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Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor
Human Development and Family Studies
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EDUCATION

- 2008-2013 **Ph.D. in Applied Developmental and Educational Psychology**
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
Dissertation Committee Chair: Rebekah Levine Coley, Ph.D.
- 2000-2004 **B.A. with Honors in Psychology and English**
The University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
Honors thesis advisor: Lynne A. Bond, Ph.D.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016- **Assistant Professor**, Human Development and Family Studies
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
Faculty Affiliate, Early Childhood Development and Education concentration;
Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy;
Center for the Study of Culture, Health, and Human Development
- 2014-2016 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Applied Developmental and Educational
Psychology, Lynch School of Education, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
Mentors: Eric Dearing, Ph.D. & Beth Casey, Ph.D.
- 2008-2013 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Applied Developmental and Educational
Psychology, Lynch School of Education, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
Mentors: Rebekah Levine Coley, Ph.D. & James Mahalik, Ph.D.
- 2004-2008 **Legislative Staffer**, Health, Education, and Social Policy Issues
Office of U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy
United States Senate, Washington, DC
- 2003-2004 **Policy Intern**, The Vermont Governor's Commission on Women
Montpelier, VT

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2017-2018 **American Educational Research Association, Research Grant,**
\$35,000. Role: Principal Investigator.
“Early maternal employment and children’s school readiness: Changing
associations over time.”
- 2011-2013 **American Psychological Association, Dissertation Grant,**
\$1,000. Role: Principal Investigator.
American Educational Research Association, Dissertation Grant,
\$20,000. Role: Principal Investigator.
Boston College, Dissertation Development Grant,
\$2,500. Role: Principal Investigator.
“Maternal employment during the early years and children’s readiness to learn: A
cross-country comparative analysis using contemporary birth cohort studies.”

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2015 **Teaching Mentorship Program**
Society for Research in Child Development
- 2012 **Annette U. Rickel Dissertation Award**
American Psychological Association
- 2010 **Presentation Award**
Boston College
- 2009 **Outstanding Young Alumni Award**
The University of Vermont
- 2008, 2009 **Urie Bronfenbrenner Student Travel Award**
The Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- 2004 **John Dewey Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa Society, and Mortar Board**
The University of Vermont
- 2000 **Presidential Scholar and full tuition scholarship**
The University of Vermont

PUBLICATIONS

- Casey, B., **Lombardi, C.M.**, Thomson, D., Nguyen, H.N., Paz, M., Theriault, C. & Dearing, E.
(in press). Maternal support of early numerical concept learning predicts preschool and
first grade math outcomes. *Child Development*.

- Longo, F., **Lombardi, C.M.** & Dearing, E. (in press). Family investments in low-income children: Predictors of child and early adolescent functioning. *Developmental Psychology*.
- Lombardi, C.M.** & Coley, R.L. (2017). Early maternal employment and children's academic and behavioral skills in Australia and the United Kingdom. *Child Development, 88(1)*, 263-281.
- Coley, R.L., **Lombardi, C.M.** & Sims, J. (2015). Timing, extent, and type of child care and Australian children's long-term development. *Journal of Educational Psychology, 107(1)*, 284-299.
- Lynch, A.D., Coley, R.L., Sims, J., **Lombardi, C.M.**, & Mahalik, J.R. (2015). Direct and interactive effects of parent, friend, and schoolmate drinking on youth alcohol use trajectories. *Psychology and Health, 30(10)*, 1183-1205.
- Mahalik, J., **Lombardi, C.M.**, Sims, J., Coley, R.L. & Lynch, A.D. (2015). Gender, male-typicality, and social norms predicting adolescent alcohol intoxication and marijuana use. *Social Science & Medicine, 143*, 71-80.
- Coley, R.L. & **Lombardi, C.M.** (2014). Low-income women's employment experiences and their health, financial, and family well-being. *Journal of Family Psychology, 28(1)*, 88-97.
- Lombardi, C.M.** & Coley, R.L. (2014). Early maternal employment and children's school readiness in contemporary families. *Developmental Psychology, 50(8)*, 2071-2084.
- Coley, R.L. & **Lombardi, C.M.** (2013). Does maternal employment following childbirth support or inhibit low-income children's long-term development? *Child Development, 84(1)*, 178-197.
- Coley, R.L., **Lombardi, C.M.**, Lynch, A.D., Mahalik, J. & Sims, J. (2013). The influence of family-, peer-, and school-level social norms and gender on youth sexual risk behaviors. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 53(1)*, 91-97.
- Coley, R.L., **Lombardi, C.M.**, Sims, J. & Votruba-Drzal, E. (2013). Early education and care experiences and cognitive skills development: A comparative perspective between Australian and American children. *Family Matters, 93*, 36-49.
- Jaffee, S., **Lombardi, C.M.** & Coley, R.L. (2013). Using complementary methods to test whether marriage limits men's antisocial behavior. *Development and Psychopathology, 25(1)*, 65-77.
- Lombardi, C.M.** & Coley, R.L. (2013). Low-income mothers' employment dynamics and children's long-term development. *Family Relations, 62*, 514-528.

