

Ashley B. Barr

Curriculum Vitae

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POSITIONS

2019 – Associate Professor of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY
2014 – 19 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Georgia, 2014
M.A. Sociology, University of Georgia, 2010
B.S. Human Development and Family Studies (Summa cum laude)
The Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College

SPECIALTY AREAS

Research: Family and health; Transition to adulthood; Biomarkers of health

Teaching: Families and inequalities; Juvenile justice; Transition to adulthood; Advanced quantitative methods

RESEARCH GRANTS

External:

- 2018-21 Co-Investigator. (PI: Brody, Gene H.) “Biological weathering and the origin of chronic diseases of aging among rural African American young adults.” National Institute on Child Health and Human Development. (Award Number: *1R01HD091046*). Total: \$1,610,913; UB: \$40,387.
- 2017-22 Co-investigator. (PI: Ronald L. Simons). “Psychosocial context and the biological clock: Changes in weathering during middle age.” National Institute on Aging. (Award Number: *R01AG055393*). Total: \$ 3,239,175; UB: \$149,352.
- 2015-20 Co-investigator. (PIs: Steven R.H. Beach and Ronald L. Simons). “Biomarkers of health risk among African American couples. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.” (Award Number: *R01HD080749*). Total: \$3,804,445; UB: \$88,243.

Internal:

- 2018-19 Co-Principal Investigator (with Mary Nell Trautner). “Juvenile offending and childhood determinism: A mixed methods approach.” Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy. \$3,800.

PUBLICATIONS

Simons, Ronald L, David Woodring, Leslie Gordon Simons, Tara E Sutton, Man-Kit Lei, Steven RH Beach, Ashley B Barr and Frederick X Gibbons. 2019. "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 and Adolescence* 48(1):1-16.

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- Simons, Ronald L, Man-Kit Lei, Steven RH Beach, Leslie Gordon Simons, Ashley B Barr, Frederick X Gibbons and Robert A Philibert. 2019. "Testing Life Course Models Whereby Juvenile and Adult Adversity Combine to Influence Speed of Biological Aging." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 60(3):291-308.
- Simons, Leslie Gordon, Tara E Sutton, Antoinette M Landor, Ashley B Barr, Chalandra M Bryant and Ellen M Granberg. 2019. "Gender Differences in the Dating Experiences of African American Young Adults: The Challenge of Forming Romantic Relationships within the Context of Power Imbalance." *Youth & Society*:0044118X19828097.
- Beach, Steven RH, Man Kit Lei, Ronald L Simons, Ashley B Barr, Leslie G Simons, Carolyn E Cutrona and Robert A Philibert. 2019. "Perceived Relationship Support Moderates the Association of Contextual Stress with Inflammation among African Americans." *Journal of Family Psychology* 33(3):338.
- Simons, Ronald L, Man-Kit Lei, Steven RH Beach, Ashley B Barr, Leslie G Simons, Frederick X Gibbons and Robert A Philibert. 2018. "Discrimination, Segregation, and Chronic Inflammation: Testing the Weathering Explanation for the Poor Health of Black Americans." *Developmental Psychology* 54(10):1993.
- Landor, Antoinette and Ashley Barr. 2018. "Politics of Respectability, Colorism, and the Terms of Social Exchange in Family Research." *Journal of Family Theory & Review* 10(2):330-47.
- Barr, Ashley Brooke and Ronald L Simons. 2018. "Marital Beliefs among African American Emerging Adults: The Roles of Community Context, Family Background, and Relationship Experiences." *Journal of Family Issues* 39(2):352-82.
- Barr, Ashley B, Leslie Gordon Simons, Ronald L Simons, Steven RH Beach and Robert A Philibert. 2018. "Sharing the Burden of the Transition to Adulthood: African American Young Adults' Transition Challenges and Their Mothers' Health Risk." *American Sociological Review* 83(1):143-72.
- Simons, Ronald L, Man-Kit Lei, Steven RH Beach, Ashley B Barr, Carolyn E Cutrona, Frederick X Gibbons and Robert A Philibert. 2017. "An Index of the Ratio of Inflammatory to Antiviral Cell Types Mediates the Effects of Social Adversity and Age on Chronic Illness." *Social Science & Medicine* 185:158-65.
- Renzulli, Linda and Ashley B Barr. 2017. "Adapting to Family Setbacks: Malleability of Students' and Parents' Educational Expectations." *Social Problems* 64(3):351-72.
- Boyle, Kaitlin M, Ashley Barr and Jody Clay-Warner. 2017. "The Effects of Feminist Mobilization and Women's Status on Universities' Reporting of Rape." *Journal of School Violence* 16(3):317-30.
- Berg, Mark T, Ronald L Simons, Ashley Barr, Steven RH Beach and Robert A Philibert. 2017. "Childhood/Adolescent Stressors and Allostatic Load in Adulthood: Support for a Calibration Model." *Social Science & Medicine* 193:130-39.
- Beach, Steven, Man Kit Lei, Ronald Simons, Ashley Barr, Leslie Simons, Katherine B. Ehrlich, Gene H. Brody and Robert A. Philibert. 2017. "When Inflammation and Depression Go Together: The Longitudinal Effects of Parent-Child Relationships." *Developmental Psychopathology* 29:1969-1986.
- Simons, Ronald. L., Man Kit Lei, Steven R.H. Beach, Robert A. Philibert, Carolyn E. Cutrona, Frederick X. Gibbons and Ashley B. Barr. 2016. "Economic Hardship and Biological Weathering: The Epigenetics of Aging in a U.S. Sample of Black Women." *Social Science and Medicine* 150:192-200.

