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## EDUCATION

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| <b>Doctor of Philosophy</b> | University of Georgia  | December, 2012 | Athens, GA |
| ▪                           | Housing and Consumer Economics; Emphasis: Consumer Economics   |                |            |
| ▪                           | Dissertation: <i>Financial Wellness and Relationship Satisfaction: Identifying Mediating Communication Patterns via Structural Equation Models</i> |                |            |
| <b>Master of Science</b>    | University of Georgia  | May, 2008      | Athens, GA |
| ▪                           | Housing and Consumer Economics; Emphasis: Consumer Economics   |                |            |
| ▪                           | Thesis: <i>Clear Thinking, Sound Judgment, and Established Leadership: Helen W. Atwater</i>  |                |            |
| <b>Bachelor of Science</b>  | Iowa State University  | May, 2006      | Ames, IA   |
| ▪                           | Family and Consumer Sciences Educational Services with honors and with distinction.  |                |            |

## EXPERIENCE

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| <b>University of Alabama</b>   | Tuscaloosa, AL   |
| <b>Assistant Dean of Student Affairs:</b> <i>College of Human Environmental Sciences</i> |  |
| ▪  | August 2019-present  |
| <b>Associate Professor (with Tenure):</b> <i>Department of Consumer Sciences</i>         |  |
| ▪  | August 2019-present  |
| <b>Interim Assistant Dean:</b> <i>College of Human Environmental Sciences</i>            |  |
| ▪  | July 2018-August 2019  |
| <b>Assistant Professor:</b> <i>Department of Consumer Sciences</i>                       |  |
| ▪  | August 2013-August 2019  |
| <b>University of Georgia</b>   | Athens, GA   |
| <b>Part-Time Lecturer:</b> <i>Department of Housing and Consumer Economics</i>           |  |
| ▪  | Spring 2013  |
| ▪  | Taught undergraduate course of Family Resource Management.   |
| <b>Full-Time Lecturer:</b> <i>Department of Housing and Consumer Economics</i>           |  |
| ▪  | 2010-2011  |
| ▪  | Taught 6 undergraduate courses (3 per semester) in family economics, family resource management, and consumer economics.   |
| <b>Graduate Teaching Assistant:</b> <i>Department of Housing and Consumer Economics</i>  |  |
| ▪  | 2006-2007; 2008-2010; 2011-2012  |
| ▪  | Assisted with undergraduate courses. <i>Spring 2010:</i> instructor of record for two sections of introductory course HACE 2100: Family Economic Issues through the Life Course. |
| <b>Graduate Teaching Assistant:</b> <i>College of Family and Consumer Sciences</i>       |  |
| ▪  | Summer 2010  |
| ▪  | Assistant for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences' London Study Abroad Program.  |

**Graduate Research Assistant:** *Department of Housing and Consumer Economics*

- 2007-2008
- Assistant Program Coordinator for the Georgia Peer Financial Counseling Program.

**JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

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- Choi, S., & **Wilmarth, M.J.** (2019). The moderating role of depressive symptoms between financial assets and bequests expectation. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 40(3), 498-510. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-019-09621-7>
- Totenhagen, C. J., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, Curran, M. A., Serido, J., & Shim, S. (2019). Pathways from financial knowledge to relationship satisfaction: The roles of financial behaviors, perceived shared financial values with the romantic partner, and debt. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 40(3), 423-437. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-019-09611-9>
- DeVaney, S., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, Lee, Y. A., Delgadillo, L. M. & Spangler, A. (2019). Helping graduate students develop a research path. *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*, 47(4), 384-394. doi:10.1111/fcsr.12308
- Asebedo, S. D., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, Seay, M. C., Archuleta, K., Brase, G. L., & MacDonald, M. (2019). Personality and saving behavior among older adults. *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, 53(2), 488-519. <https://doi.org/10.1111/joca.12199>.
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Ingram, S. (2018). Theses and dissertations completed in family and consumer sciences: 2017. *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*, 47(2), 167-186. doi:10.1111/fcsr.12283
- Wilmarth, M. J.** (2018). Family and consumer sciences graduate research productivity in 2017. *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*, 47(2), 113-123. doi:10.1111/fcsr.12282
- Henager, R. G., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2018) The relationship between student loan debt and financial wellness. *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*. 46(4), 381-395. DOI: 10.1111/fcsr.12263
- Totenhagen, C. J., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, Serido, J., & Betancourt, A.\* (2018). Do day-to-day finances play a role in relationship satisfaction? A dyadic investigation. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 32(4), 528-537. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/fam0000406>
- †Nielsen, R. B., Seay, M. C., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2018). The receipt of government food assistance: Differences between metro and non-metro households. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*. 39(1), 117-131. doi: 10.1007/s10834-017-9528-5. (†Authors listed alphabetically, equal contribution).
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Schopp, J. E. (2017). Theses and dissertations completed in family and consumer sciences: 2016. *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*, 46(2), 175-194. doi:10.1111/fcsr.12237
- Wilmarth, M. J.** (2017). Family and consumer sciences graduate research productivity in 2016. *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*, 46(2), 89-98. doi:10.1111/fcsr.12238
- Kim, K. T., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Henager-Greene, R. (2017). Poverty levels and debt indicators among low-income households before and after the Great Recession. *Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning*, 28(2), 196-212. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1891/1052-3073.28.2.196>

