
AMBER VENNUM

The School of Family Studies and Human Services, Kansas State University
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Education

- Ph.D. 2011 Marriage and Family Therapy, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- Certificate in Educational Measurement and Statistics
 - Dissertation: Understanding Young Adult Cyclical Relationships
 - Major Professor – Dr. Kay Pasley
- M.A. 2007 Marriage & Family Therapy, University of Houston-Clear Lake, Clear Lake, TX
- B.A. 2003 Psychology, Rice University, Houston, TX
 School for International Training Semester Abroad- Tibetan Studies
- Independent Study Project- Tradition versus the west: The corporal punishment debate in a Tibetan exile community

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Faculty Positions

- 2011-present Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, School of Family Studies and Human Services, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.
- Courses taught: Clinical Theory & Practice, Family Therapy, Advanced MFT Research Methods: SEM 2, Practicum in Marriage & Family Therapy.

Graduate Research Assistantships

- 2009-2011 Graduate Research Assistant, Family and Child Sciences, FSU
- Supervisor: Dr. Kay Pasley
- 2007-2009 Graduate Research Assistant, Family and Child Sciences, FSU
- Supervisor: Dr. Robert E. Lee

Graduate Teaching Assistantships

- 2009-2011 Family and Child Sciences, FSU: administered and graded online courses
- CHD 4615: Public Policies Affecting Children and Families
 - FAD 3220: Individual and Family Life Span Development
- Summer 2008 Family and Child Sciences, FSU: sole instruction for on-campus FAD 2230: Family Relations
- 2007-2009 Family and Child Sciences, FSU: Project RELATE
- A 5-yr., federally funded project to develop a national model of relationship education (PI, Dr. Frank Fincham; Co-PI, Dr. Kay Pasley).
 - Delivered 2-3 experientially-based recitation sessions ($N = 30$) per week and evaluated student progress.

SCHOLARSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

*Co-authors are starred if they were students when the bulk of the paper was written or presentation was created.

Peer-reviewed Publications

- Vennum, A.**, *Monk, J.K., Pasley, B. K., & Fincham, F. D. (in press). Emerging adult relationship transitions as opportune times for tailored interventions. *Emerging Adulthood*.
- *Clifford, C., **Vennum, A.**, *Busk, M., & Fincham, F. D. (in press). Testing the impact of sliding versus deciding in cyclical and non-cyclical relationships. *Personal Relationships*.
- *Berryhill, B. & **Vennum, A.** (2015). Joining forces for child success: Bringing parents and schools together. *Contemporary Family Therapy*, 37, 351-363. doi: 10.1007/s10591-015-9357-3
- Vennum, A.**, *Hardy, N., *Sibley, D., S., & Fincham, F. D. (2015). Dedication and sliding in emerging adult cyclical and non-cyclical romantic relationships. *Family Relations*, 64, 407-419.
- Johnson, M. D., Nguyen, L., Anderson, J.A., Liu, W., & **Vennum, A.** (2015). Shame proneness and intimate relations in mainland China. *Personal Relationships*, 22, 335-347. doi: 10.1111/per.12083
- *Sibley, D. S., Springer, P. R., **Vennum, A.**, Hollist, C. S. (2015). An exploration of the construction of commitment leading to marriage. *Marriage & Family Review*, 51, 183-203. doi: 10.1080/01494929.2015.1031424
- *Hardy, N. R., **Vennum, A.**, Anderson, J. R., Johnson, M. D., Lee, S., Liu, W. (2015). Associations between attention to warning signs, marital confidence, and interactional problem-solving among emerging adult couples in mainland China. *Emerging Adulthood*, 3, 194-203. doi: 10.1177/2167696814551385
- Johnson, M. D., Ngugn, A., Anderson, J. R., Liu, W. L., & **Vennum, A.** (2015). Pathways to romantic relationship success among Chinese young adult couples: Contributions of family dysfunction, mental health problems, and negative couple interaction. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 32, 5-23. doi: 10.1177/0265407514522899
- Vennum, A.**, & *Johnson, M. D. (2014). The impact of cycling on early marriage. *Family Relations*, 63, 439-452. doi:10.1111/fare.12082
- *Monk, J. K., **Vennum, A.**, Ogolsky, B. G., & Fincham, F. D. (2014). Commitment and sacrifice in emerging adult romantic relationships. *Marriage & Family Review*, 50, 416-434. doi: 10.1080/01494929.2014.896304.
- Vennum, A.**, *Lindstrom, R., *Monk, K., & *Adams, R. (2013). "It's complicated": The continuity and correlates of cycling in cohabiting and marital relationships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 31, 410-430.

