

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2023 **University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA
Gerontology
Committee: Kathleen H. Wilber, PhD; Zachary D. Gassoumis, PhD;
Donna Benton, PhD
Dissertation: Life-Course Implications of Adverse Childhood Experiences: Impacts on Elder Mistreatment, Subjective Cognitive Decline, and Caregiver Health
- M.A. 2016 **Georgia State University**, Atlanta, GA
Gerontology
Advisors: Candace L. Kemp, PhD; Jennifer Craft-Morgan, PhD
Capstone Research Project: Late-Life Intimate Partner Violence: A Needs Assessment of Older Women Utilizing Metro Atlanta's Domestic Violence Services
- B.A. 2012 **Georgia State University**, Atlanta, GA
Sociology
- Certificate 2012 **Georgia State University**, Atlanta, GA
Gerontology

PUBLICATIONS

- Meyer, K., Rath, L., **Avent, E.**, Benton, D., Nash, P., & Wilber, K. (2023). How do family caregivers of older adults cope with relationship strain? *Aging & Mental Health*, 1–10.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13607863.2023.2247353>
- Avent, E.S.**, Wilber, K.H., & Gassoumis, Z. (revise and resubmit). What is the relationship between adverse childhood experiences and late-life physical intimate partner violence?
- Avent, E.S.**, Meyer, K., Rath, L., Benton, D., & Nash, P. (in preparation). What are the origins of relationship strain in caregiving dyads?
- Benton, D. & **Avent, E.S.** (2020). The role of early-life trauma in social isolation: A review of risk factors in Black-American caregiving families. *Generations*, 44(3), 1-10.
- Benton, D., Meyer, K. N., Yonashiro-Cho, J., **Avent, E.S.**, Dixon, A., & Velazquez-Marroletti, J. (2019). Vulnerability, effective status, and ethnicity. In P. Teaster, C. Heisler, & G. Anetzberger *Ethics & vulnerable elders: The quest for individual rights and a just society (1st ed.*, pp. 78–93). San Diego, CA: Cognella.

- Ohuabunwa, U., Shah, S., Jordan, Q., Johnson, K., **Avent, E.**, & Flacker, J. (2019). Towards patient safety: Evaluation of care transitions training needs among key providers involved in patient care transitions. *Medical Science Educator*, 29(4), 1017-1022. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40670-019-00798-y>
- Ohuabunwa, U., Shah, S., Jordan, Q., Johnson, K., **Avent, E.**, & Flacker, J. (2017). Provider attitudes and practice of recommended guidelines to reduce readmissions among low-income minority patients. *Journal of Interprofessional Education & Practice*, 9, 51-57. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xjep.2017.08.003>
- Kemp, C.L., Ball, M.M., Morgan, J.C., Doyle, P.J., Burgess, E.O., Dillard, J.A., Barmon, CE., Fitzroy, A.F., Helmly, V.E., **Avent, E.S.**, Perkins, M.M. (2016). Exposing the backstage: Critical reflections on a longitudinal qualitative study of residents' care networks in assisted living. *Qualitative Health Research*, 27(8), 1190-1202. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1049732316668817>
- Kemp, C.L., Ball, M.M., Perkins, M.M., Morgan, J.C., Burgess, E.O., Doyle, P., Helmly, V.E. **Avent, E.S.** (2016) "Wave one report: Convoys of care: Developing care partnerships in assisted living" Atlanta, GA: Gerontology Institute, Georgia State University. <https://gerontology.gsu.edu/document/full-wave-one-research-report/?wpdmdl=4624&ind=1587846015293>

GRANT FUNDING

3 R01 AG060096-04S1 (NIH/NIA) Mosqueda & Gassoumis (MPI) 2021 – 2023
Identifying Distinctions and Commonalities between Elder Mistreatment and Late-life IPV: A Study of ADRD Caregiving Dyads
 Description: Diversity supplement to support research into the similarities and differences between late-life intimate partner violence and elder abuse among intimate/spousal partners.
 Role: Diversity supplement scholar

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

NIA T32 Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Center for Health and the Social Sciences, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. August 2023-present

Research Affiliate, Department of Family Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC, Los Angeles, CA May 2023- present

- **Identifying Distinctions and Commonalities between Elder Mistreatment and Late-life IPV: A Study of ADRD Caregiving Dyads.** Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (under R01AG060096), National Institutes of Health (NIH)/National Institute on Aging (NIA): R01AG060096-04S1.

