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EMPLOYMENT

- 2017- Present Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Graduate Center
The City University of New York (CUNY)
- 2014- 2017 Postdoctoral Research Associate
Gould School of Law
University of Southern California
Postdoctoral Advisor: Thomas D. Lyon, Ph.D., J.D.

EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D. Developmental Psychology
University of California, Davis
Graduate Advisor: Gail S. Goodman, Ph.D.
- 2010 M.A. Developmental Psychology
University of California, Davis
Graduate Advisor: Gail S. Goodman, Ph.D.
- 2007 B.A. Psychology
Emory University
High Honors, Psychology
Undergraduate Advisor: Robyn Fivush, Ph.D.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Chae, Y., Goodman, M., Goodman, G. S., Troxel, N., **McWilliams, K.**, Thompson, R. A., Shaver, P. R., Widaman, K. F. (in press). The role of attachment in children's memory and suggestibility about the Strange Situation. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*.
2. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Lyon, T. D. (in press). "She told me what happened": Young children's misuse of the verbs ask and tell in the laboratory and courtroom. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*.
3. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Lyon, T. D. (in press). Spatial language, question type, and young children's ability to describe clothing: Legal and developmental implications. *Law and Human Behavior*.

4. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Lyon, T. D. (in press). The effects of the hypothetical putative confession and negatively-valenced yes/no questions on maltreated and non-maltreated children's disclosure of a minor transgression. *Child Maltreatment*.
5. Lyon, T. D., Stolzenberg, S. N., & **McWilliams, K.** (2017). Wrongful acquittals of sexual abuse. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
6. **McWilliams, K.**, Quas, J. A., & Lyon, T. D. (in press). Maltreated children's ability to make temporal judgments using a recurring landmark event. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
7. Ahern, E. C., Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Lyon, T. D. (2016). The effects of secret instructions and yes/no questions on maltreated and non-maltreated children's reports of a minor transgression. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 34, 784-802. doi: 10.1002/bsl.2277.
8. **McWilliams, K.**, Harris, L., & Goodman, G. S. (2014). Child maltreatment, trauma-related psychopathology, and eyewitness memory in children and adolescents. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 32, 702-717. doi: 10.1002/bsl.2143
9. **McWilliams, K.**, Goodman, G. S., Lyons, K., & Newton, J. (2013). The effects of simulated memory impairment and individual differences on memory for child sexual abuse information. *Memory & Cognition*, 42, 151-63. doi 10.3758/s13421-013-0345-2
10. **McWilliams, K.**, Narr, R. K., Goodman, G. S., Ruiz, S., & Mendoza, M. (2013). Children's memory for their mother's murder: Accuracy, suggestibility, and resistance to suggestion. *Memory*, 21, 591-598. doi:10.1080/09658211.2013.763983
11. Fivush, R., Marin, K., **McWilliams, K.**, & Bohanek, J. (2009). Family reminiscing style: Parent, gender, and emotional focus in relation to child well-being. *Journal of Cognition and Development*, 10, 210-235. doi: 10.1080/15248370903155866

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Johnson, J. L., **McWilliams, K.**, Goodman, G. S., Shelley, A. E., & Piper, B. (2015). Basic principles of interviewing the child eyewitness. In W. O'Donohue & M. Fanetti (Eds.), *Forensic interviews regarding child sexual abuse – A guide to evidence-based practice* (pp. 179-196). New York, NY: Springer.
2. **McWilliams, K.**, Goodman, G. S., Raskauskas, J., & Cordon, I. M. (2014). Child maltreatment and bullying. In G. B. Melton, A. Ben-Arieh, J. Cashmore, G. S. Goodman, & N. K. Worley (Eds.), *The SAGE handbook of child research* (pp.300-315). London, UK: Sage.
3. **McWilliams, K.**, Augusti, E. M., Dion, J., Block, S.D., Melinder, A., Cashmore, J., & Goodman, G. S. (2014). Children as witnesses. In G. B. Melton, A. Ben-Arieh, J. Cashmore, G. S. Goodman, & N. K. Worley (Eds.), *The SAGE handbook of child research* (pp. 285-299). London, UK: Sage.
4. Goodman, G. S., Ogle, C. M., **McWilliams, K.**, Narr, R. K., & Paz-Alonso, P. M. (2014). Memory development in the forensic context. In P. J. Bauer & R. Fivush (Eds.), *The Wiley handbook on the development of children's memory, volume I/III*. Chichester, UK: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. doi: 10.1002/9781118597705.ch39

