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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

#### Current Positions

- 8/2015-present: Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)
- 5/2016-present: Affiliate Researcher, VCU School of Medicine Center for Human-Animal Interaction

#### Past Employment

- 9/2013 – 6/2015: Adjunct Faculty, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver

### EDUCATION

**PhD**      The University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW), Denver, CO  
**Program:** Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work, 2011-2015  
**Dissertation:** *Profiles of risk, protection, and socioemotional functioning among children exposed to intimate partner violence: A person-centered approach.*

**MSW**      The University of Denver, GSSW, Denver, CO  
**Program:** Master of Social Work (MSW) Degree Program, 2009-2011  
**Concentration:** Leadership for Community and Organizational Practice

**BS**      Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA  
**Degree:** Bachelor of Science, Psychology, 2002-2006  
**Distinctions:** *summa cum laude*, Honors Program Commonwealth Scholar  
**Honors Thesis:** Autonomic activity in childhood proactive and reactive aggression: The influence of ADHD-related behavior on heart rate and skin conductance.

### COMPETITIVE AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & HONORS (selected)

#### *Virginia Commonwealth University*

- *Educator of the Year*, Virginia Social Work Education Consortium, 2017
- *Clark Hill Institute Fellow*, Department of Psychology, 2017-2018
- *VCU Faculty Development Seminar in Mexico/Guatemala* (competitive admission), Summer 2017
- *VCU New Investigators Grant Writing Institute*, Office of Research and Innovation (competitive admission), Spring 2017
- *Teaching Fellowship* for the Incubator Classroom of the Academic Learning Transformation Lab at VCU, Spring 2016

#### *The University of Denver*

- *PJ/Hart Loving Bond Doctoral Scholarship Award*, Graduate School of Social Work, 2014
- *Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship*, 2011-2012
- *NICHD Graduate Research Fellowship*, 2011-2015
- *Eleanor Barnett Trust Scholarship*, Graduate School of Social Work, 2010-2011

- Phi Alpha, The National Honor Society in Social Work, Member, 2010-2011
- *Faculty Merit Scholarship*, Graduate School of Social Work, 2009-2011
- *Divisional Scholarship*, Graduate School of Social Work, 2009-2011

### **Virginia Tech**

- The Virginia Tech *Woman of the Year Award* for outstanding academic performance and service to the university and surrounding community, 2006
- The *Outstanding Graduating Senior in the College of Science Award*, 2006
- The *Outstanding Graduating Senior in Psychology Award*, 2006
- *Friends of Psychology Endowed Scholarship*, 2005-2006
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, 2006
- *Robert C. Bates Scholarship*, College of Science, 2004-2005
- *Regional Research Award* (Southeastern Division), awarded by Psi Chi, The National Honor Society in Psychology, at the Southeastern Psychological Association Conference, 2005
- Psi Chi, The National Honor Society in Psychology, 2004-2007  
-President, 2005-2006  
-Vice President, 2004-2005

### **Nationally Competitive Awards, Honors, & Research/Education Grants**

- Recipient of a National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experience for Undergraduates Grant (2005), The University of Wisconsin—Madison. *A Go/No-Go Task with Emotional and Non-emotional Stimuli: A Behavioral Pilot and Preliminary fMRI Results*. (Faculty Sponsor: Richard J. Davidson, PhD; \$5,000).
- Summer Research NSF Grant for Undergraduates in Biology at the University of Wisconsin—Madison (2005; declined offer).
- International Research and Travel Grant for Research in Personality, Behavior, & Culture (2005) at Tartu University in Estonia (declined offer).
- Recipient of the 2005 Summer Scholars Grant at the Center for Pediatric Research, Norfolk, VA (declined offer).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:**

+ denotes graduate student co-author, \* denotes community partner co-author

**McDonald, S. E.**, Dmitrieva, J., Shin, S., Hitti, S. A., Graham-Bermann, S., Ascione, F.R., & Williams, J.H. (2017). The role of callous/unemotional traits in mediating the association between animal abuse exposure and behavior problems among children exposed to intimate partner violence. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 72, 421-432. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2017.09.004>

Shaffer, C. M., Corona, R., Sullivan, T.N., Fuentes, V. & **McDonald, S.E.** (2017). Barriers and supports to dating violence communication between Latina adolescents and their mothers: A qualitative analysis. *Journal of Family Violence*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-017-9936-1>

**McDonald, S. E.**, Ma, L., Green, K. E., Hitti, S. A., Cody<sup>+</sup>, A., Donovan, C., Ascione, F. R., & Williams, J. H. (2017). Evaluation of the parent-report version of the Inventory of Callous-Unemotional Traits in a sample of children recruited from intimate partner violence services: A multidimensional Rasch analysis. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jclp.22497>

