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ACADEMIC TRAINING

2018 – 2020 **Arizona State University**
NIH/NIDA T32 Postdoctoral Fellow
“Research training in drug abuse/HIV prevention: Closing the research-practice gap”
Research and Education Advancing Children’s Health (REACH) Institute (formerly the
Prevention Research Center)

2018 **University of Minnesota**
Ph.D. in Family Social Science (Minor: Prevention Science)
Thesis Title: *Vagal Flexibility and Parenting Behaviors in Post-Deployed Military Fathers*

2013 **Tsinghua University, China**
M.Ed. in Psychology (Clinical Science emphasis)
Thesis Title: *A Study on the Outcome and Therapeutic Process of Mindfulness-Based Group Training for
Reducing Loneliness in College Students*

2010 **Capital Normal University, China**
B.S. in Psychology
Thesis Title: *Emotion as Catalyst: A Preliminary Study on Mindfulness Training for Reducing Distress
Associated with Pain*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020 – **University of Connecticut**
Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track), Human Development and Family Sciences
Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Applied Research in Human Development

CERTIFICATION

2022 **Mindfulness Center, Brown University**
Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Program, Level 1 Teacher Certification

RESEARCH FUNDING

ACTIVE.

2022 – 2027, Principal Investigator

Project Title: A digital mindfulness-informed parenting intervention for high-risk divorced families
National Institute of Health/National Institute of Mental Health, Career Development Award
K01MH122502

PI: Na Zhang (75%); 05/01/2022 – 04/30/2027)

Total: \$931,277 (awarded)

NOT FUNDED.

2023 Summer, Principle Investigator (with Co-Investigator: Jonas Miller)

Project Title: Mindful parenting, grandparenting, and child development in three-generation households

UConn CLAS Summer Funding Initiative; Total requested: \$34,953

AWARDS AND HONORS

2023	Mentorship Excellence Award, UConn Office of Undergraduate Research <i>in recognition of outstanding mentorship of undergraduate researchers.</i>
2021	Barbara Thompson Excellence in Research on Military and Veteran Families Award, Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University
2021	UConn InCHIP, Grant Development Summer Stipend Program <i>\$2,500, for developing an external grant application</i>
2020	Best Research Article on Men in Families, National Council on Family Relations
2019	NIH/NIMH Child Intervention, Prevention, and Services (CHIPS) Fellowship
2018 – 2020	NIH/NIDA T32 Postdoctoral Fellowship
2018	Honors Student, National Council on Family Relations
2018	Mind & Life Scholarship for International Symposium for Contemplative Research
2018	Travel Award, Society for Prevention Research
2018	Poster Contest Honorable Mention, Society for Prevention Research
2017	Travel Award, Society for Prevention Research
2017	Olson Dissertation Fellowship, Family Social Science, University of Minnesota
2017	Waller Summer Fellowship, Family Social Science, University of Minnesota <i>\$4,000 for conducting mentored research</i>
2017	Center for Mindfulness, University of Massachusetts Medical School <i>\$2,640 tuition award for attending 9-day mindfulness training</i>
2016	Waller Summer Fellowship, Family Social Science, University of Minnesota <i>\$5,000 for conducting mentored research</i>
2016	Summer Fellowship, Institute for Translational Research in Children's Mental Health, University of Minnesota <i>\$4,000, for conducting mentored research</i>
2016	Scholarship, Twin-Cities Vipassana Collective <i>\$320 for attending teacher-led meditation retreat</i>
2015	Waller Summer Fellowship, Family Social Science, University of Minnesota <i>\$5,000 for conducting mentored research</i>
2015	Summer Fellowship, Center for Personalized Prevention Research, University of Minnesota <i>\$4,000, for conducting mentored research</i>
2015	Edwardson Fellowship, Dept of Family Social Science, University of Minnesota <i>\$2,500 for conducting mentored research</i>
2015	Faith Gabelnick Fund, The A. K. Rice Institute <i>\$3,500 for attending group relations conference</i>
2013	Excellent Student Award, Tsinghua University

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Total = 32

First author = 13

***** Undergraduate advisees/mentees; ** Graduate advisees/mentees**

1. Duncan, L. G., **Zhang, N.**, Santana, T., Cook, J. G., Gastro-Smyth, L., Hutchison, M., Mallareddy, D., Jurkiewicz, L., Huynh, T., & Bardacke, N. (accepted). Enhancing prenatal group medical visits with mindfulness skills: A pragmatic trial with Latina and BIPOC pregnant women experiencing multiple forms of structural inequity. *Mindfulness*.