- †Nielsen, R. B., Seay, M. C., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2017). Does prior government assistance reduce food or housing assistance among low-income and food insecure households?. *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, 51(3), 598-630. doi: 10.1111/joca.12154. († Authors listed alphabetically, equal contribution).
- Asebedo, S. D., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2017). Does how we feel about financial strain matter for mental health?. *Journal of Financial Therapy*, 8(1), 62-80. <https://doi.org/10.4148/1944-9771.1130>
- Kim, K. T., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2016). Government subsidies and household debt burden after the Great Recession. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 37(3), 349-358. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-016-9492-5>
- Kim, K. T., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Choi, S. (2016). Credit use of U.S. households after the Great Recession: The role of credit constraint. *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*, 44(3), 280-294. doi: 10.1111/fcsr.12143
- Serido, J., Curran, M., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, Ahn, S.Y.\*\*, Shim, S., & Ballard, J.\*\* (2015). The unique roles of parents and romantic partners on college students' financial attitudes and behaviors. *Family Relations*, 64(5), 696-710. doi: 10.1111/fare.12164. [NCFR Family Economics Focus Group Best Family Economics Paper of 2015, Award in 2016]
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, Seay, M.C., & Britt, S.L. (2015). Psychology, money and marital arguments: What shapes a woman's happiness level?. *Journal of Financial Planning*, 28(8), 42-48.
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, Nielsen, R.B., & Futris, T.G. (2014). Financial wellness and relationship satisfaction: Does communication mediate?. *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*, 43(2), 131-144. doi: 10.1111/fcsr.12092. [Best Paper Award for Human Development and Family Studies in 2014, Award in 2015]
- Seay, M. C., Carswell, A. T., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Zimmerman, L. G.\*\* (2014). Exploring HECM counselors' fraud awareness and training. *Journal of Financial Crime*, 21(4), 484-494.
- Peeples, M. P.\* & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2014). An examination of Americans' time spent in financial management, *Undergraduate Research Journal for the Human Sciences*, 13, Available at: <http://www.kon.org/urc/v13/peeples.html>.
- Wilmarth, M. J.** & Nickols, S. Y. (2013). Helen Woodard Atwater: Leader of leaders. *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*, 41(3), 314-324. doi: 10.1111/fcsr.12012. [Best Paper Award for Professional Issues in 2013, Award in 2014]
- Nickols, S. Y., Sewell, D. & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2008). Engaging students: Discovering family and consumer sciences history. *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences*, 100(4), 54-59.
- \* Denotes undergraduate student contributor, \*\* Denotes graduate student contributor.

## BOOK CHAPTERS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

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- Nielsen, R. B., & Wilmarth, M. J. (2018). Finances. In M. Borstein (Ed.) *The Sage Encyclopedia of Lifespan Human Development*. Sage Publications, Inc.
- Nickols, S. Y., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Peek, G. G. (2016). Leila Ritchie Mize and Jessie Julia Mize. In J. McFadden, R. A. Ball, & L. W. Booth (eds.). *Leaders in Family and Consumer Sciences* (pp. 485-492). Okemos, MI: Kappa Omicron Nu.

