

Curriculum Vita

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Education:

The University of Oklahoma, B.A., 1983.
Graduated with High Honors.

State University of New York at Stony Brook, M.A., 1985.
Thesis title: The effects of induced moods: are happier children more productive?

State University of New York at Stony Brook, Ph.D., 1987.
Dissertation title: Security of attachment and preschool friendships.
Mentor: Dr. Everett Waters

Employment History:

Graduate Assistant, SUNY at Stony Brook, 1983-1987.
National Institute of Mental Health Postdoctoral Traineeship, University of Denver,
1987-1989.
Assistant Professor, Kent State University, 1989 to 1995
Associate Professor, Kent State University, 1995 to 2002
Professor, Kent State University, 2002 to 2018
Professor Emeritus, Kent State University, 2018 to present

Teaching Experience:

Undergraduate:

Freshman Orientation

Child Psychology (large lecture, lower division course)

Developmental Psychology (upper division course for psychology majors)

Social Development (upper division course for psychology majors)

Laboratory Experiences in Psychology: Social and Clinical (upper division course for academically talented psychology majors)

Graduate:

Developmental Psychology

Social and Personality Development

Seminars in Social Development (Attachment theory, Children's Relationships with Family Members and Peers)

Research Methods and Design

Administrative Experience:

Undergraduate Coordinator in Psychology, May 2004 to August 2005 and August 2006 to August 2007

Associate Chair in Psychology, August 2009 to August 2013

Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning, January 2015 to December 2015

Secretary, Faculty Senate, May 2016 to May 2018

Membership in Professional Organizations:

Society for Research in Child Development

International Association for Relationship Research

Professional Experience:

Member of Editorial Board:

Personal Relationships (1993-1997; 1999-2000)

Family Relations (1997- 2000)

Developmental Psychology (2000 - 2004)

Attachment and Human Development (2004 to present)

Ad hoc reviewer:

Child Development, Merrill-Palmer Quarterly, Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, Social Development, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Infant Behavior and Development, Psychological Assessment, Journal of Family Psychology, Development and Psychopathology, Developmental Psychology, National Science Foundation grant reviewer, SRCD Program Committee-- Reviewer, NIH grant review panels (temporary member)

Professional Service (major commitments):

ISSPR Conference Planning Committee, 1995 - 2000
ISSPR Membership Committee Chair, 1998 - 2000
IARR Conference Planning Committee, 2001 to 2004
Faculty Senate, Kent State University, June 2014 to May 2018

Research Instruments Developed:

Dyadic Relationships Q-set (observational system for coding interactions of early childhood peer dyads)

Security Scale (self-report measure of parent-child relationships based on attachment theory)

Intramural Grants Received (greater than \$5000):

"Parent-Child Attachment and Emotion Regulation in Middle Childhood," Research Challenge Award from Department of Psychology, Kent State University, 11/96 to 6/97. Co-P.I.s: Kathryn A. Kerns and Josefina M. Contreras.

Extramural Grants Received:

"Security of attachment and friendship formation," funded by National Institute of Mental Health, 3/93 to 2/28/95. Principal Investigator: Kathryn A. Park. (Total direct costs \$100,00)

"Parent-child relationships in middle childhood", funded by National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, 9/1/94 to 5/31/98. Principal Investigator: Kathryn A. Kerns. (Total direct costs \$340,00)

“Pet dogs as compensatory support figures”, funded by National Institute of Nursing Research, 3/15/11 - 8/31/14. Principal Investigator: Kathryn A. Kerns. (Total direct costs \$100,000)

Awards:

Bowlby-Ainsworth Contributor Award , 2015, from the New York Attachment Consortium

President’s Excellence Award, Kent State University, 2016

Published Papers:

Park, K.A., & Waters, E. (1988). Traits and relationships in developmental perspective. In S. Duck (Ed.), *Handbook on personal relationships* (pp. 161-176). Chichester: Wiley.

Park, K.A., & Waters, E. (1989). Security of attachment and preschool friendships. *Child Development, 60*, 1076-1081.

Lay, K.L., Waters, E., & Park, K.A. (1989). Maternal responsiveness and child compliance: The role of mood as a mediator. *Child Development, 60*, 1405-1411.

Park, K.A., & Waters, E. (1990). Social competence and individual development. In R.M. Thomas (Ed.), *The encyclopedia of human development and education* (pp. 409 - 411). Pergamon Press: Elmsford, New York.

Park, K.A. (1992). Preschoolers' reactions to loss of a best friend: Developmental trends and individual differences. *Child Study Journal, 22*, 233-252.

Park, K.A., Lay, K.L., & Ramsay, L. (1993). Individual differences and developmental changes in preschoolers' friendships. *Developmental Psychology, 29*, 264-270.

Youngblade, L.M., Park, K.A., & Belsky, J. (1993). Measurement of young children's close friendship: A comparison of 2 independent assessment systems and their associations with attachment security. *International Journal of Behavioral Development, 16*, 563-587.

Kerns, K.A. (1994). A developmental model of the relations between mother-child attachment and friendship. In R. Erber & R. Gilmour (Eds.), *Theoretical frameworks for personal relationships* (pp. 129-156). Erlbaum. Hillsdale, N.J.

