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### Education

- Ph.D. Developmental Psychology – University of Notre Dame, August 1999 to May 2005, Notre Dame, IN.  
Dissertation: Child Agency, Marital Conflict, and Mental Health.  
Advisor: E. Mark Cummings, Ph.D.  
Committee Members: Julia M. Braungart-Rieker, Ph.D.; Scott E. Maxwell, Ph.D.; David A. Smith, Ph.D.
- M.S. Clinical Psychology - Illinois State University, August 1996 to December 1998, Normal, IL.  
Thesis: Effects of Anxiety as Defined by the Tripartite Model on Attention and Memory.  
Advisor: Salvatore J. Catanzaro, Ph.D.
- B.A. Psychology - Goshen College, September 1990 to May 1995, Goshen, IN.

### Publications

- Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., & Davies, P.T. (in press). Children's representations of multiple family relationships: Organizational structure and development in early childhood. *Journal of Family Psychology*.
- Schoppe-Sullivan, S.J., Schermerhorn, A.C., & Cummings, E.M. (in press). Marital conflict and children's adjustment over time: Does parenting mediate? *Journal of Marriage and Family*.
- Cummings, E.M., Schermerhorn, A.C., Keller, P.S., & Davies, P.T. (in press). Parental depressive symptoms, children's representations of family relationships, and child adjustment. *Social Development*.
- Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., DeCarlo, C.A., & Davies, P.T. (2007). Children's influence in the marital relationship. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 21, 259 – 269.
- Cummings, E.M., Schermerhorn, A.C., Davies, P.T., Goeke-Morey, M.C., & Cummings, J.S. (2006). Interparental discord and child adjustment: Prospective investigations of emotional security as an explanatory mechanism. *Child Development*, 77, 132 - 152.
- Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., & Davies, P.T. (2005). Children's perceived agency in the context of marital conflict: Relations with marital conflict over time. *Merrill-Palmer Quarterly*, 51, 121 – 144.

Papp, L.M., Cummings, E.M., & Schermerhorn, A.C. (2004). The impact of marital adjustment on mothers' and fathers' symptomatology: Implications for children's functioning. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 66, 368 – 364.

Cummings, E.M. & Schermerhorn, A.C. (2003). A developmental perspective on children as agents in the family. In L. Kuczynski (Ed.), *Handbook of Dynamics of Parent-Child Relations* (pp. 91-108). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

#### Manuscripts in Review or Invited for Publication

Schermerhorn, A.C., & Cummings, E.M. (2007). Transactional family dynamics: A new framework for family research. Invited for publication in *Advances in Child Development and Behavior*, 36.

Cummings, E.M., Faircloth, W.B., Mitchell, P., Cummings, J.S., & Schermerhorn, A.C. (2007). Marital conflict, parenting, and children: A randomized prevention trial. Manuscript submitted to *Journal of Family Psychology* (under revision for second round of reviews).

Schermerhorn, A.C. (2007). Resilience. Invited for publication in *Moral Education: An Encyclopedia*. Greenwood Publishing Group.

Cummings, E.M., Faircloth, W.B., Mitchell, P., McCoy, K., & Schermerhorn, A.C. (2007). Translating basic research about marital conflict and children into a psycho-educational program for parents. Invited for publication in H.R. Schaffer & K. Durkin (Eds.), *Blackwell handbook of developmental psychology in action: Opportunities and obstacles in giving developmental psychology away*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, Inc.

#### Work in Preparation and Unpublished Manuscripts

Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., & Chow, S-M. (2007). Examination of the dynamics of family (mother-father-child) influence processes using daily diaries. Manuscript in preparation. University of Notre Dame.

Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., Wilson, J., & Swanston, M. (2007). Emotional security about marriage as a mediator of links between specific marital conflict tactics and marital conflict emotions and child adjustment. Manuscript in preparation. University of Notre Dame.