2. **Zhang, N.,** Zhang, J., Gewirtz, A., & Deater-Deckard, K. (in press). Linking observing and nonreactivity mindfulness to parenting: Moderated direct and indirect effect via inhibitory control. *Journal of Family Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/fam0001152>
3. Liu, G., Santana-Gonzalez, C., Zeffiro, T., **Zhang, N.,** Enstrom, M., & Quevedo, K. (2023). Self-compassion neurobiology during self-appraisals in depressed and healthy adolescents. *Journal of Affective Disorders*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2023.07.012>
4. **Zhang, N.,** Sandler, I., Thielemann, K., O'Hara, K., & Wolchik, S. (2023). Self-compassion for caregivers of children in bereaved families: A theoretical model and intervention example. *Clinical Child and Family Psychology Review*, 26, 430-444. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10567-023-00431-w>
5. Sandler, I., Tein, J., **Zhang, N.,** & Wolchik, S. (2023). Developmental pathways of the Family Bereavement Program to prevent major depression 15 years later. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaac.2023.02.012>
6. Ahrweiler, N.***, Santana-Gonzales, C., **Zhang, N.,** Quandt, G., Ashtiani, N., Liu, G., Engstrom, M., Schultz, E., Liengswangwong, R., Teoh, J. Y., Kozachok, K., Quevedo, K. (2022). Neural Activity Associated with Symptoms Change in Depressed Adolescents Following Self-Processing Neurofeedback. *Brain Science*, 12(9), 1128. <https://doi.org/10.3390/brainsci12091128>
7. Sandler, I., Wolchik, S., Sandler, J., Tein, J., Gaffney, D., **Zhang, N.,** & Porter, M. (2022). Feasibility, acceptability, and effectiveness of adding an evidence-based parent/caregiver program for bereaved families to usual community-based services. *OMEGA - Journal of Death and Dying*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00302228221132910>
8. Causadias, J. M., Alcalá, L., Morris, K. S., Yaylaci, F. T., & **Zhang, N.** (2022). Future directions on BIPOC youth mental health: The importance of cultural rituals in the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*, 51(4), 577-592. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15374416.2022.2084744>
9. **Zhang, N.,** Russell, B., Park, C. & Fendrich, M. (2022). Effects of mindful emotion regulation on parents' loneliness and social support: A longitudinal study during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in the United States. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 39(11), 3415-3435. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075221098419>
10. Alvis, L., **Zhang, N.,** Sandler, I., & Kaplow, J. (2022). Developmental manifestations of grief in children and adolescents: caregivers as key grief facilitators. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*, 16, 447-457. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40653-021-00435-0>
11. **Zhang, N.,** Sandler, I., Tein, J., Wolchik, S. & Donohue, E. (2022). Caregivers' self-compassion and bereaved children's adjustment: Testing caregivers' mental health and parenting as mediators. *Mindfulness*, 13, 462-473. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12671-021-01807-1>
12. **Zhang, N.,** Sandler, I., Tein, J., & Wolchik, S. (2021). Reducing suicide risk in parentally bereaved youth through promoting effective parenting: Testing a developmental cascade model. *Development and Psychopathology*, 35(1), 433-446. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0954579421001474>
13. Sandler, I., Tein, J., **Zhang, N.,** Wolchik, S., & Thielemann, K. (2021). Grief as a predictor of long-term suicidality above and beyond PTSD symptoms and other risk factors in parentally bereaved children and adolescents. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 34(6), 1159-1170. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jts.22759>