Kerns, K.A. (1994). A longitudinal examination of links between mother-child attachment and children's friendships in early childhood. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 11*, 379-381.

Kerns, K.A., & Barth, J.M. (1995). Attachment and physical play: Convergence across components of parent-child relationships and their relations to peer competence. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 12*, 243-260.

Kerns, K.A. (1996). Individual differences in friendship quality and their links to child-mother attachment. Chapter to appear in W.M. Bukowski, A.F. Newcomb, & W.W. Hartup (Eds.), *The company they keep: Friendship in childhood and adolescence* (pp. 137-157). Cambridge University Press.

Vespo, J.E., Kerns, K.A., & O'Connor, E.M. (1996). Social organization in preschool classrooms: Social sets as social units. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 13*, 41-55.

Kerns, K.A., Klepac, L., & Cole, A. (1996). Peer relationships and preadolescents' perceptions of security in the child-mother relationship. *Developmental Psychology, 32*, 457-466.

Kerns, K.A., & Stevens, A.C. (1996). Parent-child attachment in late adolescence: Links to social relations and personality. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence, 25*, 323-342.

Oldenburg, C., & Kerns, K.A. (1997). Associations between peer relationships and depressive symptoms: Testing moderator effects of gender and age. *Journal of Early Adolescence, 17*, 319-337.

Kerns, K.A., Cole, A., & Andrews, P.B. (1998). Attachment security, parent peer management practices, and peer relationships in preschoolers. *Merrill-Palmer Quarterly, 44*, 504-522.

Kerns, K.A., Contreras, J.M., & Neal-Barnett, A.M., (Eds.) (2000). *Family and peers: Linking two social worlds*. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Kerns, K. A., Aspelmeier, J. E., & Tomich, P. L. (2000). Introduction. In K. A. Kerns, J. M. Contreras, and A. M. Neal-Barnett (Eds.), *Family and peers: Linking two social worlds* (pp. vii-xi). Westport, CT: Praeger.

Contreras, J. M., & Kerns, K. A. (2000). Emotion regulation processes: Explaining links between parent-child attachment and peer relationships. In K. A. Kerns, J. M. Contreras, and A. M. Neal-Barnett (Eds.), *Family and peers: Linking two social worlds* (pp. 1 - 25). Westport, CT: Praeger.

Contreras, J.M., Kerns, K. A., Weimer, B. L., Gentzler, A. L., & Tomich, P. L. (2000). Emotion regulation as a mediator of associations between mother-child attachment and peer relationships in middle childhood. *Journal of Family Psychology, 14*, 111 - 124.

Kerns, K. A. (2000). Types of preschool friendships. *Personal Relationships*, 7, 311-324.

Kerns, K. A., Tomich, P. L., Aspelmeier, J. E., & Contreras, J. M. (2000). Attachment based assessments of parent-child relationships in middle childhood. *Developmental Psychology*, 36, 614-626.

Grabill, C. M., & Kerns, K. A. (2000). Attachment style and intimacy in friendship. *Personal Relationships*, 7, 363-378.

Neal-Barnett, A. M., Contreras, J. M., & Kerns, K. A. (Eds.) (2001). *Forging links: African American children clinical and developmental perspectives*. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Kerns, K. A. (2001). The 1999 Kent State Forum: Take home messages and future challenges for the field of developmental psychology. In A. M. Neal-Barnett, J. M. Contreras, & K. A. Kerns (Eds.), *Forging links: African American children clinical and developmental perspectives* (pp, 183 - 190). Westport, CT: Praeger.

Kerns, K. A., Aspelmeier, J. E., Gentzler, A. L., & Grabill, C. M. (2001). Parent-child attachment and monitoring in middle childhood. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 15, 69 - 81.

Cole, A., & Kerns, K. A. (2001). Perceptions of sibling qualities and activities in early adolescents. *Journal of Early Adolescence*, 21, 204-226.

Contreras, J., Kerns, K. A., & Neal-Barnett, A. (Eds.) (2002). *Latino children and families in the United States: Current research and future directions*. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.

Aspelmeier, J. E., & Kerns, K. A. (2003). Love and school: Attachment/exploration dynamics in college. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 20, 5-30.

Weimer, B. L. , Kerns, K. A., & Oldenburg, C. M. (2004). Adolescents' interactions with a best friend: Associations with attachment style. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 88, 102 - 120.

Gentzler, A. L., & Kerns, K. A. (2004). Associations between insecure attachment and sexual experiences. *Personal Relationships*, 11, 249 - 265.

Kerns, K. A., Schlegelmilch, A., Morgan, T. A., & Abraham, M. M. (2005). Assessing attachment in middle childhood. In K. A. Kerns and R. A. Richardson (Eds.), *Attachment in Middle Childhood* (pp. 46 - 70). N.Y.: Guilford.

Kerns, K. A., & Richardson, R. A. Eds.) (2005). *Attachment in Middle Childhood*. N.Y.:

Guilford.