Research Assistant, Department of Family Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC, Los Angeles, CA December 2019-May 2023

- **Uncovering the Causes, Contexts, and Consequences of Elder Mistreatment in People with Dementia.** Funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)/National Institute on Aging (NIA): R01AG060096.

Research Assistant, Secure Old Age Lab, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, August 2017-December 2019

- **Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs)**. Funded by the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL): 90EJIG0006.
- **Elder Mistreatment Prevention Intervention**. Funded by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ): 2016-ZD-CX-K008 & 2020-75-CX-0001.
- **Knowledge and Interpersonal Skills for Developing Exemplary Relationships (KINDER) Study**. Funded by the Archstone Foundation.

Graduate Research Assistant, Convoys of Care Research Team, Gerontology Institute, Georgia State University, Atlanta GA, August 2014-June 2017

- **Convoys of Care: Developing Collaborative Care Partnerships in Assisted Living**. Funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)/National Institute on Aging (NIA): R01AG044368.

Research Assistant, Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, GA, February 2012-April 2013

- **Care Transitions Among Ethnic Minorities; Developing an Interdisciplinary Model of Success**. Funded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration: K01HP20509.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, GERO 340: Policy, Values, and Power in an Aging Society. Spring Semester 2023. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

INVITED LECTURES

“Life-Course Implications of Adverse Childhood Experiences” Undergraduate Seminar Course: Frontiers in Human Aging- Exploring Subgroups: Diverse Needs of U.S. Older Adults. May 2023. University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

“Childhood Adversity, Aging, and Ethnicity.” GERO 492: Senior Seminar. April 2023. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

“Caregiving, Elder Abuse, and Mental Health.” GERO 563: Geropsychology. March 2022. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

“Elder Abuse Policy, Intervention, and Prevention.” GERO 340: Policy, Values, and Power in an Aging Society. March 2022. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

“Abuse among Older Women.” GERO 435: Women and Aging. November 2021. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

“Elder Abuse Policy and Research.” GERO 540: Social Policy and Aging. November 2021. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

“Elder Abuse and Intimate Partner Violence in Later Life.” GERO 435: Women and Aging. October 2020. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

“Intimate Partner Violence in Later Life.” GERO 435: Women and Aging. November 2019. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

“Adverse Childhood Experiences and Intimate Partner Violence.” GERO 435: Women and Aging.
November 2018. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA3

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Policy Intern, Division of Aging Services, Georgia Council on Aging, Atlanta, GA, June 2015- August 2015

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Avent, E.S.,** Yonashiro-Cho, J. & Gassoumis, Z. (2022). The impact of adverse childhood experiences on caregivers’ health. Gerontological Society of America, November 2022.
- Avent, E.S. & Gassoumis, Z.** (2022). Resilience factors in the face of childhood adversity: A profile of older adults. ResilienceCon, Life Paths Research Center, April 2022.
- Avent, E.S.,** Yonashiro-Cho, J. & Gassoumis, Z. (2022). The impact of adverse childhood experiences on caregivers: Implications for elder abuse. Tamkin Elder Abuse Symposium, February 2022.
- Avent, E.S.,** Yonashiro-Cho, J., Peterson, R., Mosqueda, L. & Gassoumis, Z. (2021). Childhood adversity across the lifespan: Assessing the relationship between adverse childhood experiences and subjective cognitive decline. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) annual conference, November 2021. Paper presentation session.
- Avent, E.S.,** Yonashiro-Cho, J., Peterson, R., Mosqueda, L. & Gassoumis, Z. (2021). The continuing impact of childhood adversity across the life course: Assessing the relationship between adverse childhood experiences and subjective cognitive decline. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) annual conference, January 2021.
- Avent, E.S.,** Meyer, K., Rath, L., Benton, D., & Nash, P. (2019) What are the origins of relationship strain in caregiving dyads? Gerontological Society of America (GSA) annual conference, November 2019.
- Avent, E.S.,** Meyer, K., Rath, L., Benton, D., & Nash, P. (2019). How does relationship strain occur in caregiving dyads? A qualitative study. University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Research Conference on Aging, May 2019.
- Avent, E.S.,** Gassoumis, Z. & Wilber, K. (2018). Predictors of late-life intimate partner violence using the Adverse Childhood Experiences questionnaire and the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) annual conference, November 2018.
- Avent, E.S.,** Rozéfort, A. & Burgess, E.O. (2015). Invisible abuse: Understanding the significance of financial abuse. Georgia Gerontology Society (GGS) annual conference, August 2015.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

“Trauma-Informed Practices to Address Abuse and Build Resilience”. Panelist. **National Center on Elder Abuse,** June 2023.

