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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2007 Ph.D., Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2000 M.A., Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1995 B.A., Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington
Research Social Psychology, Social Networks, Deviance and Delinquency, Health

Employment

2019-Present Professor, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
2013-2019 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
2007-2013 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
2006-2007 Post-Doctoral Researcher, UNC School of Public Health
2002-2006 Research Associate, UNC School of Public Health
2000-2002 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Public Policy, UNC-Chapel Hill
1999-2001 Assistant Director, Center for Community Capital, UNC-Chapel Hill

Large Grants

NIH (National Institute on Drug Abuse): Measuring the impact of structural racism and discrimination during adolescence on substance use, psychological distress, and criminal justice outcomes in adulthood (R01 DA056264-01)

4/01/2022 – 3/31/2026. Co-PI (PI: Nisha Gottfredson). Amount Awarded: \$2,612,515
The goal of this study is to collect a new wave of data from participants in the Contexts Study, a longitudinal social network study of adolescents, in order to understand the long term impacts of exposure to structural racism.

NSF: “BIGDATA F: Critical Visualization Technologies for Analyzing and Understanding Big Network Data: (Award #1741536)

9/1/2017 – 8/31/2020 Co-PI (Co-PI: Kwan-Liu Ma). Amount Awarded: \$560,000
The goal of this research is to develop new visualization technologies and apply them to large, complex and dynamic networks.

NIH (National Institute on Drug Abuse): Peer Mechanisms in the Internalizing Pathway to Substance Abuse (1R01DA037215)

9/15/2014 – 9/31/2017 Co-PI (Co-PI: Andrea Hussong). Amount Awarded: \$689,930
The major goal of this research project is to integrate social network analysis with longitudinal designs to examine the role that peers play in affect-motivated substance use during adolescence.

UC Davis: Center of Excellence for Visualization

7/1/2012 – 7/1/2015 Co-PI (PI: Kwan-Liu Ma) Amount Awarded: \$550,000
UC Davis Research Investments in the Sciences and Engineering Grant
The goal of this project is to establish a research center devoted to developing new techniques for the visualization and analysis of complex data.

Other Grants, Honors and Awards

- 2022 *American Journal of Sociology's* Roger V. Gould Prize (\$1,000)
- 2022 UC Davis Committee on Research Small Grant in Aid of Research (\$2,000)
- 2021 UC Davis Committee on Research Small Grant in Aid of Research (\$2,000)
- 2018 Fulbright Specialist (2018-2021)
- 2015 UC Davis Chancellor's Fellow (\$25,000)
- 2014 UC Davis Division of Social Sciences Dean's Research Innovation Award (\$1,000)
- 2012 ASA Crime Law and Deviance Section's James F. Short Award for Best Paper
- 2012 UC Davis Committee on Research Small Grant in Aid of Research (\$2,000)
- 2011 UC Davis Division of Social Sciences Dean's Research Innovation Award (\$1,000)
- 2011 UC Davis Hellman Research Fellowship (\$22,000)
- 2008 UC Davis Committee on Research Small Grant in Aid of Research
- 2006 Graduate Education Advancement Board Impact Award
- 2004 Centers for Disease Control Dissertation Fellowship
- 1997 National Science Foundation Democracy Fellowship
- 1995 *Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude*, Honors Graduate

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Cole, Veronica T., Andrea M. Hussong, Daniel M. McNeish, Susan T. Ennett, W. Andrew Rothenberg, Nisha C. Gottfredson, and Robert W. Faris. 2022. "The Role of Social Position Within Peer Groups in Distress-Motivated Smoking Among Adolescents." *Journal of studies on alcohol and drugs* 83, no.3: 420-429.

Faris, Robert, Diane Felmlee, and Cassie McMillan. 2020. "With Friends Like These: Aggression from Amity and Equivalence." *American Journal of Sociology*, 126, no. 3: 673-713.
*Winner of the Roger V. Gould Prize for best paper (2020-2021)

Shu, Xiaoling, George Barnett, and Robert Faris. 2020. "Telecommunication ties and gender ideologies in the age of globalization: International telephone networks and gender attitudes in 47 countries." *Chinese Journal of Sociology* 6, no. 1: 3-34.

