

Curriculum Vitae
KELLY McWILLIAMS, Ph.D.
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EMPLOYMENT

- 2017- Present Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
City University of New York (CUNY)
- 2017-Present Assistant Professor
Psychology and Law Ph.D. Program
Graduate Center
City University of New York
- 2014- 2017 Postdoctoral Research Associate
Gould School of Law
University of Southern California
Postdoctoral Advisor: Thomas D. Lyon, J.D., Ph.D.

EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D. Developmental Psychology
University of California, Davis
Graduate Advisor: Gail S. Goodman, Ph.D.
- 2010 M.A. Developmental Psychology
University of California, Davis
Graduate Advisor: Gail S. Goodman, Ph.D.
- 2007 B.A. Psychology
Emory University
High Honors, Psychology
Undergraduate Advisor: Robyn Fivush, Ph.D.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**indicates student author*

1. **McWilliams, K.**, Williams, S., Stolzenberg, S. N., Evans, A. D., & Lyon, T. D. (in press). Don't know responding in young maltreated children: The effects of response availability and enhanced interview instructions. *Law and Human Behavior*.
2. *Baker, M., *Fessinger, M., **McWilliams, K.**, & Williams, S. (in press). The use of note taking during forensic interviews: How does the practice increase productivity and decrease suggestibility of children's testimonies? *Developmental Child Welfare*.
3. *St. George, S., *Sullivan, C., *Wylie, B. E., **McWilliams, K.**, Evans, A. D., & Stolzenberg, S. N. (in press). Did Your Mom Help You Remember?: An Examination of Attorneys' Subtle Questioning about Suggestive Influence to Children Testifying about Child Sexual Abuse. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
4. Klemfuss, J. Z., **McWilliams K.**, *Olaguez, A., Lyon, T. D, & Henderson, H. M. (2020). Order of Encoding Predicts Young Children's Responses to Sequencing Questions. *Cognitive Development*, 55 . <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cogdev.2020.100927>
5. *Wylie, B., Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, Evans, A. D., & Lyon, T. D. (2020). Young children's ability to describe intermediate clothing placement. *Child Maltreatment*, 26, 87-94. Doi: 10.1177/1077559520930825
6. *Fessinger, M., **McWilliams, K.**, *Bakth, F., & Lyon, T. D. (2020). Setting the Ground Rules: Use and Practice of Ground Rules in Child Forensic Interviews. *Child Maltreatment*, 26, 126-132. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077559520910783>
7. Williams, S., **McWilliams, K.** & Lyon, T.D. (2020). Children's concealment of a minor transgression: The role of age, maltreatment, and executive functioning. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 191. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jecp.2019.104664>
8. **McWilliams, K.**, Stolzenberg, S. N., Williams, S., & Lyon, T. D. (available online 2019). Increasing maltreated and nonmaltreated children's recall of a minor transgression: The effects of back-channel utterances, a promise to tell the truth, and an incremental putative confession. *Child Abuse & Neglect*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2019.104073>
9. Stolzenberg, S. N., Williams, S., **McWilliams, K.**, Liang, C. X., & Lyon, T. D. (available online 2019). The utility of direct questions in eliciting subjective content from children disclosing sexual abuse. *Child Abuse & Neglect*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2019.02.014>
10. **McWilliams, K.**, & Goodman, G. S. (2019). Parental bias, attachment, and children's eyewitness reports. *International Journal on Child Maltreatment*, 2, 219-237. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42448-019-00030-9>
11. **McWilliams, K.**, Quas, J. A., & Lyon, T. D. (2019). Maltreated children's ability to make temporal judgments using a recurring landmark event. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 34, 873-883. doi:10.1177/0886260516645812

12. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Williams, S., Lyon, T. D. (2018). The consistency and accuracy of children's reports of an adult transgression: Conversational memory and the putative confession. *Psychology, Public and Law*, 24, 379-392. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/law0000176>
13. Chae, Y., Goodman, M., Goodman, G. S., Troxel, N., **McWilliams, K.**, Thompson, R. A., Shaver, P. R., Widaman, K. F. (2018). The role of attachment in children's memory and suggestibility about the Strange Situation. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 166, 360-379. doi: 10.1016/j.jecp.2017.09.001
14. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Lyon, T. D. (2017). Ask versus tell: Potential confusion when child witnesses are questioned about conversations. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*, 23, 447-459. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/xap0000136>
15. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Lyon, T. D. (2017). Spatial language, question type, and young children's ability to describe clothing: Legal and developmental implications. *Law and Human Behavior*, 41, 398-409. doi: 10.1037/lhb0000237
16. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Lyon, T. D. (2017). The effects of the hypothetical putative confession and negatively-valenced yes/no questions on maltreated and non-maltreated children's disclosure of a minor transgression. *Child Maltreatment*, 22, 167-173. doi: 10.1177/1077559516673734
17. Lyon, T. D., Stolzenberg, S. N., & **McWilliams, K.** (2017). Wrongful acquittals of sexual abuse. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 32, 805-825. doi: 10.1177/0886260516657355
18. Ahern, E. C., Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Lyon, T. D. (2016). The effects of secret instructions and yes/no questions on maltreated and non-maltreated children's reports of a minor transgression. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 34, 784-802. doi: 10.1002/bsl.2277.
19. **McWilliams, K.**, Harris, L., & Goodman, G. S. (2014). Child maltreatment, trauma-related psychopathology, and eyewitness memory in children and adolescents. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 32, 702-717. doi: 10.1002/bsl.2143
20. **McWilliams, K.**, Goodman, G. S., Lyons, K., & Newton, J. (2013). The effects of simulated memory impairment and individual differences on memory for child sexual abuse information. *Memory & Cognition*, 42, 151-63. doi 10.3758/s13421-013-0345-2
21. **McWilliams, K.**, Narr, R. K., Goodman, G. S., Ruiz, S., & Mendoza, M. (2013). Children's memory for their mother's murder: Accuracy, suggestibility, and resistance to suggestion. *Memory*, 21, 591-598. doi:10.1080/09658211.2013.763983

22. Fivush, R., Marin, K., **McWilliams, K.**, & Bohanek, J. (2009). Family reminiscing style: Parent, gender, and emotional focus in relation to child well-being. *Journal of Cognition and Development, 10*, 210-235. doi: 10.1080/15248370903155866

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Lyon, T. D., **McWilliams, K.**, & Williams, S. (2019). Child Witnesses. In N. Brewer & A. B. Douglass (Eds.), *Psychological Science and the Law* (pp. 157-181). New York, NY: Guilford Press.
2. Johnson, J. L., **McWilliams, K.**, Goodman, G. S., Shelley, A. E., & Piper, B. (2015). Basic principles of interviewing the child eyewitness. In W. O'Donohue & M. Fanetti (Eds.), *Forensic interviews regarding child sexual abuse – A guide to evidence-based practice* (pp. 179-196). New York, NY: Springer.
3. **McWilliams, K.**, Goodman, G. S., Raskauskas, J., & Cordon, I. M. (2014). Child maltreatment and bullying. In G. B. Melton, A. Ben-Arieh, J. Cashmore, G. S. Goodman, & N. K. Worley (Eds.), *The SAGE handbook of child research* (pp.300-315). London, UK: Sage.
4. **McWilliams, K.**, Augusti, E. M., Dion, J., Block, S.D., Melinder, A., Cashmore, J., & Goodman, G. S. (2014). Children as witnesses. In G. B. Melton, A. Ben-Arieh, J. Cashmore, G. S. Goodman, & N. K. Worley (Eds.), *The SAGE handbook of child research* (pp. 285-299). London, UK: Sage.
5. Goodman, G. S., Ogle, C. M., **McWilliams, K.**, Narr, R. K., & Paz-Alonso, P. M. (2014). Memory development in the forensic context. In P. J. Bauer & R. Fivush (Eds.), *The Wiley handbook on the development of children's memory, volume I/II*. Chichester, UK: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. doi: 10.1002/9781118597705.ch39
6. **McWilliams, K.**, Bederian-Gardner, D., Hobbs, S. D., Bakanosky, S., & Goodman, G. S. (2012). Children's eyewitness memory and suggestibility: Beyond Ceci and Bruck's (1993) review. In A. Slater & P. Quinn (Eds.), *Developmental psychology: Revisiting the classic studies* (pp. 100-117). London, UK: Sage.
7. Goodman, G. S., Pipe, M. E., & **McWilliams, K.** (2011). Children's eyewitness memory: Methodological issues. In B. Rosenfeld & S. Penrod (Eds.), *Research methods in forensic psychology* (pp. 257-282). New York, NY: Wiley.