**PUBLISHED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

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- Wilmarth, M. J.** (2018, May). *Food security: The role of SNAP, transportation, and store access*. [Abstract]. In L. Saboe-Wounded Head (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 64*, Available at: <https://www.consumerinterests.org/assets/docs/CIA/CIA2018/WilmarthCIA2018.pdf>
- Choi, S., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2018, May). *Do depressive symptoms mediate the association between perceived financial security and bequests expectation? A structural equation modeling approach*. In L. Saboe-Wounded Head (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 64*, Available at: <https://www.consumerinterests.org/assets/docs/CIA/CIA2018/ChoiCIA2018.pdf>
- Asebedo, S. D., Seay, M. C., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Archuleta, K. (2017). From personality to saving behavior: Bridging the gap. [Abstract]. In S. L. Worthy (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 63*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/CIA2017>
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, Kim, K. T., & Henager, R. G. (2017). Financial behaviors of military households: The role of financial literacy and financial education. [Abstract]. In S. L. Worthy (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 63*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/CIA2017>
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, Seay, M. C. Nielsen, R. B. (2016). Understanding the dynamics of material and financial hardship and the receipt of social assistance. [Abstract]. In R.H. Greene (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 62*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/CIA2016>
- Henegar, R. G., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Mauldin, T. M. (2016). The relationship between student loan debt and financial wellness. [Abstract]. In R.H. Greene (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 62*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/CIA2016>
- Kidwell, S.\*, **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Kim, K. T. (2016). Generation gaps: Generational differences in financial behaviors. [Abstract]. In R.H. Greene (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 62*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/CIA2016>
- Nielsen, R. B., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, Chung, S.R.\*\*, & Lee, J.S. (2015). Understanding transitions into food security. [Abstract]. In R.B. Nielsen (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 61*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/CIA2015>
- Kim, K.T., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2015). The role of government subsidies on debt management in low income households [Abstract]. In R. B. Nielsen (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 61*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/CIA2015>
- Choi, S., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, Kim, K.T. (2015). The impacts of household characteristics on private pension deduction: New evidence from the 2013 Consumer Expenditure Survey [Abstract]. In R. B. Nielsen (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 61*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/CIA2015>
- Nielsen, R. B., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Seay, M. C. (2014). Formal and informal food assistance: Differences between non-metro and metro households in 2005 and 2010 [Abstract]. In M. J. Kabaci (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 60*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/cia2014>.
- Babiarz, P. & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2014). Social security rules and divorce decisions: A regression discontinuity approach [Paper]. In M. J. Kabaci (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 60*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/cia2014>.
- Britt, S. L., Seay, M. C., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2014). Influence of psychological characteristics on marital happiness. [Abstract]. In M. J. Kabaci (Ed.), *Consumer Interests Annual, 60*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/cia2014>.

- Wilmarth, M. J.**, Nielsen, R. B., Futris, T. G., & Mauldin, T. M. (2013). Financial wellness and relationship satisfaction: Does communication mediate? [Abstract]. In M.J. Kabaci (Ed.) *Consumer Interests Annual, 59*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/cia2013>
- Fischer, D.,\*\* **Wilmarth, M.J.**, Seay, M. C., Carswell, A. T. (2013). An exploration of HECM counselors awareness and training in identifying home equity conversion mortgage (HECM) fraud. [Abstract]. In M.J. Kabaci (Ed.) *Consumer Interests Annual, 59*, Available at: <http://www.consumerinterests.org/cia2013>
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, Nielsen, R. B., Mauldin, T. M. (2012). Personal financial wellness of married individuals: 2007 and 2011. [Abstract]. In M.J. Kabaci (Ed.) *Consumer Interests Annual, 58*, Available at: <http://consumerinterests.org/2012-Conference-papers.html>
- Wilmarth, M. J.** & Nielsen, R. B. (2010). Farm to school programs: Pieces to the puzzle for solving childhood obesity? In S. Burns (Ed.) *Consumer Interests Annuals, 56*, pp. 146-148. Available at: [http://www.consumerinterests.org/pdf/CIA\\_2010.pdf](http://www.consumerinterests.org/pdf/CIA_2010.pdf)
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, Shepard, M., & Cude, B. J. (2010). Money matters abroad: A need to prepare students for spending money abroad. In M. Rupured (Ed.) *Conference Program and Proceedings Eastern Family Economics and Resource Management Association*. Available at: <http://mrupured.myweb.uga.edu/proceedings2010.html>
- Green-Pimentel, L., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, Kabaci, M. J., Kunovskaya, I., Cude, B. J., & Palmer, L. (2009). Financial education and evaluation: A graduate course with a service learning component [Abstract]. In S. Burns (Ed.) *Consumer Interests Annual, 55*, pp. 106-108. Available at: [http://www.consumerinterests.org/pdf/CIA\\_2009.pdf](http://www.consumerinterests.org/pdf/CIA_2009.pdf)
- Mauldin, T., Mimura, Y., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2009) Differences in savings behavior among married couples, cohabitating couples, and singles [Abstract]. In S. Burns (Ed.) *Consumer Interests Annual, 55*, 117. Available at: [http://www.consumerinterests.org/pdf/CIA\\_2009.pdf](http://www.consumerinterests.org/pdf/CIA_2009.pdf)
- Benson, S., Sewell, D., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Nickols, S. Y. (2008). Surviving the archives: Historical research for non-historians. In B. Shaffett (Ed.), *Conference Program and Proceedings Eastern Family Economics and Resource Management Association*, pp. 9-12.
- \* Denotes undergraduate student contributor, \*\* Denotes graduate student contributor.