Gentzler, A. L., Contreras, J. M., Kerns, K. A., & Weimer, B. L. (2005). Parent-child emotional communication and children's coping in middle childhood. *Social Development, 14*, 591-612.

Kerns, K. A., Tomich, P. L., & Kim, P. (2006). Normative trends in children's perceptions of availability and utilization of attachment figures in middle childhood. *Social Development, 15*, 1-22.

Gentzler, A. L., & Kerns, K.A. (2006). Adult attachment and memory of emotional reactions to negative and positive events. *Cognition and Emotion, 20*, 20-42.

Kerns, K.A., Abraham, M.M., Schlegelmilch, A., & Morgan, T.A. (2007). Mother-child attachment in later middle childhood: Assessment approaches and associations with mood and emotion regulation. *Attachment and Human Development, 9*, 33-53.

Kerns, K.A. (2008). Attachment in middle childhood. In J. Cassidy & P. Shaver (Eds), *Handbook of Attachment* (2nd edition) (pp. 366 - 382). N.Y.: Guilford..

Kerns, K. A., Brumariu, L. E., & Abraham, M. M. (2008). Homesickness at summer camp: Associations with the mother-child relationship, social self-concept, and peer relationships in middle childhood. *Merrill-Palmer Quarterly, 52*, 473 - 498.

Brumariu, L. E., & Kerns, K. A. (2008). Mother-child attachment and social anxiety symptoms in middle childhood. *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology, 29*, 393 - 402.

Booth-LaForce, C., & Kerns, K. A. (2009). Child-parent attachment relationships, peer relationships, and peer group functioning. In K. H. Rubin, W. Bukowski, & B. Laursen (Eds.), *Handbook of Peer Interactions, Peer Relationships, and Peer Group Functioning* (pp. 490 - 507). N.Y.: Guilford.

Kerns, K.A. (2009). Developmental transformations in attachment in middle childhood. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 32*, 33 - 34.

Seibert, A.C., & Kerns, K.A. (2009). Attachment figures in middle childhood. *International Journal of Behavioral Development, 33*, 347 - 355.

Seibert, A. C., & Kerns, K. A. (2009). Attachment typologies, childhood. In H. T. Reis & S. K. Sprecher (Eds), *Encyclopedia of Human Relationships*. Sage.

Brumariu, L.E., & Kerns, K.A. (2010). Parent-child attachment and internalizing symptomatology in childhood and adolescence: A review of empirical findings and future

directions. *Development and Psychopathology*, 22, 177 - 203.

Gentzler, A.L., Kerns, K.A., & Keener, E. (2010). Emotional reactions and regulatory responses to negative and positive events: Associations with attachment and gender. *Motivation and Emotion*, 34, 78-92.

Brumariu, L.E., & Kerns, K.A. (2010). Mother-child attachment patterns and different types of anxiety symptoms: Is there specificity of relations? *Child Psychiatry and Human Development*, 41, 663 - 674.

Brumariu, L.E., & Kerns, K.A. (2011). Parent-child attachment in early and middle childhood. In P. Smith and C. Hart (Eds.), *Handbook of Childhood Social Development* (2nd ed.), pp. 319 - 336. Blackwell. Malden, MA.

Kerns, K.A., Siener, S., & Brumariu, L.E. (2011). Mother-child relationships, family context, and child characteristics as predictors of anxiety symptoms in middle childhood. *Development and Psychopathology*, 23, 593-604.

Kerns, K.A., Brumariu, L.E., & Seibert, A.C. (2011). Multi-method assessment of mother-child attachment: Links to parenting and child depressive symptoms in middle childhood. *Attachment and Human Development*, 13, 315 - 333.

Siener, S., Kerns, K. A.(2012). Emotion regulation and depressive symptoms in preadolescence. *Child Psychiatry and Human Development*, 43, 414 - 430.

Brumariu, L.E., Kerns, K.A., & Seibert, A.C. (2012). Mother-child attachment, emotion regulation, and anxiety symptoms in middle childhood. *Personal Relationships*, 19, 569 - 585.

West, K., Mathews, B. L., & Kerns, K.A. (2013). Mother-child attachment and cognitive performance in middle childhood: An examination of mediating mechanisms. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 28, 259 - 270.

Abraham, M. M., & Kerns, K.A. (2013). Positive and negative emotions and coping as mediators of the link between mother-child attachment and peer relationships. *Merrill-Palmer Quarterly*, 59, 399 - 425..

Brumariu, L.E., & Kerns, K.A. (2013). Pathways to anxiety: Contributions of attachment history, temperament, peer competence, and ability to manage intense emotions. *Child Psychiatry and Human Development*, 44, 504-515.

Kerns, K.A., & Brumariu, L. E. (2014). Is insecure parent-child attachment a risk factor for the development of anxiety in childhood or adolescence? *Child Development Perspectives*, 8, 12 - 17.

Bosmans, G., Dujardin, A., Vandevivere, E., Braet, C., & Kerns, K. (2014). Family factors. In P. Emmelkamp & T. Ehring (Eds.), *Wiley handbook of anxiety disorders*. (pp.172 - 190). Chichester, UK: Wiley.

