

The influence of parents and romantic partners on the financial choices of young adults in a changing economy

The transition from school to full-time work is an important “coming of age” milestone (Eccles et al., 2003). During this time, young adults typically accept financial responsibility for themselves, establish an independent household, and make adult financial and life choices. Yet, gradual changes in the labor market over the past 30 years, including overseas outsourcing, defined-contribution instead of defined-benefit retirement plans, and rising costs for health insurance coverage, have contributed to financial instability for many American households (McCloud & Dwyer, 2011) as well as constrained opportunities for both saving and discretionary spending. The severe economic downturn following the 2008 global credit crisis further de-stabilized the employment outlook, particularly among young adults. U.S. Census data from 2010 shows that one in three 20-29 year olds is unemployed. Since the start of the recession to July 2012, the percentage of unemployed 25-29 year olds increased 58% with an even higher increase of 70% for individuals aged 20-24 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2012). Young adults who do find jobs during a severe economic downturn are usually better educated and overqualified for the position; they are also paid less than those who launched their careers during better economic conditions; further, these negative consequences persist throughout their working lives (Kahn, 2010). Clearly, changing economic conditions and uncertain market opportunities impact the financial behaviors of the present generation.

In addition to immediate effects, previous longitudinal studies have demonstrated that economic shocks have long-lasting consequences for individuals, relationships, families, and communities (e.g., the Great Depression, Elder, 1974; the Iowa Farm Crisis, Wickrama, et al., 2003). Financial instability and insecurity likely contribute to delays in establishing independent households. According to the Pew Research Center (2012), 33% of young adults (ages 25 to 34) live with their parents; this is the highest level since the 1950s. The percentage is even higher for those aged 18 to 24: ~53%, compared to ~11% in 1980 (Pew Research Center, 2012). Thus, for this generation, parents continue to play an important role for their adult children (18-24), with parents providing both financial and emotional support (Schoeni & Ross, 2005).

This continued reliance on parents, as well as financial instability and insecurity, are likely reasons for the dramatic changes being seen in romantic partnerships for young adults. Another “coming of age” milestone for young adults is partnering, such as in the form of marriage (Arnett, 2004). Currently, however, only 48% of individuals in the U.S. are married, and many marry later in life (U.S. Census Bureau, 2010). In contrast, rates of cohabitation have increased dramatically across all education levels; 45-66% of individuals in the U.S. now cohabit (see Cherlin, 2010; Sassler, 2010). Cohabitation, in contrast to marriage, is typically associated with many negative outcomes, including high rates of depressive symptoms (Brown, 2000) as well as relational ambiguity and instability (Brown, 2000; Stanley et al., 2006). Studies examining financial management among couples in the U.S. often focus on conflicts surrounding financial issues and how these conflicts impact marital quality and stability (e.g., Amato & Rogers, 1997; Dew, 2007; Papp et al., 2009).

To our knowledge, no studies have examined how financial behaviors of parents and romantic partners combine to impact the financial behaviors of young adults. Yet, difficult economic times have shaped novel conditions for young adults: Continued reliance on *parents* for financial and emotional support, while also searching for a *romantic* partner (not necessarily a marital partner). Since early financial practices may persist through adulthood (Varcoe et al., 2005), the question emerges as to how the financial practices of significant others (i.e., parents, romantic partners) affect financial behaviors during the transition to full time adult roles and responsibilities. To answer this question, we rely on unique longitudinal data to examine factors influencing financial knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of a cohort of young adults over a five year period (2008–2013, ages 18-23).

Many Americans, particularly younger adults (18-25), lack the financial capability (e.g., knowledge, attitudes, and skills) to make good financial decisions in their own behalf. This is the conclusion from a benchmark National Financial Capability Study (2009), commissioned by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation in consultation with the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Amid uncertain economic conditions affecting young adult employment opportunities worldwide (Directorate-General of the European Commission, 2012), an urgent need exists to understand the factors that contribute to, or undermine, young adults' financial capability. Thus, the **purpose of this study** is to examine the separate and combined influences of parents and romantic partners on the financial behaviors of young adults.

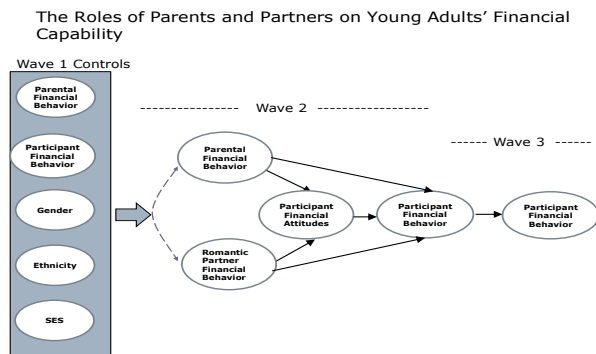
Conceptual Model. Drawing upon the theory of consumer socialization (Moschis, 1987) and empirical literature on factors contributing to young adults financial behaviors (e.g., Serido et al., 2010), we developed a conceptual model to examine the role of parents and romantic partners on the financial behavior of young adults during the transition to adulthood (figure below). In this study, we will address the following research questions: *Q1*: Do parents' financial behaviors and romantic partners' financial behaviors each contribute to the financial behaviors of young adults?

Q2: Do parents' financial behaviors and romantic partners' financial behaviors interact?

Q3: Do young adults' financial behaviors persist over time (i.e., 5 years)?

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Plan of Analysis. Data analysis will include both multivariate and more advanced structural equation modeling (SEM) techniques. The former will provide descriptive analyses of the financial behaviors of the sample, and the relative associations of parents and romantic partner



financial behaviors and allow us to examine the potential effects of group differences (e.g., married/cohabiting, change in relationship status). The latter will allow us to examine the three research questions to understand the impact of separate and combined effects of socializing agents on the financial behaviors of young adults as well as persistence or change in young adults' financial behaviors over time.

Study Design and Sample. We will use web-based survey data specific to the formation of young adults' financial behaviors and well-being from an existing longitudinal study. Baseline data at *Wave 1* (W1) was collected from first year college students during spring 2008; *Wave 2* data (W2) was collected in fall 2010 (N=1,511, 63% women). *Wave 3* data collection is presently underway (estimated N=1,200). At W1, the majority of the participants were White (67%), followed by Latino/a (14%) and Asian/Pacific Islander (9%). Representation by parental socioeconomic status (SES) included 42% lower SES (~ annual income < \$50,000), 30% middle SES (~annual income between \$50-150,000), and 28% higher SES (~annual income over \$150,000).