## CONFERENCE PAPER AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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- Wilmarth, M. J.**, Totenhagen, C. J., Serido, J., & Shim, S. (2019, November). *Perceived Shared Financial Values: Does It Matter What I Do and What I Think My Partner Does?*. In **M. J. Wilmarth** & A. LeBaron (Chairs), *Financial Considerations for Supporting Romantic Relationships and Family Sustainability*. Paper to be presented as part of a symposium to National Council on Family Relations, Fort Worth, TX.
- Ingram, S.\*\*, & **Wilmarth, M. J.**, (2019, November). *Financial Capability and Emerging Adults: Associations between Financial Independence and Adult Identity* In A. LeBaron & **M. J. Wilmarth** (Chairs), *Emerging Adults and Finances*. Poster to be presented as part of a symposium to National Council on Family Relations, Fort Worth, TX.
- Ingram, S.\*\*, **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Pak, T. Y. (2019, May). *Food insufficiency and subjective wellbeing among older adults: Does SNAP moderate?*. Paper presented at American Council on Consumer Interests Annual Conference, Arlington, VA.

- Totenhagen, C. J., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, Serido, J., & Shim, S. (2018, November). *Does financial literacy matter?: Pathways to improved relationships*. In E. Parrott & M. A. Curran (Chairs), *Finances and Romantic Relationships*. Poster presented as part of a symposium to National Council on Family Relations, San Diego, CA.
- Totenhagen, C. J., Betancourt, A. E., Curran, M. A., Randall, A. K., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2018, July). *A daily diary study of sacrifices and commitment: Testing direction of effects*. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference, Fort Collins, CO.
- Ingram, S.\*, & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2018, May). *Food insecurity: A closer look at female headed households in the United States*. Poster presented at American Council on Consumer Interests Annual Conference, Clearwater, FL. [Second place in ACCI Undergraduate Research Competition].
- Ingram, S.\*, & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2018, March). *Poverty and maternal depression: A closer look at food insecurity in the United States*. Poster presented at University of Alabama Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- Totenhagen, C. J., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, Serido, J., & Betancourt, A.\* (2017, November). Daily fluctuations in financial satisfaction and stress: Associations with relationship satisfaction. In M. A. Curran & J. Serido (Chairs), *Relationships and Finances: Multiple Influences and Multiple Outcomes*. Poster presented as part of a symposium to National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, Totenhagen, C. J., & Randall, A. K. (2016, November). Financial strain and relationship quality: The role of dyadic coping. In M. A. Curran and J. Serido (Chairs), *What Happens in Romantic Relationships when Money is Tight?* Poster presented as part of a symposium at National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.
- Kidwell, S.\*, **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Kim, K. T. (2016, March). *Generation gaps: Generational differences in financial behaviors*. Poster presented at University of Alabama Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- Wall, C.\*, Peeples, M. P.\*, & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2016, March). *Financial counseling: Characteristics of interested students*. Poster presented at University of Alabama Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- Peeples, M. P.\* & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2015, April). *An examination of financial wellness and married individuals*. Poster presented at University of Alabama Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL. [Poster Award (3rd place-tie) for College of Human Environmental Sciences.]
- Kidwell, S.\*, Wall, C.\*, **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Choi, S. (2015, April). *Examining the need of financial counseling for undergraduate students at the University of Alabama*. Poster presented at University of Alabama Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL. [Poster Award (3rd place-tie) for College of Human Environmental Sciences.]
- Bragg, A.\*, Cooper, A. N.\*\*, Totenhagen, C. J., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Randall, A. K. (2015, February). *Examining sources of stress in same-sex parents*. Paper presented to the Alabama Association of Family & Consumer Sciences, Hoover, AL.
- Peeples, M. P.\* & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2014, June). *An examination of Americans' time spent in financial management*. Poster presented at American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference Undergraduate Poster Session, St. Louis, MO.