- McDonald, S. E.,** Cody<sup>+</sup>, A., Collins<sup>\*</sup>, E., Stim<sup>+</sup>, H., Nicotera, N., Ascione, F. R., & Williams, J.H. (2017). Concomitant exposure to animal abuse and socioemotional adjustment among children exposed to intimate partner violence: A mixed methods study. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40653-017-0176-6>
- McDonald, S. E.,** Collins<sup>\*</sup>, E., Maternick<sup>+</sup>, A., Nicotera, N., Graham-Bermann, S., Ascione, F. R., & Williams, J. H. (2017). Intimate partner violence survivors' reports of their children's exposure to companion animal maltreatment: A qualitative study. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260516689775>
- Corona, R., Velazquez, E., **McDonald, S.E.,** Avila, M., Neff, M.R., Iglesias, A., & Halfond, R.W. (2017). Ethnic labels, pride, and challenges: A qualitative study of Latinx youth living in a new Latinx destination community. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Studies*, 4, 1-13.
- Collins<sup>\*</sup>, E., Cody<sup>+</sup>, A., **McDonald, S. E.,** Nicotera, N., Ascione, F. R., & Williams, J. H. (2017). A template analysis of intimate partner violence survivors' experiences of animal maltreatment: Implications for safety planning and intervention. *Violence Against Women*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801217697266>
- Corona, R., Rodríguez, V. M., **McDonald, S.E.,** Velazquez, E., Rodríguez, A., & Fuentes, V.E. (2017). Associations between cultural stressors, cultural values, and Latina/o college students' mental health. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 46(1), 63-77. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10964-016-0600-5>
- McDonald, S. E.,** Corona, R., Maternick<sup>+</sup>, A., Ascione, F., Williams, J. H., & Graham-Bermann, S. (2016). Children's exposure to intimate partner violence and their social, school, and activities competence: Latent profiles and correlates. *Journal of Family Violence*, 31(7), 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-016-9846-7>
- McDonald, S. E.,** Shin, S., Corona, R., Maternick<sup>+</sup>, A., Graham-Bermann, S., Ascione, F., & Williams, J. H. (2016). Children exposed to intimate partner violence: Identifying differential effects of family environment on children's trauma and psychopathology symptoms through regression mixture models. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 58, 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2016.06.010>
- McDonald, S. E.,** Graham-Bermann, S., Maternick<sup>+</sup>, A., Ascione, F., & Williams, J. H. (2016). Patterns of adjustment among children exposed to intimate partner violence: A person-centered approach. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*, 9(2), 137-152. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40653-016-0079-y>
- McDonald, S. E.,** Collins<sup>\*</sup>, E., Nicotera, N., Hageman, T., Ascione, F., Williams, J. H., & Graham-Bermann, S. (2015). Children's experiences of companion animal maltreatment in households characterized by intimate partner violence. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 50, 116-127. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2015.10.005>
- McDonald, S. E.,** Vidacovich, C., Williams, J.H., Ascione, F.R., & Green, K.E. (2015). Validity of the Children's Treatment of Animals Questionnaire: A Rasch analysis. *Anthrozoös*, 28(1), 131-144. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2752/089279315X14129350722172>
- Wiegand, D. M., Hanowski, R. J., & **McDonald, S. E.** (2009). Commercial drivers' health: A naturalistic study of body mass index, fatigue, and involvement in safety-critical events. *Traffic Injury Prevention*, 10(6), 573-579. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15389580903295277>

**Under Review:**

Shin, S. H., **McDonald, S.E.**, & Conley, D. (under review). Patterns of adverse childhood experiences and substance use among young adults: A latent class analysis. Manuscript Submitted for Publication in *Addictive Behaviors*.

Haden, S. C., **McDonald, S. E.**, Blakelock, H., & Ascione, F.R. (under review). An exploratory study of incarcerated domestic violence perpetrators' reports of violence against animals. Manuscript Submitted for Publication in *Anthrozoös*.

Hageman, T., Langenderfer-Magruder, L., Greene, T., Williams, J. H., St. Mary, J., **McDonald, S. E.**, & Ascione, F. R. (under review). Intimate partner violence survivors and pets: Exploring service providers' experiences in addressing client needs. Manuscript submitted for publication in *Families in Society*.

**Book Chapters:**

**McDonald, S. E.** (forthcoming). Links between cruelty to animals and interpersonal violence. In B. Fischer (Ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Animal Ethics*. London, UK: Routledge.

**McDonald, S. E.** (2017). Animal maltreatment in households experiencing family violence. In J. L. Ireland, C. A. Ireland & P. Birch (Eds.), *International handbook on aggression*. London, UK: Routledge.

**McDonald, S. E.** (2016). Mauvais traitements. In K.L. Matignon (Ed.), *Révolutions animaux: Comment les animaux sont devenus intelligents*. Paris, France: Les Liens qui Libèrent.

**Published Technical Reports:**

Wiegand, D. M., Hanowski, R. J., & **McDonald, S. E.** (2009). *Commercial driver health and fatigue study*. Report submitted to the National Surface Transportation Safety Center for Excellence. [http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/VTTI/reports/Health\\_and\\_Fatigue\\_021109.pdf](http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/VTTI/reports/Health_and_Fatigue_021109.pdf)

Wiegand, D. M., McClafferty, J., **McDonald, S. E.**, & Hanowski, R. J. (2009). *Development and evaluation of a naturalistic Observer Rating of Drowsiness protocol*. Report submitted to the National Surface Transportation Safety Center for Excellence. [http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/VTTI/reports/ORD\\_Final\\_Report\\_022509.pdf](http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/VTTI/reports/ORD_Final_Report_022509.pdf)

**Refereed Abstracts:**

**McDonald, S. E.**, Thompson, N. E., Scarpa, A., & Van Voorhees, E. E. (2004). Psychophysiological correlates of childhood reactive and proactive aggression. *Psychophysiology*, 41(Supp), S42.

Tanaka, A., **McDonald, S. E.**, Thompson, N. E., Shumate, H., & Scarpa, A. (2004). Autonomic activity and childhood reactive/proactive aggression II: The roles of child and parent anxiety and depression. *Psychophysiology*, 41(Supp), S42.