Hussong, Andrea M., Susan T. Ennett, Daniel M. McNeish, Veronica T. Cole, Nisha C. Gottfredson, W. Andrew Rothenberg, and Robert W. Faris. 2020. "Social network isolation mediates associations between risky symptoms and substance use in the high school transition." *Development and psychopathology* 32, no. 2: 615-630.

Cole, Veronica T., Andrea M. Hussong, Robert W. Faris, William A. Rothenberg, Nisha C. Gottfredson, and Susan T. Ennett. 2020. "A Latent Variable Approach to Measuring Social Dynamics in Adolescence." *Journal of Research on Adolescence* 30: 238-254.

Ennett, Susan T., Robert W. Faris, Andrea M. Hussong, Nisha Gottfredson, and Veronica Cole. 2018. "Depressive symptomology as a moderator of friend selection and influence on substance use involvement: estimates from grades 6 to 12 in six longitudinal school-based social networks." *Journal of youth and adolescence* 47, no. 11: 2337-2352.

Hussong, Andrea M., Susan T. Ennett, Daniel McNeish, W. Andrew Rothenberg, Veronica Cole, Nisha C. Gottfredson, and Robert W. Faris. 2018. "Teen social networks and depressive symptoms-substance use associations: developmental and demographic variation." *Journal of studies on alcohol and drugs* 79, no. 5: 770-780.

Eastman, Meridith, Vangie Foshee, Susan Ennett, Daniela Sotres-Alvarez, H. Luz McNaughton Reyes, Robert Faris, and Kari North. 2018. "Profiles of internalizing and externalizing symptoms associated with bullying victimization." *Journal of adolescence* 65: 101-110.

Vaillancourt, Tracy, Robert Faris, and Faye Mishna. 2017. "Cyberbullying in Children and Youth: Implications for Health and Clinical Practice." *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*, 62, no 6: 368-373.

Muelder, Chris W., Robert Faris, and Kwan-Liu Ma. 2016. "A visual analytics approach to author name disambiguation." In *Proceedings of the 3rd IEEE/ACM International Conference on Big Data Computing, Applications and Technologies*, pp. 52-60. ACM.

Felmlee, Diane and Robert Faris. 2016. "Toxic Ties: Networks of Friendship, Dating, and Cyber Victimization." *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 79:3:243-262.

Foshee, Vangie, Thad S. Benefield, Heath Luz McNaughton Reyes, Meridith Eastman, Alana M. Vivolo-Kantor, Kathleen C. Basile, Susan T. Ennett, and Robert Faris. 2016. "Examining explanations for the link between bullying perpetration and physical dating violence perpetration: Do they vary by bullying victimization?" *Aggressive Behavior*, 42:1:66-81.

Smith, Jeffrey and Robert Faris. 2015. "Movement without Mobility: Adolescent Status Hierarchies and the Contextual Limits of Cumulative Advantage." *Social Networks*, 40:139-153.

Foshee, Vangie, Luz M. Reyes, Alana Vivolo-Kantor, Kathleen Basile, Ling-Yin Chang, Robert Faris, and Susan Ennett. 2014. "Bullying as a Longitudinal Predictor of Adolescent Dating Violence." *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 55:3:439-444.

Faris, Robert and Diane Felmlee. 2014. "Casualties of Social Combat: School Networks of Peer Victimization and their Consequences." *American Sociological Review*, 79:2:228-257.

Muelder, Chris, Tarik Crnovrsanin, Robert Faris, Diane Felmlee, and Kwan-Liu Ma. 2014. "Visualization Techniques for Categorical Analysis of Social Networks with Multiple Edge Sets." *Social Networks*, 37:56-64.

Reprinted in *Findings Magazine*, Fall 2014. The National Institute of General Medicine Sciences, Washington DC: <http://publications.nigms.nih.gov/findings/fall14/index.asp>

Foshee, Vangie, Thad Benefield, Luz McNaughton Reyes, Susan Ennett, Robert Faris, Ling-yin Chang, Andrea Hussong, and Chirayath Suchindran. 2013. "The Peer Context and the Development of the Perpetration of Adolescent Dating Violence." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 42:4:471-486.

Faris, Robert and Susan Ennett. 2012. "Adolescent Aggression: The Role of Peer Group Status Motives, Peer Aggression, and Group Characteristics." *Social Networks*, 34:4:371-378.