Sturge-Apple, M.L., Davies, P.T., Winter, M.A., Cummings, E.M., & Schermerhorn, A.C. (2007). Interparental conflict and children's school adjustment: The Mediating role of emotional security in direct and indirect pathways. Manuscript in preparation. University of Notre Dame.

Faircloth, W.B., Schermerhorn, A.C., Maxwell, S.E., & Chow, S-M. (2007). A multivariate hierarchical model for studying psychological change within married couples in a randomized pretest, posttest, follow-up design. Manuscript in preparation. University of Notre Dame.

Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., McCoy, K., & Davies, P.T. (2007). Effects of Marital Conflict on Children's Social Information Processing: Direct and Indirect Pathways. Manuscript in preparation. University of Notre Dame.

Cummings, E.M., Davies, P.T., Schermerhorn, A.C., Winter, M.A. & Sutton, J.M. (2003). *Coding manual for the family relationships version of the MacArthur Story Stem Battery*. Unpublished coding manual, Notre Dame, IN, University of Notre Dame.

#### Honors and Awards

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| Long-term Efficacy of Prevention Program – Marital Enrichment, funded by the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, \$4,000.00 to E. Mark Cummings, W. Bradley Faircloth, Jennifer, S. Cummings, and Alice C. Schermerhorn. | 2007        |
| Qualitative Investigation of Children's Influence on Marital Conflict, funded by the Office of Research at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, \$1,107.82 to Alice C. Schermerhorn.   | 2006 - 2007 |
| Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.   | 2003 - 2004 |
| Graduate Student Association Research Grant, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, \$200.00 to Alice C. Schermerhorn.  | 1998        |
| Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award, Department of Psychology, Illinois State University, Normal, IL.  | 1997 - 1998 |

#### Presentations

- Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., Chow, S.M., & Goeke-Morey, M.C. (2007). Children and marital conflict: Using dynamical systems modeling and diary data to examine influence processes. In A.C. Schermerhorn (Chair). *Advances in Methodological and Statistical Approaches for Family Research*. Paper to be presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston, MA.
- Cummings, E.M., Schermerhorn, A.C., Wilson, J., & Swanston, M. (2007). Children's emotional security about marital conflict and family process. In E. M. Cummings (Chair). *Emotional Security within the Family Context*. Paper to be presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston, MA.
- Goeke-Morey, M.C., Cairns, E., Schermerhorn, A.C., Ellis, K., Merrilees, C.E., Campbell, A., & Cummings, E.M. (2007). Children and political and community violence in Northern Ireland. In E.F. Dubow (Chair). *Children's Responses to Political and Community Violence: Mediators and Moderators of Effects*. Paper to be presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston, MA.

- Schoppe-Sullivan, S.J., Schermerhorn, A.C., & Cummings, E.M. (2006). Marital conflict and children's adjustment over time: Does parenting mediate? Poster presentation at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Francisco, CA.
- Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., & Kouros, C.D. (2006). Child effects on marital conflict: Differences in effects during adolescence. In C.D. Kouros (Chair). *Adolescents' influence in the family: Sibling, marital, and parent-child relationships*. Paper presentation at the meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Francisco, CA.
- Goeke-Morey, M.C., Schermerhorn, A.C., Papp, L.M., & Cummings, E.M. (2005, August). *The role of children in marital conflict resolution*. Poster presentation at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Swanston, M., Schermerhorn, A.C., Goeke-Morey, M.C., & Cummings, E.M. (2005, August). *Relations between interparental discord tactics, child emotional security, and adjustment*. Paper presentation at the Meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., & Davies, P.T. (2005, April). Marital conflict and children's representations of emotional security and adjustment: Mother-child and father-child relationships. In M.E. Wilson (Chair). *Different Contributions of Mothers and Fathers: Taking a Closer Look at Models Involving Attachment, Marriage and Child Adjustment*. Paper presentation at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Atlanta, GA.
- Schermerhorn, A.C., DeCarlo, C.A., Novotney, T., Cummings, E.M., & Davies, P.T. (2005, April). *Child agency, marital conflict, and child mental health*. Poster presentation at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Atlanta, GA.
- Cummings, E.M., Goeke-Morey, M.C., Schermerhorn, A.C., & Swanston, M. (2005, April). *Emotional security as a theory driven model for the effects of marital conflict on children*. Poster presentation at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Atlanta, GA.
- Mitchell, P.M., Schermerhorn, A.C., Shelleby, E., Cummings, E.M., & Davies, P.T. (2005, April). *Marital conflict, children's representations, and child adjustment: A longitudinal analysis*. Poster presentation at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Atlanta, GA.
- Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., Davies, P.T., & Cummings, J.S. (July, 2004). *Representations of security in the parent-child system and in the interparental system*. Poster presentation at the conference of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development, Ghent, Belgium.
- Cummings, J.S., Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., & Davies, P.T. (July, 2004). *Marital conflict, children's emotional security in the marital relationship, and child adjustment*. Poster presentation at the conference of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development, Ghent, Belgium.