Measures. *Parental Financial Behavior*: the extent (1=never; 5=always) to which participants thought their parent(s) engaged in five financial tasks (i.e., tracking monthly expenses, spending within budget, paying credit card balances in full, saving money for the future, investing for long-term financial goals; $\alpha = .86$ at W1 and W2). *Romantic Partner Financial Behavior*: the same five tasks as above ($\alpha = .74$) at W2; *Financial Attitude*: how participants felt (1=very unfavorably; 5= very favorably) about performing six financial tasks (e.g., budgeting, paying, saving) ($\alpha = 0.84$ at W1; 0.83 at W2). *Financial behavior* measured how often (1=never; 5=very often) participants engaged in nine financial management tasks (e.g., track monthly expenses, save money each month) ($\alpha = .79$ at W1; 0.80 at W2).

Proposed Budget

PI (Serido) conference travel (NBER and ACCI)	\$2,400
Co-PI (Curran) conference travel (NCFR)	\$1,800
Software (SPSS, SAS, MPLUS)	\$1,400
Grad Research Assistant Salary Support (.25 x @ \$28,327)	\$7,082
Grad Research Assistant Fringe benefits	\$4,603
Research supplies (e.g. back up media, copies, printing, journal submission fees)	\$250
	\$17,535.00
Indirect costs are not allowed on NBER small grants	\$0
Total funding requested	\$17,535.00

Budget Justification

Personnel - \$7,082

Funding is requested for a Grad Research Assistant (.25) to conduct the advanced statistical analyses required to test the SEM model proposed for this study.

Fringe Benefits - \$4,603

University rates for fringe benefits for the Grad Research Assistants are based on 65% of salary.

Travel - \$4,200

Travel funding is requested for PI to present study findings to NBER and at the American Council of Consumer Interests Annual Conference (ACCI, 2014). Travel funding is also requested for Co-PI to present study findings at the National Council of Family Relations (NCFR, 2013).

Other Expenses - \$1,650

Funding is requested for statistical software for PI (SPSS, SAS), Co-PI (SPSS, SAS) and GRA (SPSS, MPLUS) and incidental costs in support of this research, including data back up media, copies, printing and journal submission fees.

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Education

- 2003 Ph.D., Family Studies and Human Development, University of Arizona
Dissertation: Interpersonal stressors and appraisal: Untangling the stress process
Advisor: David M. Almeida
- 2001 M. S., Family Studies and Human Development, University of Arizona
Thesis: Linking chronic stressors and daily hassles
Advisor: David M. Almeida
- 1981 M.B.A., Finance, Seton Hall University
- 1975 B.A., French Literature, second major: English Literature, Rutgers University

Positions

- 2010 *University of Arizona*
Assistant Research Professor, Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences/Take Charge America Institute
- 2005 – 2010 *University of Arizona*
Assistant Research Scientist, Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences/Cooperative Extension
- 2003 – 2005 *Cornell University*
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Bronfenbrenner Life Course Center
- 1975 – 2000 Business and Executive Management Positions (see *Other Professional Experience*)

External Funding

- 2012 – 2014 National Endowment of Financial Education (NEFE). Soyeon Shim (PI) and Joyce Serido (Co-PI). \$75,000. Transitioning to Adulthood in Rough Economic Terrain: *Arizona Pathways to Life Success for University Students (APLUS) Wave 3*
- 2012 – 2014 Citi Foundation (Citi). Joyce Serido (PI) and Soyeon Shim (Co-PI). \$75,000. *Driving Factors of Young Adults' Financial Behaviors: Arizona Pathways to Life Success for University Students (APLUS) Wave 3*.
- 2011 – 2015 NIH/NIAAA. Stephen Russell (PI), Kathi Conger (Co-I), & Joyce Serido (Co-I). Adolescent. \$876,801. *Precursors to Financial Stress and Alcohol Problems in Young Adulthood*

- 2010 – 2012 Citi Foundation (Citi). Soyeon Shim (PI) and Joyce Serido (Co-PI). \$150,000. *Preparing for Young Adulthood: Arizona Pathways to Life Success for University Students (APLUS) Wave 2.*
- 2010 Wells Fargo. Joyce Serido (PI). \$3,500. *APLUS Outreach: Just in Time Financial Literacy for Low Income Youth.*
- 2010 Citi. Joyce Serido (PI). \$5,000. *APLUS Outreach: Just in Time Financial Literacy for Low Income Youth.*
- 2010 – 2012 National Endowment of Financial Education (NEFE). Soyeon Shim (PI) and Joyce Serido (Co-PI). \$150,000. *Preparing for Young Adulthood: Arizona Pathways to Life Success for University Students (APLUS) Wave 2.*
- 2009 – 2010 National Endowment of Financial Education (NEFE). Soyeon Shim (PI) and Joyce Serido (Co-PI). \$48,911. *Transitioning into Adulthood during Economic Uncertainty: APLUS Wave 1.5.*
- 2008 – 2009 Chase Card Services. Michael Staten (PI) and Joyce Serido (Co-PI). \$66,624. *Boosting College Students' Financial Literacy through studying preference and economic decision-making: Who benefits most?.*
- 2005 – 2009 Department of Agriculture/Children, Youth and Families At-Risk. Lynne M. Borden (Co-PI, 50%) and Joyce Serido (Co-PI, 50%). \$376,000. *Spirit of the Sun: Promoting the Civic Engagement of Disenfranchised Youth.*
- 2006 – 2008 Mindplay Educational Solutions. Mari S. Wilhelm (Co-PI, 50%) and Joyce Serido (Co-PI, 50%). \$140,000. *Research and Evaluation of a Reading Literacy Intervention for Struggling Readers.*
- 2002 W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Joyce Serido (Co-PI), Shevaun Neupert (Co-PI) and Amy Howerter (Co-PI). \$2,500. *Daily Stressors and Well-Being in Young Adults.*

Awards

- 2002 School of Family and Consumer Sciences Scholarship
- 2002 University of Arizona Cowden Scholarship
- 2001 Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Arizona
- 2001 American Psychological Association Travel Award
- 2001 Student Research Showcase, University of Arizona

Professional Development

- 2009 Outcome and Impact Assessment. The Evaluators' Institute. George Washington University.