Mathews, B. L., Kerns, K.A., & Ciesla, J.A. (2014). Specificity of emotion regulation difficulties related to anxiety in early adolescence. *Journal of Adolescence*, *37*, 1089 – 1097.

Seibert, A.C., & Kerns, K.A. (2015). Early mother-child attachment: Longitudinal prediction to the quality of peer relationships in middle childhood. *International Journal of Behavioral Development*, *39*, 130 - 138.

Brumariu, L.E., & Kerns, K.A. (2015). Mother-child emotion communication and childhood anxiety symptoms *Cognition and Emotion*, *29*, 416 - 431.

Parrigon, K. S., Kerns, K. A., Abtahi, M. M., & Koehn, A. (2015). Attachment and emotion in middle childhood and adolescence. *Psychological Topics*, *24*, 27 - 50.

Bosmans, G., & Kerns, K. A. (Eds). (2015). *Attachment in middle childhood: Theoretical advances and new directions in an emerging field*. San Fransisco: Jossey-Bass.

Bosmans, G., & Kerns, K.A. (2015). Attachment in middle childhood: Progress and prospects. In G. Bosmans & K. A. Kerns (Eds), *Attachment in middle childhood: Theoretical advances and new directions in an emerging field* (pp. 1 - 14). San Fransisco: Jossey-Bass.

Kerns, K. A., Mathews, B. L., Koehn, A. J. Williams, C. T., & Siener-Ciesla, S. (2015). Assessing both safe haven and secure base support in parent-child relationships. *Attachment and Human Development*, *17*, 337 - 353.

Kerns, K. A., & Brumariu, L. E. (2016). Attachment in middle childhood. In J. Cassidy & P. Shaver (Eds), *Handbook of Attachment* (3rd edition) (pp. 349 - 365). N.Y.: Guilford..

Rife, S. C., Kerns, K. A., & Updegraff, J. A. (2016). Seeking support in response to social and achievement stressors: A multi-venue analysis. *Personal Relationships*, *23*, 364 - 379.

Koehn, A. J., & Kerns, K. A. (2016). The supervision partnership as a phase of attachment. *Journal of Early Adolescence*, *36*, 961 - 988.

Scharf, M., Kerns, K.A., Rousseau, S., & Kivenson-Baron, I. (2016). Mother-child attachment and social anxiety: Associations with friendship skills and peer competence of Arab children. *School Psychology International*, *37*, 271 - 288.

Mathews, B. L., Koehn, A. J., Abtahi, M. M., & Kerns, K.A. (2016). Emotional competence and anxiety in childhood and adolescence: A meta-analytic review. *Clinical Child and Family Psychology Review*, *19*, 162 - 184.

Parrigon, K. S., & Kerns, K.A. (2016). Family processes in child anxiety: The long-term impact of fathers and mothers. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, *44*, 1253 - 1266.

Cooke, J. E., Stuart-Parrigon, K. L., Movahed-Abtahi, M., Koehn, A. J., & Kerns, K. A. (2016). Children's emotion understanding and mother-child attachment: A meta-analysis. *Emotion*, *16*, 1102 - 1106.

Kerns, K. A., Koehn, A. J., van Dulmen, M. H. M., Stuart-Parrigon, K. L., & Coifman, K. G. (2017). Preadolescents' relationships with pet dogs: Relationship continuity and associations with adjustment. *Applied Developmental Science*, *21*, 67 - 80.

Kerns, K.A., & Movahed-Abtahi, M. (2017). Attachment in middle childhood. In B. Hopkins E. Geangu, & S. Linkenauer (Editors), *Cambridge Encyclopedia of Child Development* (2nd Edition; pp. 454 - 458). Cambridge University Press.

Movahed-Abtahi, M., & Kerns, K. A. (2017). Attachment and emotion regulation in middle childhood: Changes in affect and vagal tone during a social stress task. *Attachment and Human Development*, *19*, 221 - 242.

Kochendorfer, L. B., & Kerns, K.A. (2017). Perceptions of parent-child attachment relationships and friendship qualities: Predictors of romantic relationship involvement and quality in adolescence. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, *46*, 1009 - 1021.

Barcsi, B., Hollody, K., Peley, B., Dorn, K., Kerns, K.A., Rozsa, S., Torok, I., & Kallai, J. (2017). Security, reliance, and availability: Psychometric features of the Kerns' Security Scale in Hungarian population. *Mentalhigiéné és Pszichoszomatika*, *18*, 171 - .

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Koehn, A. J., & Kerns, K. A. (2018). Parent-child attachment: Meta-analysis of associations with parenting behaviors in middle childhood and adolescence. *Attachment and Human Development*, *20*, 378 - 405.

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Brumariu, L. E., Madigan, S., Giussepone, K. R., Movahed Abtahi, M., & Kerns, K. A. (2018). The Security Scale as a Measure of Attachment: Meta-analytic Evidence of Validity *Attachment & Human Development, 20*, 600 - 625.

Kerns, K.A., & Seibert, A.C. (Accepted). Finding your way through the thicket: Promising approaches to assessing attachment in middle childhood. In E. Waters, H. Waters, and B. Vaughn (Eds), *Measuring attachment*. Guilford.