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- Lei, Man-Kit, Steven R. H. Beach, Ronald L. Simons, Ashley B. Barr, Carolyn E. Cutrona and Robert A. Philibert. 2016. "Stress, Relationship Satisfaction, and Health among African American Women: Genetic Moderation Effects." *Journal of Family Psychology* 30(2):221-32.
- Barr, Ashley B, Tara E Sutton, Leslie Gordon Simons, KAS 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.
- Renzulli, Linda A, Ashley B Barr and Maria Paino. 2015. "Innovative Education? A Test of Specialist Mimicry or Generalist Assimilation in Trends in Charter School Specialization over Time." *Sociology of Education* 88(1):83-102.
- Barr, Ashley Brooke and Ronald L Simons. 2015. "Different Dimensions, Different Mechanisms? Distinguishing Relationship Status and Quality Effects on Desistance." *Journal of Family Psychology* 29(3):360.
- Barr, Ashley Brooke. 2015. "Family Socioeconomic Status, Family Health, and Changes in Students' Math Achievement across High School: A Mediational Model." *Social Science & Medicine* 140:27-34.
- Barr, Ashley B, Ronald L Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2015. "Nonmarital Relationships and Changing Perceptions of Marriage among African American Young Adults." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 77(5):1202-16.
- Simons, Ronald L, Callie H Burt, Ashley B Barr, Man-Kit Lei and Eric Stewart. 2014. "Incorporating Routine Activities, Activity Spaces, and Situational Definitions into the Social Schematic Theory of Crime." *Criminology* 52(4):655-87.
- Simons, Ronald L and Ashley B Barr. 2014. "Shifting Perspectives: Cognitive Changes Mediate the Impact of Romantic Relationships on Desistance from Crime." *Justice Quarterly* 31(5):793-821.
- Barr, Ashley B. and Ronald L. Simons. 2014. "A Dyadic Analysis of Relationships and Health: Does Couple-Level Context Condition Partner Effects?". *Journal of Family Psychology* 28(4):448-59. doi: 10.1037/a0037310.
- Barr, Ashley B, Ronald L Simons and Eric A Stewart. 2013. "The Code of the Street and Romantic Relationships: A Dyadic Analysis." *Personal Relationships* 20(1):84-106.
- Barr, Ashley B, Ronald L Simons, Leslie Gordon Simons, Frederick X Gibbons and Meg Gerrard. 2013. "Teen Motherhood and Pregnancy Prototypes: The Role of Social Context in Changing Young African American Mothers' Risk Images and Contraceptive Expectations." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 42(12):1884-97.
- Barr, Ashley B, Elizabeth Culatta and Ronald L Simons. 2013. "Romantic Relationships and Health among African American Young Adults: Linking Patterns of Relationship Quality over Time to Changes in Physical and Mental Health." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 54(3):369-85.
- Simons, Ronald L. , Steven R.H. Beach and Ashley B. Barr. 2012. "Differential Susceptibility to Context: A Promising Model of the Interplay of Genes and the Social Environment." Pp. 139-63 in *Biosociology and Neurosociology (Advances in Group Processes, Volume 29)*, edited by S. R. T. Will Kalkhoff, Edward J. Lawler: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.
- Barr, Ashley B and Ronald L Simons. 2012b. "Marriage Expectations among African American Couples in Early Adulthood: A Dyadic Analysis." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 74(4):726-42.