**Manuscripts in Preparation:**

Hitti, S. A., Sullivan, T., & **McDonald, S.E.** (in preparation). Longitudinal relations between beliefs supporting aggression, anger dysregulation, callous-unemotional traits, and externalizing behavior in early to mid-adolescence.

- Hitti, S. A., **McDonald, S.E.**, Green, K., & Sullivan, T. (in preparation). Item response theory analysis of the Inventory of Callous/Unemotional Traits in a sample of Black urban youth.
- McDonald, S.E.**, Corona, R., Collins, E., Maternick, A., Ascione, F., & Williams, J.H. (in preparation). Behavior problems among children of Mexican-immigrant mothers receiving intimate partner violence services.
- McDonald, S. E.**, Cody, A. M., Booth, L. J., Ascione, F.R., & Williams, J. H. (in preparation). Children who are cruel to animals: A qualitative examination of children's and their mothers' experiences.
- McDonald, S. E.**, Im, H., & Green, K. E. (in preparation). Evaluation of the PTSD Checklist – Civilian Version (PCL-C17) in a sample of Somali Refugees living in Kenya: An item response theory analysis.
- Williams, J. H., St. Mary, J., **McDonald, S. E.**, & Ascione, F. R. (in preparation). Examining problem behaviors in Latina/o children exposed to intimate partner violence.

### ***PRESENTATIONS (selected)***

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#### ***Refereed Academic Conferences:***

+ denotes graduate student co-author | \*denotes undergraduate student co-author

- McDonald, S. E.**, & Williams, J. H. (January, 2018). *Evaluation of the Parent-Report Inventory of Callous-Unemotional Traits in a Sample of Children Recruited from Intimate Partner Violence Services: A Multidimensional Rasch Analysis*. Paper presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, Washington DC.
- McDonald, S.E**, Nicotera, N., & Collins, E. (October, 2017). The impact of concomitant animal maltreatment on adult and child survivors of intimate partner violence: Implications for safety planning and intervention. Accepted oral presentation at the 2017 Qualitative Health Research (QHR) Conference in Québec City, Canada.
- Shin, S., **McDonald, S. E.**, & Massey<sup>+</sup>, M. (January, 2017). *Exposure to different patterns of adverse childhood experiences and subsequent behavioral mental health outcomes among young adults*. Paper presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Williams, J. H., St. Mary<sup>+</sup>, J., **McDonald, S. E.**, & Ascione, F. R. (January, 2017). Examining problem behaviors in Latino/a children exposed to intimate partner violence. Poster presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, San Francisco, CA.
- McDonald, S. E.**, Shin, S., Maternick<sup>+</sup>, A., Williams, J. H., & Ascione, F. R. (January, 2017). *Children's exposure to interparental violence and conflict: A latent class analysis*. Paper presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Maternick<sup>+</sup>, A., Stim<sup>+</sup>, H., **McDonald, S. E.**, Williams, J. H., & Ascione, F. R. (July, 2016). *Understanding the impact of animal maltreatment exposure on children in households experiencing intimate partner violence: A mixed methods approach*. Poster session presented at the International Family Violence and Childhood Victimization Conference, Portsmouth, NH.
- Dombo<sup>\*</sup>, K., Parker<sup>\*</sup>, C., Moskal<sup>+</sup>, N., **McDonald, S. E.**, Williams, J.H., & Ascione, F.R. (July, 2016). *Posttraumatic stress, anxiety, and somatic problems among children exposed to domestic violence and*

*animal maltreatment*. Poster presented at the 2016 International Society for Anthrozoology Conference, Barcelona, Spain.

Moskal<sup>+</sup>, N., Parker<sup>\*</sup>, C., Dombo<sup>\*</sup>, K., **McDonald, S. E.**, Williams, J.H., & Ascione, F.R. (July, 2016). *Children exposed to intimate partner violence: Examining the role of exposure to concomitant animal cruelty on children's externalizing behaviors*. Poster presented at the 2016 International Society for Anthrozoology Conference, Barcelona, Spain.

Parker<sup>\*</sup>, C., Dombo<sup>\*</sup>, K., Maternick<sup>+</sup>, A., Moskal<sup>+</sup>, N., **McDonald, S. E.**, Williams, J.H., & Ascione, F.R. (July, 2016). *Care and treatment of companion animals in households experiencing domestic violence: The role of veterinary professionals in addressing multidirectional violence involving pets*. Poster presented at the 2016 International Society for Anthrozoology Conference, Barcelona, Spain.

**McDonald, S. E.**, Williams, J.H., & Ascione, F. R. (July, 2016). *Animal abuse in the context of intimate partner violence: Findings from a multi-site study of women and children and their companion animals*. Oral presentation at the International Organization of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations 14th Triennial International Conference, Paris, France.

Maternick<sup>+</sup>, A., **McDonald, S. E.**, Williams, J.H., & Ascione, F.R (January, 2016). *Family violence and concomitant animal abuse: Creating a coordinated response through collaborative interprofessional education and practice*. Poster presented at the 2016 Emswiller Interprofessional Symposium, Henrico, VA.

**McDonald, S.E.**, Williams, J. H., & Ascione, F.R. (January, 2016). *Examining profiles of risk, protection, and resilience among children exposed to intimate partner violence using latent profile analysis*. Paper presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, Washington DC.

Collins, E., **McDonald, S.E.**, Nicotera, N., Williams, J. H., & Ascione, F. (January, 2016). *Women's experiences of companion animal maltreatment in the context of intimate partner violence: A qualitative study with implications for safety planning and intervention*. Poster presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, Washington DC.

