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	ACADEMIC DEGREES
2020	Ph.D., Family and Human Development
	Specialization: Women and Gender Studies
	Arizona State University
2013	B.S., Human Development, magna cum laude
	Minor: Japanese
	Brigham Young University
2010	A.S., University Studies, high honors
	Utah Valley University

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

PUBLICATIONS (478 citations, H-index 9, 19 published articles, 8 under review) *= student mentee

- **Nielson, M. G.**, Beltz, A. M. (2021). Oral contraceptive use not related to gender self-concept. *Psychoneuroendocrinology*, 129, 105271. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psyneuen.2021.105271
- Rogers, A.A., **Nielson, M. G.**, & Santos, C.E. (2020). Manning up while growing up: How masculine gender roles shape adolescent development. *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*, 2, 354-364. https://doi.org/10.1037/men0000296
- Fu, X., Padilla-Walker, L.M., **Nielson, M. G.**, Mingliang Y., & Yu K. (2020). Prosocial behavior toward powerful people among Chinese and American emerging adults. *The Journal of Psychology: Interdisciplinary and Applied*, *155*, 115-128. https://doi.org/10.1080/00223980.2020.1845591
- **Nielson, M. G.**, Martin, C., L., Rogers, L. O., & Miller, C. F. (2020). Quantifying gender norm resistance. *Journal of Adolescence*, 84, 219-229. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adolescence.2020.09.008
- **Nielson, M. G.**, DeLay, D. M., Flannery, K., Martin, C. L., and Hanish, L. D. (2020). Does gender-bending help or hinder friending? Same and cross-gender friendship dissolution and gender typicality. *Developmental Psychology*, *56*(6), 1157-1169. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/dev0000930
- **Nielson, M. G.**, Schroeder, K. M., Martin, C., L., & Cook, R. E. (2020). Investigating the relation between gender typicality and pressure to conform to gender norms. *Sex Roles*, *83*, 523–535. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11199-020-01136-y
- **Nielson, M. G.**, Xiao, S. X., & Padilla-Walker, L.M. (2019). Gender similarity in growth patterns of support toward friends during young adulthood. *Social Development*, *29*, 635-650. https://doi.org/10.1111/sode.12419

Cook, R. E., **Nielson, M. G.**, Martin, C. L., & DeLay, D. M. (2019). Early adolescent gender development: The differential effects of felt pressure from parents, peers, and the self. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 48(10), 1912-1923. 10.1007/s10964-019-01122-y

- Xiao, S. X., Cook, R. E., Martin, C. L., & **Nielson, M. G**. (2019). Preschool gender enforcers: Their characteristics and the effects on peers of affiliation with gender enforcers. *Sex Roles, 81*, 671-685. http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11199-019-01026-y
- Xiao, S. X., Cook, R. E., Martin, C. L., **Nielson, M. G**., & Field, R. D. (2019). Will they listen to me? An examination of in-group gender bias in children's communication beliefs. *Sex Roles, 80*,172-185. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11199-018-0924-6
- Padilla-Walker, L., Memmott-Elison, M., & **Nielson, M. G**. (2018). Longitudinal change in high-cost prosocial behaviors of defending and including during the transition to adulthood. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 47(9), 1853-1865. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10964-018-0875-9
- **Nielson, M. G.**, Padilla-Walker, L., & Holmes, E. K. (2017). How do men and women help? Validation of a multidimensional measure of prosocial behavior. *Journal of Adolescence*, *56*, 91–106. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adolescence.2017.02.006
- Padilla-Walker, L. M., **Nielson, M. G.**, & Day, R. A. (2016). The role of parental warmth and hostility on adolescents' prosocial behavior toward multiple targets. *Journal of Family Psychology, 30*, 331-340. https://doi.org/10.1037/fam0000157
- Carlo, G., Padilla-Walker, L.M., & **Nielson, M. G**. (2015). Longitudinal bidirectional relations between sympathy and prosocial behavior toward strangers. *Developmental Psychology*, *51*(12), 1771-1777. https://doi.org/10.1037/dev0000056
- Padilla-Walker, L. M., Coyne, S. M., Collier, K. M., & **Nielson, M. G**. (2015). Longitudinal relations between prosocial television content and adolescents' prosocial and aggressive behavior: The mediating role of empathic concern and self-regulation. *Developmental Psychology*, *51*, 1317-1328. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/a0039488
- Nelson, L. J., Padilla-Walker, L. M., & **Nielson, M. G**. (2015). Is helicopter parenting smothering or loving? Parental warmth as a moderator between helicopter parenting and emerging adults' indices of adjustment. *Emerging Adulthood*, *3*, 282-285. doi:10.1177/2167696815576458.
- Padilla-Walker, L. M., Carlo, G., & **Nielson, M. G.** (2015). Does helping keep teens protected? Longitudinal bidirectional relations between prosocial behavior and problem behavior. *Child Development*, *86*(6), 1759-1772. https://doi.org/10.1111/cdev.12411