Barr, Ashley B and Ronald L Simons. 2012a. "College Aspirations and Expectations among New African-American Mothers in Late Adolescence." *Gender and Education* 24(7):745-63.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2017 Exceptional Scholars Young Investigator Award, SUNY Buffalo College of Arts and Sciences
2016 - 17 Honors College Faculty Fellow, SUNY Buffalo
2017 Professional Development Award; United University Professions
2015 Professional Development Award; United University Professions
2014 Distinguished Dissertation Award in the field of Social Sciences (UGA nominee); Council of Graduate Schools/ProQuest
2014 Certificate of Excellence; University of Georgia
2013 - 14 Phelps-Stokes Graduate Fellowship; University of Georgia
2008 - 14 Presidential Fellowship; University of Georgia

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

Publications

Barr, Ashley B. 2018. "For African American Millennials, difficulties on the road to adulthood may be hurting their mothers' health." *London School of Economics* blog on American Politics and Policy, May 3. <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2018/05/03/for-african-american-millennials-difficulties-on-the-road-to-adulthood-may-be-hurting-their-mothers-health/>

Interviews

Science Daily. 2016. "Relationship quality tied to good health for young adults." June 24. <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/06/160624135858.htm>

Features

Stanley, Scott. 2015. "The Impact of Cohabitation on Young African Americans' Marriage Attitudes." Sliding vs Deciding blog. Oct. 1. <http://slidingvsdeciding.blogspot.com/2015/10/the-impact-of-cohabitation-on-young.html>

Kwiatkowski, Jane Radlich. 2017. "Lancaster Opera House, UB plan free film series." *Buffalo News*. Sept. 7 <https://buffalonews.com/2017/09/07/lancaster-opera-house-ub-plan-free-film-series/>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019 Barr, Ashley B. "Romantic Relationship Patterns Across the Transition to Adulthood: Cumulative (Dis)advantage or Turning Points for Health?" *Eastern Sociological Society*, Boston, MA.
2018 Barr, Ashley B. "What's yours is mine? Partner effects of childhood adversity on biological aging and psychological distress." *National Council on Family Relations*, San Diego, CA.