Cooke, J.E., Kochendorfer, L. B., Stuart-Parrigon, K. L., Koehn, A. J., & Kerns, K. A. (in press). Parent-Child Attachment and Children's Experience and Regulation of Emotion: A meta-analytic review. *Emotion*.

Papers presented at professional meetings

Park, K. (1983). Maternal perceptions of newborn infants. Paper presented at the Graduate Conference on Personality and Social Development.

Park, K.A., & Ridgeway, D. (1986). Mood and behavior: Isolating the effects of pleasure and arousal. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development.

Vespo, J.E., & Park, K.A. (1987). Social organization in preschool classrooms. Paper presented at the biennial meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development.

Park, K.A., Vespo, J.E., & O'Conner, E.M. (1988). Activity preferences and peer interaction. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development.

Park, K.A., & Waters, E. (1988). Security of attachment and preschool friendships. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development.

Park, K.A. (1988) A developmental model of the relations between parent-child attachment and friendship. Paper presented at the Fourth International Conference on Personal Relationships.

Park, K.A., & Berndt, T.J. (1988). Children's reasoning about peers' transgressions and personal dilemmas. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention.

Park, K.A. (1989). Self-esteem: one mediator of the relation between security of attachment and behavioral conduct. Paper presented at the biennial meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development.

Park, K.A., Lay, K.L., & Ramsay, L. (1990). Stability and change in preschoolers' friendships. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development.

Park, K.A., & Hazan, C. (1990). Correlates of attachment security and self-worth in middle childhood. Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationships.

Barth, J.M., & Park, K.A. (1991). Parent-child physical play and attachment security. Paper presented at the biennial meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development.

Youngblade, L.M., Park, K.A., & Belsky, J. (1991). Measurement of young children's close friendship: A comparison of 2 independent assessment systems and their associations with attachment security. Paper presented at the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development.

Park, K.A., & Barth, J.M. (1992). Peer competence: Links to qualities of mother-child and father-child relationships. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development.

Park, K.A., & Stevens, A. (1992). Attachment style and social adjustment in late adolescence. Paper presented at the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships.

Gruys, A.K., Park, K.A., & Kelleher, T. (1992). Links between qualities of sibling and peer relationships in preschoolers. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention.

Park, K.A., Klepac, L., & Stevens, A.C. (1993). Child-mother attachment in preadolescence: Links to friendship. Paper presented at the biennial meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development.

Park, K.A. (1993). A longitudinal examination of links between mother-child attachment and children's friendships in early childhood. Paper presented at the biennial meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development.

Gruys, A., & Park, K.A. (1993). Nurturance and dominance in the sibling relationship: Links with peer relationships in preschoolers. Paper presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association.

Gruys, A., Yoeder, R., Howell, C., & Park, K.A. (1993). Links between sibling relationship qualities and friendship formation in preschoolers. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association.

Oldenburg, C., & Kerns, K.A. (1994). Friendship quality as a predictor of psychological well-being in preadolescence and early adolescence. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development.

Rich, L.N., & Kerns, K.A. (1994). Cross-generational transmission of attachment style: Mother and child experiences in romantic relationships. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development.

Rich, L.N., & Kerns, K.A. (1994). Attachment style as a predictor for dating experiences. Paper presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association.

Martin, C.S., & Kerns, K.A. (1994). Attachment style and three components of intimacy. Paper presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association.

Kerns, K.A., Klepac, L., & Gruys, A. (1994). Mother-child attachment and peer relationships in middle childhood. Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationships.

Martin, C.S., & Kerns, K.A. (1995). The influence of attachment on intimacy in adolescent friendships. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development.

Kerns, K.A., & Gruys, A. (1995). Mother-child attachment and friendship formation in preschoolers. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development.

Kerns, K.A., Tomich, P.L., Aspelmeier, J.E., & Grabill, C.M. (1996). Parent-child attachment dimensions in middle childhood. Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationships.

Kerns, K.A., Aspelmeier, J.E., Tomich, P.L., & Grabill, C.M. (1996). Control processes in parent-child relationships in middle childhood. Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationships.

Tomich, P.L., & Kerns, K.A. (1997). Parent-child relationships and children's peer competence in middle childhood. Paper presented at Society for Research on Child Development.

Kerns, K.A., & Gentzler, A.L. (1997). Parent-child supervision in middle childhood. Paper presented at Society for Research in Child Development.

Grabill, C.M., and Kerns, K. A. (1997). The relation between memories of childhood relationships and authoritative parenting attitudes. Presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships Conference.

Contreras, J. M., & Kerns, K. A. (1998). Emotion regulation processes: Explaining links between parent-child interactions and peer relationships. Paper presented at the Kent Psychology Forum.

Weimer, B. L., & Kerns, K. A. (1998). Avoidant and preoccupied coping: Links with behavior problems in middle childhood. Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal relationships.

