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## Education

**Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of Virginia, 2004**

Developmental Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Charlotte J. Patterson

Dissertation Title: Gendered differences in children's aspirations as a function of parental traditionality in attitudes and practices.

**B.S., Virginia Commonwealth University, 1997**

Magna Cum Laude

University Honors

Psychology Major

Women's Studies Minor

## Employment

Associate Professor, Washington and Lee University, 2012-present

Assistant Professor, Washington and Lee University, 2006 - 2012

Visiting Assistant Professor, Washington & Lee University, 2004-2006

Adjunct Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, Summers 2001-2003

Instructor, University of Virginia, Spring 2002

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia 1997-2004

## Awards & Grants

Lenfest Grant, Washington and Lee University, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Lenfest Sabbatical Grant, Washington and Lee University, AY 2013-2014

Hess Scholar, 2010

NICHD Summer Institute on Applied Research with Adolescents & Children, Summer  
Fellow, 2007

Glenn Grant, Washington and Lee University, 2006, 2007, 2008

Distinguished Teaching Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2002

Becky Boone Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Virginia, 2001

Hamilton Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2001

Academic Enhancement Program Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2000

Center for Children, Families, and the Law, Summer Fellow, 2000

National Institute of Health Developmental Training Grant, Graduate Fellow,  
1998-2000

Governor's Fellowship, University of Virginia, 1998  
DuPont Fellowship, University of Virginia, 1997  
Outstanding Women's Studies Student, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1997

### Teaching Interests

Child development; gender-role development; development in non-traditional families; children and the law; psychology of sexual orientation; introductory psychology; research and methods.

### Teaching Experience

Washington and Lee University, Department of Psychology  
Principles of Development, Gender-Role Development, Social-Emotional Development, Development of Human Sexuality, Children's Development and Public Policy, Quantitative Literacy, Research in Developmental Psychology, Child Psychology, Directed Students' Individual Research.

Washington and Lee University, Women's and Gender Studies Program  
Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies and Feminist Theory

Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Education  
Child and Adolescent Development

University of Virginia, Department of Psychology  
Gender Role Development

### Research Interests

Social and emotional development of children; children's gender-role acquisition and understanding; individual differences in children's gender-role flexibility; development in the context of traditional and non-traditional families.

### Publications

- Coyle, E. F. \*, Fulcher, M. & Trübutschek, D.\* (In Press). Adults' Attitudes about Boys' and Girls' Gender Nonconformity: The Contradiction in Positive Nonmasculinity. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.
- Fulcher, M., Dinella, L.M., & Weisgram, E. (2015). Constructing a Feminist Reorganization of the Heterosexual Breadwinner/Caregiver Family Model: College Students' Plans for their Own Future Families, *Sex Roles*.
- Fulcher, M. (2015). A Different View of Ourselves: How the Blind Understand and Enact Social Roles of Race and Gender. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*,
- Fulcher, M. (2015). Review of LGBT Youth Issues Today: A reference handbook by David E. Newton. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 2, 110-111.
- Coyle, E. F. \*, Van Leer, E.\*, Fulcher, M., & Schroeder, K.\* (2015). Assessing Emerging Adults' Anticipated Work-Family Conflict and Coping Strategies, *Sex Roles*.

- Fulcher, M. (2014). Gender and Sexual Orientation in the Family: Implications for the Child Welfare System. *Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice*.
- Fulcher, M. (2014). Teaching the Rainbow: A guide to including Gender and Sexual Diversity in School Curriculum and Culture, *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 1, 196-197.
- Weisgram, E.S., Fulcher, M., & Dinella, L.M. (2014). Pink Gives Girls Permission: Exploring the Roles of Explicit and Implicit Gender Labels on Preschool Children's Toy Preferences. *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology*, 35, 401-409.
- Dinella, L. M., Fulcher, M. & Weisgram, E.S. (2014). The role of gender ideology and gender identity in predicting young adults' career interests. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 43, 493-504.
- Weisgram, E. S., Dinella, L.M. & Fulcher, M. (2011). Role of masculinity/femininity, values, and occupational value affordances in shaping young men's and women's occupational choices, *Sex Roles*, 65, 243-258.
- Fulcher, M., & Coyle, E. F.\* (2011). Breadwinner and caregiver: A cross-sectional analysis of children's and emerging adults' visions of their future family roles. *British Journal of Developmental Psychology*, 29, 330-346.
- Fulcher, M. (2011). Individual differences in children's occupational aspirations as a function of parental traditionality. *Sex Roles*, 64, 117-131.
- Fulcher, M., Sutfin, E. L., & Patterson, C. J. (2008). Individual differences in gender development: Associations with parental sexual orientation, attitudes, and division of labor. *Sex Roles*, 58, 330-341.
- Sutfin, E. L., Fulcher, M., Bowles, R. P., & Patterson, C. J. (2008). How lesbian and heterosexual parents convey attitudes about gender to their children: The role of gendered environments. *Sex Roles*, 58, 501-513.
- Fulcher, M., Sutfin, E. L., Chan, R. W., Scheib, J. E., & Patterson, C. J. (2005). Lesbian mothers and their children: Findings from the Contemporary Families Study. In A. Omoto & H. Kurtzman (Eds.), *Sexual Orientation and Mental Health: Examining Identity and Development in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual People*. Washington: American Psychological Association.
- Patterson, C. J., Sutfin, E. L., & Fulcher, M. (2004). Division of labor among lesbian and heterosexual parenting couples: Correlates of specialized versus shared patterns. *Journal of Adult Development*, 11(3), 179-189.

