ***National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Model (NERMEN) conceptual model for Marriage Education*** to guide practice and resource development. Distribution scheduled for Spring 2009.
5. Application for and receipt of **5-year \$1.5 million grant** from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Welfare for development and testing of a curriculum for university coursework and community education in relationship and marriage education

(October 2008 – September 2013).

Director, The National Stepfamily Resource Center. 2006 – present. A clearinghouse for research-based information for stepfamilies and the professionals who work with them.
www.stepfamilies.info

Advisor, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, Healthy Marriage Demonstration Projects. *Promising Practices* research and publications. 2008 – 2011.

Planning Committee, DHHS/ACF 2008 and 2009 African American Healthy Marriage Initiative Conference.

Advisor (2006), Strengthening Healthy Marriages Evaluation Project, MDRC, New York, NY. (DHHS/ACF-funded project).

Advisor, The Stepfamily Project (NIH-funded); Oregon Center for Applied Sciences. 2006-2007.

Invited Member, Alabama Task Force for The State Plan for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention 2006.

Advisor, FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Evaluation Project. 2006.

CSREES Innovation Project Team 2005-2006. A Collaboration of 5 State Specialists, Caroline Croccoll, National Program Leader for Families and Children, ACF and NCFR. Conducted e-seminar on "strengthening marriages;" content converted into distance-learning education models that focus on conducting marriage enrichment educational programming and target Extension educators or Family Life Educators.

Member (appointed), Governor's Black Belt Commission, Families subcommittee meetings, December, 2004 - February, 2005.

New York State Parent Education Advisory Board on Parent Education for Divorcing Parents Advisory Board General Member, Curriculum Guidelines Subcommittee Member, appointed by Chief Judge Judith Kaye, State of New York 2001 to present. (continue to serve as Advisor).

Other outreach/service activities

Interviewed for PBS series, "Real Families, Real Answers," aired in Summer 2008.

Recent National media interviews: Mike Winerip, New York Times article on blended families – March, 2009; "Today Show" appearance on stepparenting, October, 2005; Sue Shellenbarger, Wall Street Journal on article on stepfamilies and time management – November 2004; Ruth Reiss, ABC Prime Time Live producer on show on stepfamilies in the military – interview October 2004.

Co-Director of the Electronic Conference on "Couple Relationships: Research and Programming," collaborative with Ohio State University, May 6-10, 2002. <http://hec.osu.edu/couples>

Child Magazine on-line discussion board host. Topic: Stepparenting (February and July 2002)

Editorial Contributor, Your Stepfamily Magazine. 2003 – 2005.

Training/Evaluation partner for Hale County Extension project – Free to Succeed: Teen Pregnancy Prevention program. Funded by Alabama Department of Education. Project Coordinator – Denise Shirley, ACES FCD REA.

Scriptwriter and Panelist for Birmingham Early Learning Center satellite broadcast on "Children and Divorce" September, 2002. Down-linked throughout the state by Extension agencies and other

community-based organizations. Video tape produced and 250 distributed to agencies/organizations throughout the state.

Evaluation partner for Escambia County Extension project – the Parent Project for court-ordered teens and their parents. Project Coordinator – Vicki Fussell, ACES FCD County Extension Agent.

Administrator for the Family Development Credential program through the College of Human Sciences. Approved by the Provost November, 2001.

Sponsor, Family Development Credential Train-the-Trainer Institute. (July, 2005). 5-day training program conducted by the Family and Child Training System (FACTS).

Co-managing Editor, HDFS Extension newsletter, Auburn University, biannual publication. Volumes 1 and 2 published in 2003. Distributed to HDFS extension, HDFS faculty and students.

Co-Coordinator, HDFS Extension Annual “Family Matters” Research Update Conference, April, 2003. Lake Martin, AL.