**McDonald, S.E.**, Williams, J. H., & Ascione (January, 2015). *Children exposed to intimate partner violence: Identifying differential effects of family environment on children's socioemotional functioning through regression mixture models*. Paper presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, Washington DC.

Collins, E., **McDonald, S.E.**, & Williams, J. H. (October, 2015). *Behavior problems among children of Mexican-immigrant mothers receiving intimate partner violence services*. Paper presented at the 61st Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO.

**McDonald, S.E.** & Williams, J. H. (October, 2015). *Profiles of socio-emotional adjustment among children exposed to intimate partner violence*. Paper presented at the 61st Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO.

**McDonald, S.E.**, Vidacovich, C., Williams, J.H., Green, K., & Ascione, F.R., (July, 2015). *Validity of Children's Treatment of Animals Questionnaire in an ethnically diverse sample of children: A Rasch analysis*. Poster presented at the 2015 International Society for Anthrozoology Conference. Saratoga Springs, NY.

**McDonald, S. E.**, Nicotera, N., Hageman, T., Ascione, F., & Williams, J. H. (January, 2015). *A qualitative study of how children experience and intervene in threats to and harm of companion animals in*

*the context of intimate partner violence.* Paper presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, New Orleans, LA.

**McDonald, S. E.,** Vidacovich, C., Ascione, F., Williams, J. H. & Green, K. E. (January, 2015). *The Child Exposure to Domestic Violence Scale: A Rasch analysis of the Home Exposure Subscale in a sample of 7- to 12-year-old children.* Poster presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, New Orleans, LA.

**McDonald, S. E.,** & Williams, J. H. (January, 2014). *Validity of the Children's Treatment of Animals Questionnaire among youth exposed to intimate partner violence: A Rasch Analysis.* Paper presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, San Antonio, TX.

**McDonald, S. E.,** Ascione, F.R., Williams, J. H., & Brown, S. M. (January, 2014). *Anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress among youth exposed to intimate partner violence: The impact of witnessing animal cruelty.* Paper presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, San Antonio, TX.

**McDonald, S. E.,** & Laser, J. A. (January, 2014). *Childhood maltreatment, internalizing problems, and delinquency among Korean youth: The buffering effect of perceived neighborhood collective efficacy.* Paper accepted for presentation at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, San Antonio, TX.

Brown, S. M., **McDonald, S. E.,** Ascione, F., & Williams, J. H. (November, 2013). *Socioemotional difficulties of children exposed to intimate partner violence and animal abuse.* Paper presented at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX.

**McDonald, S. E.,** Brown, S. M., Ascione, F., & Williams, J. H. (July, 2013). *Children exposed to intimate partner violence and concomitant animal cruelty.* Oral paper presentation given at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society for Anthrozoology, Chicago, IL.

**McDonald, S. E.,** Brown, S. M., Ascione, F., & Williams, J. H. (April, 2013). *Mental health and behavioral correlates of children exposed to intimate partner violence and concomitant animal abuse.* Paper presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Veterinary Social Work Summit, Knoxville, TN.

**McDonald, S. E.,** Garrido, E., Ascione, F., & Taussig, H. (November, 2012). *Perpetration of animal abuse by children in out-of-home care.* Paper presented at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Washington, DC.

**McDonald, S. E.,** & Ascione, F. (November, 2012). *Animal abuse and family violence: Implications for social work education.* Paper accepted at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Washington, DC.

**McDonald, S. E.,** & Ascione, F. (January, 2012). *Incarcerated men's reports of animal abuse in the context of intimate partner violence: The influence of Antisocial Personality Disorder and childhood animal cruelty.* Poster presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work & Research, San Diego, CA.

Ascione, F. R., Peak, T. P., **McDonald, S. E.,** & Clark, L. (October, 2009). *Animal welfare issues and elder adult maltreatment: A national survey.* Poster presented at the International Society for Anthrozoology/Human Animal Interaction International Conference, Kansas City, MO.

Wiegand, D. M., Hanowski, R. J., & **McDonald, S. E.** (March, 2009). *Using naturalistic driving data to explore the relation of body mass index and fatigued driving among professional truck drivers.* Paper

presented at the International Fatigue Management in Transportation Operations Conference, Boston, MA.