University Service and Citizenship

- 2011 Presenter, College students and financial well-being. Scholarship Universe/Office of Financial Aid and the Associated Students of The University of Arizona.
- 2010 Presenter, *Focus on Success*, Arizona Assurance Scholars, Student Orientation
- 2008 - 2009 Member, Extension Strategic Advisory Team (E-SAT)
Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences

- 2005 – 2006 Grants Manager for NIH R01 submissions
Family Studies and Human Development, University of Arizona
- 2004 – 2005 Member / Cornell Institute of Translational Research on Aging (CITRA)
Cornell University and Weill Medical College of Cornell

Community Service

- 2011 Guest Speaker, Tucson Alumnae Panhellenic Society. Financial capability of
young adults – and what you can do about it!
- 2008 - 2010 Board President, Tucson Youth Collective

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer

Asian Education and Development Studies
Journal of Consumer Affairs
Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences Resource Journal
Journal of Family and Economic Issues
Journal of Family Relationships
Journal of Health and Social Behavior
Journal of Marriage and the Family
Journal of Research on Adolescence
Youth & Society

Professional Memberships

American Council of Consumer Interests
Society for Research on Adolescence

Publications

- Serido, J.**, Shim, S., Xiao, J. J., Card, N., and Tang, C. (In press). Financial adaptation among college students: Helping students cope with financial strain. *Journal of College Student Development*.
- Shim, S., **Serido, J.**, Tang, C., & Card, N. (In press). Socialization processes and pathways to healthy financial development for young adults. *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology*
- Totenhagen, C. J., Curran, M. A., **Serido, J.**, & Butler, E. A. (In Press). Good Days, Bad Days: Do Sacrifices Improve Relationship Quality? *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.
- Shim, S., **Serido, J.**, Bosch, L. & Tang, C. (2013). Financial identity styles among young adults: A longitudinal study of socialization factors and consequences on financial capabilities. *Journal of Consumer Affairs*. doi: 10.1111/joca.12002

- Shim, S., **Serido, J.**, & Tang, C. (2013). After the Global Financial Crash: Individual Factors Differentiating Young Adult Consumers' Trust in Banks and Financial Institutions. *Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jretconser.2012.10.001>
- Totenhagen, C. J., **Serido, J.**, Curran, M. A., & Butler, E. A. (2012). Daily hassles and uplifts: A diary study on understanding relationship quality. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 26, 719-728.
- Serido, J.**, Borden, L. & Bracamonte-Wiggs, C. (2011). Breaking down potential barriers to continued program participation. *Youth and Society*. doi: 10.1177/0044118X11424916
- Shim, S., **Serido, J.**, & Tang, C. (2011). The ant and the grasshopper revisited: The present psychological benefits of saving for tomorrow. *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 33(1), 155-165.
- Xiao, J. J., Tang, C., **Serido, J.**, Shim, S. (2011). Antecedents and Consequences of Risky Credit Behavior Among College Students: Application and Extension of the Theory of Planned Behavior. *Journal of Public Policy and Marketing*, 30(2), 239-245.
- Shim, S., **Serido, J.**, & Barber, B. L., (2011). A consumer way of thinking: Linking consumer socialization and consumption motivation perspectives to adolescent development. *Journal of Research on Adolescence: Decade in Review*, 21(1), 290-299.
- Serido, J.**, Shim, S., Mishra, A., & Tang, C. (2010). Financial parenting, financial coping behaviors and well-being of emerging adults. *Family Relations: Special Issue*, 59,453-464.
- Curran, M., Totenhagen, C., & **Serido, J.** (2010). How Resources (or Lack Thereof) Influence Advice Seeking on Psychological Well-Being and Marital Risk: Testing Pathways of the Lack of Financial Stability, Support, and Strain. *Journal of Adult Development*, 17(1), 44-56.
- Shim, S., Barber, B., Card, N., Xiao, & **Serido, J.** (2010). Financial socialization of young adults: the role of family, work, and education. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 39(12), 1457-1470.
- Serido, J.**, Borden, L. M. & Perkins, D. F. (2009) Positive youth/adult relationships promoting youth voice: a pathway to positive youth development. *Youth & Society*, 43(1), 44-63.
- Borden, L. M. & **Serido, J.** (2009). From program participant to engaged citizen: A developmental journey. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 37, 423-438.
- Lee, S., Borden, L. M., **Serido, J.**, & Perkins, D. (2009). Ethnic minority youth in youth programs: Feelings of safety, relationships with adult staff, and perception of learning social skills. *Youth & Society*, 41(2), 234-255.
- Borden, L. M., Lee, S., **Serido, J.** & Collins, D. (2008). Does participation in a financial seminar change financial knowledge, attitudes, and behavior of college students? *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 29, 23-40.
- Brown, G. W., Craig, T. K. J., Harris, T. O., Handley, R. V., Harvey, A. L., **Serido, J.** (2007). Child-specific and family-wide risk factors using the retrospective Childhood Experience of Care & Abuse (CECA) instrument: A life-course study of adult chronic depression. *Journal of*

Affective Disorders, 103, 225-236.

Keim, S. M., Mays, Mary Z., Williams, J. M., **Serido, J.**, Harris, Robin B. (2006). Measuring wellness among resident physicians. *Medical Teacher*, 28, 1-5.

Almeida, D. M., Neupert, S. D., Banks, S., & **Serido, J.** (2005). Do daily stress processes account for socioeconomic health disparities? *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* Special Issue on Health Inequalities across the Life Course, 60b, 34-39.

Serido, J., Almeida, D. M., & Wethington, E. (2004). Chronic stressors and daily hassles: Unique and interactive relationships with psychological distress. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 65, 17-33.

Manuscripts In Review

Serido, J., Shim, S., & Tang, C. (In review). A framework for promoting financial capability among young adults. Revised and resubmitted to *International Journal of Behavioral Development*.

Curran, M., Totenhagen, C., **Serido, J.** (In review). Psychological well-being, marital risk, and advice seeking. *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research*.

Serido, J., Lawrey, C., Li, G., Conger, K., Muraco, J., & Russell, S. (In review). The associations of financial stress and parenting factors with alcohol behaviors during the transition to adulthood. Submitted to *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*.

Invited Contributions

Serido, J. (In press). *Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)*. In W. Reiboldt and M. H. Mallers (Eds.), *Consumer Survival: Encyclopedia of Consumer Rights, Safety, and Protection*.

Serido, J. (In press). *Debt*. In W. Reiboldt and M. H. Mallers (Eds.), *Consumer Survival: Encyclopedia of Consumer Rights, Safety, and Protection*.

Xiao, J. J., Shim, S., & **Serido, J.** (November 2010). Financial Education, Financial Knowledge and Risky Credit Behavior of College Students. Networks Financial Institute Working Paper 2010-WP-05. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1709039>

Xiao, J. J., **Serido, J.**, Shim, S. (2011). Financial literacy of first-year college students. In D. Lamdin (Ed.), *Consumer Knowledge and Financial Decisions: Lifespan Perspectives*. New York: Springer.

Serido, J. (2009). Life Events. In D. Carr, (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the Life Course and Human Development*, Volume 2, pp.250-253. Detroit: Macmillan.

Serido, J. & Totenhagen, C. (2009). Stressors in Adulthood. In D. Carr, (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the Life Course and Human Development*, Volume 2, pp.452-461. Detroit: Macmillan.

Serido, J., Almeida, D. M., & Wethington, E. (2008). Chronic stressors and daily hassles: Unique and interactive relationships with psychological distress. In T. L. Scheid (Ed.) *Mental Health: Major Themes in Health and Social Welfare*. Oxon, UK: Routledge

Almeida, D. M., **Serido, J.,** & McDonald, D. (2005). Does the daily life of baby boomers differ by cohort timing? In S. K. Whitbourne & S. Willis (Eds.) *The Baby Boomers at midlife: Contemporary perspectives on middle age*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.

