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EDUCATION

- 2022 **Ph.D.** Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2014 **M.A.** Sociology, The Ohio State University, Columbus.
- 2011 **B.A.** Sociology and Psychology, University of New Hampshire, Durham.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Children and Youth; Crime, Law, and Deviance; Data and Methods; Education; Family; Mental Health; Population; Race, Gender, and Class; Sexuality; Siblings

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**, and Nathan H. Perkins. "Sibling Aggression and Abuse: Invisible and Widespread Public Health Problems." *American Journal of Public Health*.
- Forthcoming **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**. "Parents as School Supplies: What Types of Parental Support Predict Graduation from Two- and Four-Year Colleges?" *Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research*.
- 2024 Paik, Anthony, Swethaa Ballakrishnen, Carole Silver, Steven Boutcher, and **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**. "Diverse Disconnectedness: Homophily, Social Capital Inequality, and Student Experiences in Law School." *Law & Social Inquiry*. doi: [10.1017/lis.2024.24](https://doi.org/10.1017/lis.2024.24)
- 2019 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, and Anthony Paik. "Sex and Education: Does Sexual Debut During Adolescence Lead to Poor Grades?" *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 51(2):81-89. doi: [10.1363/psrh.12101](https://doi.org/10.1363/psrh.12101)
- 2018 Ide, Michael Enku, Blair Harrington, Yolanda Wiggins, **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**, and Naomi Gerstel. "Emerging Adult Sons and their Fathers: Race and the Construction of Masculinity." *Gender & Society* 32(1):5-33. doi: [10.1177/0891243217743245](https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243217743245)

- 2017 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau.** “Teen Childbearing and Depression: Do Pregnancy Attitudes Matter?” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 79(2):390-404. doi: [10.1111/jomf.12380](https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12380)
- In top 10 of most downloaded papers from *JMF* in 2017.

COMMENTARIES AND ESSAYS

- 2023 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau,** and Corinna Jenkins Tucker. “[An Opportunity to Address the Most Common Form of Family Violence: Sibling Aggression.](#)” *NCFR Report: Family Focus* FF98:F10-F11.
- 2023 Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, and **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth.** “[Sibling Aggression and Abuse Go Beyond Rivalry – Bullying within a Family Can Have Lifelong Repercussions.](#)” *The Conversation.*
- 2020 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau,** Katherine Cyr, and Anthony Paik. “[Remotely Coping: How are Students Faring during the COVID-19 Pandemic?](#)” *Contexts Magazine: Sociology for the Public* COVID-19 Special Online Issue (Education Wave).

BLOG POSTS

- Psychology Today*, The Science of Siblings (with Corinna Jenkins Tucker)
[How Should Parents Respond to Sibling Sexual Behavior?](#) (December 2024)
[Can Sibling Conflict Lead to Romantic Relationship Problems?](#) (October 2024)
[Helping Parents Manage Siblings Who Fight](#) (August 2024)
[Sibling Aggression and Abuse Are ACEs](#) (July 2024)
[Helping Practitioners Respond to Sibling Sexual Behavior](#) (May 2024)
[Why Don't Children Tell When Their Sibling Harms Them?](#) (March 2024)
[When to Be Concerned About Sibling Sexual Behavior](#) (February 2024)
[3 Ways to Foster a Positive Sibling Relationship](#) (December 2023)
[The Long-Term Impact of Sibling Aggression on Adults](#) (November 2023)
[When Does Sibling Fighting Become Harmful?](#) (September 2023)
[Sibling Conflict Is an Opportunity for Children to Grow](#) (July 2023)
[Bullying by Peers and Siblings](#) (June 2023)
[3 Reasons Why Sibling Relationships Matter So Much](#) (May 2023)

REPORTS AND BRIEFS

- 2024 Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth,** Kay Sassan, and David Finkelhor. *Addressing Sibling Aggression is Key to Reducing Peer Bullying* (SAARA Bulletin #9). Durham, NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.
- 2024 Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth,** and David Finkelhor. *Sibling Aggression and Abuse are ACEs* (SAARA Bulletin #8). Durham, NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.

- 2024 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, Corinna Jenkins Tucker, Lizzie Martell, and David Finkelhor. *Recognizing and Responding to Sibling Sexual Abuse* (SAARA Bulletin #7). Durham, NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.
- 2024 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, Matthew Demarest, Corinna Jenkins Tucker, and David Finkelhor. *Do State Child Abuse and Neglect Policies Address Sibling Abuse?* (SAARA Bulletin #6). Durham, NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.
- 2023 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, Corinna Jenkins Tucker, and David Finkelhor. *Demographic Variation in Sibling Aggression and Abuse* (SAARA Bulletin #5). Durham, NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.
- 2023 Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**, and David Finkelhor. *What is the Line: When Does Sibling Conflict, Teasing, and Roughhousing Become Something More Serious?* (SAARA Bulletin #4). Durham, NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.
- 2023 Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**, and David Finkelhor. *Sibling Aggression and Abuse: Recommendations and Resources for Parents and Professionals* (SAARA Bulletin #3). Durham, NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.
- 2023 Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**, and David Finkelhor. *Recommendations for Parents on Managing Sibling Conflict and Aggression* (SAARA Bulletin #2). Durham, NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.
- 2023 Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**, and David Finkelhor. *Disentangling Sibling Rivalry from Aggression and Abuse* (SAARA Bulletin #1). Durham, NH: Crimes against Children Research Center.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PEER REVIEW

Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**, and David Finkelhor. "Clarifying Labels, Constructs, and Definitions: Sibling Aggression and Abuse are Family Violence." (Revise & Resubmit)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Best Empirical Comprehensive Paper. Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

- 2018 University Distinguished Teaching Award. Office of the Provost, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2016 Graduate Student Service Award. Sociology Graduate Student Association, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2015 Best Empirical Comprehensive Paper. Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2014 Poster Session Winner. Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- 2010 Phi Beta Kappa Edmund G. Miller Award. University of New Hampshire, Durham.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2020 Summer Dissertation Fellowship (competitive). Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2019 Summer Article Preparation Fellowship. Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2019 ICPSR “Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) Data User Workshop” (competitive week-long training program with stipend). ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 2016 Summer Comprehensive Paper Fellowship. Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2015 Summer Research Fellowship. Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2012 – 2013 University Fellowship (research fellowship with full tuition and living stipend). The Ohio State University, Columbus.
- 2012 – 2013 Institute for Population Research stipend supplement. The Ohio State University, Columbus.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2023 – Research Scientist, Sibling Aggression and Abuse Research and Advocacy Initiative, Crimes against Children Research Center, University of New Hampshire, Durham.
- 2022 – 2023 Postdoctoral Associate, Center for Innovation in Social Science, Boston University (PI: Deborah Carr).
- 2019 – 2022 Project Manager, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. “Diversity and Networking in Law School: Are Law Students from Diverse Backgrounds Disadvantaged?” (PI: Anthony Paik; AccessLex Institute #FY1907UG001; National Science Foundation #2147011).
- 2017 – 2021 Instructor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2019 Instructor, College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA).
- 2015 – 2019 Research Assistant, University of Iowa Public Policy Center and University of Massachusetts, Amherst. “Contents and Contexts of Cyberbullying: An Epidemiologic Study using Electronic Detection and Social Network

- Analysis.” (PI: Anthony Paik; National Institute of Justice #2013-IJ-CX-0030).
- 2015 – 2018 Research Assistant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. “Families Go to College: Sustaining Inequality?” (PI: Naomi Gerstel; Spencer Foundation #20160022).
- 2014 – 2017 Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2013 – 2014 Teaching Assistant, The Ohio State University, Columbus.
- 2011 – 2012 Research Assistant, Crimes against Children Research Center, University of New Hampshire, Durham.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2024 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, and Corinna Jenkins Tucker. “A Call to Incorporate Sibling Aggression and Abuse into Parent Education Curricula.” Presented at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Bellevue, Washington.
- 2024 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, and Corinna Jenkins Tucker. “Unique Considerations When Children and Adolescents Sexually Harm Siblings.” Presented at the MASOC Children and Adolescents Engaging in Problematic Sexual Behaviors Conference, Marlborough, Massachusetts.
- 2024 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, Corinna Jenkins Tucker, and Kay Sassan. “Parent Education is an Opportunity to Address the Most Common Form of Family Violence: Sibling Aggression.” Presented at the Violence Prevention Research Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
- 2024 Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**, and David Finkelhor. “Barriers to Help-Seeking and Provision of Help for Sibling Aggression and Abuse.” Presented at the Violence Prevention Research Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
- 2024 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, and Corinna Jenkins Tucker. “Strengthening Sibling Bonds: Promoting Positive Relationships and Stopping Harmful Behaviors.” Presented at the Vermont Foster/Adoptive Family Alliance and Vermont Kin as Parents Annual Conference, Manchester, Vermont.
- 2024 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, and Corinna Jenkins Tucker. “Parent Education is an Opportunity to Address the Most Common Form of Family Violence: Sibling Aggression.” Presented at the National Parenting Education Network Conference, virtual conference.
- 2024 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, and Corinna Jenkins Tucker. “Recognizing and Responding to Sibling Aggression and Abuse.” Presented at the National Children's Advocacy Center 40th International Symposium on Child Abuse, Huntsville, Alabama.
- 2024 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, and Corinna Jenkins Tucker. “The Most Common Form of Family Violence: Sibling Aggression and Abuse.” Presented at the 39th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, prerecorded virtual session.