- DeCarlo, C.A., Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., Goeke-Morey, M.C., & Davies, P.T. (April, 2004). *Children's agency in the context of interparental conflict*. Poster presentation at the biennial Human Development Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Schermerhorn, A.C., Goeke-Morey, M.C., Mitchell, P.M., & Cummings, E.M. (March, 2004). *Children's agency in the context of interparental conflict during adolescence: A developmental perspective*. Poster presentation at the biennial conference of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Papp, L.M., Schermerhorn, A.C., & Sutton, J.M. (March, 2004). *The impact of marital adjustment on mothers' and fathers' symptomatology: Implications for children's functioning*. Poster presentation at the biennial conference of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Schermerhorn, A.C., Cummings, E.M., & Davies, P.T. (September, 2003). *Emotional security in middle childhood: Children's agency, marital conflict, and attachment*. Poster presentation at the Kent State University 2003 Applied Psychology Forum on Attachment in Middle Childhood, Millersburg, OH.
- Cummings, E.M. & Schermerhorn, A.C. (April, 2003). *A developmental perspective on children as agents in the family*. Paper presentation at the conference of the Society for Research in Child Development, Tampa, FL.
- Schermerhorn, A.C., Wilberg, B., Lindstedt, K., Karrass, J., & Peterson, K. (April, 2003). *Effects of marital conflict on children's social functioning: Children's emotions and cognitions*. Poster presentation at the conference of the Society for Research in Child Development, Tampa, FL.
- Schermerhorn, A.C., Rogers, T., Murillo, S.A., and Camillus, R.M. (April, 2002). *Children's perceptions of marital conflict: Linking marital conflict with child competence and adjustment problems*. Poster session presentation at conference of the Society for Research on Adolescence, New Orleans, LA.

#### Teaching Experience

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| University of Notre Dame, Instructor of Record<br>PSY 60260 Socio-emotional Development I  | Spring 2007             |
| University of Notre Dame, Instructor of Record<br>PSY 30200 Developmental Psychology   | Fall 2006               |
| University of Notre Dame, Co-Instructor<br>PSY 398/498 Family Studies Center Special Studies Class   | Fall 2005, Spring 2005  |
| University of Notre Dame, Co-Director<br>Psychology Department Honors Program Senior Thesis,<br>Elizabeth Shelleby; this thesis, entitled "The Impact of Social<br>Identity on Willingness for Contact in Northern Ireland" was<br>accepted for publication in the College of Arts & Letters' 2008<br>volume of the <i>Journal of Undergraduate Research</i> at the University of<br>Notre Dame. | Fall 2005 – Spring 2006 |