International Presentations

Serido, J. (2012, October). *Arizona Pathways to Life success for University Students (APLUS): The road to Financial Well-Being*. Invited paper presented at the Regional Meeting of the Americas Child and Youth Finance International, Mexico City

International CYFI Summit and Awards Ceremony. (April, 2012). *Academia & Research: Impacts of the Child and Youth Financial Movement*. Amsterdam, NE.

Serido, J. (2010, June). *Arizona Pathways to Life success for University Students (APLUS): The road to Financial Well-Being*. Invited paper presented at the International ChildFinance Experts' Meeting, Amsterdam, NE

Borden, L. M., **Serido, J.,** Wiggs, C. B. (2008, July). *The role of adults in promoting youth civic engagement: Cultivating youth voice*. Invited paper presented at Korean International Conference. Lawrence, Kansas.

Borden, L. M. & **Serido, J.** (2007, June). *Understanding youth development: Keys to successful programming*. Round Table Discussion at Work with Young People: Advancing Theory, Policy, and Practice Conference. Leicester, UK.

Borden, L. M. & **Serido, J.** (2007, June). *Promoting social responsibility in youth: An inside job*. Paper presented at Work with Young People: Advancing Theory, Policy, and Practice Conference. Leicester, UK.

Serido, J., Howerter, A., & Neupert, S.D. (2004, July). *Are there really age differences in exposure and reactivity to daily stressors?* Poster presented at the International Study of Behavioral Development. Ghent, Belgium.

Almeida, D. M. & **Serido, J.** (2004, July). *Patterns of daily experiences across midlife*. Invited paper presented at the International Study of Behavioral Development. Ghent, Belgium.

Wethington, E. & **Serido, J.** (2004, May). *A case approach to coding and rating life events and difficulties using a standard survey interview*. Paper presented at the Ninth International Conference on Social Stress Research. Montreal, Quebec.

Wilhelm, M. S., Levin, L., Kasle, S., **Serido, J.,** (2000, July). *Exploration of social networks in women's personal and professional development*. Poster presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationships. Brisbane, Australia.

National Conference Presentations

- Serido, J.**, Shim, S. & Tang, C. (2012, April) A framework for promoting financial capability among young adult consumers. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Council of Consumer Interests, Memphis, TN.
- Kuo, Y. H., Shim, S., & **Serido, J.** (2012). Risky financial behaviors among young adults: Do impulsivity and financial knowledge clash? Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Council of Consumer Interests, Memphis, TN.
- Serido, J.**, Wiggs, C. B. & Borden, L. (2012, March). Breaking down potential barriers to continued program participation. Considering cultural and ethnic processes in organized activity participation of adolescents: International and national perspectives. Symposium paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Vancouver, BC.
- Serido, J.**, Shim, S., Xiao, J. J., Tang, C., & Card, N. (2012, March). Financial adaptation among young adults: Coping with financial strain during economic recession. Poster presentation at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Vancouver, BC.
- Barber, B. L., Card, N., **Serido, J.** & Shim, S. (2011, November). Financial Identity of US and Australian College Students. National Council of Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
- Serido, J.**, Ahn, S. Y., & Shim, S. (2011, March). Do past financial knowledge and positive behaviors portend change or continuity among young adults during economic crisis? American Council of Consumer Interests, Washington, DC.
- Ahn, S. Y., **Serido, J.**, & Shim, S. (2011, March). Moderating role of reactive coping behavior and perceived impact of economic crisis in young adult's change of well-being during the recession. American Council of Consumer Interests, Washington, DC.
- Shim, S., **Serido, J.** & Tang, C. (2010, May). After the Financial Crisis: What Individual Factors Differentiate Young Adults' Trust in Banks and Financial Institutions? Poster presented at the American Council on Consumer Interests Annual Conference.
- Card, N. A., Mishra, A., **Serido, J.**, & Shim, S. (2010, March). Socializing influences on young adults' financial attitudes and behaviors: Parents, friends, or both?. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Philadelphia, PA.
- Wiggs, C. B., Borden, L. M., & **Serido, J.** (2010, March). Youth-adult partnerships: Promoting and expanding youth engagement in positive youth development programs and the community. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Philadelphia, PA.
- Borden, L. M., **Serido, J.** & Wiggs, C. B. (2009, November). *Engaging youth in program evaluation: Using clickers to make evaluation fun!* Paper presented at the American Evaluation Association Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

- Xiao, J. J., Tang, C., **Serido, J.**, & Shim, S. (2009, November). Financial knowledge, parental influence, and risky credit behavior of young adults. Symposium. Paper presented at the *National Council on Family Relation conference*, San Francisco, CA.
- Serido, J.**, Card, N., Shim, S. & Mishra, A. (2009, October). Family Environment and Young Adults financial coping skills. Paper presented at the *4th Conference on Emerging Adulthood*, Atlanta, GA.
- Serido, J.**, Dowling, B. & Wilhelm, M. S. (2009, February). Meeting ELL students where they are: Extending the reach of each teacher. Paper presented at the International Reading Association 54th Annual Convention West. Phoenix, AZ.
- Borden, L. M., **Serido, J.** & Wiggs, C. B. (2008, November). *So You Want to Evaluate a Community-Based Youth Program: Strategies for Success*. Paper presented at the American Evaluation Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
- Serido, J.**, & Wilhelm, M. S. (2008, November). Evaluating the effectiveness of Computer Aided Instruction of English Language Learners using an experimental design. Presentation at the American Evaluation Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
- Dowling, B., **Serido, J.**, & Wilhelm, M. S. (2008, February). *One teacher - diverse student needs: Using technology to provide individualized ESL instruction*. Paper presented at the National Association of Bilingual Educators Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Serido, J.**, & Wilhelm, M. S. (2007, November). *Ensuring Fidelity of a Computer Aided Reading Intervention in a Randomized Controlled Study*. Round Table Discussion at the American Evaluation Association Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD.
- Serido, J.**, & Borden, L. M. (2007, November). *Developing and testing a developmental model to promote the civic engagement of youth*. Paper presented at the American Evaluation Association Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD.
- Serido, J.**, & Borden, L. (2006, February). From *Program Participant to Community Activist: A Developmental Journey*. Paper presented at the 3rd Conference on Emerging Adulthood. Tucson, AZ.
- Serido, J.**, Borden, L., and Lee, S. (2006, November). *Youth/adult relationships to youth voice: a pathway to youth development*. Poster presented at the National Council of Family Relations Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
- Serido, J.**, & Almeida, D. M. (2006, November). *Age differences in antecedents of appraisal of daily stressors*. Invited Symposium Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.
- Lee, S., Borden, L. and **Serido, J.** (2006, November). *Understanding ethnic minority youth in after-school programs*. Paper presented at the National Council of Family Relations Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

- Serido, J.,** & Wilhelm, M. S. (2005, November). *Daily stressors and depressive symptoms during pregnancy*. Paper presented at the National Council of Family Relations Annual Conference. Phoenix, AZ.
- Serido, J.,** & Almeida, D. M. (2004, November). *Age differences in within-person variations in appraisal of daily stressors*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.
- Wethington, E. & **Serido, J.** (November, 2004). *A case approach to coding and rating life events and difficulties for life course research*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.
- Serido, J.** (2004, February). *Interpersonal tensions: Untangling the relationship of appraisal and stressor on distress*. Paper presented at the Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. New York, NY.
- Serido, J.** (2003, November). *Infertility: A couple's disorder*. Paper presented at the National Council of Family Relations Annual Conference. Vancouver, BC.
- Wilhelm, M., Almeida, D.M., Cate, R.C., Howerter, A., **Serido, J.,** Neupert, S.D., Ogolsky, B., Simon, C., Kastle, S., & Rice, D. (2003, November). *A daily diary approach to understanding health and well-being*. Paper Symposium presented at the National Council of Family Relations Annual Conference. Vancouver, BC.
- Ogolsky, B., Howerter, A., **Serido, J.,** Simon, C. & Wilhelm, M. (2003, November). *The course of depression, negative affect, and physical symptoms throughout pregnancy*. Paper presented at the National Council of Family Relations Annual Conference. Vancouver, BC.
- Howerter, A., **Serido, J.,** Ogolsky, B. Simon, C., Murrain, V., & Wilhelm, M. S. (2003, May). *Do higher levels of education enhance pregnancy? Fluctuations in depression over the course of pregnancy and the buffering effects of education*. Poster presented at the Center for Excellence in Women's Health Conference. Washington, DC.
- Serido, J.,** McDonald, D., & Korn, M. (2002, November). *Daily correlates of giving and receiving support: Is it really better to give than to receive?* Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.
- Almeida, D. M., Horn, M.C., & **Serido, J.,** (2002, August). *Patterns of midlife developmental changes*. Invited paper symposium presented at the American Psychological Association Convention. Chicago, IL.
- Almeida, D. M., Horn, M.C., Neupert, S, D, & **Serido, J.,** (2001, November). *Daily inventory of stressful events: An investigator-based approach*. Poster presented at the National Council of Family Relations Annual Conference. Rochester, NY.
- Serido, J.,** & Almeida, D. M. (2001, August). *The link between chronic stressors and daily hassles*. Poster presented at American Psychological Association Convention. San Francisco, CA.

Peer Reviewed Extension Fact Sheets

Gressley, K., **Serido, J.**, Villarreal, R. , & Borden. L. (2010). Physical and Psychological Safety. *Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet*. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona.

Hauser, M., **Serido, J.**, Wiggs, C. B., Villarreal, R., & Borden. L. (2010). Appropriate Structure. *Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet*. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona.

Lauxman, L., **Serido, J.**, Villarreal, R. & Borden, L. (2010). Integration of Family, School, and Community. *Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet*. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona.

Peer Reviewed Extension Conferences and Presentations

Borden, L., **Serido, J.**, Bracamonte-Wiggs, C., & Wooldridge, K. (2009, May). Freedom of Expression: Strategies for Connecting Vulnerable Youth to Youth Programs and Community. Presented at the Children, Youth, and Family At-Risk Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Borden, L., Bracamonte-Wiggs, C., & **Serido, J.**, (2009, May). Promoting Program Sustainability through the Sociopolitical Development of At-Risk Youth. Presented at the Children, Youth, and Family At-Risk Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Cabarga, D., Tessman, D., **Serido, J.**, Salmon, J., & Larez, R. (2008, May). *Starting a revolution: Using Dance Dance Revolution (DDR as an interactive technology to increase physical activity among adolescents*. Presented at the Children, Youth, and Family At-Risk Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Borden, L. M., **Serido, J.**, Hauser, M., Parrott, A., Tessman, D. (2008, May). *Preparing youth development professionals to work with at-risk youth*. Presented at the Children, Youth, and Family At-Risk Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Borden, L. M. & **Serido, J.** (May, 2008). *Understanding Youth Development: Keys to Successful Programming*. Presented at the Arizona Adolescent Health Coalition Annual Conference.

Borden, L. M., **Serido, J.**, Abril, M., Wooldridge, K., Dang, D., Vasquez, J., Salinas, A., & Turner, S. (2007, May). *Youth-driven programs to promote social justice and civic responsibility*. Presented at the Children, Youth, and Family At-Risk Conference, Chicago, IL.

University Research Reports

Shim, S. & **Serido, J.** (2011) Arizona Pathways to Life Success for University Students (APLUS) Wave 2: Young adults financial capability. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona

Shim, S. & **Serido, J.** (2010) Arizona Pathways to Life Success for University Students (APLUS) Wave 1.5 Economic Impact Study: Financial well-being, coping behaviors, and trust among young adults. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona

Shim, S., **Serido, J.** & Xiao, J. J. (2009) Arizona Pathways to Life Success for University Students (APLUS): Cultivating positive financial attitudes and behaviors for healthy adulthood. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona

Serido, J. & Wilhelm, M. S. (2008). Evaluation and research study of *My Reading Coach* and *FLRT: A fluent reading trainer*, year two report. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona

Serido, J. & Wilhelm, M. S. (2007). Examining the improvement in phonological processing and pre-reading skills in elementary students: An evaluation research study of *My Reading Coach*. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona

Serido, J. & Wilhelm, M. S. (2007). Examining the improvement in phonological processing and pre-reading skills in middle school students: An evaluation research study of *My Reading Coach*. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona.

Serido, J. & Wilhelm, M. S. (2007). Examining the improvement in phonological processing and pre-reading skills in high school students: An evaluation research study of *My Reading Coach*. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona

Serido, J. & Wilhelm, M. S. (2006). The effects of *My Reading Coach* on reading achievement of elementary education students. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona

Invited Speaking Engagements

Serido, J. (2012, June). Reach them to teach them: Lessons from research on the financial well-being of young adults. *Family Economics and Financial Education Conference*, Tucson AZ.

Serido, J. (2011, March). Investing in Education: Parents, Teach your Children. *College Savings Foundation Conference*, San Diego, CA.

Serido, J. (April, 2011) – Speaker at the College of Agriculture Spring Luncheon. Got \$tre\$\$? OMG, YE\$!!! Financial Coping Behaviors of College Students

Serido, J. (2010, November). Arizona Pathways to Life success for University Students (APLUS): Promoting Financial Literacy among College students and Young Adults. *Kansas City Federal Reserve Board, Oklahoma City Branch*.

Serido, J. (2010, August). Arizona Pathways to Life success for University Students (APLUS): What's influencing young adults' attitudes toward personal finance? *Family Economics and Financial Education Conference*, Hunt Valley, MD.