- Peeples, M. P.\* & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2014, April). *An examination of Americans' time spent in financial management*. Poster presented at University of Alabama Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- Seay, M. C., Carswell, A. T., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2013, March). *Reverse mortgage fraud: Overview and identification of warning signs*. Presented at the Georgia Real Estate Fraud Prevention and Awareness Coalition (GREFPAC) 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Wilmarth, M. J.** & Nielsen, R. B. (2012, June). *Positive communication, financial wellness, and relationship satisfaction*. Poster presented at Colleges, University, and Research session during the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, Barton, A., Nielsen, R. B., & Futris, T. G. (2011, September). *Personal financial wellness and relationship communication behaviors: Impacts on relationship well-being*. Poster presented at the Financial Therapy Association Annual Conference, Athens, GA.
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, Barton, A., Futris, T. G., & Nielsen, R. B. (2011, March). *To pool or not to pool: Money management, marital satisfaction, and the influence of couples' communication behaviors*. Paper presented at the Southeast Council of Family Relations Conference, Birmingham, AL.
- Wilmarth, M. J.** & Nielsen, R. B. (2010, June). *Objective and subjective financial well-being of married individuals*. Paper presented at Colleges, University, and Research session during the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference, Cleveland, OH.
- Wilmarth, M. J.** & Nickols, S. Y. (2008, September). *Phi Upsilon Omicron honorary member: Helen W. Atwater*. Poster presented at Phi Upsilon Omicron Biennial Conclave, Minneapolis, MN.
- Wilmarth, M. J.** & Nickols S. Y. (2008, June). *Clear thinking, sound judgment, and established leadership: Helen W. Atwater*. Paper presented at Colleges, University, and Research session during the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- Wilmarth, M. J.** (2008, March). *Helen W. Atwater: First full-time editor of the Journal of Home Economics*. Roundtable session presented at the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference. Peachtree City, GA.
- Wilmarth, M. J.** (2008, March). *Jessie J. Mize*. Poster presented at Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference. Peachtree City, GA.

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## INVITED LECTURES, PANELS, COLLOQUIA

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- DeVaney, S., **Wilmarth, M. J.**, Lee, Y. A., & Spangler, A. (2019, June). *Helping graduate students develop a research path*. Panel presentation at the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
- Wilmarth, M. J.** (Presenter), Nielsen, R. B., & Seay, M. C. (2017, September). *Does prior government assistance reduce food or housing assistance among low-income and food insecure households?*. Kansas State University, Doctoral Research Seminar for Personal Financial Planning, Manhattan, KS.

- Wilmarth, M. J.** (Presenter), Seay, M. C., & Nielsen, R. B. (2015, October). *The dynamics of food and housing assistance before and after the Great Recession*. Food and Nutrition Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Conference, United States Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service, Washington, DC.
- Nielsen, R. B. (Presenter), **Wilmarth, M. J.**, Seay, M. C., Chung, S. R., & Lee, J. S. (Contributors). (2015, September). *Estimating the dynamics of material hardship and social assistance with the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)*. Fall 2015 Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, & DeVaney, S. (2015, June). *How to win an FCSRJ best paper award*. Invited presentation at the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL.
- Seay, M. C., Carswell, A. T., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2013, February). *Reverse mortgage fraud: Overview and identification of warning signs*. Invited lecture at the Insurance and Financial Advisers Continuing Education Conference, Manhattan, KS.
- Wilmarth, M. J.** (2012, June). *When I write a book on leadership*. Invited panel member at the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.
- Nickols, S. Y., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2012, March). *Education for everyday life: Leila Ritchie Mize & Jessie Julia Mize, empowering women in her generation*. Women's History Month Series, Institute for Women's Studies and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

## GRANT FUNDING, OTHER RESEARCH SUPPORT

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- Pak, T. Y., Kim, K. T., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (LOI Under Review). *What Does "Don't Know" Really Measure?: Improving the Evaluation and Measurement of Financial Literacy*. NEFE Grant Program: LOI Submitted. Requested: \$68,444.
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, & Totenhagen, C. J. (2019). APLUS Research Scholarship. Awarded: \$3,000. 07/05/2019-12/31/2019.
- Wilmarth, M. J.** (2015). *Food Security, Food Acquisition, & Consumption Patterns, and SNAP*. University of Alabama Research Grants Committee and CHES Dean's Office. Awarded: \$6,000. 05/15/2015-05/14/2017.
- Wilmarth, M. J.**, Seay, M. C., & Nielsen, R. B. (2014). *The Dynamics of Food and Housing Assistance Programs Before and After the Great Recession*. Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Center for National Food and Nutrition Assistance Research. Awarded: \$39,709. 07/01/2014-12/31/2015.
- Wilmarth, M. J.** (2014). *Southeastern Conference (SEC) Faculty Travel Grant*. Southeastern Conference (SEC). Awarded \$1,500. 07/2014.
- Carswell, A. T., Seay, M. C., & **Wilmarth, M. J.** (2012). *Investigating Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Fraud*. Greater Atlanta Real Estate Fraud Protection Coalition (GREFPAC) Founders Education Grant. Awarded \$2,500. 03/2012-03/2013.
- Wilmarth, M. J.** (2007). *University of Georgia Graduate School Dean's Award Grant for Social Sciences*. University of Georgia Graduate School. Awarded \$1,000. 2007-2008.