- Vennum, A.**, & Vennum, D. C. (2013). Expanding our reach: Marriage and family therapists in the public school system. *Contemporary Family Therapy*, 35, 41-58. doi: 10.1007/s10591-012-9226-2
- McWey, L., Pazdera, A., **Vennum, A.**, & Stevenson Wojciak, A. (2013). Breaking intergenerational patterns of maltreatment in families as risk for foster care. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 39, 133-147. doi: 10.1111/j.1752-0606.2012.00289.x
- Vennum, A.**, & Fincham, F. D. (2011). Assessing decision making in young adult romantic relationships. *Psychological Assessment*, 23, 739-751. doi: 10.1037/a0023287
- Lee, M. M., & **Vennum, A. V.** (2010). Using critical incident journaling to encourage cultural awareness in doctoral marriage and family therapy students. *Journal of Family Psychotherapy*, 21, 238-252.
- Lee, M. M., Lee, R. E., & **Vennum, A. V.** (2010). Voices of foster parents of Sudanese refugee youths: Affirmations and insights. *International Social Work*. 53, 807-821. doi: 10.1177/0020872809358396

Non-Refereed Publications

- Lindstrom, R., Monk, J. K., **Vennum, A.** (2014, Winter). Together again: The emerging trend of on-again/off-again relationships. *National Council on Family Relations Report Magazine*, 59, F5- F6. Retrieved from [https:// www.ncfr.org/ ncfr-report/focus/family-focus-dating-and-mate-selection](https://www.ncfr.org/ncfr-report/focus/family-focus-dating-and-mate-selection)

Manuscripts under Review

- *Dharnidharka, P., **Vennum, A.**, Anderson, J., Johnson, M., & Liu, W. L. (under review). “We are (never ever?) getting back together”: Relationship cycling among emerging adults in urban China.
- *Brown, C., *Conner, S., & **Vennum, A.** (under review). Sexual attitudes of classes of pornography users.

Manuscripts in Progress

- *Dharnidharka, P. & **Vennum, A.** (in progress). From friends to intimate partners: An exploration of self-selected intimate relationship development among young adults in urban India.
- Vennum, A.**, *Scroggs, B., *Bridges, J., & *Busk, M. (in progress). Risk and resiliency factors predicting satisfaction trajectories of newlyweds with a history of premarital relationship cycling: A joint probability model.
- *Sibley, D. S., *Knapp, D. J., *Brown, C. C., *Mallory, A., **Vennum, A.** (in progress). “We’re just talking”: Exploring a new trend in emerging adult romantic relationship formation.
- *Conner, S., **Vennum, A.**, *Kanter, J., *Deitz, S., & *Taylor, L. (in progress). Factors impacting the type of romantic relationships young adults desire in their 30s.
- *Dharnidharka, P., **Vennum, A.**, *Clifford, C., & *Brown, C. (in progress). Emerging adult patterns of relationship quality.

*Sibley, D. S., & **Vennum, A.** (in progress). Exploring the theory of resilient commitment in emerging adulthood: A qualitative inquiry.

*Torgerson, C., *Jones, D., **Vennum, A.**, & *Busk, M. (in progress). Preliminary results for the effectiveness of Working on What Works at increasing student engagement and teacher efficacy.

Peer-reviewed Presentations

*Conner, S., **Vennum, A.**, Kanter, J., *Deitz, S., *Washburn-Busk, M., *Tran, K., *Morrison, K., *Taylor, L., & *Super, K. (2016, November). *Understanding young adults' inclinations towards relationship education*. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN.