- Wiegand, D. M., Hanowski, R. J., & **McDonald, S. E.** (August, 2008). *Commercial truck drivers' health: Implications for driving performance and fatigue*. Paper presented at the Naturalistic Driving Methods & Analyses Symposium, Blacksburg, VA.
- McDonald, S. E.**, Deater-Deckard, K., Petrill, S. A., & Thompson, L. (March, 2007). *Genetic and environmental variance in temperament in middle childhood*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston, MA.
- McDonald, S. E.**, Wolff, J. C., Deater-Deckard, K., & Ollendick, T. H. (March, 2007). *Child internalizing problems and achievement: Overprotective parenting as a moderator*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston, MA.
- McDonald, S. E.**, Nicholson, H. D., Deater-Deckard, K., Petrill, S. A., & Thompson, L. (May, 2007). *Nonshared environmental processes: An observational twin study*. Poster presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington D.C.
- McDonald, S. E.**, & Scarpa, A. (May, 2006). *Autonomic activity in childhood proactive and reactive aggression: The influence of ADHD-related behavior on heart rate and skin conductance*. Poster presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual American Psychological Society Convention, New York City, NY.
- McDonald, S. E.**, Haden, S. C. & Scarpa, A. (May, 2006). *Young adults' exposure to community violence: Psychological outcomes of family and stranger violence*. Poster presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual American Psychological Society Convention, New York City, NY.
- McDonald, S. E.**, & Scarpa, A. (May, 2005). *Reactive and proactive aggression differ in autonomic reactivity to provocation*. Poster presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual American Psychological Society Convention, Los Angeles, CA.
- McDonald, S. E.**, Tyrrell, J. M., Pendleton, D. C., Haden, S. C., & Scarpa, A. (May, 2005). *Psychophysiological correlates of laboratory reactive and proactive aggression*. Poster presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual American Psychological Society Convention, Los Angeles, CA.
- Cankaya, B., **McDonald, S. E.** & Clum, G. A. (May, 2005). *Young Schema Questionnaire and Dysfunctional Attitudes Scale: A longitudinal study of depression*. Poster presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual American Psychological Society Convention, Los Angeles, CA.
- McDonald, S.E.**, Pendleton, D.C., Tyrrell, J.M., Haden, S.C., & Scarpa, A. (March, 2005). *Autonomic activity and laboratory proactive and reactive aggression*. Poster presented at the 2005 Southeastern Psychological Association Conference, Nashville, TN.
- McDonald, S. E.**, Thompson, N. E., Scarpa, A., & Van Voorhees, E. E. (October, 2004). *Autonomic activity and childhood reactive and proactive aggression*. Poster presented at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Santa Fe, NM.
- Tanaka, A., **McDonald, S. E.**, Thompson, N. E., Shumate, H., & Scarpa, A. (October, 2004). *Autonomic activity and childhood reactive/proactive aggression II: The roles of child and parent anxiety and depression*. Poster presented at the 44<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Santa Fe, NM.



**McDonald, S. E.,** Varga, Z., Van Voorhees, E. E., & Scarpa, A. (May, 2004). *Attention symptomatology in childhood reactive and proactive aggression*. Poster presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual American Psychological Society Convention, Chicago, IL.

**McDonald, S. E.,** Varga, Z., Scarpa, A., & Van Voorhees, E. E. (November, 2004). *Attentional and conduct problems in childhood proactive and reactive aggression*. Poster presented at the 2004 Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville, TN.

***Refereed symposia, workshops, and panels:***

Buck, P., **McDonald, S. E.,** Kim, C., & Hoy, J. (November, 2016). *Human-animal interactions: Implications for social work education*. Panel accepted in the Health Track for the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.

Pearson, J., Clark, A., Tedeschi, P., & **McDonald, S.E.** (October, 2015). *Preparing social workers to address pet loss, bereavement, and related stress*. Interactive Workshop in the Clinical Practice Track, 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO.

Gabriels, R., **McDonald, S.,** O'Haire, M., Pendry, P., & Schuck, S. (August, 2014). *The effects of human-animal interaction on protective factors for at-risk children*. Symposium collaboration presented at the 2014 American Psychological Association Conference, Washington, DC. (Co-chairs: McCune, S. & Esposito, L.)

Komorosky, D., **McDonald, S.,** Brown, S., & O'Connor (January, 2014). *Key topics in human-animal interaction (HAI) and research-informed social work*. Symposium collaboration presented at the 2014 Society for Social Work Research, San Antonio, TX. (Chair: Hoy, J.)

***Invited Presentations, Lectures, Panel Discussions, and University Symposiums:***

Moskal<sup>+</sup>, N., Dombo<sup>\*</sup>, K., Parker<sup>\*</sup>, C., **McDonald, S. E.,** Williams, J. H., & Ascione, F. R. (April, 2016). *Internalizing and externalizing behavioral symptomatology among children dually exposed to intimate partner violence and animal abuse*. Poster presented at the 2016 Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium and Exhibit, Richmond, VA. (Won 2<sup>nd</sup> place MSW Research Award)

Maternick<sup>+</sup>, A., Collins, E., **McDonald, S.,** Nicotera, N., Williams, J. H., & Ascione, F.R. (April, 2016). *Using qualitative template analysis to examine women's experiences of animal maltreatment in the context of intimate partner violence*. Poster presented at the 2016 Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium and Exhibit, Richmond, VA. (Won 2<sup>nd</sup> place PhD Research Award)

Parker<sup>\*</sup>, C., Dombo<sup>\*</sup>, K., Maternick<sup>+</sup>, A., Moskal<sup>+</sup>, N., **McDonald, S.E.,** Williams, J.H., & Ascione, F.R. (April, 2016). *A mixed-methods study of pet-owning domestic violence survivors: What is the role of veterinary professionals in recognizing and intervening in multidirectional violence involving pets?* Poster presented at the 2016 Annual Poster Symposium for Undergraduate Research and Creativity, Richmond, VA.

**McDonald, S.** (November, 2015). *Risk and resilience among children exposed to intimate partner violence: Examining profiles and predictors of child functioning using person-centered methodologies*. Clark Hill Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

**McDonald, S.** (November, 2015). *Child Exposure to Interpersonal Violence in the Home*. Virginia Bar Association Annual Capital Defense Workshop, Richmond, VA.

