Rhonda Richardson

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Education

Ph.D., Human Development and Family Studies **1984**
Pennsylvania State University
Dissertation Title: Interpersonal competence as a determinant of parenting in its social contexts: Social network involvement and childrearing

M.S., Human Development and Family Studies **1981**
Pennsylvania State University
Thesis Title: Using family age grading to predict parental behavior in abusive, neglectful, and normal families

B.A., Psychology **1979**
College of William and Mary
Honors thesis: Effects of Parental Age on Childrearing Practices

Higher Education Work Experience

Program Coordinator, Human Development and Family Studies **9/2009 - present**
Kent State University

Professor, Human Development and Family Studies **8/2008 - present**
Kent State University

Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Studies **08/1994 - 08/2008**
Kent State University

Assistant Professor, Family and Consumer Studies **08/1987 - 08/1994**
Kent State University

Temporary Assistant Professor, Family and Consumer Studies **08/1984 - 08/1987**
Kent State University

Publications

Richardson, R. A. (2011). Developmental contextualism. In R. J. Levesque (Ed.), Encyclopedia of Adolescence (pp. 683-387). New York, New York: Springer. 2011

Publication: *Encyclopedia Entries*

Curry, D., Richardson, R. A., & Pallock, L. (2011). Aligning educational program content with U.S. national youth work standards and competencies.*Relational Child and Youth Work Practice, 24(3)*. 2011

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Toomey, R. & Richardson, R. A. (2009). Perceived sibling relationships of sexual minority youth. *Journal of Homosexuality, 56,* 849-860. 2009

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Smith, G. C. & Richardson, R. A. (2008). Understanding the parenting practices of custodial grandmothers: Overcompensating, underserving, or overwhelmed? In B. Hayslip, Jr. & P. L. Kaminski (Eds.) Parenting the Custodial Grandchild. (pp. 131-147). New York: Springer Publishing Co. 2008

Publication: *Book Chapters*

Smith, G.C., Palmieri, P. A., Hancock, G. R. & Richardson, R. A. (2008). Custodial grandmothers' psychological distress, dysfunctional parenting, and grandchildren's adjustment. *International Journal of Aging and International Journal of Aging and Human Development, 67(4),*327-357. 2008

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Richardson, R. A. & Pevec, A. M. (2007). What Kids REALLY Want to Ask: Using Movies to Start Meaningful Conversations. Acton, MA: VanderWyk & Burnham. 2007

Publication: *Books Authored*

Richardson, R. A. (2005). Developmental contextual considerations of parent-child attachment in the later middle childhood years. In K. A. Kerns & R. A. Richardson (Eds.), Attachment in Middle Childhood (pp. 24-45). New York, NY: Guilford Publications. 2005

Publication: *Book Chapters*

Kerns, K. A. & Richardson, R. A. (Eds.) (2005). Attachment in middle childhood. New York, NY: Guilford Publications 2005

Publication: *Books Edited*

Richardson, R. A., Kraynak, A., Blankemeyer, M. & Walker, K. A. (2005). Service-learning in parenting education: Insights from students and parent participants. Marriage and Family Review, 38(3), 12-31. 2005

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Richardson, R. A. (2004). Early adolescence talking points: Questions that middle school students want to ask their parents. Family Relations, 53, 87-94. 2004

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Presentations

Richardson, R. A., Maxymiv, S. & Freeman, P. (April, 2014). *Impact of Camp Erin and Comfort Zone Camp on Resilience*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling, Baltimore, MD. 2014

Type: *National Refereed*

Freeman, P. & Richardson, R. (June, 2014). *Understanding bereavement camps from a positive youth development perspective: A collaborative service provider-evaluator model.* Presentation at the 18th Annual National Symposium of Children's Grief Support, sponsored by the National Alliance for Grieving Children. Atlanta, GA. 2014

Type: *National Refereed*

Irving, C. & Richardson, R. A. (October, 2012). *Fostering parent-child connection in early adolescence: A content analysis of programs and books accessible to family life educators.* Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ. 2012

Type: *National Refereed*

Richardson, R. A. & Pallock, L. (November, 2011). *Embracing the transition to adolescence: Parents' perspectives and experiences.* Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL. 2011

Type: *National Refereed*

Pallock, L., Richardson, R. A., & Owens, L. (November, 2009). *Information needs and sources for parents of young adolescents.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, San Francisco, CA. 2009

Type: *National Refereed*

Richardson, R. A. & Pevec, A. M. (February, 2008). Using movies to generate meaningful conversations between parents and young adolescents. Interactive workshop presented at the 16th annual Conference on Parent Education, University of North Texas, Denton, TX 2008