Vennum, A., *Dharnidharka, P., Shilts, L., *Torgerson, C., *Clifford, C., & Berryhill, B. (2016, September). *Working on What Works: School-based systemic change*. Workshop presented at the annual conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family, Indianapolis, IN.

McMillan, B., *Sibley, D. S., Springer, P. R., **Vennum, A.**, (2016, September). *Investigating deciding factors of commitment leading to marriage*. Formal research poster presented at the 2016 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

*Potempa, R., *Sibley, S., & **Vennum, A.** (2016, September). *The construction of commitment during emerging adulthood*. Formal research poster presented at the 2016 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

*Torgerson, C., **Vennum, A.**, *Dharnidharka, P., *Grant, D., *Van, K., & *Gonzales, N. (2016, September). *WoWW: Impact of solution-focused classroom interventions*. Formal research poster presented at the 2016 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

*Lyon, S. E., Stith, S. M., **Vennum, A.** (2016, July). *Dating violence and the stay/leave decision of young women in college*. Poster presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference in Portsmouth, NH.

*Conner, S., & **Vennum, A.** (2016, April). *Exploring young adults' preferences for mobile relationship education*. Poster presented at the International Society for Research on Internet Interventions Annual Conference in Seattle, WA.

*Conner, S., & **Vennum, A.** (2016, April). *Sounding board on integrating mental health care components within a relationship education app*. Sounding board presented at the International Society for Research on Internet Interventions Annual Conference in Seattle, WA.

*Deitz, S.L., **Vennum, A.**, *Kimmes, J., *Conner, S., *Dharnidharka, P., & *Tran, K. (2015, November). *"For this achievement you get three hearts": Relationship focus group findings*. Poster Presentation at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference in Vancouver, Canada.

*Dharnidharka, P., & **Vennum, A.** (2015, November). *From friends to romantic partners: An exploration of non-arranged romantic relationship development among young adults in*

- India*. Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference in Vancouver, Canada.
- Vennum, A.**, *Dharnidharka, P., *Clifford, C., & *Brown, C. (2015, November). *Emerging adult patterns of relationship quality*. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference in Vancouver, Canada.
- *Clifford, C., **Vennum, A.**, & *Busk, M. (2015, November). *The impact of relationship uncertainty and sliding in emerging adult relationships*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, Canada.
- *Hardy, N., Anderson, J., **Vennum, A.**, *Conner, S., *Deitz, S., *Busk, P., *Busk, M., *Peters, N., & *Casteel, M. (2015, November). *Self-development in marriage and relationship education*. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference in Vancouver, Canada.
- *Conner, S., **Vennum, A.**, *Kimmes, J., *Deitz, S., *Dharnidharka, P., *Bialas, M. (2015, November). *Expanding tools for wellness through mobile health (mHealth)*. Roundtable presented at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference in Vancouver, Canada.
- Vennum, A.**, Shilts, L., *Bird, N., *Berryhill, M., *Clifford, C., & *Dharnidharka, P. (2015, September). *Working on what works: School-based systemic change*. Workshop presented at the annual conference of American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Austin, TX.
- *Conner, S., **Vennum, A.**, *Deitz, S. L., *Kimmes, J., *McVey, K., *Cook, E. (2015, September). *Promoting relationship health through technology*. Poster presented at the annual conference of American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Austin, TX.
- *Hardy, N. & **Vennum, A.** (2014, November). *Patterns of stability and marital satisfaction in newlywed couples*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.
- *Sibley, D. S., *Springer, P., **Vennum, A.**, & Hollist, C. S. (2014, November). *An exploration of the construction of commitment leading to marriage*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.
- *Dharnidharka, P., & **Vennum, A.** (2014, November). *Relationship cycling among emerging adults in China*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.
- *Sibley, D. S., *Springer, P., **Vennum, A.** (2014, October). *An exploration of the construction of commitment leading marriage in young adult couples*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the annual meeting of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Milwaukee, WI.
- *Berryhill, B., **Vennum, A.**, *Clifford, C., *Dharnidharka, P. (2014, September). *School-based family therapy: bridging the gap for student success*. Workshop given at the fall workshop of the Kansas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Newton, KS.