Fulcher, M., Chan, R. W., Raboy, B., & Patterson, C. J., (2002). Contact with grandparents among children conceived via donor insemination by lesbian and heterosexual mothers. *Parenting: Science and Practice*, 2, 61-76.

Patterson, C. J., Fulcher, M., & Wainright, J. (2002). Children of lesbian and gay parents: Research, law and policy. In B. L. Bottoms, M. B. Kovera, & B. D. McAuliff (Eds.), *Children, Social Science, and the Law*, New York: Cambridge University Press.

\* indicates undergraduate student collaborator

### Manuscripts Under Review

Dinella, L.S., Weisgram, E. M. & Fulcher, M. (under review). Children's Gender-Typed Toy Interests: Does Propulsion Matter?

### Conference Presentations

Fulcher, M. (2015). Teaching (and Learning) about the Brain. Paper presentation at Atlantic Coast Teaching of Psychology Conference, Red Bank, New Jersey, September, 2015.

Fulcher, M., Schroeder, K. M.\* & Magee, C. \* (2015). Romantic Relationships and the Breadwinner-Caregiver Model: Changing Future Visions in the First Year of College. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Conference in Philadelphia, PA. in April 2015.

Dinella, L. S., Weisgram, E. M. & Fulcher, M. (2015) "Is it Pink? Does it have Wheels?": Examining the Factors that Contribute to Children's Gender Schemata of Toys. Paper presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development Conference in Philadelphia, PA. in April 2015.

Dinella, L. S., Weisgram, E. M. & Fulcher, M. (2014) Toys for Boys and Girls: Investigating the Effect of Toy Type and Propulsion on Children's Interest and Gender Schemas. Presented at the Gender Development Conference, San Francisco, CA. October, 2014.

Schroeder, K. M.\* & Fulcher, M. (2014) Hurt Feelings vs. Fair Competition: Gender Differences in Parent-Child Discussions of Ethical Dilemmas. Presented at the Gender Development Conference, San Francisco, CA. October, 2014.

Fulcher, M. (2014). Gender and Sexual Orientation in the Family: Implications for the Child Welfare System. Panel Presentation, Emerging Issues in Child Welfare symposium, Washington and Lee School of Law. Lexington, VA.

Fulcher, M. & Schroeder, K. (2014). Girls Don't Belong in Lab Coats: Changing Children's Understanding of What it Means to be a Scientist. Poster presented at the Science of a Smarter Mind Conference in NY, NY.