5. **McWilliams, K.**, Bederian-Gardner, D., Hobbs, S. D., Bakanosky, S., & Goodman, G. S. (2012). Children's eyewitness memory and suggestibility: Beyond Ceci and Bruck's (1993) review. In A. Slater & P. Quinn (Eds.), *Developmental psychology: Revisiting the classic studies* (pp. 100-117). London, UK: Sage.
6. Goodman, G. S., Pipe, M. E., & **McWilliams, K.** (2011). Children's eyewitness memory: Methodological issues. In B. Rosenfeld & S. Penrod (Eds.), *Research methods in forensic psychology* (pp. 257-282). New York, NY: Wiley.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

1. **McWilliams, K.** & Goodman, G.S. (under review). Parent-child discussions and children's eyewitness memory.
2. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Williams, S., Lyon, T. D. (under review). The consistency and accuracy of children's reports of an adult transgression: Conversational memory and the putative confession.
3. Williams, S., **McWilliams, K.**, Evans, A. D., & Lyon, T. D. (in preparation). Semantic Leakage for an Adult Transgression.
4. **McWilliams, K.**, Stolzenberg, S. N., Williams, S., & Lyon, T. D. (in preparation). Increasing children's truthful reports: The influence of facilitation, promising to tell the truth, and an incremental putative confession.
5. **McWilliams, K.**, Williams, S., Garcia-Nava, W., & Lyon, T. D. (in preparation). Interviewing children: Influence of question type and case characteristics on children's disclosure of sexual abuse.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **McWilliams, K.**, Williams, S., Stolzenberg, S. N., Evans, A. E., & Lyon, T. D. (2018, March). *Don't know responding and confabulation when maltreated children are questioned: The problem with wh-rote questions*. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.
2. Williams, S., **McWilliams, K.**, & Lyon, T. D. (2018, March). *Maltreated and non-maltreated children's disclosures of a minor transgression: The role of inhibitory control, working memory, and age across interview phases*. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.
3. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, Williams, S., & Lyon, T. D. (2018, March). *The efficacy of conversation questions in eliciting disclosures and information*. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.
4. Kumar, M., Bone, D., **McWilliams, K.**, Williams, S., Lyon, T. D., & Narayanan, S. (2017, August).

- Multi-scale Context Adaptation for Improving Child Automatic Speech Recognition in Child-Adult Spoken Interactions.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of Interspeech, Stockholm, Sweden.
2. **McWilliams, K.,** Williams, S., & Lyon, T. D. (2017, March). *Maltreated children's ability to make relative temporal judgments.* Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
 3. **McWilliams, K.,** Stolzenberg, S. N., & Lyon, T. D. (2017, March). *Increasing children's truthful reports: The effects of promising to tell the truth, facilitation, and an incremental putative confession.* Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
 4. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.,** & Lyon, T. D. (2017, March). *Children's understanding of spatial language and the diagnosticity of forensically relevant spatial language tasks.* Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
 5. **McWilliams, K.,** Stolzenberg, S. N., & Lyon, T. D. (2016, June). *Facilitation, promising to tell the truth, and an incremental putative confession: Increasing children's truthful reports.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Investigative Interviewing Research Group, London, UK.
 6. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.,** & Lyon, T. D. (2016, June). *The effects of varying directness and a hypothetical putative confession on children's accurate disclosures.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Investigative Interviewing Research Group, London, UK.
 7. **McWilliams, K.,** Stolzenberg, S. N., & Lyon, T.D. (2016, March). *"My mommy told me what happened: Maltreated children's understanding of the verbs "ask" and "tell."* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
 8. Chae, Y., Goodman, G. S., Goodman, M., **McWilliams, K.,** Troxel, N., Thompson, R. A., Shaver, P., Widaman, K. (2016, March). *Attachment, interviewer support, and children's eyewitness memory about a distressing event.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
 9. **McWilliams, K.,** Goodman, G. S., Shelley, A. E., & Olomi, J. (2015, March). *Parental bias, parent-child conversations, and children's eyewitness memory.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Diego, CA.
 10. Chae, Y., Goodman, M., Goodman, G. S., Troxel, N., **McWilliams, K.,** Thompson, R. A., Shaver, P. R., & Widaman, K. F. (2014, March). *Children's memory and suggestibility about a stressful event: The role of attachment orientations.* Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
 11. **McWilliams, K., &** Goodman, G. S. (2014, March). *Parent-child conversations and children's eyewitness memory.* Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
 12. **McWilliams, K.,** Goodman, G. S., Narr, R. K., Ruiz, S., & Mendoza, M. (2013, November). *Children's memory for their mother's murder: Accuracy, suggestibility, and resistance to*