## STUDENT ADVISING

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### Graduate Student Major Professor:

Suzannah Ingram: M.S. Student, Consumer Sciences  
Expected graduation May, 2020

Joanna Lemmon: M.S. Student, Consumer Sciences  
Committee members: R. B. Nielsen, K. Guyotte  
Graduated May, 2019

Hillary Odom: M.S. Student, Consumer Sciences  
Committee members: K.T. Kim, E. Robertson  
Graduated May, 2017

John Lovett: M.S. Student, Consumer Sciences  
Committee members: T. Witte, S. Usdan  
Graduated December, 2015

### Graduate Student Committee Member:

Sae Chung: M.S. Student, Financial Planning, Housing, & Consumer Economics (UGA)  
Committee members: R. Nielsen (Chair), Y. Lee, P. Babiarz  
Graduated May, 2016

### Emerging Scholars Faculty Mentor:

MaryPat Peeples: Freshman, Consumer Sciences  
Program participant: Spring 2014  
Project: Americans' Time Spent in Financial Management

### Undergraduate Research Faculty Advisor:

Suzannah Ingram (Junior), Consumer Sciences, Spring and Summer 2018  
Project: Food Insecurity and Maternal Depression among Single Mothers

Caitlin Wall (Junior) and MaryPat Peeples (Junior), Consumer Sciences, Spring 2016  
Project: Correlates of Interest in Financial Counseling

Sarah Kidwell (Senior), Consumer Sciences, Spring 2016  
Co-Faculty Advisor with K.T. Kim  
Project: Generational Differences in Financial Behaviors

MaryPat Peeples (Sophomore), Consumer Sciences, Spring 2015  
Project: Finances and Relationships

Sarah Kidwell (Junior) and Caitlin Wall (Sophomore), Consumer Sciences, Spring 2015  
Co-Faculty Advisor with S. Choi  
Project: Need for Financial Counseling at University of Alabama

## TEACHING HISTORY

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### Instructor of Record, University of Alabama

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Semesters</u>	<u>Enrollment Range</u>
Consumer Demographics	CSM 451/551	5	9-30*
Consumer Protection	CSM 401/501	11	14-37*
Public Policy	CSM 405/505	3	44-56
Tech. in Consumer Counseling	CSM 459/559	3	17-29
Directed Study	CSM 490	2	1-2*
Thesis Research Hours	CSM 599	5	1-2*

\*Currently teaching

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Consumers in Society	HACE 1110	1	46
Family Economic Issues	HACE 2100	3	219-284
Family Resource Management	HACE 3000	2	50-87

**Outreach**

**Wilmarth, M. J.** & Shockley, L. A. (October, 2008). *Health insurance basics: How to choose the plan that is best for you*. Workshop presented to University of Georgia employees during benefits open enrollment (College of Family and Consumer Sciences and University of Georgia Athletic Association).

**MEDIA**

Wallet Hub. (April 16, 2018). How to Get a Free Credit Report. Available:

<https://wallethub.com/edu/how-to-get-a-free-credit-report/25500/#melissa-j-wilmarth>

UA News: UA Matters, (April 6, 2015). Myth vs. Fact about Credit Use, Credit Scores, History. Available: <http://uanews.ua.edu/2015/04/ua-matters-myth-vs-fact-about-credit-card-use-credit-scores-history/>

UA News: UA Matters. (February 23, 2015). Smart Steps for Getting Out of Debt. Available: <http://uanews.ua.edu/2015/02/ua-matters-smart-steps-for-getting-out-of-debt/>

Wallet Hub. (February 11, 2015). Ask the Experts: Valentine's Day Spending. Available: <http://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-cities-for-valentines-day/10056/#melissa-j-wilmarth>

UA News: UA Matters (January 26, 2015). The Difference Between Good and Bad Debt. Available: <http://uanews.ua.edu/2015/01/ua-matters-difference-between-good-and-bad-debt/>

**WORKSHOPS ATTENDED AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT****Research and Grant Development:**

PIVOT – Identifying Funding Opportunities Workshop, Facilitated by Office of Sponsored Programs, August 24, 2015, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Longitudinal Structural Equation Modeling Workshop, Facilitated by Dr. Noel Card, May 14-15, 2015, Hosted by the College of Human Environmental Sciences, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Applying to the NIH Workshop, Facilitated by Dr. Elizabeth B. Robertson, March 11, 2015, Hosted by the College of Human Environmental Sciences, Tuscaloosa, AL.