Book chapters:

- Cook, R. E., Martin, C. L., **Nielson, M. G.**, & Xiao, S. X. (in press). Contemporary cognitive approaches to gender development: New schemas, new directions, and new conceptualizations of gender. In D. P. VanderLaan & W. I. Wong (Eds.), *Gender and sexuality development*. Springer.
- Andrews, N. C. Z., Cook, R. E., **Nielson, M. G.**, Xiao, S. X., & Martin, C. L. (2019). Gender in education. In T. L. Spinrad & J. Liew (Eds.), Social and emotional learning section; D. Fisher (Ed.), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Education* (Online). Taylor & Francis.

Manuscripts under revision:

Nielson, M. G., & Ward, L. M. (Under revision). The roots and fruits of masculinity: Social antecedents and behavioral consequences of young men's adherence to masculine norms. *Journal of Sex Research*.

Nielson, M. G. & Martin, C., L., Rogers, L. O., Miller, C. F., Lindstrom Johnson, S. L, & Berendzen, H. M. (Under revision). Exploring young men's experience of resistance to masculine gender norms. *Emerging Adulthood*.

Invited manuscripts under review:

- **Nielson, M. G.**, *Jenkins, D. L., & Fraser, A, M. (Under review). Too hunky to help: A person-centered approach to masculinity and prosocial behavior among adolescent boys. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.
- Beltz, A. M., Kelly, D. P., Loviska, A. M., **Nielson, M. G.** (Under review). The link between masculinity and spatial skills is moderated by the estrogenic and progestational activity of oral contraceptives. *Frontiers*

Under review:

- **Nielson, M. G.**, Rogers, A.A., & Cook, R. E. (Under review). The unique effect of different domains of gender similarity on adolescent peer interactions.
- **Nielson, M. G.**, *Romanello, B., & Berendzen, H. (Under review). Reactions to the gender expressions of ethnically and sexually diverse men in the US.
- **Nielson, M. G.**, Martin, C. L., England, D. E., Hanish, L. D., Santos, C.E., DeLay, D. M., & Updegraff, K. A. (Under review). Understanding gender identity among American youth: The intersection of age, ethnicity-race, and gender
- *Hoffer, A., **Nielson, M. G.**, SturtzSreetharan, C., & DeLay, D. M. (Under review). All dressed up and no hair to go: Investigating men's anxiety about hair loss.

In preparation:

- **Nielson, M. G.**, Tolman, D., Martin, C. L., Hoffer, A., & Fraser, A, M. (In preparation). A relational investigation of boys' appearance-related pressure.
- **Nielson, M. G.**, & Beltz, A. M. (In preparation). Using within-person analyses to further critique the utility of using personality attribute measures to assess gender.

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Awards:	
2019	Outstanding Research Award: Graduate and Professional Student Association
	Is body image for boys more about bros than biceps? Exploring relational correlates of boy's
	self-objectification pressure from unique sources
2015-2019	Ruth Cowden Memorial Scholarship
2015, 2017	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Student Leader
2014	Exxon-McVea Scholarship
2013	Merwin and Edna Sant Scholarship
2012	Edwin Hinckley Scholarship
2011	Mary Lou Fulton Poster Conference First Place Award
	Is Disney the nicest place on earth? A content analysis of prosocial behavior in animated Disney
	films

Training fellowships:

2020-2022 **Developmental Psychology Training Grant** (T32 HD007109)

Source: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Pls: Vonnie McLoyd and Christopher Monk

2015 University Graduate Fellowship Grant

Travel support:

2021 University of Michigan Postdoctoral Association Conference Award
 2016-2019 Graduate and Professional Student Association Travel Grant
 2016-2019 Sanford Graduate Student Association Graduate Travel Grant

2013, 2014 Marriage, Family & Human Development Graduate Student Society Travel Award

RESEARCH FUNDING

2021 Title: Using Intensive Longitudinal Data to Examine the Person-Specificity of Femininity and

Masculinity

Source: University of Michigan Center for the Education of Women: Riecker Undergraduate

Research Fund Award amount: \$500

Role: PI

2018 Title: Investigating Gender Norm Pressure, Conformity, and Resistance

Source: Graduate & Professional Student Association Graduate Research Grant

Award amount: \$2,000

Role: PI

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks and workshops:

Nielson, M. G., & Hoffer, A. (2020, November). *Hair Loss Anxiety*. Invited podcast guest: In Conversation with The Sanford School. https://thesanfordschool.asu.edu/podcast

Nielson, M. G. (2017, October). *Gender: It gets crazier every year. A multidimensional approach to gender identity.* Invited Presentation at Friends Relating, Entertaining, Discussing (FRED Talks), ASU, Tempe, AZ.