AWARDS & RESEARCH GRANTS

AWARDED:

External:

NSF (National Science Foundation) 15-514

Application 20180802

PI: Stacia N. Stolzenberg

Subaward: Angela D. Evans

Consultant: Kelly McWilliams

Title: Children's developing understanding of polysemous implicatures"

Amount allotted to Dr. McWilliams: \$18,796

February 1 2019- January 31, 2021

APSAC Outstanding Dissertation Award

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)

2016

NSF (National Science Foundation)

Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant

Title: Parent-Child Discussion and Children's Eyewitness Memory

September 1, 2013- August 31, 2014

\$17,944

UCD & Humanities Graduate Research Award

University of California, Davis Office of Graduate Studies

2013-2014

\$1,500

APF/COGDOP Graduate Research Scholarships

American Psychological Foundation (APF)

Parent-Child Interactions and Children's Eyewitness Memory

Kelly McWilliams, Dissertation Research

2012-2013

\$1,000

Internal (at the time of award):

Forensic Psychology Research Institute (FPRI)

Faculty/Student Collaborative Grant

Co-PIs: Jacqueline Katzman & Kelly McWilliams

Title: Juvenile justice or jury? Investigating the effects of defendant age, interrogative pressure, an confession on jurors' perceptions of transferred juveniles

Amount awarded: \$4,890

April 2021-April 2022

PSC-CUNY Traditional Research Award (Traditional B)

PI: Kelly McWilliams (with assistance from Melanie Fessinger)

Title: Attorneys' assessments of the strength of evidence and plea decisions in child sexual abuse cases

Amount awarded: \$5,967.00

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

PSC-CUNY Traditional Research Award (Traditional A)

PI: Kelly McWilliams

Title: A Developmental Examination of Relative Temporal Judgments

Amount awarded: \$3,376.00

July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019

Arizona State University Internal Extension Grant (Category 3)

Team Members: Stacia N. Stolzenberg, Kelly McWilliams & Angela D. Evans

Title: Did the Nice Policeman Help You Remember? Children's Understanding of

Indirect Attacks on Credibility

Amount awarded: \$5,000

March 9 2018- January 15, 2019

USC Postdoctoral Scholar Training and Travel Award

University of Southern California

2017

SELECT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

**indicates student author*

1. *Aronson, E., *Fessinger, M. B., *Merriwether, E., McAuliff, B., & **McWilliams, K.** (2021, March). Umm I don't know": Adult perceptions of children who neither allege nor deny abuse. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Virtual Conference.
2. *Katzman, J., *Fessinger, M. B., Bornstein, B., & **McWilliams, K.** (2021, March). Are juvenile and adult interrogations viewed equally? Jurors' perceptions of juveniles transferred to adult court. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Virtual Conference.
3. Williams, S., **McWilliams, K.**, *Baker, M, & *Fessinger, M. B. (2021, January). The use of notes during forensic interviews: A review of the current literature and goals for future directions. Paper presented at the annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, Virtual Conference.
4. *Katzman, J., *Fessinger, M. B., Bornstein, B., & **McWilliams, K.** (2020, March). Juvenile or Adult? Effects of Age on Jurors' Perceptions of Interrogations. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
5. **McWilliams, K.**, Williams, S., & Lyon, T. D. (2020, March). Investigating pseudotemporal questions: Children's temporal misinterpretation of 'tell me' prompts.

