

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D., Human Development and Family Studies,** Spring 2023
Iowa State University
- **M.S., Human Development and Family Studies,** Summer 2021
Iowa State University
 - **Certificate** Advanced Research Design and Methods 2020
- **B.S., Human Development and Family Studies, Summa Cum Laude** 2019
Iowa State University

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- Pearson Memorial Scholarship, Iowa State University 2019-2020
- Rosenfeld Internship, Iowa State University 2019
- Dean's List, Iowa State University 2019
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- Human Sciences Dean's Chair Fund, Iowa State University 2018-2019
- Ethel L. Whitney Opportunity Scholarship, Iowa State University 2018-2019
- Benjamin/Mericle Scholarship, Iowa State University 2018-2019
- Ethel McKinley Bliss Scholarship, Iowa State University 2018-2019
- Adult Student Scholarships, Iowa State Program, Iowa State University 2018-2019
- Dean's List, Iowa State University 2017
- National Society of Leadership and Success admission, Iowa State University 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- Graduate Research Assistant,** Iowa State University May 2019-Present
Graduate Research Assistant Preschool development Grant & Iowa Integrated Data System
- Engaged regularly with state partners and stakeholders
 - Facilitated discussions at state stakeholder meetings
 - Developed, conducted, coded and analyzed a statewide qualitative research study focused on the needs of Early childhood Iowa Local Area Board Directors
 - Assisted with survey creation for post-workshop data collection

- Assisted with developing short policy papers for local early childhood care directors and policy makers
- Prepared worksheets and materials for state stakeholder meetings
- Helped create community Demographic Tables
- Assisted in developing, compiling and editing statewide Mapping reports
- Compiled, recorded and analyzed survey data in Survey Monkey for Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children
- Conducted a systematic review of articles published using a large, nationally representative secondary data set
- Developed literature reviews for a Statewide Needs Assessment

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Iowa State University

January 2019-present

Professor: Heather Rouse, Ph. D.

- Fostered growth in learning focused on how public policy directly and indirectly impacts children and families
- Assisted in class prep (new materials, new assignments, reformulating the syllabus)
- Partnered with my teaching team to guide students through difficult assignments and project by providing clear, precise feedback on tasks completed by students
- Employed technology (e.g., Canvas, Tophat, Thinkspace and Qualtrics) to enhance classroom engagement and learning

Rosenfeld Research Internship, Iowa State University

January 2019-May 2019

Professor: Heather Rouse, Ph. D.

- Conducted a systematic review of articles published using a large, nationally representative secondary data set
- Gained competencies in critically evaluating research articles
- Collaborated with professors in creating qualitative surveys for statewide use
- Assisted professors with developing a code book
- Quantified results of qualitative surveys
- Monitored the Preschool Development Grant email and assisted state partners with issues, questions and general professional interactions

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Family Transitions Project

May 2018-August 2018

Professor: Tricia K Neppel, Ph. D.

- Data cleaning
- Organized documentation
- Organized data

Youth Associate, Lutheran Services in Iowa

August 2017-October 2018

- Ensured treatment plans are followed and all individual needs of children ages 8-17 are met
- Utilized strong management skills both one-on-one and in group settings
- Shaped behavior management systems that allow children to monitor their own behavior and give them the opportunity to self-correct

- Invested in empathy, listening and learning about each child and/teen individually
- Encouraged growth in social development

REPORTS AND BRIEFS

Rouse, L., Dorius, C., Lippard, C., Peterson, C., Choi, Y., Voas, R., Riser, Q., J Bartel, M., Ku, S., Bruning, J., **Gress, A.**, Kelley, E., Facile, K., & Flake, L. (September 2019). *Early Childhood Iowa Needs Assessment 2019*. Prepared for Early Childhood Iowa. Des Moines, IA.

Riser, Q.H., Bruning, J., **Gress, A.**, Rouse, H.L. (2019) *Estimated cost of the childcare shortage in Iowa*. Policy Brief Prepared for Early Childhood Iowa

Rouse, H., Bruning, J., **Gress, A.**, Kelley, E. (2019) *Investing in School Readiness Tax Credits (SRTC) Helps Everyone*. Prepared for Iowa Women's Foundation. Des Moines, IA.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Riser, Q.H., Bruning, J. **Gress, A.M.**, & Rouse, H.R. (2019). *Estimated Cost of The Child Care Shortage in Iowa*. Poster presented accepted by National Research Conference on Early Childhood, Arlington VA.

Bartel, M., Ku, S., Bruning, J., **Gress, A.M.**, Riser, Q., Rouse, H., & Dorius, C. (2019). *Early Childhood Experiences and Family Characteristics: An Investigation of Home Visiting in a Multiple Risk Context*. Early Childhood Iowa's Integrated Data System, Iowa State University. Prepared for the National Research Conference on Early Childhood. Arlington, VA.

SERVICE

Publicity Chair, Iowa state university Graduate Student Network 2020-Present

- Collaborating with CELT and the ISU Provost office to develop a graduate student focused series to understand what a major professor mentorship should look like
- Collaborating with CELT and the ISU Provost office to develop a graduate student focused series for improving community through acceptance and diversity
- Creating and executing advertising strategies to promote GSN activities and events
- Promoting involvement and interest in GSN activities through announcements, advertisements

Undergraduate Curriculum committee, Iowa State University February 2019-May 2019

- Collaborated with faculty to best meet undergraduate students needs regarding course modifications
- Advocated and provided student voice(s) regarding undergraduate curriculum and academic degree requirements

Operations Director, CHS Human Sciences Week 2018

March 2017-Novemembr 2018

Iowa State University

- Collaborated with 35 people to plan college wide vents
- Coordinated with faculty and staff to create department specific activity from ground up
- Partnered with faculty members to ensure accuracy in content/components
- Maintained standards with regard to food safety, publicizing, recruitment of and schedules for volunteers

Languages and degree of facility

- English - Native
- German - Test DaF Certified Fluent

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Statistical packages: Stata, SPSS
- Teaching Software: Canvas, Blackboard, Qualtrics, ThinkSpace, TopHat