Oral presentations:

- **Nielson, M. G.**, Romanello, B. (2021, September). *Reactions to the authentic gender expressions of ethnically and sexually diverse men*. Presented at the Masculinity, Sex, and Popular Culture biennial conference (virtual).
- **Nielson, M. G.**, Romanello, B., Rogers, A.A., Berendzen, H. (2021, August). *Constraints to authenticity among ethnically and sexually diverse men*. Presented at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues biennial conference (virtual).
- **Nielson, M. G.**, & Martin, C. L. (2021, April). A cohort sequential look at the development of gender typicality and pressure to conform to gender norms over time. Presented at the Society for Research in Child Development biennial conference (virtual).
- **Nielson, M. G.**, Martin, C. L., Rogers, O. L., Miller, C. F., Lindstrom Johnson, S. L, & Berendzen, H. M. (2021, April). *Mapping resistance and conformity to masculine role norms throughout adolescence*. Presented at the Society for Research in Child Development biennial conference (virtual).
- **Nielson, M. G.**, Martin, C. L., & Tolman, D. L. (2019, March). *Is body image for boys more about bros than biceps? Exploring relational correlates of boy's self-objectification pressure from unique sources*.

 Presented at the Society for Research on Child Development biennial conference in Baltimore, MD.
- **Nielson, M. G.**, & Martin, C. L. (2018, March) What does body image have to do with boys? Outcomes of objectification pressure for middle school boys. Presented at the American Men's Study Association annual conference in Minneapolis, MN.

Nielson, M. G. (2018, February) Bronfenbrenner meets Butler: A conceptual integration of feminist analysis and developmental psychology. Presented at the Diversity and Inclusion Graduate Student Research annual conference in Phoenix, AZ.

- **Nielson, M. G.**, & Martin, C. L. (2017, November) *If gender is fluid, which aspects are flowing? Developmental trends of gender typicality and gendered pressures*. Presented at the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood biennial meeting in Washington D.C.
- **Nielson, M. G.**, & Padilla-Walker, L. M. (2015, October). *High-strung helpers: Longitudinal relations between prosocial behavior and anxiety*. Presented at the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood biennial meeting in Miami, FL.
- Padilla-Walker, L. M., & **Nielson, M. G.** (2013, October). *Is helicopter parenting smothering or loving? An examination of parental warmth as a moderator of relations between helicopter parenting and emerging adult outcomes*. Presented at the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood biennial meeting in Chicago, IL.

Poster presentations:

- Hoffer, A., **Nielson, M. G.**, & SturtzSreetharan, C. (2021, May). The hairbinger of doom: Investigating men's anxiety about hair loss. Presented at the Institute for Social Science Research at Arizona State University biannual conference (virtual).
- Hoffer, A., DeLay, D., & **Nielson, M. G**. (2020, April). Weighing in on self-esteem: Trajectories of weight-related self-esteem and impact on social and academic outcomes. Accepted to the Society for Research on Adolescence biennial conference (canceled).
- **Nielson, M. G.,** & Martin C. L. (2018, October). Meet the gender norm resistors. Presented at the Gender Development Research Conference in San Francisco, CA.
- **Nielson, M. G.**, Xiao, S. X., & Padilla-Walker, L. M. (2018, April) Mars and Venus more alike than different: Tracking prosocial trends into emerging adulthood. Presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence biennial meeting in Minneapolis, MN.
- Xiao, S. X., Cook, R, E., Martin, C. L., **Nielson, M. G.**, & Field, R. D. (2018, April). Girl talk vs. boy talk? Or is it ingroup vs. out-group: Boys' and girls' expectations about communicative responsiveness with same-and other-gender peers. Presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence biennial meeting in Minneapolis, MN.
- Velazquez-Ramos, M., **Nielson, M. G.,** & Martin, C. L. (2017, April) How do gender attitudes relate to a strong classroom community? Presented at the Society for Research in Child Development biennial meeting, in Austin, TX.
- **Nielson, M. G.,** Flannery, K., DeLay, D., Martin C. L., & Hanish, L. D. (2016, October). Gender-bending is good for friending: Examining the associations between gender similarity and friendship stability in adolescence. Presented at the Gender Development Research Conference in San Francisco, CA.
- **Nielson, M. G.** (2016, August). The Masculine Role Norms Inventory with women and non-heterosexuals. Presented at the American Psychological Association annual conference in Denver, CO.
- **Nielson, M. G.**, & Padilla-Walker, L. M. (2016, April). The manly rules of helping: Masculinity effects on prosocial behavior. Presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence biennial meeting in Baltimore, MD.
- Cook, R. E., Martin C. L., DeLay, D., **Nielson, M. G.**, & Hanish, L. D. (2016, April). The Relation between gender typicality and homophobic name-calling. Presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence biennial meeting in Baltimore, MD.
- Fu, X., Padilla-Walker, L.M., & **Nielson, M. G.** (2015, May). Prosocial behavior toward powerful people among Chinese and American emerging adults. Presented at the International Psychological Applications and Trends annual conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- Padilla-Walker, L. M., & **Nielson, M. G.** (2015, March). Do mothers and fathers promote different types of prosocial behavior? Positive and negative parenting and adolescents' prosocial behavior toward three targets. Presented at the Society for Research in Child Development biennial conference in Philadelphia, PA.
- **Nielson, M. G.**, & Padilla-Walker, L. M. (2014, October). Prosocial Teenagers and the impact of puberty. Presented at the Gender Development Research Conference in San Francisco, CA.