Co-Director of the Electronic Conference on “Teen Sexuality: Research and Programming,” collaborative with Ohio State University, February 3-7, 2003. <http://hec.osu.edu/teens>

Interviews on WFSB, NBC-affiliate “Today in Alabama” program – topics:

“Stepparenting – what works,” April, 2002

“Traveling with kids,” June, 2002

“The benefits of infant massage,” September, 2002

“Healthy couples are good for kids,” December, 2002

“Child Safety,” October, 2001.

“Children and Divorce and the Holidays,” November, 2001.

“Taming the Toddler,” December, 2001

Alabama Fatherhood Network, Steering Committee member.

Alabama Corporate Foundation for Children, Board of Directors.

Parenting column, Cornell Cooperative Extension publications, New York, 1999-2001.
Columnist, Southern Bride Magazine 2008

Teaching

Auburn University

2002 to 2005

Assistant Professor

Parent Education (HDFS 4670).

The purpose of this class is to prepare students to work with parents using theoretically-guided and research-based knowledge of parent-child relationships. The emphasis is on understanding the paradigms, theories, and empirical literature on parenting and child outcomes that undergird best practices in parenting education. It is also important to understand the diversity of experiences that provide the context for parents' approaches to parenting their children. In addition, any work with families involves examining our own underlying assumptions about family relationships and parenting practices and how they impact our work. Coursework includes this examination. In addition, this course covers basic principles regarding the process of facilitating parent education. Parent education can take place on a one-on-one level as well as with groups of parents. The student is provided an important base for further development of parent education skills.

2002 to present

Independent Study (HDFS 7900 [graduate]) various topics: military couples, ethnic

minority stepfamilies, stress and coping in couple relationships, divorce and remarriage, program development and implementation, evaluating community-based programs, parental aggression, instrument development methods.

Practicum (HDFS 3910 [undergraduate] and HDFS 7910 [graduate]) outreach to children, families, and community professionals

Service Learning (HDFS 3920) resource development and outreach for youth and parents

Undergraduate Research (HDFS 3990 and 4990) intervention, prevention, and action research

2001 to present

Presenter/Guest Lecturer

“Divorce effects on children”

“Post-divorce parenting”

“Understanding stepfamily dynamics”

“Opportunities for HDFS work in the Cooperative Extension System”

“Using your HDFS degree in non-academic settings”

“Teaching parents using the National Extension Parent Education Model”

“Development of the National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Model”

“Program development and evaluation methods”

“Documenting impact in multi-site implementation models”

“The engaged university: building bridges”

“Action’ research and policy”

University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

1997 – 1999

Instructor

Sole responsibility of coursework planning, lecture writing, teaching, test-writing, grading, and student management.

Developmental Patterns of the Family (HDF 212). Family science introductory course. An overview of family theories, research methods, the nature of the American family, marriage and family issues and development.

1997- 1998

Graduate Teaching Assistant (for Dr. Jonathan Tudge)

Provided periodic lectures, designed class activities, participated in coursework design, test-writing, grading of classwork and exams, and class/student management

Lifespan Development (HDF 211). Human development introductory course. An overview of child development and human development theories and research methods. Continuity and discontinuity in development across the lifespan are the focus.

Spring 1997

Co-Teacher (with Dr. Garrett Lange)

Responsible for 50% of lectures, designed class activities, participated in coursework design, test-writing, grading of classwork and exams, and class/student management.

Current Developmental Theory and Research (HDF 552). Graduate level seminar. Advanced discussions of child development theory and current research and controversies.

1996-1998

Guest Lecturer

“Divorce Effects on Children” in HDF 212, Fall, 1998

“The Divorce Process and Children” in HDF 522, Fall, 1997

“Theories of Parenting” in HDF 522, Fall, 1996

“Theories of Parent Education Programs” in HDF 522, Spring 1996

“Children and Divorce” in HDF 302, Spring 1996

"Divorce Mediation and Children" in HDF 302, Fall 1997**Work with Graduate Students*****Served as major professor.***

Name	Degree	Year	Current Position
Melody Griffin	Ph.D.	2008	Post Doctoral Fellow, Auburn University
Mallory Lucier	M.S.	2008	Doctoral Student, Auburn University
David Schramm	Ph.D.	2007	Asst. Professor/Ext. Specialist, Univ. of Missouri
Brian Higginbotham	Ph.D.	2005	Asst. Professor/Ext. Specialist, Utah State Univ.
Sarah Armstrong	M.S.	2004	Child/Family Therapist, Child & Family Services, Russell County, AL
Tianyi Yu	M.S.	2004	Post Doctoral Fellow, University of Michigan

Served as committee member.