- Fulcher, M., Schroeder, K.\* , & Warner, E.\* (2014). Masculinity and Femininity and Adolescents' Vision of their Future Selves: A Longitudinal Look at the First Year of College. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence Conference, Austin, TX.
- Fulcher, M., Weisgram, E. & Dinella, L.M. (2013). The Effects of Implicit and Explicit Gender Labels on Children's interest in Novel Toys. Poster proposal submitted for the 2013 Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Meeting in Seattle, Washington.
- Fulcher, M., Dinella, L.M., & Weisgram, E. (2012). College Men's Vision of their Future Work and Family Roles: Associations with Parental Behaviors. Poster presented at 24<sup>th</sup> Annual for the Association for Psychological Science in Chicago, IL.
- Coyle, E. F.\* & Fulcher, M. (2011). *Toys as models: How Barbie may impact girls' possible self content*. Poster presented at the 2011 Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec.
- Coyle, E. F.\* , Truebutschek, D.\* , & Fulcher, M. (2011). *Male gender-nonconformity and derogatory labels: Young adults' attitudes about and labels for preschoolers*. Poster presented at the 2011 Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec.
- Fulcher, M. & Coyle, E. F. \*(2011). *Who will watch the children? The future family role plans of school-age, high school and college aged students*. Poster to be presented at the 2011 Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec.
- Weisgram, E., Dinella, L. M., Fulcher, M., Grunwald, A., & Kaniewski, L. E. (2011). *Pink monster trucks and camo baby dolls: The impact of implicit color labels on preschool children's interest in toys*. Poster presented at the 2011 Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec.
- Fulcher, M., VanLeer, E.\* , & Coyle, E. F.\* (2010). *Examining gender differences in occupational prestige measures*. Poster presented at the Gender Development Conference in San Francisco, CA.
- Fulcher, M., Weisgram, E. S., & Dinella, L. M. (2010). *College students' vision of their future work and family roles: Associations with parental behaviors*. Poster presented at the Gender Development Conference in San Francisco, CA.
- Dinella, L. M., Fulcher, M., Weisgram, E. S., & Connell, S. (2009). *Gender differences and the role of parental occupational characteristics in understanding young adults' career aspirations*. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Dinella, L. M., Connell, S., Fulcher, M. & Weisgram, E. S. (2008). *Gender differences in the role of gender identity in young adults' career aspirations*. Poster presentation at the Gender Development Conference in San Francisco, CA.

- Weisgram, E. S., Dinella, L. M. & Fulcher, M. (2008). *Predicting occupational interests in young adulthood: gender, masculinity/femininity, and values*. Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Fulcher, M. (2007). *Visions of future family roles in elementary school, high school, and college students*. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Fulcher, M. (2006). *Parental sexual orientation and children's gender role development*. Paper presentation at Symposium on Contemporary Research about LGBT-Headed Families, Philadelphia, PA.
- Fulcher, M. (2006). *College students' plans for combining work and family*. Poster presentation at the Gender Development Conference in San Francisco, CA.
- Fulcher, M. (2005). *Individual differences in children's occupational aspirations as a function of parental traditionality*. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.
- Fulcher, M. (2004). *Individual differences in children's occupational aspirations as a function of parental traditionality*. Poster presentation at the Gender Development Conference in San Francisco, CA.
- Fulcher, M. & Sutfin, E. L. (2003). Parental division of labor and children's sex-typed occupational aspirations in families headed by lesbian or heterosexual couples. In E. Vo (chair), *Examining the Promise and Limitations of Coparenting Constructs in Diverse Family Systems*. Presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Meeting in Tampa, FL.
- Sutfin, E. L., Fulcher, M., & Patterson, C. J. (2001). *Parents' sexual orientation, gender-role attitudes, and children's environments*. Symposium presentation at American Psychological Association Conference in San Francisco, CA.
- Fulcher, M., Sutfin, E. L., & Patterson, C. J. (2001). *Parental sexual orientation, division of labor, and sex-role stereotyping in children's occupational choices*. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN.
- Sutfin, E. L., Fulcher, M., & Patterson, C. J. (2001). *Parents' sexual orientation, attitudes, and children's environments: Do lesbian moms provide less stereotyped environments?* Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development 2001 Biannual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Fulcher, M., Chan, R. W., Raboy, B., & Patterson, C. J. (2000). *Contact with grandparents among children conceived via donor insemination by lesbian and heterosexual mothers*.

In E. Rothblum (chair), *Lesbian Mothers and their Families: New Directions in Research*.  
Presented at American Psychological Association Conference in Washington, D.C.

Fulcher, M., Chan, R. W., Raboy, B., & Patterson, C. J. (1999). *Contact with grandparents among children conceived via donor insemination by lesbian and heterosexual mothers*. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM

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### Academic Service

**Expert Witness**, 2014: April Aaron-Brush & Ginger Aaron-Brush vs. Robert Bentley, et al. (Case No.: 2:14-cv-01091-RDP). Retained as witness by the American Civil Liberties Union to present findings on gay and lesbian parents.

**Expert Witness**, 2014: Paul Hard v. Robert Bentley (Civil Action No. 2:13-cv-922-WKW). Retained as witness by the Southern Poverty Law Center to present research findings on gay and lesbian parents.