- Rambo, A., **Vennum, A.**, Sebung, K., Collins-Ricketts, J. (2014, June). *Removing social/emotional barriers to achievement*. Workshop given at the annual meeting of the American School Counselor Association, Orlando, FL.
- Vennum, A.**, & *Johnson, M. D. (2013, November). *The impact of premarital cyclicity on early marriage*. Poster symposium presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX.
- *Nguyen, L., Johnson, M. D., Anderson, J. R., **Vennum, A.**, & Liu, W. (2013, November). *Family support influences relationship outcomes in Chinese couples*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the San Antonio, TX.
- *Monk, K., **Vennum, A.**, & Ogolsky, B. (2013, November). *Commitment and sacrifice in emerging adult cyclical and non-cyclical romantic relationships*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX.
- Vennum, A.**, & Sebung, K. (2012, September). *School-based family therapy: Practical tips for success*. Seminar presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Charlotte, NC.
- Vennum, A.**, Pasley, K., & Fincham, F. D. (2012, July). *Exploring the role of sliding and uncertainty in young adult cyclical and non-cyclical relationships*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Chicago, IL.
- *Lindstrom, R.L., *Monk, K., *Adams, R., & **Vennum, A.** (2012, July). *The impact of cyclicity on cohabiting and married relationships*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Chicago, IL.
- Vennum, A.** & Fincham, F. D. (2011, November). *Assessing decision making in young adult romantic relationships*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
- Pazdera, A., Stevenson, A., **Vennum, A.** (2011, September). *Breaking intergenerational patterns of violence in families*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Fort Worth, TX.
- Vennum, A.**, Garneau, C. L., & Pasley, K. (2010, November). *Family influences on young adult romantic relationships*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.
- Vennum, A.** (2010, September). *Ethical challenges and clinical advantages of MFTs in schools*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Atlanta, GA.
- Vennum, A.**, & **Pasley, K.** (2009, November). *Signs the end is near: Causes of relationship breakups in young adults*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, San Francisco, CA.
- Vennum, A.**, & Vennum, D. C. (2009, October). *The experiences of MFTs in schools*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Sacramento, CA.
- Lee, M. M., Lee, R. E., Troupe, F. Y., & **Vennum, A.** (2008, October). *Voices of foster parents of Sudanese refugee youths: Affirmations and insights*. Poster presented at the annual

conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Memphis, TN.

Vennum, A., Koenig-Reed, M., & Jalali, S. (2006, January). *The relationship between partner emotional intelligence and dyadic adjustment: A multi-method study*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Texas Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Houston, Texas.

Invited Presentations

Vennum, A. (2014, June). *Systemic classroom interventions*. Invited workshop at A Camp to Enhance School Counseling in Kansas: An adventure in the Little Apple, Manhattan, KS.

Vennum, A. (2012, May). *Emerging adult romantic relationship development in the US*. Invited lecture given at Beijing Normal University-Zhuhai, Zhuhai, China.

Internal Funding

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| 2015-2016 | Kansas State University Mentoring Fellowship. Mentor: Dr. Frank Fincham. Amount: \$6,000 |
| 2013– present | Principal Investigator, Kansas State University Small Research Grant program: <i>Needs Assessment and Prototype Development of a Relationship Education Smart Phone App for Emerging Adults</i> . Amount: \$3,500 |
| 2012 - present | Principal Investigator, Kansas State University, College of Human Ecology: <i>Evaluating the Impact of School-based Family Therapy on Student and Family Outcomes</i> . Amount: \$2,500 |
| 2012 – 2014 | Principal Investigator, Kansas State University, University Small Research Grant program: <i>A Pilot Study on the Effectiveness of School-based Family Therapy</i> . Amount: \$3,000 |