RGC Training Workshop, Facilitated through Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development. December 3, 2014, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Statistical Horizons Workshop: Longitudinal Data Analysis Using SAS, Facilitated by Dr. Paul Allison, Statistical Horizons, October 10-11, 2014, Philadelphia, PA.

RGC Training Workshop. Facilitated through Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development. December 4, 2013, Tuscaloosa, AL.

**Teaching Development:**

Teaching Poverty 101 Workshop. Facilitated by the Institute for Research. June 12-15, 2018. University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. (Selected as 1 of 29 participants)

Transparency in the Classroom Workshop. Facilitated by College of Human Environmental Sciences. March 2, 2018. University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Measuring Teaching Workshop. Facilitated by College of Human Environmental Sciences. September 27, 2017. University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Academic Advisor Training. Facilitated by UA Advisor Association. September 5, 2017. University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Civic Engagement Tour of West Alabama. Facilitated by UA Division of Community Affairs' Center for Community-Based Partnerships. May 10-11, 2017. University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.

EAB Student Success Collaborative Workshop. Facilitated by EAB Student Success Collaborative through the Office for Academic Affairs. April 15, 2015. University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Using Turnitin in Blackboard Learn Workshop. Facilitated by the Faculty Resource Center at UA. August 19, 2014, Tuscaloosa, AL.

First Year Faculty Seminar on Legal and Ethical Issues in Teaching. Hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences. October 22, 2013, Tuscaloosa, AL.

First Year Faculty Seminar on Academic Advising. Hosted by the College of Arts & Sciences. September 24, 2013, Tuscaloosa, AL.

First Year Faculty Seminar on Resources Available at UA. Hosted by the College of Arts & Sciences. August 27, 2013, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Getting Started with Blackboard Learn Workshop. Facilitated by the Faculty Resource Center at UA. August 16, 2013, Tuscaloosa, AL.

## SERVICE

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### Profession:

#### Editorial Board and Referee Service:

##### *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*

- Referee, 2012-2017
- Ad hoc referee 2011: thematic issue on the influence of technology on individual and family well-being.

##### *Forum on Family and Consumer Issues*

- Family Economics and Resource Management Association (FERMA) Special Issue.

##### *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, 2017-present

- Referee, 2017-present
- Editorial Board Member, 2018-present

##### *Journal of Consumer Education*, 2012

##### *Journal of Family & Economic Issues*, 2019-present

- Associate Editor, 2019-present

##### *Journal of Family Issues*, 2014

##### *Journal of Financial Therapy*, 2014, 2017

##### *Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning*, 2017

##### *Journal of Human Sciences and Extension*, Review Panel, 2014-present

##### *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 2015, 2018

#### Professional Organizations:

##### *Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (ALAFCS)*

- Co-Chair Annual Conference, 2016-2017
- Vice President of Operations, 2014-2016
- Chair of Research Submissions to Annual Conference, 2015-2018

*American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)*

- Family Economics & Resource Management (FERM) Emerging Scholar Selection Committee, 2019
- Annual Conference Planning Advisory Committee Member, 2013-2015
- Referee for conference submissions, 2014
- Nominating Committee Member, 2009-2011
- Membership & Marketing Committee Member, 2005-2006 and 2008-2011
- Awards and Recognition Committee Member, 2007-2008
- Student Unit Councilor, 2007-2008
- Student Unit Chair, 2006-2007
- AAFCS Board of Directors: Student Unit Representative, 2006-2007
- Pre-Professional/Graduate Student Section Chair-Elect, 2005-2006

*American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI)*

- Richard L. D. Morse Early & Mid-Career Award Subcommittee Chair, 2018-present
- Awards Taskforce, 2018
- Richard L. D. Morse Applied Consumer Economics Award Subcommittee Chair, 2014-2018
- Consumer Movements Archive Applied Consumer Economics Award Subcommittee Chair, 2017-2018
- Annual conference session moderator, 2014
- Co-coordinator of the Graduate Student breakfast, 2014
- Applied Economics Award Subcommittee, 2013-present
- Referee for conference submissions, 2011, 2012, 2014-2018
- Coordinator of ACCI Emerging Scholar Pre-Conference Social Gathering, 2010

*Eastern Family Economic and Resource Management Association (EFERMA)*

- Referee for biennial conference, 2011

*Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (GAFCS)*

- Co-Chair of Programs and Professional Development, 2011-2012
- Centennial Committee Member, 2007-2009

*Iowa Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (IAFCS)*

- Pre-Professional/Graduate Student Section Chair, 2005-2006
- Annual Meeting Planning Committee Member, 2005-2006
- Pre-Professional/Graduate Student Section 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, 2002-2003