- Mahalik, J., Coley, R.L., **Lombardi, C.M.**, Lynch, A.D., Markowitz, A. & Jaffee, S. (2013). Changes in health risk behaviors for males and females from early adolescence through early adulthood. *Health Psychology, 32(6)*, 685-694.
- Coley, R.L. & **Lombardi, C.M.** (2012). Dynamics of early maternal employment in low-income families. In A. Kalil, R. Haskins & J. Chesters (Eds.), *Investing in children: Work, education, and social policy in two rich countries (pp.24-47)*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.
- Coley, R.L. & **Lombardi, C.M.** (2012). Early maternal employment and childhood obesity among economically disadvantaged families in the U.S. *Early Child Development and Care, 182(8)*, 983-998.
- Lewin-Bizan, S., Lynch, A.D., Fay, K., Schmid, K., **McPherran, C.**, Lerner, J.V., & Lerner, R.M. (2010). Trajectories of positive and negative behaviors from early- to mid-adolescence. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence, 39(7)*, 751-763.
- Coley, R. L., Katz, I., McDermott, S., **McPherran, C.**, & Yaya, I. (2009). *A policy framework for parenting*. University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Infant and Toddler Development, Fall 2017

Human Development and Family Studies, University of Connecticut

Early and Middle Childhood Development, Spring 2017, Spring 2018

Human Development and Family Studies, University of Connecticut

Research Methods, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017

Human Development and Family Studies, University of Connecticut

Issues in Life Span Development, Fall 2015

Lynch School of Education, Boston College

Family, School & Society, Spring 2014

Lynch School of Education, Boston College

Educational and Social Issues and Social Policy, Spring 2012

Lynch School of Education, Boston College

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2017- **Strategic Planning Committee**, Human Development and Family Studies Department, University of Connecticut

2017- **Early Childhood Development and Education Faculty Advisor**, Human Development and Family Studies Department, University of Connecticut

- 2013- **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *Applied Developmental Science, Child Development, Early Childhood Research Quarterly, Journal of Educational Psychology, Journal of Family Issues, and Learning and Individual Differences, Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting*
- 2013- **Organizer and Moderator**
Child and Family Policy Consortium webinar series
Society for Research in Child Development
- 2008-2014 **Young Alumni Committee Member**
The University of Vermont
- 2004-2008 **Washington, DC Board Member**
The University of Vermont
- 2004-2008 **Reading Tutor**
Everybody Wins!, Washington DC
- 2001-2004 **Writing Tutor**
The University of Vermont Writing Center

RESEARCH CONSULTING

- 2013 **No Ceilings: The Full Participation Project**
The Clinton Foundation, New York, NY
- 2011 **State and Federal Fatherhood Policies and Programs**
Child Trends, Bethesda, MD

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- Lombardi, C.M.** (2017, May). *Maternal employment and children's school readiness in three countries*. Speaker for the Center for the Study of Culture, Health, and Human Development faculty affiliate seminar.
- Lombardi, C.M., Casey, B.M., Thomson, D., Nguyen, H.N., & Dearing, E.** (2017, April). *Maternal support of young children's planning and spatial concept learning as predictors of later math (and reading) achievement*. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Research on Child Development. Austin, TX.
- Lombardi, C.M., Longo, F. & Dearing, E.** (2017, April). *Family investments in low-income children: Predictors of child and early adolescent functioning*. Poster presented at the meetings of the Society for Research on Child Development. Austin, TX.