- 2023 Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, and **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**. “The Mental and Physical Health Risks of Sibling Aggression Across the Lifespan.” Presented at the Sibling Studies Network Symposium, virtual conference.
- 2023 Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**, and David Finkelhor. “Sibling Aggression and Abuse Research and Advocacy Initiative (SAARA).” Poster presented at the World Anti-Bullying Forum, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 2023 Tucker, Corinna Jenkins, and **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**. “The Most Common Form of Family Violence: Sibling Aggression and Abuse.” Presented at the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Partnering for a Future Without Violence Conference, Manchester, New Hampshire.
- 2023 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, Swethaa S. Ballakrishnen, Carole Silver, and Ekaterina Moiseeva. “Giving More, Feeling Worse: Familial Support Exchanges and Mental Health Among Law Students.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2023 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, Corinna Jenkins Tucker, and David Finkelhor. “Sibling Aggression and Abuse Research and Advocacy Initiative (SAARA).” Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, DC.
- 2023 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, Corinna Jenkins Tucker, and David Finkelhor. “Sibling Aggression and Abuse Research and Advocacy Initiative (SAARA).” Presented at the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children 30th Colloquium, Denver, Colorado.
- 2022 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**. “Midlife Parents’ Material Support of Children in College: A Typology and Variation by Socioeconomic Status.” Presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 2022 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**. “A Hand Up or Paying It Back? Support Exchanges Between Law Students and Their Parents.” Presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2022 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**. “Parental Involvement in College: Exploring Variation by Gender and Race/Ethnicity.” Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2020 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**. “Mom and Dad Know Best?: Understanding the Link between Parental Advice and Inequality in College.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, virtual engagement event.
- 2019 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**. “College Students’ Parental Relationships and Psychological Well-Being.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York.
- 2018 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, Hsin Fei Tu, Marizen Ramirez, and Anthony Paik. “Adolescents’ Online Communications and Depressive Symptoms: The Role of Networks and Conversation Topics.” Presented at the XXXVIII Sunbelt Conference, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
- 2017 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, and Anthony Paik. “Sex and Education: Does the Onset of Sex during Adolescence Lead to Bad Grades?” Presented

- at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- 2016 Gerstel, Naomi, Michael Enku Ide, Blair Harrington, Yolanda Wiggins, and **Tanya Rouleau Whitworth**. "College Men and their Fathers: Race Matters." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington.
- 2016 **Whitworth, Tanya Rouleau**, and Anthony Paik. "Sex and Education: The Effect of First Sexual Intercourse on Academic Performance during Adolescence." Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2014 **Rouleau, Tanya J.** "Do Prior Attitudes Matter for Mental Health after Teen Childbirth?" Poster presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Winner of poster session.

INVITED TRAINING AND WEBINARS

- 2025 New York State Parenting Education Partnership (with Corinna Jenkins Tucker)
National Association of Social Workers ME Chapter (with Corinna Jenkins Tucker and Leslie Abrons)
Association of Child Life Professionals (with Corinna Jenkins Tucker and Trish Cox)
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (with Corinna Jenkins Tucker)
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) NH Chapter (with Corinna Jenkins Tucker)
- 2024 European Family Justice Center Alliance (with Corinna Jenkins Tucker and Eva Van Kelecom)
Agence Ometz (with Corinna Jenkins Tucker)
FamilyKind (with Corinna Jenkins Tucker)
National Association of Social Workers NH and VT Chapters (with Corinna Jenkins Tucker and Leslie Abrons)
- 2023 Virginia Society for Clinical Social Workers (with Corinna Jenkins Tucker)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

Courses Developed and Taught

2019 Gender in Everyday Life

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Courses Developed and Taught

2018 – 2020 Social Problems (four semesters)

2018 Criminology (online)

2018 Sociology of the Family
 2017 Conformity and Deviance

Teaching Assistantships

2017 Data Collection and Analysis (lab sections)
 2016 Criminology
 2015 – 2016 Sociology of the Family (two semesters)
 2015 Contemporary American Society
 2014 Introduction to Sociology

MENTORING

Master's Thesis Committees

2025 Kayley Mikuleza, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, Durham

Honors Thesis Committees

2025 Kay Sassan, Sociology, University of New Hampshire, Durham
 2020 Isabel Alves de Lima, Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 2019 Jessica Contois, Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 2016 Eliana Leaderman-Bray, Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Internships Supervised

2025 Reece Apgar, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, Durham
 2024 Kay Sassan, Sociology, University of New Hampshire, Durham
 2024 Lizzie Martell, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, Durham
 2023 Matthew Demarest, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, Durham

SERVICE

Profession

2018 – 2020 Section Council Student Member, Sociology of Mental Health Section of the American Sociological Association.

2017 – 2018 Mentoring Committee Co-Chair, Children and Youth Section of the American Sociological Association.

Ad hoc reviewer for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Law & Social Inquiry*

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

2019 – 2021 Member, Sociology Graduate Program Committee.
 2019 Member, Distinguished Teaching Award Selection Committee.
 2018 Member, Sociology Faculty Recruitment Committee.

- 2018 Panel Participant, “Advice from Successful TAs in the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Management, and Public Health.” Graduate School Teaching Assistant Orientation.
- 2016 – 2018 Steward, Graduate Employee Organization.
- 2016 – 2017 Co-Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Association.
- 2016 – 2017 Member, Sociology Undergraduate Program Committee.
- 2016 Panel Participant, “Cultivating Effective Working Relationships between TAs and Faculty.” Co-sponsored by the Graduate School Office of Professional Development and the Institute for Teaching Excellence and Faculty Development.
- 2015 – 2016 Member, Sociology Colloquium and Special Events Committee.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Council on Family Relations