Type: *National Refereed*

Richardson, R. A. (February, 2008). What kids REALLY want to ask: Using movies to start meaningful conversations. Mini-session presented at the annual meeting of the Ohio Middle School Association, Columbus, OH. 2008

Type: *State Refereed*

Smith, G. C., Richardson, R. A. & Palmieri, P. A. (November, 2006). The effects of custodial grandmother\'s psychological distress on parenting behaviors and grandchild behavioral problems. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX. 2006

Type: *National Refereed*

Pevec, A.M. & Richardson, R. A. (November, 2006). Topics and barriers in parent/adolescent communication: Evidence of adultism. Research roundtable presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN. 2006

Type: *National Refereed*

Richardson, R. A. (November, 2005). Anticipating adolescence: Parental separation anxiety in parents of middle schoolers. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ. 2005

Type: *National Refereed*

Richardson, R. A. (September, 2003). Developmental contextual considerations of parent-child attachment in the later middle school years. Paper presented at the Kent State University Psychology Forum, Millersburg, OH. 2003

Type: *Local Invited*

Walker, K., Blankemeyer, M. A., Richardson, R. A., & Kraynak, A. R. (November, 2003). Student reflections of service learning in parenting education. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, BC, Canada 2003

Type: *National Refereed*

Richardson, R. A., Kraynak, A. R., Walker, K. & Blankemeyer, M. A. (November, 2003). Using a developmental assets approach for parenting education. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, BC, Canada. 2003

Type: *National Refereed*

Service

Member, Portage Learning Centers **2012 - present**

PLC Head Start and Early Head Start Policy Council

Type: *Community*

Advisory Board, Children Services of Portage County **2012 - present**

Fathers and Children Together (F.A.C.T.) advisory board

Type: *Community*

Committee, Graduate Appeals Committee **2012 - present**

Type: *College*

Committee, Office of Faculty Affairs and Curriculum, Promotion Advisory Board **2011 - 2011**

Type: *University*

Committee, Office of Faculty Affairs and Curriculum, Promotion Advisory Board **2009 - 2009**

Type: *University*

Coordinator, Human Development and Family Studies academic program **2009 - 2013**

Academic program coordinator for Human Development and Family Studies undergraduate and graduate programs.

Type: *Department*

Reviewer, National Council on Family Relations **2009 - 2012**

Reviewer of proposals for NCFR annual conference.

Type: *Profession*

Committee, EHHS Graduate Council **2008 - 2010**

Type: *College*

Journal of Family Issues **2007 - 2011**

Type: *Profession*

Committee, Office of Faculty Affairs and Curriculum, Promotion Advisory Board **2007 - 2007**

Type: *University*

Committee, EHHS Diversity Committee **2007 - 2009**

Type: *College*

Member, Kociuszko Foundation Teaching English in Poland program **2006 - 2006**

Type: *International*

Committee, Undergraduate Policies Task Force **2005 - 2006**

Type: *College*

Committee, LIFE Living/Learning Community task force **2005 - 2010**

Type: *University*

Committee, College of Continuing Studies, Outreach Program Coodinator search committee **2004 - 2004**

Type: *University*

Workshops, Parenting Education Initiative **2002 - present**

Led HDFS students in developing and presenting parenting workshops throughout Portage County

Type: *Regional*

Committee, Upward Bound PREP advisory board **1999 - 2012**

Type: *University*

Committee, Child Development Center advisory board **1997 - present**

Type: *University*

Member, Portage Children\'s Center Board of Directors **1996 - 2004**

Type: *Regional*

Member, National Middle School Association **1995 - present**

Type: *Profession*

Committee, Faculty Advisory Committee (Faculty as a whole) **1995 - 2008**

Type: *Department*

Member, National Council on Family Relations **1980 - present**

Type: *Profession*

Grants

Faculty Associate, Camp Erin and Comfort Zone Camp Bereavement Camp Evaluation **2013 - 2015**

This will be a 3-year longitudinal study examining the relationship between participation in a bereavement camp and indicators of positive youth development or flourishing. Pending receipt of the award contract, data collection will begin in Spring of 2013 and will continue through Fall of 2015.

Collaboration with: Pamela Freeman

Submitted: $150,000.00 Status: Pending

Moyer Foundation - Applied Research

Co PI, Building Parenting Capacities to Reduce Tobacco and Sexual Risks among Youth **0 - present**

Collaboration with: Rhonda Richardson Linda Pallock Cynthia Symons Amy Thompson

Submitted: $291,779.00 Status: Not Funded

NIH - Applied Research