**Expert Witness**, 2014: Pamela Lee v. Mike Pence (Case No. 1:14-cv-00406-RLY-TAB). Retained as witness by plaintiff to present research findings

**Expert Witness**, 2013: James Obergefell v. Theodore E. Wymyslo (Civil Action No: 1:13-cv-501). Retained as witness by plaintiff to present research findings on gay and lesbian parents

**Interim Chair**, Washington and Lee University, Women's and Gender Studies Program, 2012-2013

**Legal Consultant**, 2012: Christopher John Walsh, Jr. v. Chelsea Renee Hughs (DR-2011-500192.01). Retained as a witness by the Southern Poverty Law Center to present research findings on families headed by lesbian parents.

**Reviewer, conference submissions** for Panel 28: "Gender & Development" for the SRCDD 2013 Biennial Meeting to be held in Seattle, WA, April 18-20, 2013.

**Reviewer**, Blakemore, J.E., Berenbaum, S. A. & Liben, L. S. (2009). *Gender Development*. Psychology Press: New York.

**Reviewer**, American Association of University Women, AAUW International Fellowships Program Panel, 2011

**Reviewer**, NICHD/Oxford *Handbook on Child Development and Poverty*, 2011

**Reviewer**, Second Biennial NICHD Summer Research Institute, 2009.

**Reviewer**, 2006 Wayne F. Placek Award

### Journals Reviews

**Reviewer**, *Women & Health*

**Reviewer**, *Developmental Psychology*

**Reviewer**, *Journal for Research on Adolescence*

**Reviewer**, *Journal of Homosexuality*

**Reviewer**, *Journal of Family Issues*

Reviewer, *Journal of Marriage and Family*  
Reviewer, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*  
Reviewer, *Parenting: Science and Practice*  
Reviewer, *Sex Roles*

Reviewer-in-Training, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 2002-2004  
Coordinator, Developmental Psychology Area Lunch Meeting, 1998-1999

## Committee Work

GLBT Faculty Student Advisory Board, *Washington and Lee University*  
University Athletic Committee, *Washington and Lee University*, 2011-2017  
University Committee on Inclusiveness and Campus Climate, *Washington and Lee University*, 2008-2012  
Teachers' Education Advisory Committee, *Washington and Lee University*, 2008-2011  
Faculty Committee on Inclusiveness, *Washington and Lee University*, 2007-2010  
Program in Women's Studies Advisory Committee, *Washington and Lee University*, 2007-2012

## Community Service

Faculty Mentor, Women's Soccer Team, *Washington and Lee University*  
Faculty Advisor, GLBT Equality Initiative, *Washington and Lee University*  
Faculty Advisor, Literacy Campaign, *Washington and Lee University*  
Co-coordinator, Women in Math and Science, *Washington and Lee University*  
Central Elementary PTA, Board Member  
Rockbridge Area Prevention Council, Member

## Community Presentations

*Arousal and Attraction: What Works for Men and Women?* (2015). Talk given for Sex Week Sponsored by SHAG, *Washington & Lee University*, Lexington, VA

*What do we have here?: Understanding how the mind works.*(2014). Presentation given to elementary students at the Summer Fun! Program, Sponsored by the Lexington City Office on Youth, Lexington VA.

*Arousal and Attraction: What Works for Men and Women?* (2014). Talk given for Sex Week Sponsored by SHAG, *Washington & Lee University*, Lexington, VA

*STEM Career Choice and College Students' Gender Role Development.* (2014) Talk given to WIMS Lunch Meeting. *Washington & Lee University*, Lexington VA.

*You know what they say about assuming..*(2013). Seminar, Alumni College Family Adventures in Science, *Washington and Lee University*.

*Healthy GLBT Development through the College Years* (2012). Presented at Washington and Lee University's first Annual GLBTQ Symposium.

*What do we have here? Understanding how the mind works* (2009, 2011, & 2012). Seminar, Alumni College Family Adventures in Science, Washington and Lee University.

*Attachment relationships* (2011 & 2012). Advocate Institute presentation for Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children (CASA).

*Work and family: How children & young adults envision their future* (2011). Presented at Developmental Psychology's Area Lunch, University of Virginia.

*Growing girls: Magazines, movies, and more* (2010). Presentation at the Women's Health Virginia's Annual Conference.

*Parent traditionality and children's occupational aspirations* (2010). Presentation at NOW-Lexington Virginia chapter.

*Gender in the school* (2009). In-service workshop for teachers in the Buena Vista School System.

*The changing family form* (2007). Insight, BRPT television program.

*The evolution of attitudes toward work, family and gender* (2006). Insight, WMRA radio program.

*Occupational aspirations and the family* (2006). Presented at Developmental Psychology's Area Lunch, University of Virginia.

*I want to be the first girl president* (2005). Presented at the Women's Studies Colloquia, Washington and Lee University.