**University:***Faculty Senator for College of Human Environmental Sciences*

- 2018

*Student Life Standing Committee of Faculty Senate*

- 2018

**College:***College of Human Environmental Sciences Dean Search Committee Member*

- 2017-2018

*Endowed Research Chair in College of Human Environmental Sciences Search Committee Member*

- 2019
- 2015-2016
- 2013-2014

*Graduate Studies Academic Committee Member*

- 2015-present

*Productive Research and Scholarly Activity Committee Member*

- 2013-2015
- Excellence in Scholarship Research Award Subcommittee Member, 2013 & 2015

*University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association Board*

- Graduate Program Representative, 2010-2013

*University of Georgia Student Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (SAFCS)*

- Co-Advisor, 2009-2013 (University of Georgia campus affiliate of AAFCS)

**Department:***Department of Consumer Sciences Annual Awards Committee Member*

- 2018-2019, 2019-2020

*Department of Consumer Sciences Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee Chair*

- 2018-2019

*Department of Consumer Sciences Graduate Admissions Review Committee Member*

- 2017-present

*Assistant Professor of Consumer Sciences (Financial Planning, Tenure Track) Search Committee Member*

- 2018

*Department Chair for Consumer Sciences Search Committee Chair*

- 2016-2017

*Assistant Professor of Consumer Sciences (Tenure Track) Search Committee Chair*

- 2019, 2016-2017, 2015-2016, 2014-2015

*Assistant Professor of Consumer Sciences (2 Tenure Track and 1 Non-Tenure Positions) Search Committees Member*

- 2013-2014

*Assistant Professor of Consumer Quality Management (Tenure Track) Search Committee Member*

- 2015-2016

*Assistant Professor of Sports Management (Tenure Track) Search Committee Member*

- 2014-2015

*Financial Planning Association Student Chapter at University of Alabama, Advisor and Co-Sponsor*

- 2013-2014

**SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS**

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**American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)**

- Recipient of Jewell L. Taylor National Fellowship, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011
- AAFCS Student of the Year, 2006

**American Council on Consumer Interests**

- 2018 Faculty Mentor for Second Place in Undergraduate Research Competition (Student: Suzannah Ingram)
- 2017 The Richard L. D. Morse Early Career Award Recipient
- 2017 AARP Public Policy Institute Financial Services and the Older Consumer Award with Sarah Asebedo, Martin Seay, and Kristy Archuleta. Paper: "From Personality to Saving Behavior: Bridging the Gap."

***Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal***

- Emerging Scholar Award in 2014, Award received in 2015.
- Best Paper Award for Human Development and Family Studies in 2014, Award in 2015 with Robert B. Nielsen and Ted G. Futris. Paper: "Financial Wellness and Relationship Satisfaction: Does Communication Mediate?"
- Best Paper Award for Professional Issues in 2013, Award in 2014 with Sharon Y. Nickols. Paper: "Helen Woodward Atwater: Leader of Leaders"

**Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society** (The Honor Society of Agriculture), initiated 2008

**Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (GAFCS)**

- Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Professional, 2013

**Golden Key International Honor Society**, initiated 2004

**Iowa State University College of Human Sciences**

- 2016 Outstanding Young Professional Award Recipient

**Iowa State University Senior Class Council Senior Leadership Recognition Award**

- 2006 Award Recipient

**Kappa Omicron Nu** (Family and Consumer Sciences National Honor Society), 2005-present

**National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Family Economics Focus Group**

- Best Family Economics Paper of 2015, Award in 2016 with Joyce Serido, Melissa Curran, Sun Young Ahn, Soyeon Shim, and Jaime Ballard. Paper: "The Unique Role of parents and Romantic Partners on College Students' Financial Attitudes and Behaviors."

**Phi Kappa Phi** (National Honors Society), 2004-2006

**Phi Upsilon Omicron** (Family and Consumer Sciences National Honor Society), 2004-present

- Recipient of Founders Fellowship, 2010-2011
- Recipient of Diamond Anniversary Fellowship, 2007-2008 and 2009-2010
- Recipient of Lynne White Scheider Award, 2006
- Recipient of Past Presidents National Scholarship, 2005-2006

**University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences**

- 2017 Pacesetter Award Recipient

**Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**

- 2007-2008 University of Georgia Graduate School Nominee

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS), 2002-present

American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI), 2009-present

Family Economics and Resource Management Association (FERMA), 2006-2016

Financial Therapy Association (FTA), 2011-2012

National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), 2008-2009, 2016-present

Southeast Council on Family Relations (SECFR), 2011-2012