**McDonald, S.** (November, 2015). *Children, pets, & families: Examining the roots of kindness and cruelty.* Berglund Seminar Series, Honors College, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

**McDonald, S.** (May, 2014). *Companion animals in the lives of children exposed to intimate partner violence.* Presentation at the Transforming Trauma Conference, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

**McDonald, S.** (May, 2014). *The role of companion animals in fostering resilience in childhood.* Guest-lecture for MSW-level community practice course titled, "Social Ecology, One Health and Resiliency: Connecting Human and Environmental Health." Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

**McDonald, S.** (February, 2013). *Children exposed to intimate partner violence and concomitant animal cruelty.* Panel discussion for the Domestic Violence Research and Action Coalition (DVRAC) networking event, "Current Intimate Partner Research in Colorado." The University of Colorado – Denver, Denver, CO.

**McDonald, S.** (February, 2012). *Abuse of family companion animals by perpetrators of intimate partner violence: Implications for domestic violence services, child welfare, and policy.* Guest-lecture for MSW-level domestic violence course. Graduate School of Social Work, The University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Ascione, F. R., & **McDonald, S. E.** (March, 2011). *Women victims and criminal perpetrators of domestic violence (intimate partner violence): The significance of animal abuse and possible effects on child witnesses.* Invited presentation at the Scienze Criminologiche e Forensi Conference, Mantova, Italy.

**McDonald, S.** (February, 2011). *The link between intimate partner violence, child maltreatment, and animal abuse.* Guest-lecture for MSW-level domestic violence course. Graduate School of Social Work, The University of Denver, Denver, CO.

**McDonald, S. E.,** Kirkland, J. Z., & Davidson, R. J. (July, 2005). *Pilot of a go/no-go task using novel stimuli.* Presentation at the 2005 Committee on Institutional Cooperation/ Summer Research Opportunities Program Conference, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, WI.

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## GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS IN RESEARCH

### Internal Funding

Principal Investigator: Faculty Internal Research Grant, School of Social Work (7/2017- 6/2018)

*Project Title:* Advancing measurement in human-animal interactions research: A pilot study to develop a new measure of children's experiences with companion animals (\$15,000)

Co-Principal Investigator: VCU Community Engagement Grant (7/2016-6/2017)

*Project Title:* Training Latino Residents in Mental Health First Aid (Co-PI: Rosalie Corona, PhD)  
Community Partner: Sacred Heart Center (\$20,000)

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**2010-2016: Co-Investigator,** The University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work – Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence Collaboration

R01-HD-66503-4: *Women and children exposed to intimate partner violence and concomitant animal abuse*

Responsibilities: Quantitative (SPSS; WINSTEPS; Mplus; AMOS) and qualitative data analysis (ATLAS.ti); database development and management; manuscript writing; instrument and survey protocol development; coordination of data collection at 20+ participating domestic violence shelters; survey administrator training.

PI: James Herbert Williams, Ph.D. (2013-current); Frank Ascione, Ph.D. (2010-2012)

\* Fall 2015-2016 data collection funded by Grant 2015-0709 from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

**2014-2016: Co-Investigator**, The University of Denver's Graduate School of Professional Psychology  
Project: *The Impact of the Colorado Pet Pantry on Clients' Quality of Life and Social Capital*  
Responsibilities: Provide expertise and support to the PI and research affiliates on issues of design, measurement, and data analysis.

PI: Laura Myers, Ph.D.

**2010: Research Intern**, The American Humane Association, Human-Animal Bond Division, Englewood, CO

Research Managed: 1) *Serving Those Who Served Us: The Effect of Animal-Assisted Therapy on Homeless Veterans Who are Experiencing PTSD*; 2) *Lending a Helping Paw: Examining the Effectiveness of Animal-Assisted Therapy with Youth Who Have Emotional and Behavioral Issues*; 3) *The Role of Companion Animals and the Development of Emotional Security for Traumatized Youth*

Responsibilities: grant-writing; independently drafted research proposals; independently monitored/evaluated data collection sites.

**2008- 2009: Senior Research Specialist**, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, Blacksburg, VA,  
Research Projects: 1) *Special Safety Concerns of School Bus Drivers; Case-Control Commercial Driver Individual Differences Study*; 3) *Surface Transportation Safety Center for Excellence*; 4) *Health & Fatigue Project*; 5) *Development and Evaluation of a Naturalistic Observer Rating of Drowsiness (ORD)*

Responsibilities: independently drafted research protocols directed at data collection, data download, data reduction, and data analysis using specialized human factors techniques and methods; assisted with the development of project deliverables, including summarizing results in reports, performing and summarizing literature reviews and other information gathering techniques; supervised, coordinated, and trained junior experimental staff as well as subcontractor staff; recruited, screened, and worked with human subjects.

PIs: Richard Hanowski, Ph.D. & Douglas Wiegand, Ph.D.

**2006-2007: Doctoral Research Assistantship**, Individual Differences Across the Lifespan Laboratory, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA (NICHD- R01 HD 38075; R03 HD 54481; NICHD- R01 HD 38075)

Projects managed: 1) *Western Reserve Reading Project: An on-going longitudinal twin study of reading and math skills, cognitive and language abilities, social-emotional development, and the family environment*; 2) *Parent-Child Interaction Coding System: An examination of non-shared environmental influences in social-emotional adjustment in childhood.*

Responsibilities: manuscript writing; conducted statistical analyses using SPSS, SAS, and Excel; supervised undergraduate and graduate lab members; lab correspondent for collaborating laboratories.

PI: Kirby Deater-Deckard, Ph.D.