“How Two Black Women Navigate Academia”. Co-Presenter. **USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology** Black History Month Celebration, February 2023.

“Structural Racism and Aging in Black Communities” Discussant/Moderator. **Blacks in Gerontology and Geriatrics**. October 2022.

“Family Support and Family Violence: Hidden Challenges and Hidden Opportunities” **American Association of Service Providers** National Conference, August 2022.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

R in 3 Months. March-June 2022

Stanford Mixed Methods Workshop. Stanford School of Medicine. April 2022

CONSULTATIONS

PBS NewsHour. Television series pitch on how America views and treats older adults. March 2023

Rainesford Stafford, Journalist and author. Book proposal on ambition and aging. March 2022

SKILLS

- Mixed methods research
- Qualitative research methods
- Quantitative research methods
- Data analysis
- Content analysis
- Thematic analysis
- Grounded theory
- Semi-structured interviewing
- Institutional Review Board (IRB) process
- Logistic regression
- Linear regression
- Zero negative binomial regression
- Poisson regression
- NVivo
- SAS
- STATA
- Mplus
- R
- RedCap

HONORS/AWARDS

Teaching Assistant Award, University of Southern California, 2023

Behavioral and Social Sciences Travel Stipend, Gerontological Society of America, 2019

Best Poster Award, Behavioral and Social Sciences, UCLA Research Conference on Aging, 2019

Graduate Research Assistantship, Georgia State University, 2014-2016

Member of Sigma Phi Omega, National Honor Society in Gerontology, 2015-2016

Fulton County Gerontology Scholarship, Georgia State University, 2016

Charles and Catherine B. Rice Scholarship, Georgia State University, 2008-2012

REVIEWS

Peer Reviewer, Personal Relationships, 2023

Abstract Reviewer, Gerontological Society of America (GSA), 2018-present

Peer Reviewer, Educational Gerontology, 2021

Peer Reviewer, Research on Aging, 2021

Student Mentee Reviewer, The Gerontologist, 2021

Student Mentee Reviewer, Aging and Mental Health, 2020

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Diversity Day Planning Committee Member, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, Feb 2020

Research Showcase Facilitator, Diversity Day, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, Feb 2020

PhD Roundtable Co-Chair, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, 2019-2020

Graduate Student Government Representative, University of Southern California, 2018-2019

GSU Gerontology Institute, Graduate and Professional School Fair, Atlanta, GA, February 2015

MEDIA FEATURES

“Ageism Hurts All of Us, Even ‘Young People’” **ELLE Magazine**. May 6, 2021.

<https://www.elle.com/life-love/a36290047/ageism-hurts-all-of-us-even-young-people/>

“Highlighted Voices for Racial Equity.” **NYC Elder Abuse Center**. February 2021.

<https://nyceac.org/february-2021-voice-elizabeth-avent/>

“USC Gerontology Experts and Students Promote Intergenerational Understanding” **Vitality Magazine**.

USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. November 4, 2020. <https://gero.usc.edu/2020/11/04/usc-gerontology-intergenerational-understanding/>

“Keeping Caregiving Relationships Healthy” **USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology**. March 24, 2020.

<https://gero.usc.edu/2020/03/24/keeping-caregiving-relationships-healthy/>

“Gerontology Students Making an Impact” **Vitality Magazine**. USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology.

April 5, 2019. <https://gero.usc.edu/2019/04/05/phd-in-gerontology-student-elizabeth-avent-makes-an-impact/>

ADDITIONAL WRITING

Avent, E.S. “Where are Atlanta’s Ethnic Enclaves?” Social Shutter Blog, May 2012.

<http://socialshutter.blogspot.com/2012/05/where-are-atlantas-ethnic-enclaves.html>

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Making Memories Festival, Alzheimer’s LA, Los Angeles, CA, November 2022

USC Tamkin Symposium on Elder Abuse, Pasadena, CA, March 2018, February 2020

Leonard Davis School of Gerontology Research Showcase, Los Angeles, CA, October 2018

Caregiver Task Force Event, USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, Los Angeles, CA, July 2018

Alzheimer's Walk, USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, Los Angeles, CA, October 2017

Grady Memorial Hospital, Senior Services, Atlanta Fit Fest, Atlanta, GA, October 2012

GSU Gerontology Institute 50 + Health Fair, Atlanta, GA, February 2010 & February 2011

STUDY ABROAD

Global Aging and Social Policies, Beijing & Xi'an, China; Georgia State University, May 2015

Health and Human Services, Cross-Cultural Communication, Atenas & Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica; Georgia State University, May 2011