- 2017 Barr, Ashley B. "Sharing the burden of the transition to adulthood: African American young adults' transition challenges and their mothers' health risk." *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2016 Barr, Ashley B. "Worried sick? The transition to adulthood and its toll on African American mothers' health." *Cornell Population Center (CPC) and the Center for Aging and Policy Studies (CAPS) Annual Upstate Population Workshop*, Ithaca, NY.
- 2016 Hussain, S.R.J. and Ashley B. Barr. "Religious discrimination and Arab-American Muslim women's health: Is the hijab pernicious or protective?" *American Sociological Association*, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 Barr, Ashley B. "Racial discrimination and the weathering of nonmarital relationships." *American Sociological Association*, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 Barr, Ashley B. "A dyadic analysis of marital salience in nonmarital romantic relationships." *National Council on Family Relations*, Vancouver, BC.
- 2015 Barr, Ashley B. "For better and for worse: How marital perspectives structure the transition to adulthood." *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 Renzulli, Linda and Ashley B. Barr. "Great expectations after the Great Recession? Family economic shocks and changing educational expectations." *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 Boyle, K.M. and Ashley B. Barr. "The effects of feminist presence, survivor resources, and women's status on universities' official reports of forcible rape." *Southern Sociological Society*, New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 Simons, Ronald L. and Ashley B. Barr. "Changes in cognitions, routine activities, or peer affiliations? Examination of the mechanisms whereby romantic relationships foster young men's desistance from crime." *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2013 Barr, Ashley B. "Cohabitation and changing perceptions of marriage among African Americans during the transition to adulthood." *American Sociological Association*, New York, NY.
- 2013 Simons, Ronald L., Ashley B. Barr, and Lei, Man Kit. "Criminal propensity, routine activities, and activity fields: Integrating developmental and contextual models of crime." *American Sociological Association*, New York, NY.
- 2012 Simons, Ronald L. and Ashley B. Barr. "Integrating developmental and situational models of crime." *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 Culatta, E. and Ashley B. Barr. "Romantic relationships and health among African American young adults: Linking patterns of relationship quality over time to changes in mental and physical health." *National Council on Family Relations*, Phoenix, AZ.
- 2012 Barr, Ashley B. "A dyadic assessment of romantic relationship quality and health among young, African American couples." *American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO.
- 2012 Renzulli, Linda, Bradley, Christen, Ashley B. Barr and Maria Paino. "Charter schools-Another name for the same thing?: Charter school innovation over time." *American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO.
- 2012 Barr, Ashley B. 2012. "Relationship dissolution among African American young adults: Gendered (dis)advantages?" *Southern Sociological Society*, New Orleans, LA.

2010 Barr, Ashley B. "Pregnancy history, social images, and (lack of) condom use among African American adolescents and young adults." *American Sociological Association*, Atlanta, GA.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Barr, Ashley B. In progress. "Romantic Relationship Patterns Across Early Adulthood: Cumulative Inequality, Turning Points for Health, or Something Else?"

Yang, Yulin and Ashley B. Barr. In progress. "Young adult offspring stress and trajectories of healthy aging."

Barr, Ashley B. In progress. "What's yours is mine? Partner effects of childhood adversity on biological aging and psychological distress."

Barr, Ashley B. In Progress. "Racial discrimination and the weathering of nonmarital relationships."

Barr, Ashley B. In Progress. "For better and for worse: How marital salience structures the transition to adulthood."

TEACHING

Undergraduate courses:

SOC199: Transition to Adulthood (1st year seminar; Honors College)

SOC293: Social Research Methods

SOC319: Juvenile Justice (research-intensive)

SOC362: Families and Inequality

Graduate courses:

SOC576: Multilevel Modeling

SOC606: Social Research Methods

SOC536: Families and Crime

SERVICE

Professional Service: Manuscript Reviewer

American Sociological Review

Criminology

Gender and Education

Journal of Health and Social Behavior

Journal of Marriage and Family

Journal of Research on Adolescence

Journal of Youth Studies

Justice Quarterly

Personal Relationships

Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences

Qualitative Sociology

Social Problems

Sociology of Education

The Sociological Quarterly

Professional Service:

2019 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Marriage and Family*

2017 Presider, Children, Youth, & Adolescents regular session, "Institutions and the State." *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Departmental Service

2018 – Member, Graduate Studies Committees

2017 – Organizer, Summer Job Market Seminar

- 2015 – Presenter, UB Sociology Proseminar
- 2014 – 18 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee
- 2014 – Primary reader, Criminology, Life Course, Family, Quantitative Methods qualifying exams
- 2017 Director, UB Sociology Community film series, Lancaster Opera House
- 2014-17 Advisor, Center for Development of Human Services fellowship program
- 2016 Member, Faculty Hiring committee

University Service

- 2019 – Member, UB PhD Excellence Initiative Curriculum & Teaching Committee
- 2019 – Member, UB College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee
- 2018 Participant, College of Arts and Sciences Online/Hybrid Course Development Summer Workshop
- 2015 – Presenter, Undergraduate Student & Parent/Family Orientations, “A Faculty Perspective”
- 2015 – Member, UB Seminar Committee
- 2017 Member, Presidential Scholarship Review & Interview Committee
- 2016-17 Member, UB Honors College Faculty Council
- 2016 Panel member, UB Interdisciplinary Symposium

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Sociological Association
- National Council on Family Relations