Serido, J. (2010, June). Arizona Pathways to Life success for University Students (APLUS): The road to Financial Well-Being. *International ChildFinance Experts' Meeting*, Amsterdam, NE.

Serido, J. (2010, June). Arizona Pathways to Life success for University Students (APLUS): What's influencing young adults' attitudes toward personal finance? *Family Economics and Financial Education Conference*, Tucson AZ.

Serido, J. (2010, April). APLUS: Uncovering the Impact of the Economic Crisis on College Students. *Minnesota Jump\$tart Coalition and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Community Affairs*.

Serido, J. (2009, December 9). *Arizona Pathways to Life success for University Students (APLUS): Financial well-being, coping and trust during economic crisis.* University Professional Advising Council. Tucson, AZ. University of Arizona

Serido, J. (2009, September 3). *Meeting the needs of struggling readers: Extending the reach of each teacher.* Presentation to multi-district K-12 administrators. Oahu, HI: D. J. Ware.

Serido, J. (2009, August 7). *Lifelong learning: Responsible financial behaviors in a changing world.* Presentation to the Financial Education Collaborative of Southern Arizona. Tucson, AZ: United Way of Southern Arizona.

Serido, J. (2009, June 17). *Promoting positive financial behaviors in young adults: Charting a course for long term well-being.* Presentation Family Economics and Financial Education Annual Conference: Tucson, AZ.

Serido, J. (2009, January 3). *Demystifying the research.* Presentation Mindplay Educational Solutions Annual Conference: Tucson, AZ.

Invited Outreach/Extension Workshops and Presentations

Arizona Pathways to Life success for University Students (APLUS): The road to Financial Responsibility (2008, November)

Writing for Publication (2007, December)

Assessment and Improvement for Quality of Out-of-School Programs (October, 2007)

Introduction to Research Methods (2006, March; 2007, August)

Managing the Physiological Effects of Daily Stress (2006, June).

Understanding Statistics in Social Science Research (2005, November; 2007; August)

Effective Everyday Writing (June, 2003).

Media Exposure

Family Circle Magazine (July, 2012). Financial Parenting, Linda Lacina.

National Public Radio (NPR) Morning Edition. (May 29, 2012). Listening To Parents Key To Financial Responsibility, Shankar Vedantam.

Appointment Radio/The Daly Male Show with Dave Sitton. Interview and broadcast (January 8, 2012).

Webinar (2011, November 30). Fiscal Responsibility 101: The Freshman Class. Presentation for Citi Foundation Community Development Staff

Public Webinar (2011, September 14). *Changing Financial Behaviors of First Year College Students: Three years and one financial crisis later.* Available at http://www.aplus.arizona.edu/webinar_11.html

Wall Street Journal, Karen Blumenthal (June 2011). A Blue Chip on His Shoulder: Investing Lessons From Dad.

Chronicle of Higher Education, Becky Supiano (August, 2011). Financial-Literacy Training Can Pay Off for Students Over Time.

Arizona Daily Star, Becky Pallack (February, 2011). Money lessons learned at home carry over to college.

Arizona Republic, Russ Wiles (April, 2011). Lack of financial savvy hinders youths in debt.

Money Matters with George Chamberlain (March 5, 2011). Saving For College: A Family Affair Webinar (2010, February). After the Financial crisis: Changing financial attitudes and behaviors among young adults. Available at http://www.aplus.arizona.edu/webinar_11.html

National Public Radio (2009, November, 23). How well are students coping with the uncertainty following the Economic crisis?

Walbaum, Michelle. (2009, August 13). College students need to handle debt, credit cards wisely. USA Today.

Wall Street Journal (2009, May, 8). Students take chances with finances. Gulp.

Public Webinar (2009, May 19). Encouraging Positive Financial Behaviors in Young Adults: Setting an Agenda for Financial Well-Being. Available at http://www.aplus.arizona.edu/webinar_11.html

News Broadcast (2002, November 14). Driving you crazy. *KOLD*-TV special report on Coping with everyday stress.

Other Professional Experience

1998 – 2000	Project Manager, Sunquest Information Systems Hospital Laboratory Software, Tucson, AZ
1994 – 1998	President, Methods & Solutions, Inc. Educational Software Publisher, Tucson, AZ
1990 – 1994	Managing Partner, Égal Inc. Systems Analysis and Design Consulting, Milford, NJ
1983 – 1990	Senior Partner, CSC Consulting Information Technology Consulting, Roseland, NJ
1976 – 1983	Systems Analyst, AT&T Communications, Piscataway, NJ

1975 – 1976

Programmer, First Fidelity Bank
Banking, Newark, NJ

Melissa Curran, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
John and Doris Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
The University of Arizona

Fractional Appointment: Teaching 60%, Research 40%

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin	Ph.D. Human Development & Family Studies	2004
Illinois State University	M.S. Lifespan Developmental Psychology	2000
Ball State University	B.S. Psychology	1998

AREAS OF EXPERTISE (TEACHING, RESEARCH AND/OR OUTREACH)

- Interpersonal and family relations
- Relational sacrifices and relationship quality
- Marital representations and adult attachment
- Transition to parenthood
- Cancer experiences

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2012 – present	Associate Professor, University of Arizona, Family Studies and Human Development Courtesy Appointments, Communication and Psychology
2006 – 2012	Assistant Professor, University of Arizona, Family Studies and Human Development Courtesy Appointments, Communication and Psychology
2004 – 2006	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Texas at Austin, Human Development and Family Sciences

HONORS and AWARDS

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Shirley O'Brien Diversity Award. One of two members selected from the College for work in promoting diversity and an inclusive environment through research and teaching, 2012.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Bart Cardon Early Career Teaching Award. One of two Assistant Professors selected from the College as evidence of early teaching excellence, 2010.

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

2006-present	<i>Family Relations</i>
2008-2009 and 2010-present	<i>Journal of Marriage and Family</i>
2010-present	<i>Journal of Family Issues</i>
2010-present	<i>Journal of Family Psychology</i>

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Trajectories of adaptation and resilience: Achieving financial, career and life success in young adulthood. Under review at *National Institute of Health / National Institute on Aging*, Projected dates: 5/20/2013 – 5/19/2017, Co-I, 15%.

Postnatal follow up: Partners to Parents: Exploring the transition to parenthood for unmarried, cohabiting couples. *Agricultural Experiment Station, College of Agriculture, University of Arizona*. 10/2011 – 9/2014. PI, 100%.

A longitudinal examination of physical well-being for women with breast cancer: The impact of intensity of treatment, the spouse as a confidant, and acceptance of emotion. *American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grants*. 7/1/09 to 6/30/10. PI, 85%.

The transition to parenthood for unmarried, cohabiting couples. *Office for the Vice President for Research (VPR) Small Grants, University of Arizona*. 9/15/2008 - 9/10/2010. PI, 100%.