Kerns, K.A., Aspelmeier, J. E., & Gentzler, A. L. (1999). Does a secure attachment facilitate checking in and monitoring in middle childhood? Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Contreras, J. M., Kerns, K. A., Gentzler, A. L., Weimer, B. L., & Tomich, P. L. (1999). Emotion regulation as a mediator of links between mother/father attachment and peer relationships. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Kerns, K. A., Contreras, J. M., Gentzler, A. L., & Weimer, B. L. (2001). Parent-child emotionally open communication and children's coping in middle childhood. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Kerns, K. A., Kim, P. M., & Tomich, P. L. (2001). Middle childhood changes in perceptions of parent-child attachment. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Gentzler, A.L., Weimer, B.L., Kerns, K.A., & Kim, P. (2001). Attachment and identity development. Paper presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships Conference.

Weimer, B.L., Kerns, K.A., & Oldenburg, C. (2001). Adolescents' interactions with a best friend: Associations with attachment style. Paper presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships Conference.

Gentzler, A. L., & Kerns, K. A. (2002). Links between adult attachment and memory of emotional reactions to negative and positive events. Paper presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Meeting.

Kerns, K.A., Teague, J., Morgan, T.A., & Schlegelmilch, A. (2002). A script based approach to assessing attachment representations in middle childhood. Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationships.

Kerns, K. A., Schlegelmilch, A., & Morgan, T. (2003). Narrative assessment of mother-child and father-child attachment in preadolescence. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Gentzler, A. L., & Kerns, K. A. (2003). Adult attachment and responses to negative and positive events. Paper presented at the American Psychological Society.

Weimer, B. L., & Kerns, K. A. (2004). Exploring relational aggression among college students. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence.

Abraham, M. A., Kerns, K. A., Morgan, T. A., & Schlegelmilch, A. (2004). Associations between attachment and emotion regulation in preadolescence. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development.

Schlegelmilch, A., & Kerns, K. A. (2004). Attachment and the school to home behavior link in middle childhood. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference.

Kerns, K. A., & Abraham, M. M. (2005). Mother-child attachment as a predictor of girls' peer relationships at summer camp. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Abraham, M. M., & Kerns, K. A. (2005). Attachment: Links to the expression and regulation of emotion in preadolescence. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Grant, S.M., Contreras, J.M., & Kerns, K.A. (2005). Parent-child emotional communication in middle childhood. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Brumariu, L. E., & Kerns, K. A. (2006). Social anxiety and attachment in preadolescence. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence.

Seibert, A. C., & Kerns, K. A. (2006). Secondary attachments in middle childhood. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development.

Seibert, A.C., Kerns, K. A., & Abraham, M. M. (2006). Secure attachment, counselor support, and friendship quality at summer camp. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development.

Abraham, M., & Kerns, K. A. (2006). Emotion regulation as a mediator of the attachment and peer relationship quality link. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development.

Kerns, K. A., Brumariu, L., & Abraham, M.M. (2006). Mother-child attachment and peer relationships as predictors of preadolescents' homesickness. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference.

Brumariu, L.E., & Kerns, K.A. (2006). Attachment security, peer relationships, and anxious symptoms in middle childhood. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference.

Schlegelmilch, A., & Kerns, K. A. (2007). Linguistic markers associated with attachment security in middle childhood. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Brumariu, L. E., Kerns, K. A., & Seibert, A. C. (2007). Family relationships and anxiety symptoms in middle childhood. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Brumariu, L. E., Kerns, K. A., & Seibert, A. C. (2007). Attachment, self-reported depression, and mother reported conduct problems in middle childhood. Paper presented at the National Conference on Family Relations.

Brumariu, L. E., Kerns, K. A., & Seibert, A. C. (2008). Mother-child attachment and anxiety symptoms in early adolescence: The role of emotion regulation. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Conference.

Seibert A.C., Brumariu, L.E., Kerns, K.A., & Siener, S. (2008). Maternal secure base scripts, parenting, and children's emotion regulation. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference.

Brumariu, L.E., Seibert, A.C., & Kerns, K.A. (2008). Relations of maternal parenting with child's attachment in middle childhood. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference.

Brumariu, L.E., & Kerns, K.A. (2009). Insecure attachment patterns and different types of anxiety symptoms in middle childhood: Is there specificity of relations? Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Siener, S., & Kerns, K.A. (2009). The role of emotion regulation in childhood depressive symptomatology. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Seibert, A.C., & Kerns, K.A. (2009). Mother-child attachment: Predicting peer competence. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Brumariu, L.E., Kerns, K.A., & Siener, S. (2010). Behavioral indicators of emotion regulation and anxiety in early adolescence. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Conference.

Kerns, K.A., Siener, S., & Brumariu, L.E. (2010). Mother-child relationships, family context, and child characteristics as predictors of anxiety symptoms in middle childhood. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Conference.

Seibert, A.C., Kerns, K.A., Brumariu, L.E., & Siener, S. (2010). Maternal secure base scripts, parenting, and child attachment. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development.

Brumariu, L.E., & Kerns, K.A. (2010). Mother-child attachment in early childhood and anxiety symptoms in preadolescence: The role of peer competence and emotion regulation. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference.