- Lombardi, C.M.** (2017, February). *The academic job search*. Seminar speaker for Boston College's Applied Developmental and Educational Psychology faculty and graduate student seminar series.
- Lombardi, C.M.** (2017, January). *Maternal support of children's early math learning*. Colloquium speaker for the University of Connecticut Psychology department faculty and graduate student speaker series.
- Casey, B.M., **Lombardi, C.M.**, Pollock, A., Fineman, B., (2016, April). *Girls' first-grade spatial skills and arithmetic decomposition strategy preferences predict fifth-grade math reasoning*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Washington, DC.
- Casey, B.M., **Lombardi, C.M.**, Pollock, A., Fineman, B., Pezaris, E. & Dearing, E. (2015, March). *Girls' arithmetic strategies in first grade as predictors of fifth grade arithmetic fluency and analytical math reasoning skills*. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Research on Child Development. Philadelphia, PA.
- Lombardi, C.M.** & Coley, R.L. (2014, May). *Early maternal employment and children's cognitive and behavioral development: A comparative analysis*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA.
- Lombardi, C.M.** (2014, April). *Early maternal employment and children's school readiness: A cross-country comparative analysis using contemporary birth cohort studies*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Lombardi, C.M.** & Coley, R.L. (2013, November). *Early maternal employment and children's school readiness in contemporary families*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC.
- Coley, R.L., Carrano, J., Sims, J., Lynch, A., **Lombardi, C.**, & Mahalik, J. (September, 2013). *Genetic and environmental risks for patterns of alcohol use from adolescence through early adulthood*. Paper presented at the 14th congress of the European Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism, Warsaw, Poland.
- Coley, R. L., Lynch, A. D., Sims, J.P., **Lombardi, C.M.**, & Mahalik, J.M. (May, 2013). *Family, friend, and school social norms and adolescent alcohol use*. Paper presented at the World Conference on Psychology, Counseling, and Guidance, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Coley, R.L., Lynch, A.D., **Lombardi, C.M.**, Sims, J.P., & Mahalik, J.M. (April, 2013). *Family, friend, and school social norms and adolescent alcohol use*. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Research on Child Development. Seattle, WA.
- Lombardi, C.M.** (2013, April). *Maternal employment and children's readiness to learn: A comparative perspective between Australian and American children*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.

- Lombardi, C.M.,** Coley, R.L. & Sims, J. (2013, April). *The long-term implications of early education programs for Australian children.* Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.
- Lombardi, C.M.** (2012, November). *Maternal employment and children's readiness to learn: A comparative perspective between Australian and American children.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Baltimore, MD.
- Lombardi, C.M.** Coley, R.L. & Sims, J. (2012, November). *Timing, extent, and type of child care and Australian children's long-term development.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Baltimore, MD.
- Lombardi, C.M.** Coley, R.L. & Sims, J. (2012, July). *Early education and care experiences and school readiness: A comparative perspective between Australian and American children..* Paper presented at the Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne, Australia.
- Lombardi, C.M.** & Coley, R.L. (2012, June). *Maternal employment following childbirth and low-income children's school readiness.* Paper presented at the Work and Family Researchers Network Conference, New York, NY.
- Coley, R. L., Lynch, A. D., **Lombardi, C. M.**, Mahalik, J., Sims, J. (May, 2012). *Adolescent sexual risk behaviors: The role of family, peer, and school social norms.* Paper presented at the Population Association of America meetings, San Francisco, CA.
- Lombardi, C.M.** & Coley, R.L. (2012, May). *Low-income women's employment experiences and their health, financial, and family well-being.* Poster presented at the Administration for Children and Families' annual Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, DC.
- Lombardi, C.M.,** Mahalik, J., Coley, R.L., Markowitz, A., Lynch, A.D. & Jaffee, S. (2012, April). *Gender divergence in health risk behaviors from early adolescence through early adulthood.* Paper presented at Boston College's Graduate Education Association Research Forum, Chestnut Hill, MA.
- Lombardi, C.M.** & Coley, R.L. (2011, November). *Early maternal employment and childhood obesity.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC.
- McPherran, C.,** & Coley, R.L. (2011, June). *Mothers, young children, and work: Low-income mothers' employment dynamics.* Poster presented at the Administration for Children and Families' annual Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, DC.
- McPherran, C.,** & Coley, R.L. (2011, April). *Mothers, young children, and work: Low-income mothers' employment dynamics.* Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.

McPherran, C. & Coley, R.L., (2011, March). *Early maternal employment and childhood obesity.* Paper presented at Boston College's Multidisciplinary Research Day, Chestnut Hill, MA.

McPherran, C. & Coley, R.L. (2010, March). *Does maternal employment following childbirth support or inhibit low-income children's long-term development?* Paper presented at Boston College's Multidisciplinary Research Day, Chestnut Hill, MA.

AREAS OF STATISTICAL EXPERTISE

- Cluster analysis
- Large-scale survey and panel data analysis
- Multilevel modeling
- Multiple imputation
- Propensity score matching
- Structural equation modeling
- Trajectory analysis

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Social policy and child development
- Child care, parental employment, and early education
- Economic and parenting support policies for low-income families
- Statistical and methodological procedures for studying human development

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- Child and Family Policy Consortium
- Society for Research in Child Development
- Work and Family Researchers Network

POPULAR PRESS COVERAGE

- National Affairs
- NBC News
- The New York Times
- Quartz
- The Sydney Morning Herald