The effects of parental conflict resolution on their children's adult romantic relationships. *The Honor's College, University of Arizona*. 6/1/2008 – 5/30/2009. Awarded to Sarah Kelsey, freshman honors student. Faculty sponsor, 50%.

Partners to Parents: Exploring the transition to parenthood for unmarried, cohabiting couples. *Agricultural Experiment Station, College of Agriculture, University of Arizona*. 7/2007 -- 9/2011. PI, 100%.

Project REACH: Reaching Out and Expanding Access to Coursework in Human Development. *Arizona Reach Out (ARRO) Grant Program, Arizona Board of Regents*. 1/2007 – 5/2008. Co-PI, 50%.

Financial instability, health, and marital risk: How important are different types of support from family versus others? *Take Charge of America Institute*. 1/2007 – 5/2007. PI, 100%.

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED SCHOLARLY JOURNALS (Since 2005) (Total Publications = 26)

-Work with graduate student author is denoted with †.

[For some individuals (e.g., Totenhagen and Young) the research listed was completed while they were doctoral students, as denoted with †. Research with them post graduation does not include †].

-Work with undergraduate student author is denoted with ^U.

Under review

Marshall, C. A., **Curran**, M. A., Koerner, S. S., Hickman, A. C., García, F. (under review). *Un Abrazo Para La Familia: An evidenced-based rehabilitation approach in providing cancer education to low-SES Hispanic co-survivors*. *Journal of Cancer Education*.

Accepted / In press / published

Totenhagen, C., **Curran**, M. A., Serido, J., & Butler, E. (in press). Good days, bad days: Do sacrifices improve relationship quality? *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Tang, C., & **Curran**, M. A. (in press). Marital commitment and perception of fairness in household chores. *Journal of Family Issues*.

†Swartz, N. E., †Mercier, D., & **Curran**, M. A. (in press). Influences of childhood abuse on parenting perspectives of pregnant cohabitators. *Journal of Family Violence*.

Young, V., **Curran**, M. A., & Totenhagen, C. (in press). A daily diary study: Working to change the relationship and relational uncertainty in understanding positive relationship quality. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Marshall, C. A., **Curran**, M. A., Koerner, S. S., Weihs, K. L., Hickman, A., & García, F. (in press). Information and support for co-survivors during or after cancer treatment: Consideration of *Un Abrazo Para la Familia* as a model for family-focused intervention in cancer rehabilitation. *WORK: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, and Rehabilitation*.

Marshall, C. A., Badger, T. A., **Curran**, M. A., Koerner, S. S., Larkey, L. K., Weihs, K., Verdugo, L., & García, F. (in press). *Un Abrazo Para la Familia*: Providing low-income Hispanics with education and skills in coping with cancer and caregiving. *Psycho-Oncology*.

†Bosch, L., Segrin, C., & **Curran**, M. A. (2012). Identity style during the transition to adulthood: The role of family communication patterns, perceived support, and affect. *Identity: An International Journal of Theory and Research*, 12, 275-295.

Totenhagen, C., Serido, J., **Curran**, M. A., & Butler, E. (2012). Daily hassles and uplifts: A diary study on understanding relationship quality. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 26, 719-728.

†Ruppel, E. & **Curran**, M. A. (2012). Relational sacrifices in romantic relationships: Satisfaction and the moderating role of attachment. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 29, 508-529.

†Muraco, J. A., & **Curran**, M. A. (2012). Marital meaning and reasons for not marrying. *Marriage and Family Review*, 48, 227-247.

†Corkery, S., **Curran**, M. A., & ^UBenavides, R. (2011). "Me" and "we:" How expectant cohabitators talk about economic difficulty. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 21, 978-994.

- †Corkery, S., **Curran**, M. A., & ^UParkman, A. (2011). Relational quality of expectant cohabitators: The roles of relational sacrifice and spirituality. *Marriage and Family Review*, *47*, 345-362.
- Curran**, M. A., †Corkery, S., & †Post, J. (2011). Partner commitment, gender, and depressive symptoms for expectant cohabitators. *Family Science*, *1*, 222-229.
- Totenhagen, C., & **Curran**, M. A. (2011). Daily hassles, sacrifices, and relationship quality in pregnant cohabitators. *Family Science*, *2*, 68-72.
- †Bosch, L., & **Curran**, M. A. (2011). Identity style and relationship quality for pregnant cohabiting couples during the transition to parenthood. *Identity: An International Journal of Theory and Research*, *11*, 47-63.
- Marshall, C. A., Larkey, L., **Curran**, M. A., Weihs, K., Badger, T., Armin, J., & García, F. (2011). Considerations of culture and social class for families facing cancer: The need for a new model for health promotion and psychosocial intervention. *Families, Systems, and Health*, *29*, 81-94.
- Marshall, C. A., Weihs, K. L., Garcia, F., & Larkey, L. K., Badger, T. A., Koerner, S. S., **Curran**, M. A., ^UPedroza, R. (2011). "Like a Mexican wedding": The psychosocial intervention needs of low-income families facing cancer. *Journal of Family Nursing*, *17*, 380-402.
- Curran**, M. A., Ogolsky, B., Hazen, N., & †Bosch, L. (2011). Predicting marital conflict seven years later from prenatal representations of marriage. *Family Process*, *50*, 221-234.
- Curran**, M. A., Utley, E., & †Muraco, J. (2010). An exploratory study of the meaning of marriage for African Americans. *Marriage and Family Review*, *46*, 346-365.
- Curran**, M. A., †Totenhagen, C. J., Serido, J. (2010). How resources (or lack thereof) influence advice seeking on psychological well-being and marital risk: Testing pathways of the lack of financial stability, support, and strain. *Journal of Adult Development*, *17*, 44-56.
- Curran**, M. A., Hazen, N., & †Mann, T. (2009). Husbands' and wives' expectations of parenthood and representations of marriage as predictors of coparenting across the transition to parenthood. *Parenting: Science & Practice*, *9*, 101-122.
- Surra, C. A., **Curran**, M. A., & Williams, K. (2009). Thinking and talking about relationships: Effects of participation in a longitudinal study of dating. *Personal Relationships*, *16*, 1-21.
- Curran**, M. A., Hazen, N., Jacobvitz, & Sasaki, T. (2006). How representations of the parental marriage predict marital emotional attunement during the transition to parenthood. *Journal of Family Psychology*, *20*, 477-484.
- Curran**, M. A., Hazen, N., Jacobvitz, D., & Feldman, A. (2005). Representations of early family relationships predict marital maintenance during the transition to parenthood. *Journal of Family Psychology*, *19*, 189-197.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED AND PUBLISHED IN PROCEEDINGS (since 2009)

Invited Colloquia / Discussant

- Curran**, M. A. Discussant (2012, November). *Co-parenting and computer-mediated communication: Methodological techniques*. Discussant at Theory Construction and Research Methodology, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Curran**, M. A., Weihs, K., Young, V., & Simmens, S. (2011, April). *Understanding physical well-being over time for women with breast cancer: Identification of "best" interpersonal support*. Invited paper to "Data Blitz" to Mind, Brain and Body Research Collaborative Investigators, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.
- Curran**, M. A. (2010, March). *Relational sacrifices and relationship quality*. Invited presentation to The School of Family Life at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- Curran**, M. A., †Young, V., & Weihs, K. (2010, March). *Understanding physical symptoms for women with breast cancer: Importance of first marriage and the spouse as confidant*. Invited presentation to The School of Family Life at Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.
- Curran**, M. A., †Young, V., & Weihs, K. (2010, February). *Physical symptoms after breast cancer: Do relationships make a difference?* Invited presentation to the American Cancer Society Local Office, Tucson, AZ.
- Curran**, M. A. Discussant (2009, November). *Two measurement issues: Types of relational dissolution and reactivity*. Discussed at The Theory Construction and Research Methodology, San Francisco, CA.