Kerns, K.A., & Mathews, B. (2010). Proposed revision for the Security Scale. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference

Ciesla, S., & Kerns, K.A. (2011). The temporal relationship between emotion regulation and depression in preadolescence. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Kerns, K.A., & Matthews, B. (2011). Social anxiety and emotion regulation in preadolescence. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development.

Brumariu, L.E., Mathews, B., & Kerns, K.A. (2011). Peer relationships and anxiety symptoms in adolescence. Paper presented at Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention.

Mathews, B. L., & Kerns, K. A. (2012). Emotion regulation difficulties related to social and general anxiety symptoms in early adolescence. Paper presented at ADAA Conference.

Kerns, K.A., van Dulmen, M., & Coifman, K. (2012). Pet dogs as compensatory support figures. Paper presented at the International Society for Anthrozoology, Cambridge, UK.

Koehn, A.J., & Kerns, K.A. (2013). The supervision partnership as a phase of attachment. Poster presented at SRCD.

Kerns, K.A. (April 2013). Panelist in Roundtable- Attachment in Middle Childhood: Theoretical and Measurement Implications of an Emerging Research Field . SRCD.

Kerns, K.A., Mathews, B., Koehn, A., & Siener, S. (2013). Assessing safe haven and secure base support in parent-child relationships. Paper presented at the International Conference on Attachment Studies, Pavia, Italy.

Rife, S.C., Kerns, K.A., & Updegraff, J.A. (2013). Rejection sensitivity and social support seeking in-person and over the internet. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research New Scholars Pre-Conference, Louisville, KY.

Rife, S.C., Kerns, K.A., & Updegraff, J.A. (2014, February). Support seeking in response to stress: Person-level moderators, contextual factors, and the role of online venues. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

Brumariu, L.E., & Kerns, K.A. (2014). Mother-child emotion communication and anxiety symptoms in preadolescence Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Conference. Austin, TX.

Williams, C., Koehn, A., Mathews, B., Siener, S., & Kerns, K.A. (2014). Safe haven and secure base functions of attachment with mothers and fathers: Relations with adolescents' social development. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Conference. Austin, TX.

Koehn, A., Mathews, B., & Kerns, K.A. (2014). Anxiety and emotional competence in childhood and adolescence: A meta-analysis. Paper presented at ADAA Conference, Chicago, IL.

Kerns, K.A., Parrigon, K. S., Coifman, K. G., van Dulmen, M. H. M., & Koehn, A. J. (2015). Pet dogs: Does their presence mitigate preadolescents' emotional responses to a social stressor? Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development. Philadelphia, PA.

Abtahi, M. M., & Kerns, K. A. (2015). Attachment security as a risk factor for adolescent depression: The mediating role of emotional processes. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development. Philadelphia, PA.

Stuart, K., & Kerns, K. A. (2015). Modeling the Roles of Fathers and Mothers in Child Anxiety. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development. Philadelphia, PA.

Brumariu, L. E., Van de Walle, M., Giuseppone, K. R., Bosmans, G., Lyons-Ruth, K. & Kerns, K.A. (2015). Middle Childhood Attachment Strategies Coding System: Initial Validation of a Behavioral Measure. Paper presented at the International Conference on Attachment. New York, N.Y.

Amanda J. Koehn and Kathryn A. Kerns (2015). Parent-child attachment and parenting behaviors in middle childhood and adolescence: A meta-analytic review. Paper presented at the International Conference on Attachment. New York, N.Y.

Mohaved Abtahi, M., & Kerns, K.A. (2015). Attachment security and affect regulation: A social stress approach. Paper presented at the International Conference on Attachment. New York, N.Y.

Mohaved Abtahi, M., & Kerns, K.A. (2016). Attachment security and vagal tone: A social stress approach. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence. Baltimore, MD.

Cooke, J. E., Stuart-Parrigon, K. L., Movahed-Abtahi, M., Koehn, A. J., & Kerns, K. A. (2016, July). Children's emotion understanding and mother-child attachment: A meta-analysis. Paper presented at the International Association for relationship Research Conference. Toronto, Canada.

Kerns, K.A. (2017, April). Are insecure patterns of attachment associated with distinct profiles of emotion and HRV? Paper presented at the SRCD Attachment Preconference. Austin, TX.

Kochendorfer, L. K., Cooke, J. E., Stuart-Parrigon, K. L., Movahed-Abtahi, M., Koehn, A. J., & Kerns, K. A. (2017, April). Parent-child attachment: Meta-analysis of associations with emotion. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development. Austin, TX.

Kochendorfer L. K., & Kerns, K. A. (2017, April). Perceptions of parent-child attachment relationships and friendship qualities: Predictors of romantic relationship involvement and quality in adolescence. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX.

Obeldobel, C. A., & Kerns, K. A. (2018, April). Parent-child attachment security in middle childhood and positive emotions. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescents Biennial Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

Kochendorfer, L. B., & Kerns, K. A. (2018, April). The continuity of quality from friendships to romantic relationships: Meta-analytic evidence. Poster presented at the 2018 Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting. Minneapolis, MN.