**2005-2007: Research Assistant**, *Sexual Victimization Project*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Responsibilities: edited surveys; rewrote/restructured clinical interview procedures (SCID-DTREE); conducted clinical interviews and collected physiological measurements with sexual violence survivors; prepared research presentations for conferences.  
 PI: Angela Scarpa

- 2005:** **NSF/Psi Chi Affective Neuroscience Research Intern**, Waisman Laboratory for Brain Imaging and Behavior, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, WI  
Funded Project Title: *A Go/No-Go Task with emotional and non-emotional stimuli: A behavioral pilot and preliminary fMRI results*  
Responsibilities: entered and analyzed data; observed fMRI scans; reconstructed fMRI data; utilized SPSS, SAS, AFNI, Linux, Excel and E-Prime to conduct analyses; prepared report for NSF/Psi Chi and faculty at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.  
 Faculty Sponsor: Richard J. Davidson, Ph.D.
- 2004-2005:** **Research Assistant**, *Psychobiological Mechanisms of Aggression in Youth*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA  
Responsibilities: trained research assistants; administered surveys and interviews to participants; gathered physiological data (heart rate, skin conductance, and salivary cortisol) from youth previously involved in the juvenile justice system; interpreted statistical analyses (SPSS).  
 PIs: Angela Scarpa, Ph.D. & Dr. Sara C. Haden, Ph.D.
- 2004-2005:** **Research Assistant**, *Cognitive Schemas and Depression*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA  
Responsibilities: provided research assistance for a study on depression symptoms among college students; conducted mood induction procedures; administered surveys to college students; entered and analyzed data (SPSS); prepared and presented a paper on specific schema vulnerabilities and congruent stressors.  
 PIs: George A. Clum, Ph.D. & Banu Cancaya, Ph.D.
- 2004-2005:** **Research Assistant**, *Animal-Plant Interactions Lab*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA  
Responsibilities: assistant for a research project on the ecological significance of toxic nectar and alkaloid uptake in hemiparasitic plants; entered and analyzed data; performed gas chromatograph data conversions; administered pollination manipulations; took morphology measurements; greenhouse data collection maintenance.  
 PI: Dr. Lynne Adler (University of Massachusetts – Amherst)
- 2003-2007:** **Research Assistant**, *Emotional Aggression Lab/Childhood Emotions Project*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA  
Responsibilities: assisted with research on psychophysiological profiles that underlie forms of aggression in children; conducted clinical interviews with children and parents (ADIS); administered surveys to children; collected psychophysiological measurements (heart rate, skin conductance, heart rate variability, and cortisol); trained research assistants; research team secretary; analyzed data using SPSS; prepared conference presentations; manuscript writing.  
 PIs: Angela Scarpa, Ph.D. & Thomas Ollendick, Ph.D.
- 2003:** **Research Assistant**, *Social Information Processing, Cortisol Secretion, and Aggression in Adolescents*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA  
Responsibilities: provided research assistance for a study on social information processing; interviewed adolescents; administered surveys; collected cortisol samples; entered data (SPSS).  
 PIs: Angela Scarpa, Ph.D. & Elizabeth E. Van Voorhees, Ph.D.

## SPECIALIZED DATA ANALYSIS TRAINING

- Applied Latent Class Analysis & Finite Mixture Modeling, Institute of Measurement, Methodology, Analysis & Policy, University of Kansas, 2014
- Hierarchical Linear Modeling, University of Denver, 2013
- Item Response Theory (Rasch Analysis), University of Denver, 2012
- Structural Equation Modeling, University of Denver, 2013 & 2014

## PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work*

- Professor, *Social Work & Oppressed Groups* (SLWK 311; Fall Semester 2015; Spring Semester 2016; Fall Semester 2016; Spring 2017)
- Professor, *Measurement in the Social & Behavioral Sciences* (SWKD 791; Spring 2018)

### *University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work*

#### **Adjunct Professor**

- Instructor, *Methods for Evaluating Animal-Assisted Social Work Practice & Programs* (SOWK 4900; Fall & Winter Quarters 2014-2015)
- Instructor, *Applied Practice Evaluation Research* (SOWK 4901; Spring Quarter 2014).
- Instructor, *Methods for Evaluating Practice & Programs* (SOWK 4900; Winter Quarter 2014)

#### **Teaching Practicum**

- Co-instructor, *Applied Practice Evaluation Research* (SOWK 4901; Spring Quarter 2013)
- Co-instructor, *Methods for Evaluating Practice and Programs* (SOWK 4900; Winter Quarter 2013)
- Teaching Assistant, *Building Resilience: Healthy Development in Childhood and Adolescence* (SOWK 4315; Fall Quarter 2012)

## CLINICAL & COMMUNITY PRACTICE & POLICY EXPERIENCE

### **2012-2014: Safehouse Denver Domestic Violence Shelter, Children's Program**

#### Affiliated Projects & Activities:

*Kids' Club Trauma Group Volunteer*

*Mindfulness Group Volunteer*

**Description:** Assisted in planning therapeutic groups for children, youth, and adolescents, ages 1 to 18 years, who are residing in a domestic violence shelter. Independently led and/or co-facilitated groups with children and youth that address various aspects of childhood trauma (e.g., violence, sexual abuse, physical abuse). Assisted in assessing the educational and emotional needs of group participants and provided support to child and family advocates.