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.

6. *Merriwether, E. & **McWilliams, K.** (2020, March). Adult's temporal judgements and interpretations of children's temporal judgements. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
7. *Wylie, B., Stolzenberg, S., N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Evans, A. D. (2020, March). Children's Acquiescence to Implied Coaching Questions. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
8. Williams, S., **McWilliams, K.**, Henderson, H., & Lyon, T. D. (2020, March). The Effect of Acknowledging Difficulty on Children's Disclosure of a Minor Transgression. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
9. *Chae, H. & **McWilliams, K.** (2020, March). What Information Do Mock Jurors Focus on During a Trial of Domestic Homicide? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
10. *Wylie, B. N., **McWilliams, K.**, Stolzenberg, S. N., Lyon, T. D., & Evans, A. D. (2020, March) 'Did your Mom ask or tell you?' Children's difficulty distinguishing between ask and tell. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
11. *Bakth, F. N., *Fessinger, M. B., Lyon, T. D., & **McWilliams, K.** (2020, March) Setting the ground rules: Use and practice of recommended ground rules in child forensic interviews. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
12. *Chae, H., & **McWilliams, K.** (2019, August). *Examining witness testimony in domestic homicides*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
13. *Fessinger, M., **McWilliams, K.**, Williams, S., & Lyon, T. D. (2019, June). *Maltreated children's biases when making relative temporal judgments*. Paper presented at the bi-annual meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Cape Cod, MA.
14. **McWilliams, K.**, Stolzenberg, S.N., Williams, S., Lyon, T. D. (2019, March). *Increasing maltreated and nonmaltreated children's honesty about a minor transgression*. Paper presented at the bi-annual meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, Maryland.

15. **McWilliams, K.**, Williams, S., Quas, J. A., & Lyon, T. D. (2019, March). *Attorney strategies for establishing numerosity with child witnesses*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
16. Klemfuss, J. Z., **McWilliams, K.**, Olaguez, A. P., & Lyon, T. D. (2019, March). *An examination of young children's understanding of the sequencing terms before, after, first and last*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR
17. **McWilliams, K.**, Williams, S., Stolzenberg, S. N., Evans, A. E., & Lyon, T. D. (2018, March). *Don't know responding and confabulation when maltreated children are questioned: The problem with wh-rote questions*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.
18. Williams, S., **McWilliams, K.**, & Lyon, T. D. (2018, March). *Maltreated and non-maltreated children's disclosures of a minor transgression: The role of inhibitory control, working memory, and age across interview phases*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.
19. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, Williams, S., & Lyon, T. D. (2018, March). *The efficacy of conversation questions in eliciting disclosures and information*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.
20. Kumar, M., Bone, D., **McWilliams, K.**, Williams, S., Lyon, T. D., & Narayanan, S. (2017, August). *Multi-scale Context Adaptation for Improving Child Automatic Speech Recognition in Child-Adult Spoken Interactions*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of Interspeech, Stockholm, Sweden.
21. **McWilliams, K.**, Williams, S., & Lyon, T. D. (2017, March). *Maltreated children's ability to make relative temporal judgments*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
22. **McWilliams, K.**, Stolzenberg, S. N., & Lyon, T. D. (2017, March). *Increasing children's truthful reports: The effects of promising to tell the truth, facilitation, and an incremental putative confession*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
23. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Lyon, T. D. (2017, March). *Children's understanding of spatial language and the diagnosticity of forensically relevant spatial language tasks*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
24. **McWilliams, K.**, Stolzenberg, S. N., & Lyon, T. D. (2016, June). *Facilitation, promising to tell the truth, and an incremental putative confession: Increasing children's truthful*

reports. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Investigative Interviewing Research Group, London, UK.