University of Notre Dame, Co-Director Psychology Department Honors Program Senior Thesis, Justin Wilson	Fall 2005 – Spring 2006
University of Notre Dame, Guest Lecturer PSY 654: Developmental Psychopathology and Families	Spring 2005
University of Notre Dame, Guest Lecturer PSY 464/651: Child Development and Family Conflict	Spring 2005, Fall 2004, Fall 2003
University of Notre Dame, Co-director Psychology Department Honors Program Senior Thesis, Molly Swanston	Fall 2004 - Spring 2005
University of Notre Dame, Instructor of Record PSY 398/498 Family Studies Center Special Studies Class	Fall 2004
University of Notre Dame, Co-director Psychology Department Honors Program Senior Thesis, Catherine DeCarlo	Fall 2003 - Spring 2004
University of Notre Dame, Course Assistant PSY 398/498 Family Studies Center Special Studies Class	Fall 2002 - Spring 2004
University of Notre Dame, Teaching Assistant PSY 341: Experimental Psychology I: Statistics	Spring 2001, Fall 2000

#### Training in Teaching

##### Certifications

Striving for Excellence in Teaching, The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning Certification Program, University of Notre Dame	Fall 2004
Certification in the Practice and Philosophy of Teaching Psychology, jointly awarded by The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning and the Department of Psychology, University of Notre Dame	Fall 2004
Teaching Well Using Technology, The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning Certification Program, University of Notre Dame	2003 - 2004

##### Courses

Effective and Exciting Teaching in the Social Sciences, The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame	Summer 2004
Introduction to Teaching II, Department of Psychology, University of Notre Dame	Spring 2001
Graduate Teaching Seminar, Department of Psychology, University of Notre Dame	Fall 2000

Introduction to Teaching I, Department of Psychology, University of  
Notre Dame

Fall 2000

### Research Experience

- Post-doctoral Research Associate (Project Director June, 2005 – present). Studied background of conflict in Northern Ireland; worked intensively on study design and methodology; served as liaison between U.S. and N.I. research teams; traveled to N.I. to learn more about context of political, community, and family functioning in region and to lay foundation for project; supervised two undergraduates. *Children and Political Violence in Northern Ireland*, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. E. Mark Cummings (PI), University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. June, 2005 – present
- Graduate Research Assistant. Assisted with writing grant proposals to extend project to new population; participated in decision-making about data collection, entry, and management; oversaw undergraduate researchers. *Promoting Healthy Families: Resolving Marital Conflict and Improving Marital Practice*, Administration for Children and Families; E. Mark Cummings (Co-I with John Borkowski), University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. 2004 – 2005
- Graduate Research Assistant (Project Director August, 2004 – January, 2006). Collected, entered, and managed data; recruited participants; maintained contacts with participants; supervised undergraduate researchers; assisted with writing grant proposal for project renewal. *Marital Conflict Resolution and Child Development*, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; E. Mark Cummings (PI), University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. 2001 – 2003
- Graduate Research Assistant. Collected, entered, and managed data; coded observational data; assisted in developing experimenter protocol; supervised undergraduate researchers. *Family Process, Emotional Security, and Child Adjustment*, National Institute of Mental Health; E. Mark Cummings (Co-I with Patrick T. Davies), University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. 1999 – 2000
- Research Assistant. Collected data, oversaw undergraduate researchers. David Cole, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. 1998 – 1999
- Graduate Research Assistant. Collected, entered, and managed data, recruited participants and maintained contacts, oversaw undergraduate researchers. *Predictors of Negative Mood Intensity and Recovery*, National Institute of Mental Health. Salvatore J. Catanzaro (PI), Illinois State University, Normal, IL. 1996 – 1998

Professional Memberships

Society for Research in Child Development	2003 – present
National Council on Family Relations	2004 – present
Society for the Teaching of Psychology	2004 – present
Council on Undergraduate Research	2006 – present
Association for Psychological Science	2007

Service

Reviewing

Book Reviewer, Prentice Hall	Summer, 2007
Conference Submissions Reviewer, Conference on Human Development	Fall, 2003

Committee-Work

Teaching Assistant Resources Committee, Department of Psychology, University of Notre Dame	Spring 2004 – Spring 2005
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