### **2010- 2011: Graduate School of Social Work – Institute for Human-Animal Connection (DU)**

#### Affiliated Projects & Activities:

**Internship:** *Creating community-based collaborative research partnerships.*

**Description:** Helped organize a state-wide community research collaboration involving the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver & the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence under the direction of Dr. Frank Ascione. Assisted with the submission of an application for research funding to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to better understand the effects of exposure to both domestic violence and animal abuse on children's mental health. (R01HD066503)

**2009- 2010: Graduate School of Social Work – Institute for Human-Animal Connection (DU)**

Affiliated projects and activities:

**Internship:** *Creating community-based collaborative partnerships to address violence in communities.*

Affiliated Activities: 1) Colorado Coalition for Domestic Violence, Policy Committee (CO Senate Bill 2010-80); 2) The Colorado LINK Violence Animal Abuse Model Community Program; 3) Colorado Coalition for Cruelty Prevention (Domestic Violence subcommittee); 4) Assisted in the preparation of research for the National Adult Protective Services Association related to the continued examination of animal welfare and abuse issues among elder adults.

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**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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**2016-current:** Doctoral Program Committee, VCU School of Social Work

**2016-2017:** Hubert H. Humphrey Program, Faculty Advisor (Nazish Yousaf)

**2015-2017:** General Education Task Force, Alternate

**2015-current:** Academic Programs Committee, VCU School of Social Work

**2015-2016:** BSW Program Committee, VCU School of Social Work

**Student Group Faculty Advisor**

2016-2017: International Justice Mission, VCU Chapter

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**GRADUATE ADVISING/MENTORING**

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**Dissertation Committee Member**

2017- current: Efren Velazquez, Dissertation Committee Member, Clinical Psychology

2016-current: Rachel Casey, Dissertation Committee Member, Social Work

2016-2017: Jaclyn Moloney, Dissertation Committee Member, Social Psychology

2015-2016: Avina Ross, Dissertation Committee Member, Social Work

**Master's Thesis Committee Member**

2017: Stephanie Hitti, Master's Thesis, Clinical Psychology

**Research Supervisor**

2015-2017: Anna Maternick Cody, Social Work (PHD)

**Academic Advisor**

2016-2017: Michelle Buhrandt, Social Work (PHD)

**Independent Study Sponsor**

Fall 2017: Adina Disney (MSW), "Service Dogs, Animal-Assisted Therapy, and Veterans"

Fall 2017: Margaret Rivers (MSW), "Animal-Assisted Medical Social Work"

Spring 2016: Nani Moskal, Social Work (MSW), "Family violence, animal cruelty, and child health"

Spring 2017: Brienna Thompson, Social Work (MSW), "Trauma in Military Populations"

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**UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING/MENTORING**

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**Mentoring Awards – Undergraduate Research**

Summer 2016: *Mentor Award for Community Engaged Summer Research Fellowship* (\$500), VCU Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (Student: Colleen Parker)

Summer 2016: *Mentor Award for Inclusive Excellence Summer Research Fellowship* (\$500), VCU Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (Student: Ksenia Dombo)

**Independent Study Sponsor**

Fall 2017: Laura Booth, Social Work, "Advanced Research Methods"

Spring 2017: Ksenia Dombo, Social Work, "Race, Ethnicity, and Childhood Trauma"

Spring 2017: Laura Booth, Social Work, "Teaching Power, Privilege, and Oppression"

Fall 2016: Ksenia Dombo, Social Work, "Culturally-Specific Risk and Protective Factors for Trauma"

Fall 2016: Michael Digiacomio, Social Work, "Critical Pedagogy"

Fall 2016: Laura Booth, Social Work, "Pedagogy of Anti-Oppression"

Spring 2016: Ksenia Dombo, Social Work, "Ethnocultural Variations in Trauma Symptomology"

Spring 2016: Colleen Parker, Social Work, "Veterinary Social Work"

Spring 2016: Jacob Bratcher, Social Work, "Pedagogy, Technology, & Social Work Education"

Spring 2016: Ksenia Dombo, Social Work, "Intersectional Feminist Pedagogy"

**Undergraduate Research Supervisor**

2016- 2018: Laura Booth, Undergraduate Research Assistant

Spring 2016: Colleen Parker, Undergraduate Research Assistant

Fall 2015: Isabelle Bennett, Undergraduate Research Assistant

**Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member**

Spring 2017: Brooke Vanlandingham

**RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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- VAdata Advisory Committee, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, 2015-present
- Domestic Violence Research and Action Coalition (DVRAC), Denver, CO, 2013-2014
- The Center: Advancing LGBT Colorado, PRIDE Volunteer, Denver, CO, 2012-2014
- Obama for America, Neighborhood Team Member – City Park West, Denver, CO, 2012
- Colorado Alliance for Cruelty Prevention (CACP), Denver, CO, 2009-2014
- CACP, Domestic Violence Subcommittee, Denver, CO, 2009-2012
- Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence Policy Committee, Denver, CO, 2009-2012

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Consulting Editor**

- *Social Work Research*, 2017-2020

**Invited Reviewer**

- *Child Maltreatment*, 2017-present
- *Journal of Family Violence*, 2016-present
- *Violence Against Women*, 2017-present
- *Aggression & Violent Behavior*, 2016-present
- *Psychology, Crime, & Law*, 2016-present
- *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 2016-present
- *Social Work Research*, 2013-2017
- *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 2010-present

**Conference Abstract Reviewer**

- Society for Social Work & Research Annual Conference, 2016-present  
*Violence Against Women and Children Track*
- Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, 2017-present  
*Violence Against Women and Children Track*

### **Doctoral Student Task Force**

- *Society for Social Work & Research, 2014-2015*

### ***PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS***

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- Society for Social Work & Research
- National Association of Social Workers
- International Society for Anthrozoology
- International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations
- Society for Research on Child Development
- American Psychological Association
- Council on Social Work Education