External Funding

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| 2016-2019 | Co-PI, US Dept. of Health and Human Services, HHS-2016-ACF-ACYF-SR-1197: <i>Healthy REWARDS: An Evidence-Based Approach to Sexual Risk Avoidance</i> . PI: Dr. Michelle Toews, Co-PI: Dr. Elaine Johannes. Amount: \$1,298,359. |
| 2016-2017 | Principal Investigator, crowdfunded through Indiegogo.com: <i>Relevate</i> . Amount: \$6,850. |
| 2016-2017 | Principal Investigator, crowdfunded through Experiment.com: <i>Working on What Works: Testing the Power of Highlighting the Positive</i> . Amount: \$5,651. |
| 2014-2017 | Co-PI, National Institute of Food and Agriculture: United States Air Force 2015 <i>Family Advocacy Program Research Project</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total contract amount: \$2,064,716.00. ▪ Principal Investigator: Sandra Stith, PhD. Co-Principal Investigators: Amber Vennum, PhD, Jared Anderson, PhD, & Jared Durtschi, PhD ▪ Lead Researcher on the Meeting the Needs of Sexual Assault Survivors in the Air Force project |
| 2014 –2015 | Principal Investigator, The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation: <i>Adaptation of Working on What Works to a High School Context</i> . Amount: \$3,000 |

Community Partnerships

- 2012-current Manhattan High School (USD 383) & K-State Family Center Partnership
- Increase access to mental health services for students and their families through school-based multi-disciplinary teams.
 - Provide teacher trainings on student mental health issues and family system dynamics' impact on school success and classroom behavior.
 - Enhance teacher, student, and parent engagement through Working on What Works
- 2013-current Junction City Freshman Success Academy (USD 475) & K-State Family Center Partnership
- Increase access to mental health services for students and their families through school-based multi-disciplinary teams.
 - Support teachers, school personnel, families, and students in their efforts to reach their vision of a positive school climate.
 - Enhance teacher, student, and parent engagement through Working on What Works

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Positions

- 2011-present Kansas State University Family Center, Manhattan, KS.
- Provide individual, couple, and family therapy to the community.
 - Supervise Masters and PhD students providing individual, couple, and family therapy.
- 2010-2011 Lee's Place, Tallahassee, FL.
- Provided individual, couple, child, and family therapy for the community around issues of grief, loss, and trauma.
- 2007-2009 Center for Couple and Family Therapy, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
- Provided individual, couple, and family therapy to the community.
 - Supervised visitations for court-ordered families through the Supervision Plus Program.
- 2006-2007 Marriage and Family Therapy Internship - Clear View Education Center, Clear Lake, TX.
- Provided individual, group, and family therapy to students and families within Clear Creek Independent School District.
 - Conducted Solution-Focused classroom interventions.
- 2005-2006 Marriage and Family Therapy Practicum- University of Houston-Clear Lake
- Provided couple and family therapy to the community surrounding University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Licensures & Certifications

- 2013-present AAMFT Approved Supervisor

2011-present	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (License No. 2320), Kansas
2011-present	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (License No. 4101006502), Michigan
2010-present	Certified Family Life Educator
2007	Trainer, Within My Reach, PREP, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE

Editorial & Grant Review Boards

2014 – present	Editorial Board Member for <i>Journal of Marital and Family Therapy</i>
2011 – present	Member of the Kansas Department of Children and Families Grant Peer Review Panel

Professional Affiliations

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)

- Student member since 2007
- Clinical member since 2011
- AAMFT Approved Supervisor since 2013
- Conference Abstract Reviewer: 2012, 2013

National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)

- Member since 2007
- Conference Abstract Reviewer: 2014, 2016
- CFLE: Provisional since 2010, Full since 2015
- Will begin term as Secretary/Treasurer for the Family Therapy Section of NCFR Fall 2016

International Association for Relationship Research (IARR)

- Member 2011- 2014

Society for Prevention Research (SPR)

- Member since 2014

Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA)

- Member since 2015

Awards

2015	Kansas State University Mentoring Fellowship
2015	Dawley-Scholer Award for Faculty Excellence in Student Development, College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University
2009, 2010	Florida State University Family Institute Robison Award
2007	Cora B. and Ross Evans Scholarship, Department of Family and Child Sciences, Florida State University

Honor Societies

2010-present Hortense Glenn Society

2009-present Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society in Human Sciences

2005-present Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology