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*Curriculum Vitae*

University of Nevada, Reno  
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Human Development and Family Studies  
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**EDUCATION**

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- Ph.D.      **University of Arizona**, 2015  
Family Studies and Human Development
- M.S.      **University of Nevada, Reno**, 2009  
Human Development and Family Studies
- B.S.      **University of Nevada, Reno**, 2007  
Early Childhood Education

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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- 2016-present    **Assistant Professor**  
University of Nevada, Reno, Human Development and Family Studies
- 2015-2016      **Instructor**  
University of Nevada, Reno, Human Development and Family Studies
- 2010-2014      **Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant**  
University of Arizona, Family Studies and Human Development
- 2007-2009      **Graduate Teaching Assistant**  
University of Nevada, Reno, Human Development and Family Studies

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

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- 2016-present    Certified Family Life Educator
- 2002-2007      State of Nevada Licensed Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Publications in Refereed Scholarly Journals**

- Paschall, K. W., Barnett, M. A., Mastergeorge, A. M., **Mortensen, J. A.** (in press). Family conflict moderates early parent-child behavioral transactions. *Infant Mental Health Journal*.
- Barnett, M. A., **Mortensen, J. A.** & Gonzalez, H. (2016). Grandmother involvement in Mexican American families: Implications for transborder relationships and maternal psychological distress. *Journal of Family Issues*, 37, 1945-1967.
- Barnett, M. A., **Mortensen, J. A.**, Gonzalez, H., & Gonzalez, J. M. (2016). Cultural factors moderating links between neighborhood disadvantage and parenting and coparenting among Mexican Origin Families. *Child and Youth Care Forum*, 45, 927-945.
- Mortensen, J. A.**, & Barnett, M. A. (2016). The role of child care in supporting the emotion regulatory needs of maltreated infants and toddlers. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 64, 73-81.
- Paschall, K., Gonzalez, H. & **Mortensen, J. A.**, Barnett, M. A., & Mastergeorge, A. M. (2015). Children's negative emotionality as a moderator of parenting styles on preschool classroom adjustment. *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology*, 39, 1-13.
- Mortensen, J. A.**, & Barnett, M. A. (2015). Teacher-child interactions in infant/toddler child care and socioemotional development. *Early Education and Development*, 26, 209-229.
- Mortensen, J. A.**, & Barnett, M. A. (2015). Risk and protective factors, parenting stress, and harsh parenting in Mexican origin mothers with toddlers. *Marriage and Family Review*, 51, 1-21.
- Mortensen, J. A.**, & Mastergeorge, A. M. (2014). A meta-analytic review of relationship-based parenting interventions for high-risk families: Facilitating supportive parent-child interactions. *Infant Mental Health Journal*, 35(4), 336-353.
- Barnett, M. A., **Mortensen, J. A.**, Tilley, E. & Gonzalez, H. (2013). Global and parenting specific social support as protective factors for the wellbeing of Mexican American mothers of toddlers. *Family Science*, 4(1), 98-109.
- Mortensen, J. A.**, & Burnham, M. M. (2012). Preschool children's understanding of the graphic features of writing. *Child Studies in Diverse Contexts*, 2(1), 45-60.

\***Reisig, J. A.,** & Miller, M. K. (2009). How the social construction of “child abuse” affects immigrant parents: Policy changes that protect children and families. *International Journal of Social Inquiry*, 2, 17-37.

#### *Manuscripts Under Review*

**Mortensen, J. A.,** & Barnett, M. A. (under review). Negative parenting, emotion regulation, and child care quality for high risk infants and toddlers in child care. Submitted to *Early Education and Development*.

Walsh, B. A., **Mortensen, J. A.,** Edwards, A. L., & Cassidy, D. (under review). The practice of family life education within Early Head Start home visiting. Submitted to *Family Relations*.

#### *Manuscripts in Preparation*

**Mortensen, J. A.** & Barnett, M. A. Individual, familial, and contextual correlates of perceptions of neighborhood risk in Mexican American mothers. *Family Relations*.

**Mortensen, J. A.,** Paschall, K. W., Barnett, M. A., & Mastergeorge, A. M. The effects of risk factors on infant emotion regulation through mediation pathways of harsh parenting. *Infant and Child Development*.

#### **Other Published Writings**

**Mortensen, J. A.,** & Burnham, M. M. (2017). Family strengths. In B. A. Walsh, L. DeFlorio, M. M. Burnham, & D. A. Weiser, *Introduction to human development and family studies*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Paschall, K., & **Mortensen, J. A.** (2014). Effortful control: Implications for children’s development. *Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families ResearchLink, Vol 6, No. 2*. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona.

\***Reisig, J. A.** (2009). Abortions for men? A feminist perspective. In M. K. Miller (Ed.), *Contemporary perspectives on legal regulation of sexual behavior: Psycho-legal research and analysis* (pp. 137-144). Hauppauge, NY: Nova.

#### **COMPETITIVE GRANTS & FUNDING**

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| 2017      | <b>College of Education Scholarly Research Award</b> for the project An Exploration of Constructions of Motherhood Among Non-Traditional College Women (Drs. Edwards, DeFlorio, Mortensen, & Sanchez) |
| 2017      | <b>OVPRI Faculty Travel Grant</b> , University of Nevada, Reno  |
| 2013-2015 | <b>Doris Duke Fellowship for the Promotion of Child Wellbeing</b> , Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago (\$50,000)   |

2012-2014 **Graduate Professional Student Council Travel Funding**, University of Arizona  
2012 **ICPSR at the University of Michigan**, Early Care and Education: Drawing  
Lessons from Weighted Samples

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

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2017 Nominee for **Regents Teaching Award**  
University of Nevada, Reno

2016 Nominee for **College of Education Judith Bible Teaching Award**  
University of Nevada, Reno

2013 **Graduate Professional Student Council Outstanding Research Assistant**  
University of Arizona

2013 **Early Childhood Initiative Scholarship**  
Frances McClelland Institute, University of Arizona

2010-2012 **Ruth Cowden Scholarship**  
University of Arizona, Family Studies and Human Development

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2013-2015 **Doris Duke Fellowship for the Promotion of Child Wellbeing**  
Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago  
Secondary data analyses of the Early Head Start Research and Evaluation Project.

2012 **Arizona Department of Health, Third-Grade Oral Health Project**  
University of Arizona, Frances McClelland Institute  
Complex samples data analysis of statewide oral health survey.

2010-2013 **Young Children in Families**  
University of Arizona, Family Studies and Human Development  
Developed lab protocol, trained undergraduate research assistants in survey and  
observational data collection, managed data entry protocol. Assisted PI with  
developing behavioral coding protocol, trained undergraduate research assistants  
in coding process, and oversaw reliability of coding team.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2013-present **Instructor of Record**  
**University of Nevada Reno, Human Development and Family Studies**  
Introduction to Families  
Family Interaction

Advanced Human Development: Infancy/Childhood  
Practicum with Children and Families  
Early Childhood Education  
Preschool Curriculum

2011-2014 **Instructor of Record (online)**  
**University of Arizona, Family Studies and Human Development**  
Lifespan Human Development  
Infant and Child Development

2008-2013 **Teaching Assistant**  
**University of Arizona, Family Studies and Human Development**  
Advanced Family Relations  
Sociocultural Context of Development  
Dynamics of Family Relationships  
Infant and Child Development

**University of Nevada Reno, Human Development and Family Studies**  
Research Methods  
Diversity in Children  
Introduction to Families  
Lifespan Human Development

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations**

Burnham, M. M., & **Mortensen, J.A.** (2017). An exploration of the impact of integrating developmental science into elementary teachers' knowledge: Qualitative analysis of reflections and reported changes in practice. Paper presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, HI, January 2017.

**Mortensen, J.A.**, Barnett, M.A., Paschall, K. W., & Mastergeorge, A. M. (2016) Interaction of parenting quality and child care teacher sensitivity in the development of emotion regulation across infancy and toddlerhood. Paper presented at the International Congress of Infant Studies, New Orleans, LA, May 2016.

**Mortensen, J.A.**, Paschall, K.W., Barnett, M.A., & Mastergeorge, A.M. (2016). Harsh parenting and emotion regulation across infancy. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington DC, January 2016.

Barnett, M.A., **Mortensen, J.A.**, Gonzalez, J.M., Gonzalez, H. (2015). Mexican origin mothers' use of physical discipline and toddlers' behavior problems: Moderation by cultural values and parenting beliefs. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, BC, November, 2015.

Paschall, K., **Mortensen, J. A.**, Gonzalez, H., & Mastergeorge, A. (2015). Family conflict moderates early parent-child behavioral transactions. In M.A. Barnett (Chair), *Longitudinal Parent-Child Behavioral Transactions: Moderation by Family, Mother and Child Characteristics*. Symposium conducted at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

**Mortensen, J. A.**, & Barnett, M. A. (2013). Mexican mothers' perceptions of neighborhood risk. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX, November 2013.

Barnett, M. A., **Mortensen, J. A.**, & Gonzalez, H. (2013). Grandmother involvement, psychological distress and parenting in Mexican origin families. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI, July 2013.

Barnett, M. A., **Mortensen, J. A.**, & Gonzalez, H. (2013). Resilience among low-income and ethnic minority mothers: The roles of self-regulation, beliefs, and cognitive functioning. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Research on Child Development, Seattle, WA, April 2013.

**Mortensen, J. A.**, Barnett, M.A., & Calcagni, J. (2012). The role of family relationships in reducing parenting stress and negative parenting behaviors in Mexican American mothers of toddlers. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ, October 2012.

Barnett, M. A., **Mortensen, J. A.**, Gonzalez, H. & Tilley, E. (2012). Grandparent involvement in Mexican American families with toddlers. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ, October 2012.

Barnett, M. A., **Mortensen, J. A.**, & Tilley, E. (2011). Social support as a resource for Mexican-American mothers of toddlers. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL., November, 2011.

### **Peer-Reviewed Poster Presentations**

**Mortensen, J. A.** (2017). Linked change in parenting and child behaviors across toddlerhood and associated risk factors. Poster presented at Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX, April 2017.

Walsh, B. A., Edwards, A. L., **Mortensen, J. A.**, & Cassidy, D. (2017). An exploratory study of the meaning of family life education for Early Head Start home visiting. Poster presented at Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX, April 2017.

Walsh, B. A., **Mortensen, J. A.**, Waugh, S., Edwards, A. L., Petkus, J. M., & Cassidy, D. (2016). Survey of CFLEs, family professionals, and early childhood professionals on the practice of family life education within Early Head Start home visiting. Poster presented at the 2016 Collaborative Science of Home Visiting, Arlington, VA, November 2016.

- Jeon, H. J., Peterson, C. A., Roggman, L., Luze, G. J., **Mortensen, J. A.** (2016). Early Head Start home visiting program: Home visiting process and child and family outcomes. Poster presented at the 2016 Collaborative Science of Home Visiting, Arlington, VA, November 2016.
- Mortensen, J. A.**, Barnett, M. A., Paschall, K., Mastergeorge, A. M. (2015). Harsh parenting and emotion regulation across infancy. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, BC, November, 2015.
- Paschall, K., **Mortensen, J. A.**, Barnett, M. A., & Mastergeorge, A. M. (2015) The effect of cumulative enrollment in Early Head Start on parenting. Poster presented at Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, BC, November 2015
- Mortensen, J. A.**, & Barnett, M. A. (2015) Individual differences in the development of emotion regulation for infants in center-based child care. Poster presented at Annual Conference of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA, March 2015
- Mortensen, J. A.** & Barnett, M. A. (2014). Teacher caregiving quality and the development of infant/toddler emotion regulation in center-based child care. Poster presented at Head Start National Research Conference, Washington DC. July 2014.
- Mortensen, J. A.** & Barnett, M. A. (2014). Individual variation in children's global and individual preschool caregiving experiences with teachers. Poster presented at Head Start National Research Conference, Washington DC. July 2014.
- Mortensen, J. A.**, & Barnett, M. A., Paschall, K., Gonzalez, H., & Mastergeorge A. M. (2013). Caregiving experiences in child care: Global and individual measures of teacher-child interactions. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI, July 2013.
- Mortensen, J. A.** & Mastergeorge, A. M. (2013). A meta-analytic review of relationship-based interventions for high-risk families: Changing positive parent-child interactions. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA, April 2013.
- Paschall, K., Gonzalez, H., **Mortensen, J. A.**, Mastergeorge, A. M., Barnett, M. B. (2013). Predicting pre-kindergarten social competence and emotion regulation from maternal interaction styles at 36 months. Poster submitted to the Annual Conference of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA, April 2013.
- Gonzalez, H., Paschall, K., **Mortensen, J. A.**, Barnett, M. A., & Mastergeorge, A. M. (2013). Parenting practices: Contextual correlates of parenting styles among low-income mothers. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA, April 2013.