- Faris, Robert. 2012. "Aggression, Exclusivity, and Status Attainment in Interpersonal Networks." *Social Forces*, 90:4:1207-1235.
- Hipp, John, Robert Faris, and Adam Boessen. 2012. "Measuring 'Neighborhood': Constructing Network Neighborhoods." *Social Networks*, 34:1:128-140.
- Faris, Robert and Diane Felmlee. 2011. "Status Struggles: Network Centrality and Gender Segregation in Same- and Cross-Gender Aggression." *American Sociological Review*, 76:1:48-73.
*Winner of the ASA's Crime Law and Deviance Section's James F. Short Award for Best Paper.
- Ennett, Susan, Vangie Foshee, Karl Bauman, Andrea Hussong, Robert Faris, John Hipp, and Li Cai. 2010. "A social contextual analysis of youth cigarette smoking development." *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 12:9:950-962.
- Ennett, Susan, Vangie Foshee, Karl Bauman, Andrea Hussong, Robert Faris, John Hipp, Li Cai, Robb DuRant, and Luz Reyes. 2008. "The social ecology of adolescent alcohol misuse." *Child Development*, 79:6:1777-1791.
- Ennett, Susan, Robert Faris, John Hipp, Vangie Foshee, Karl Bauman, Andrea Hussong, and Li Cai. 2008. "Peer smoking, other peer attributes, and adolescent cigarette smoking: A social network analysis." *Prevention Science*, 9:88-98.
- Bauman, Karl, Robert Faris, Susan Ennett, Andrea Hussong, Vangie Foshee. 2007. "Adding Valued Data to Social Network Measures: Does it Add to Associations with Adolescent Substance Use?" *Social Networks*, 29:1:1-10.
- Ennett, Susan, Karl E. Bauman, Andrea Hussong, Robert Faris, Vangie A. Foshee, Rob DuRant, and Li Cai. 2006. "The Peer Context of Adolescent Substance Use: Findings from Social Network Analysis." *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 28:159-186.
- Stegman, Michael and Robert Faris. 2005. "Welfare, Work, and Banking: The Use of Consumer Credit by Current and Former TANF Recipients in Charlotte, North Carolina." *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 27:4:379-402.
- Smith, Christian and Robert Faris. 2005. "Socioeconomic Inequality in the American Religious System: An Update and Assessment." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 44:1:95-104.
- Stegman, Michael and Robert Faris. 2003. "Payday Lending: A Business Model That Encourages Chronic Borrowing." *Economic Development Quarterly*, 17:1:8-32.
- Smith, Christian, Melinda Lundquist-Denton, Robert Faris, and Mark Regnerus. 2003. "Mapping American Adolescent Subjective Religiosity and Attitudes of Alienation Toward Religion: A Research Report," *Sociology of Religion*, 64:1:111-133.
- Bearman, Peter, James Moody, and Robert Faris. 2002. "Networks and History." *Complexity*, 8:61-71.

Stegman, Michael, Kelly Cochran, and Robert Faris. 2002. "Toward a More Performance-Driven Service Test: Strengthening Basic Banking Services Under the Community Reinvestment Act," *Georgetown Journal of Poverty Law and Policy*, 9:2:405-452.

Smith, Christian, Melinda Lundquist Denton, Robert Faris, and Mark Regnerus. 2002. "Mapping American Adolescent Religious Participation." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 41:4:597-612.

Bearman, Peter, Robert Faris, and James Moody. 1999. "Blocking the Future: New Solutions for Old Problems in Historical Social Science." *Social Science History*. 23:4:501-533.

Book Chapters and Other Publications

Faris, Robert, and Liann Tucker. 2022. "Status Motivation, Network Stability, and Instrumental Cruelty." In *Sociology of Bullying, The*, pp. 120-139. New York University Press.

Faris, Robert, and John Faris. 2022. "The Taxonomy of Harm: A Response to Collins." In *Sociology of Bullying, The*, pp. 25-37. New York University Press.

Faris, Robert, and Diane H. Felmlee. 2018. "Best friends for now: Friendship network stability and adolescents' life course goals." In *Frontiers in Sociology and Social Research, Volume 2: Social Networks and the Life Course*, Duane Alwin, Derek Kreager, and Diane Felmlee, eds., pp. 185-203. Springer.

Underwood, Marion and Robert Faris. 2015. "[#Being13: Social Media and the Hidden World of Young Adolescents' Peer Culture](#)." Anderson Cooper 360° and CNN News.

Felmlee, Diane and Robert Faris. 2013. "Interaction in Social Networks," in *Handbook of Social Psychology*, John Delamater and Amanda Ward, eds.

Faris, Robert and Diane Felmlee. 2012. "[Social Networks and Aggression at the Wheatley School](#)." Anderson Cooper 360° and CNN News.

Faris, Robert and Diane Felmlee. 2012. "Bullying." *Encyclopedia Britannica*, new edition.

Faris, Robert. 2008. "Bullying and Peer Victimization." In *Encyclopedia of the Life Course and Human Development*, Deborah Carr, ed., pp. 70-74. New York: Macmillan.

Stegman, Michael and Robert Faris. 2005. "The Impacts of IDA Programs on Family Savings and Asset Holdings," in *Inclusion in the American Dream: Assets, Poverty, and Public Policy*, Oxford University Press.

Stegman, Michael, Kelly Cochran, and Robert Faris. 2002. "Creating a Scorecard for the CRA Service Test: Strengthening Banking Services Under the Community Reinvestment Act, Policy Brief No. 6, *The Brookings Institution*, March.

Public Research

Anderson Cooper CNN 360° 9/8/2015. “[#Being13](#).” This Emmy-winning episode presents results of a 9-month research investigation, in partnership with Marion Underwood and CNN, of social media use among over 200 13-year-olds from across the US. Teens granted full access to their social media accounts, and responded to a panel survey, allowing for the linkage between online activity and emotional well-being.

Anderson Cooper CNN 360° 10/9-11/2011. “[Bullying: It Stops Here](#).” This Emmy-winning docu-series presents results of a replication and extension of my research (with Diane Felmlee) on social networks and aggression in a New York public school.

Selected Media Coverage

Your Teen Magazine, 3/29/2022 “[Why Teens Bully](#)”

Salon, 2/23/2021, “[Bullies aren’t all sociopaths, most are just trying to climb the social ladder](#)”

Big Think, 2/25/2021, “[New Research Shows that Bullies are Often Friends](#)“

Science Daily, 2/17/2021, “[Most teen bullying occurs among peers climbing the social ladder](#)“

The Washington Post, 9/29/2016. “[Are You Raising an Internet Bully?](#)”

Slate, 4/1/2014: “[The Harder They Fall](#)”

The Onion, 4/2/2014, “[Study: Popularity Can Raise Risk of Being Bullied](#)”

Slate, 2/25/2013 “[Can We Really Stop Bullying?](#)”

The Onion, 2/10/2011, “[Study: Popular Children Meaner.](#)”

Harpers Monthly, 4/2011, “[Findings](#)”

The New York Times, 10/14/2011, “[What Works to End Bullying?](#)”

The New York Times, 2/14/2011 “[Web of Popularity, Achieved by Bullying](#).” Reprinted in *The Seattle Times* and *The Worcester Telegram*.

The Wall Street Journal, 2/17/2011, “[Bullying: Not Just for the Maladjusted!](#)”

The Washington Post, 2/8/2011, “[Most, least popular kids least likely to bully, study says.](#)”

Los Angeles Times, 2/8/2011, “[Study Links Teenage Bullying to Social Status](#) .” Reprinted in *Chicago Tribune*, *The Boston Herald*, *The Baltimore Sun*, and *The Arizona Republic*

ABC News, 2/8/2011, “[Bullied Teen is Driven to Succeed.](#)”

Time, 2/8/2011, “[Why Kids Bully: Because They’re Popular.](#)”

CNN, 2/8/2011, “[Kids and Aggression: Popularity Matters.](#)”

The Atlantic, 2/15/2011. “[The Most Popular Kids are like Benign Dictators](#) .”

US News and World Report, 2/8/2011, “[Bullying May Accompany Drive to be Popular.](#)” Reprinted in *Newsday* and *Bloomberg Businessweek*

Professional Service

Editorial board member, *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, January 2016 to present.

Editorial board member, *American Sociological Review*, January 2014-January 2016.

Deputy editor, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 2016-2019.

Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Computers and Security*, *Social Forces*, *Sociology of Education*, *Sociological Science*, *Social Networks*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, *Aggressive Behavior*, *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, *Youth and Society*, *Child Development*, *Ethnicities*, and *The Sociological Quarterly*.

Panelist, National Science Foundation Doctoral Improvement Grants, 2014-2017.