Name	Degree	Year	Current Position
Bailey Lathem	M.S.	2008	In transition
Cassidy Stover	M.S.	2008	In transition
Tianyi Yu	Ph.D.	2007	Post Doctoral Research Fellow, Univ. of Michigan
Phil Thorsen	M.S.	2006	Ph.D. Student, HDFS, AU
Jennifer Crosswhite	Ph.D.	2005	Asst. Professor, Univ. of Nebraska-Kearney
Emily Harbison	M.S.	2005	Instructor, HDFS, AU
Jackie Pflieger	M.S.	2005	PostDoctoral Fellow, Yale University
Lori Elmore Staton	M.S.	2005	Research Project Manager and Doctoral Student, Auburn University
Kara Lipsmeyer	M.S.	2005	VISTA
Laura Jensen	M.S.	2005	Research Associate, Dept. of Defense
Jennifer McFadyen	M.S.	2003	Volunteer, Army Community Services

Professional Organization Memberships:

National Council on Family Relations
 International Association of Relationships Research
 National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
 Certified Family Life Educators, NCFR

University Service

Member, *Directions Group* to establish new goals and objectives for Auburn University Outreach, 2002.
 Member, University Scholarship committee, 2002-2005.
 Faculty representative, Quality of Life Awards, December, 2001 and 2007
 Member, Alabama Cooperative Extension System *Directions Group* focused on establishing goals and objectives for ACES, 2002.
 Coordinator, Children, Youth, Families, and Communities Steering Committee, 2003.

Professional Service

Reviewer, *Journal of Marriage and Family*
 Reviewer, *Family Relations*
 Reviewer, *Journal of Family Issues*
 Reviewer, *Personal Relationships*
 Reviewer, *Journal of Personal and Social Relationships*
 Reviewer, *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*
 Reviewer, *Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy and Education*
 Grant proposal reviewer, DHHS/Administration for Children and Families

Reviewer, Florida State University Capstone Grants Program, 2005.
 Editorial Contributor, *Your Stepfamily* magazine, 2002 – present
 Outside reviewer, Ohio State Cooperative Extension materials, 2001-present
 Reviewer, Stepfamily Association of America publications, 2001-2004
 Reviewer, presentation proposals for the National Council on Family Relations
 Annual Conference, 1998 – present.
 Book proposal reviewer, Sage Publications

Honors:

2009 *Auburn University Distinguished Diversity Researcher Award*
 2007 *HDFS Faculty Excellence Award*
 2007 *Alabama Dept. of Human Resources Strengthening Alabama Families Award*
 2006 *External Funding Award, Alabama Cooperative Extension System*
 2005 Faculty Honoree, Camp War Eagle
 2005 *Extramural Funding Award, Alabama Cooperative Extension System*
 2004 *Early Career Achievement Award, National Awards Committee for Family Life and Human Development State Specialists; National Council on Family Relations.*
 1999 *Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award, School of Human Environmental Sciences, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.*
 1998 *Outstanding Teaching Award (Graduate Student), School of Human Environmental Sciences, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.*
 1997 *Graduate Paper Award, Southeastern Council on Family Relations, topic: Child Abuse Prevention Policy Analysis.*
 1997 Esther Degner Scholarship, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
 1996 Ellen Hickman Scholarship, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
 1995 Adelaide Fortune Holderness Fellow, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
 1989 *Department of the Army Public Service Medal, awarded by Commander in Chief, U.S. Armed Forces Southern Command, Panama.*
 1986 *Outstanding Alumna, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.*
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