Padilla-Walker, L. M., & **Nielson, M. G**. (2014, March). Are measures of prosocial behavior biased toward adolescent boys? An examination of gender differences in prosocial behavior. Presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence biennial meeting in Austin, TX.

- Padilla-Walker, L. M., & **Nielson, M. G**. (2014, March). Gender differences in prosocial behavior. Presented at the Utah Council on Family Relations annual conference in Provo, UT.
- Padilla-Walker, L. M., Coyne, Sarah M., Webb, H., & **Nielson, M. G**. (2011, March). Is "grateful adolescent" an oxymoron? Parent and adolescent predictors of gratitude. Presented at the Mary Lou Fulton Poster Conference in Provo, UT.

Other conference presentations:

Nielson, M. G., Tolman, D. L. (2015, February). Conflicted masculinities and the goal of gender equity: Outing a deep conversation. Round-table discussion at the American Men's Study Association annual conference in New York, NY.

TEACHING & MENTORING ACTIVITIES

COURSES TAUGHT

2019	Gender and Society (undergraduate, in-person)
2019	Research Methods (undergraduate, online)
2017-2018	Introduction to Parenting (undergraduate, online)

Teaching assistant:

2019	Marriage and Family Relationships (undergraduate, in-person)
2019	Personal Growth in Human Relationships (undergraduate, in-person)
2018	Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate, online)
2016-2018	Interdisciplinary Solutions Based Learning (undergraduate, in-person)
2017	Diversity (graduate, online)
2015	Research Methods (undergraduate, in-person)
2015	Technology and Society (undergraduate, in-person)
2013-2015	Moral Development (undergraduate, in-person/online)
2011-2013	Human Development undergraduate, in-person)

Guest lecturer:

The Psychology of Gender (undergraduate, online)

2021 **Gender and Development** (graduate/undergraduate, online)

MENTORING

Academic Mentoring:

2021-2023 Somers High School Science Research Program, Professional Mentor

I am guiding high school student Olivia Biolsi through all research phases from project conception to manuscript submission.

2018-2019 Gender Norms Lab, Pl

For four semesters I recruited, trained, and directed my own research lab of undergraduate students at ASU.

- Hannah Berendzen
- Autumn Barber
- Danielle Boekankamp
- Kiara Ortloff
- Regina Guisto
- Jocelyn Suarez
- Mary Slaughter

2014 Flourishing Families Project, Project Coordinator

Directed BYU undergraduate students in administering questionnaires to 500 families.

- Aubrey Dalton
- Ian Marsee
- Amber Tan
- Hailey Gardener
- Madison Memmott
- Emilie Davis
- Nathan Leonhardt

Applied Mentoring:

Telos Residential Treatment Center, residential therapeutic staff
 Outback Therapeutic Expeditions, wilderness therapeutic staff

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

International conference submission reviewer:

2020 Society for Research on Adolescent Development Special Topics Conference on Construction

of the 'Other'

Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting
 Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood Biennial Meeting

Journal ad hoc reviewer:

Child Development

Frontiers

Journal of Research on Adolescence

PlosOne Sex Roles

Social Development

Internal leadership:

2017-2020	Undergraduate Student Committee, graduate student member
2016-2020	Graduate and Professional Student Association, grant reviewer
2016-2020	Sanford Graduate Student Association, fundraising chair
2018-2019	Sanford Graduate Student Association, treasurer
2015-2016	Sanford Graduate Student Association, graduate commons liaison
2014-2015	MFHD Graduate Student Committee, committee member

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

2016-	American Psychological Association, <i>Divisions 7, 51</i>
2013-	Society for Research on Adolescence
2013-	Society for Research on Child Development, Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Expression
	Caucus