25. Stolzenberg, S. N., **McWilliams, K.**, & Lyon, T. D. (2016, June). *The effects of varying directness and a hypothetical putative confession on children's accurate disclosures*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Investigative Interviewing Research Group, London, UK.
26. **McWilliams, K.**, Stolzenberg, S. N., & Lyon, T.D. (2016, March). *"My mommy told me what happened: Maltreated children's understanding of the verbs "ask" and "tell."* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
27. Chae, Y., Goodman, G. S., Goodman, M., **McWilliams, K.**, Troxel, N., Thompson, R. A., Shaver, P., Widaman, K. (2016, March). *Attachment, interviewer support, and children's eyewitness memory about a distressing event*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
28. **McWilliams, K.**, Goodman, G. S., Shelley, A. E., & Olomi, J. (2015, March). *Parental bias, parent-child conversations, and children's eyewitness memory*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Diego, CA.
29. Chae, Y., Goodman, M., Goodman, G. S., Troxel, N., **McWilliams, K.**, Thompson, R. A., Shaver, P. R., & Widaman, K. F. (2014, March). *Children's memory and suggestibility about a stressful event: The role of attachment orientations*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
30. **McWilliams, K.**, & Goodman, G. S. (2014, March). *Parent-child conversations and children's eyewitness memory*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
31. **McWilliams, K.**, Goodman, G. S., Narr, R. K., Ruiz, S., & Mendoza, M. (2013, November). *Children's memory for their mother's murder: Accuracy, suggestibility, and resistance to suggestion*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of Psychonomics Society, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
32. Chae, Y., Goodman, M., Goodman, G. S., **McWilliams, K.**, Troxel, N., Thompson, R.A., Shaver, P. R., & Widaman, K. F. (2013, August). *Children's memory for attachment stories and the Strange Situation*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii.
33. **McWilliams, K.**, Harris, L., & Goodman, G. S. (2013, April). *Child maltreatment and memory for emotional information*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, Washington.

34. **McWilliams, K.**, Harris, L., & Goodman, G. S. (2012, March). *Child maltreatment and eyewitness memory*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
35. **McWilliams, K.**, Chae, Y., Goodman, G. S., Larson, R. P., Augusti, E-M., Alley, D., & Hansen, R. (2011, April). *The association of children's stress level and parent emotion talk during the discussion of a distressing event*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.
36. **McWilliams, K.** (2010, May). *Memory for child sexual abuse: Simulated memory error and gender differences*. Invited talk, Annual Spring Psychology Conference, University, California, Davis.
37. **McWilliams, K.**, Goodman, G. S., Lyons, K. E., & Newton, J. (2010, May). *Memory for child sexual abuse: Simulated memory error and individual differences*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.

SERVICE

External:

Co-Program Chair

March 2021- March 2022

Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society

Division 41 (American Psychology- Law Society)

American Psychological Association

Associate Editor Research Briefs

January 2020- present

Division 41 (American Psychology-Law Society)

American Psychological Association

Membership Chair

January 2017-December 2019

Section on Child Maltreatment, Division 37 (Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice)

American Psychological Association (Appointed position)

Program Chair

January 2016-December 2016

Division 37 (Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice)

American Psychological Association (Appointed position)

Graduate Student Representative

January 2013-December 2014

Division 7 (Developmental Psychology)

American Psychological Association (Elected position)

Reviewing:

Applied Cognitive Psychology
Law and Human Behavior
Child Maltreatment
Developmental Psychology
Child Abuse & Neglect
Journal of Experimental Child Psychology
Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology
Developmental Review
Journal of Interpersonal Violence
Psychology, Crime, and Law
Legal and Criminological Psychology
Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice
Translational Issues in Psychological Science
Infant and Child Development

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

John Jay College of Criminal Justice
PSY 231: *Developmental Psychology*
August 2017-Present

John Jay College of Criminal Justice
PSY 700: *Psychology and Law* (co-instructor)
August 2018- December 2019

CUNY Graduate Center, Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program
PSY 72000: *Developmental Psychology*
January 2020- May 2020

University of Southern California
LAW 402: *Psychology and Law*
August 2015- December 2015
August 2016- December 2016

University of California, Davis
PSY 101: *General Psychology* (co-instructor)
March 2013-June 2013