suggestion. Paper presented at the annual meeting of Psychonomics Society, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

13. Chae, Y., Goodman, M., Goodman, G. S., **McWilliams, K.**, Troxel, N., Thompson, R.A., Shaver, P. R., & Widaman, K. F. (2013, August). *Children's memory for attachment stories and the Strange Situation*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii.
14. **McWilliams, K.**, Harris, L., & Goodman, G. S. (2013, April). *Child maltreatment and memory for emotional information*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, Washington.
15. **McWilliams, K.**, Harris, L., & Goodman, G. S. (2012, March). *Child maltreatment and eyewitness memory*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
16. **McWilliams, K.**, Chae, Y., Goodman, G. S., Larson, R. P., Augusti, E-M., Alley, D., & Hansen, R. (2011, April). *The association of children's stress level and parent emotion talk during the discussion of a distressing event*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.
17. **McWilliams, K.** (2010, May). *Memory for child sexual abuse: Simulated memory error and gender differences*. Invited talk, Annual Spring Psychology Conference, University, California, Davis.
18. **McWilliams, K.**, Goodman, G. S., Lyons, K. E., & Newton, J. (2010, May). *Memory for child sexual abuse: Simulated memory error and individual differences*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.

AWARDS & RESEARCH GRANTS

- USC Postdoctoral Scholar Training and Travel Award
University of Southern California
2017
- APSAC Outstanding Dissertation Award
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)
2016
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
National Science Foundation (NSF)
Parent-Child Discussion and Children's Eyewitness Memory
September 1, 2013- August 31, 2014
\$17,944
- UCD & Humanities Graduate Research Award
University of California, Davis Office of Graduate Studies
2013-2014
\$1,500
- APF/COGDOP Graduate Research Scholarships

American Psychological Foundation (APF)
Parent-Child Interactions and Children's Eyewitness Memory
Kelly McWilliams, Dissertation Research
2012-2013
\$1,000

SERVICE

External Service:

- January 2017-December 2018
Membership Chair
Section on Child Maltreatment, Division 37 (Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice)
American Psychological Association (Appointed position)
- January 2016-December 2016
Program Chair
Division 37 (Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice)
American Psychological Association (Appointed position)
- January 2013-December 2014
Graduate Student Representative
Division 7 (Developmental Psychology)
American Psychological Association (Elected position)

Reviewing Services

- *Law and Human Behavior*
- *Child Maltreatment*
- *Developmental Psychology*
- *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*
- *Psychology, Crime, and Law*
- *Legal and Criminological Psychology*
- *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*
- *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

- John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Course: *Developmental Psychology*
August 2017-December 2017
January 2018-May 2018
- University of Southern California
Course: *Psychology and Law*
August 2015- December 2015
August 2016- December 2016
- University of California, Davis
Course: *General Psychology (co-instructor)*

March 2013-June 2013

Teaching Assistant

- University of Southern California
Course: *Child Interviewing Seminar*
January 2015- May 2015
- University of California, Davis
Courses: *Cognitive Development, Developmental Psychology, Social and Personality Development, Psychology and Law, Infant Development, and General Psychology*
January 2010- June 2014

FORENSIC INTERVIEW EXPERIENCE

- *Trained Forensic Interviewer*
Child Interviewing Laboratory
University of Southern California

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Psychological Association (Divisions 7, 37, 41, Section on Child Maltreatment)
- Association for Psychological Science
- Society for Research in Child Development
- International Investigative Interviewing Research Group