**Mortensen, J. A., & Mastergeorge, A. M. (2012).** A meta-analytic review of relationship-based parenting interventions. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ, October 2012.

**Mortensen, J. A., Calcagni, J., & Barnett, M. A. (2012).** Mexican-American mothers' romantic relationship quality and toddlers' social competence and behavior problems: The role of nurturing parenting and child gender. Poster presented at Head Start National Research Conference, Washington DC. June 2012.

**Mortensen, J. A., & Barnett, M. A. (2012).** Contextual instability and the influence of parenting behaviors on the developmental outcomes of Mexican-American toddlers. Poster presented at Head Start National Research Conference, Washington DC. June 2012.

**Mortensen, J. A., & Barnett, M. A. (2011).** Contextual instability and the parenting of Mexican Mothers with toddlers. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL., November, 2011.

## **SERVICE & OUTREACH**

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### **Current Professional Memberships**

Since 2012 Society for Research in Child Development  
Since 2010 National Council on Family Relations  
Since 2009 The Nevada Registry  
Since 2004 National Association for the Education of Young Children

### **Service to University of Nevada, Reno**

2017-present Advisor, ECE Post-Baccalaureate Program  
2017-present College of Education ARL Committee  
2016-present College of Education Faculty Senate Committee  
2015-present College of Education Research and Grants Committee  
2015-present Certified Family Life Education (CFLE) Committee

### **Service to the Profession**

2016-present Mentor for Doris Duke Fellowship for the Promotion of Child Wellbeing  
2015-present T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nevada Advisory Council  
2015-2016 Casa de Vida: Partnership with Casa de Vida and undergraduate students in developing community parenting classes

### **Reviewer Activities**

Manuscripts *Journal of Family Studies, Early Years: An International Research Journal*  
Conferences Society for Research in Child Development, National Council on Family Relations, Head Start Research Conference  
Other Campbell Corporation (meta-analysis protocols)



### **Workshop & Webinars**

- 2017 What We Know About the Effects of PreK (SRCD)
- 2017 National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity: Mastering Academic Time Management
- 2016 ACUE Effective Teaching Practices
- 2016 Safe Zone Ally Workshop at University of Nevada, Reno
- 2015 Just One Wish for the Study of Human Development, Society for the Study of Human Development
- 2014 Navigation of the Mental Health System for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Chapin Hall, University of Chicago
- 2013 Promising Practices in Professional Development Related to Family-Provider Relationships, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, and Child Trends
- 2012 Early Care and Education: Drawing Lessons from Weighted Samples, ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan

### **Related Employment**

- 2009-2010 Early Head Start Infant/Toddler Teacher, Child and Family Research Center

## **METHODOLOGICAL EXPERTISE**

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### **Analytic Techniques**

- Structural equation modeling
- Growth curve modeling
- Meta-analysis: fixed and random-effects modeling, moderation analysis
- Clustering techniques
- Multilevel modeling
- Moderation and mediation
- Missing data management
- Multivariate and logistic regression

### **Research Methods**

- Behavioral coding
- Secondary data analysis
- Semi-structured interviewing

### **Statistical Packages**

- SPSS/PASW (including Complex Samples)
- Mplus