Symposia

- Curran**, M. A. (2012, November). *New approaches to studying American families in a changing society*. M. A. **Curran**, M. Barnett, B. Ellis (Chairs). Symposium presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, Arizona.
- †Corkery, S., **Curran**, M. A., & ^UBenavides, R. (2010, November). A qualitative study of cohabitators' transition to parenthood during economic times. In M. A. **Curran** & C. Kamp Dush (Chairs), *Cohabitators' relationship quality and financial considerations*. Symposium presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.
- Curran**, M. A., †Domschke, T., & †Young, V. (2010, November). Influences of gender and relationship type on support, strain, and relationship satisfaction. In M. A. **Curran** & C. Kamp Dush (Chairs), *Cohabitators' relationship quality and financial considerations*. Symposium presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.
- Curran**, M. A., & †Bosch, L. (2010, November). Identity style, attitudes about marriage, and reasons not to marry for pregnant cohabitators during the transition to parenthood. In S. Schoppe-Sullivan (Chair), *A nuanced look at the transition to parenthood*. Symposium presented at the meeting of

the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.

Paper / Poster Conference Presentations

- ^UErnsky, A., †Corkery, S., & **Curran**, M. A. (2012, November). *Attachment and relational quality for unmarried, pregnant cohabitators*. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, Arizona.
- †Corkery, S. & **Curran**, M. A. (2012, November). *Daily sacrifices, satisfaction, and commitment for pregnant, unmarried cohabitators*. Poster presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Totenhagen, C., **Curran**, M. A., & Young, V. (2012, November). *Relational sacrifices and commitment: A daily diary study*. Poster presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, Arizona.
- ^UPalomer, A., †Corkery, S., ^UVan Gelder, S., ^UBadt, K., ^UContreras, S., & **Curran**, M. A. (2012, November). *Knowing when you are "in a relationship:" A qualitative study*. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ.
- †Muraco, J., Russell, S., & **Curran**, M. A. (2012, November). *How past relationships influence LGB young adults' relationship quality*. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Marshall, C. A., **Curran**, M. A., Koerner, S., ^UWhittier, K., Verdugo, L., & García, F. (2012, September). *Un Abrazo Para La Familia: Providing cancer education to low-SES Hispanic co-survivors*. Paper presented at the 2012 International Cancer Education Conference, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Curran**, M. A., & †Bosch, L. (2011, October). *Representations of marriage and engagement coping for expectant cohabitators*. Poster presented at the International Association of Relationship Research Mini-Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- †Corkery, S., †Cabeza de Baca, T., & **Curran**, M.A. (2011, October). *But what do I get out of it?: Perceived ease of individual relational sacrifices and lower depressive symptoms*. Poster presented at the International Association of Relationship Research Mini-Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- †Cabeza De Baca, T., †Corkery, S. A., & **Curran**, M. A. (2011, October). *Relational satisfaction among pregnant, unmarried cohabitators: A life history approach*. Poster presented at the International Association of Relationship Research Mini-Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- Russell, S. T., †Muraco, J. A., & **Curran**, M. A. (2011, October). *The effect of same-sex marriage discussion at school on school safety as associated with frequency and supportiveness of discussion, sexual orientation, and current ballot initiatives*. Poster presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Mini-Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- Curran**, M. A., †Corkery, S., & †Post, J. (2011, November). *Partner commitment, gender, and depressive symptoms for expectant cohabitators*. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on

Family Relations conference, Orlando, FL.

†Totenhagen, C., ^UKatz, M. Butler, E., & **Curran**, M. A. (2011, November). *Daily variability in relational experiences*. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations conference, Orlando, FL.

†Corkery, S., **Curran**, M. A., Segrin, C., & Koerner, S. (2011, November). *What matters most?: Interdependent factors of relational sacrifices*. Poster presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations conference, Orlando, FL.

Young, V. J., **Curran**, M. A., ^UBadt, K. D., & ^USykes, M. E. (2011, November). *Grounded theory approach of relationship commitment expectant for cohabiting couples*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

†Ruppel, E. K., & **Curran**, M. A. (2011, November). *Relational sacrifices in romantic relationships: Sacrifice and the moderating role of attachment*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

Weihls, K., **Curran**, M. A., Young, V., & Simmens, S. (2011, March). *Marital biography and affection predict trajectories of physical well-being after breast cancer*. Paper presented at the American Psychosomatic Society, San Antonio, TX.

Curran, M., †Corkery, S., & †Payne, P. (2010, November). *Spirituality and relationship quality for pregnant cohabitators during first-time transition to parenthood*. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.

Student achievements awarded based upon my nomination, or co-nomination

Abbreviations for this section:

FSHD (Family Studies and Human Development); CALS (College of Agriculture and Life Sciences)

2012

Rebecca Reed: *Meritorious Award for Graduate Teaching*, University of Arizona, CALS

Shannon Corkery: *Outstanding Research Assistant Award*, Graduate and Professional Student Organization (GPSC), University of Arizona

Joel Muraco: *Meritorious Award for Graduate Teaching*, University of Arizona, CALS

Joel Muraco: *Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award*, Graduate and Professional Student Organization (GPSC), University of Arizona

2011:

Shannon Corkery: *Centennial Award for Graduate Student Excellence*, University of Arizona

Shannon Corkery: *Meritorious Award for Graduate Teaching*, University of Arizona, CALS

Shannon Corkery: *Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award*, Graduate and Professional Student Organization (GPSC), University of Arizona

Sarah Kelsey: *Spring Outstanding Senior Award in FSHD and CALS*, University of Arizona

2010:

Julie Jackson: *Fall Outstanding Senior Award in FSHD, University of Arizona*

2009:

Amanda Parkman: *Fall Co-outstanding Senior Award in FSHD, University of Arizona*

Marissa Ferguson: *Spring Outstanding Senior Award in FSHD, University of Arizona*