Cooke, J.E., Kochendorfer, L., Stuart-Parrigon, K., Koehn, A., & Kerns, K. (2018, May). Parent-child attachment and children's affective experiences: A series of meta-analyses. Poster presented at the World Association of Infant Mental Health Conference, Rome, Italy.

Honor's Theses Directed:

Stephanie Schrader, 1991, Parental influence on coping behavior

Victoria Harlett, 1992, Child-parent attachment and peer relationships in preadolescence

Michele Krejny, 1994, Review of influence of peer relations in development of self-esteem

Norman Diveley, 1997, Reciprocity of social support and depression in a college sample

Matthew Lee, 1999, Parenting and child peer competence

Blair McAnany, 2003, Childhood attachment and psychopathology
Jared Smith, 2008, Attachment and the socialization of emotional competence
Amanda Hastings, 2009, The effects of triangulation on the entire family system
Jocelyn Mabee, 2014, Children and their social relationships with pet dogs

McNair scholars and SURE Fellows:

Katara West, 2011
Cierra Williams, 2013
Brittany Blair, 2016

Master's Theses Directed:

Amy C. Stevens, 1992	The role of social support in coping with a crisis: A test of the main effect and buffering hypotheses
Leslie Nagle, 1992	Continuity in attachment styles across generations: Mother and child experiences in romantic relationships
AmyKay Gruys, 1993	Links between the qualities of sibling relationships and peer competence in preschoolers
Christopher Oldenburg, 1994	Popularity and friendship quality as predictors of psychological well-being in preadolescence and early adolescence
Chandra S. Martin, 1994	The influence of attachment on intimacy in friendships
Philip B. Andrews, 1995	Parent-child attachment: Relations with personality and friendships in adolescence and early adulthood
James W. Luebben, 1995	An elaboration on a four category model of attachment
Jeffery Aspelmeier, 1997	An evaluation of the attachment/exploration dynamics in a college population
Patricia L. Tomich, 1997	Exploring linkages between parent-child attachment and children's peer competence in middle childhood
Amy Gentzler, 1998	Accounting for change in self-reports of attachment style

Barbara L. Weimer, 1998	Avoidant and preoccupied coping: Links with behavior problems in middle childhood
Patricia M. Kim, 2001	The link between attachment style and information processing: Implications for the legal system
Andrew Schlegelmilch, 2003	Attachment and the school to home behavior link in middle childhood
Michelle M. Abraham, 2005	Emotion regulation as a mediator of the link between attachment and peer relationship quality
Laura E. Brumariu, 2007	Family factors and anxiety symptoms in preadolescence. A mediation model
Ashley Seibert, 2007	Identification of Secondary Attachment Figures in Middle Childhood
Shannon Siener, 2010	The role of emotion regulation in childhood depressive symptoms
Brittany Mathews, 2012	The relationship of attachment, maternal emotion socialization, and maternal coping with social anxiety during adolescence
Amanda Koehn, 2014	The supervision partnership as a phase of attachment
Kaela Stuart, 2015	Modeling the role of fathers in child anxiety
Mahsa Movahed Abtahi, 2016	Attachment and emotion regulation: Changes in affect and vagal tone during stress.
Logan Kochendorfer, 2018	A meta-analysis of friendship qualities and romantic relationship outcomes in adolescence
Marissa L. Gastelle, 2018	Distinguishing the roles of autonomy support and sensitivity in predicting dimensions of attachment

Dissertations Directed:

AmyKay Cole, 1996	Qualitative aspects of the sibling relationship: A cross-sectional analysis of the early adolescent years
Christopher Oldenburg, 1997	Aspects of adolescents' conversations with friends which accompany self-exploration
Chandra Martin Grabill, 1997	The relation between memories of childhood relationships and the parenting practices of mothers and fathers
Jeffery E. Aspelmeier, 1999	An empirical investigation of attachment working models as mental structures representing social and personal information
Patricia L. Tomich, 2000	Attributions to self and others as a function of attachment style in conditions of success or failure
Judy Scarpelli-Dwyer, 2001	Attention to emotional cues, affective perspective taking, and arousal in shy children
Philip B. Andrews, 2001	Maternal responsiveness and demandingness: Relations with young children's self-esteem
Amy L. Gentzler, 2001	Attachment and emotional experiences: Regulatory strategies used with negative and positive emotions in response to daily life events and social interaction feedback
Andrew Schlegelmilch, 2006	Writing as a curriculum component in dance education and dance programming
Michelle M. Abraham, 2008	Early adolescent friendship and self-esteem
Ashley C. Seibert, 2009	Processes linking parent-child attachment and peer relationships
Laura E. Brumariu, 2010	Mother-child attachment in early childhood and anxiety symptoms in preadolescence: The role of peer competence and emotion regulation
Shannon S. Siener, 2013	Parenting and adolescent depression: Emotion regulation socialization as a pathway

Sean C. Rife, 2014

Social support seeking in response to stress: Person-level moderators, contextual factors, and the role of online venues

Brittany L. Mathews, 2015

Relations of parent-child relationships and biological factors with anxiety in early adolescence: Examining the mediating role of emotional factors

Amanda Koehn, 2017

Validating the supervision partnership as a phase of attachment