14. Zhang, J., **Zhang, N.**, Piehler, T. F., Gewirtz, A. H. (2021). Emotion regulation difficulties in military fathers magnify their benefit from a parenting program. *Prevention Science*, 24, 237-248. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11121-021-01287-8>
15. **Zhang, N.**, Hoch, J., Gewirtz, A. H., Barnes, A. & Snyder, J. (2021). Vagal suppression buffers against the negative effects of psychological inflexibility on parenting in combat deployed fathers. *Parenting Science and Practice*, 21, 55-78. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15295192.2020.1804250>
16. Liu, G., **Zhang, N.**, Teoh, J. Y., Egan C., Zeffiro, T. A., Davidson, R. J., & Quevedo, K. (2020). Self-compassion and dorsolateral prefrontal cortex activity during sad self-face recognition in depressed adolescents. *Psychological Medicine*, 52(5), 864-873. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0033291720002482>
17. **Zhang, N.**, Hoch, J., & Gewirtz, A. H. (2020). The physiological regulation of emotion during social interactions: Vagal flexibility moderates the effects of a military parenting intervention on father involvement in a randomized trial. *Prevention Science*, 21, 691-701. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11121-020-01122-6>
This article received the 2021 Barbara Thompson Excellence in Research on Military and Veteran Families Award.
18. **Zhang, N.**, Lee, S., Zhang, J., Piehler, T. F., & Gewirtz, A. H. (2020). Growth trajectories of parental emotion socialization and child adjustment following a military parenting intervention: A randomized controlled trial. *Developmental Psychology*, 56, 652-663. <https://doi.org/10.1037/dev0000837>
19. Zhang, J., Palmer, A., **Zhang, N.**, & Gewirtz, A. (2020). Coercive parenting mediates the relationship between fathers' emotion regulation problems and children's adjustment. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, 48, 633-645. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10802-020-00625-8>
20. Gewirtz, A. H., Snyder, J., Zamir, O., Zhang, J., **Zhang, N.** (2019). **(All authors are primary authors and authorship is listed alphabetically)**. Effects of the After Deployment Adaptive Parenting Tools (ADAPT) intervention on fathers and their children: A moderated mediation model. *Development and Psychopathology*, 31, 1837-1849. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0954579419001238>
This article received the "Best Research Article on Men in Families" Award by NCFR.
21. Quevedo, K., Liu, G., Teoh, J. Y., Ghosh, S., Zeffiro, T., Ahrweiler, N., **Zhang, N.**, Wedan, R., Oh, S., & Paret, C. (2019). Neurofeedback and neuroplasticity of visual self-processing in depressed and healthy adolescents: A preliminary study. *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*, 40, 100707. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dcn.2019.100707>
22. Zamir, O., Gewirtz, A. H., Cheng, C. H., **Zhang, N.**, & Lavee, Y. (2019). Psychological distress and communication quality in military couples after deployment to war. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 34, 383-391. <https://doi.org/10.1037/fam0000589>
23. **Zhang, N.**, Zhang, J., & Gewirtz, A. H. (2019). Do less mindful mothers show better parenting via improvements in trait mindfulness following a military parent training program? *Frontiers in Psychology*, 10, 909. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00909>
24. **Zhang, N.**, Piehler, T. F., Gewirtz, A. H., Zamir, O., & Snyder, J. J. (2019). Trait mindfulness and anger in the family: A dyadic analysis of male service members and their female partners. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 46(1), 15-29. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jmft.12384>
This article was a finalist for the Barbara Thompson Award for Excellence in Research on Military and Veteran Families by Purdue University.

25. Monn, A., **Zhang, N.**, & Gewirtz, A. H. (2018). Deficits in inhibitory control may place service members at risk for PTSD and impaired parenting behaviors following deployment-related trauma. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 31, 866-875. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jts.22351>
26. **Zhang, N.**, Zhang, J., Gewirtz, A. H., & Piehler, T. F. (2018). Improving parental emotion socialization in military families: Results of a randomized controlled trial. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 32, 1046-1056. <https://doi.org/10.1037/fam0000461>
27. An, Y., Yuan, G., **Zhang, N.**, Zhou, F., & Xu, W. (2018). Longitudinal cross-lagged relationships between mindfulness, posttraumatic stress symptoms, and posttraumatic growth in adolescents following the Yancheng tornado in China. *Psychiatry Research*, 266, 334-340. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psychres.2018.03.034>
28. Chesmore, A. A., He, Y., **Zhang, N.**, & Gewirtz, A. H. (2018). Parent discrepancies in ratings of child behaviors following wartime deployment. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 31, 79-88. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jts.22257>
29. **Zhang, N.**, Rudi, J., Zamir, O., & Gewirtz, A. (2018). Parent engagement in online mindfulness exercises within a parent training program for postdeployed military families. *Mindfulness*, 9, 725-736. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12671-017-0810-2>
30. **Zhang, N.**, Fan, F., Huang, S., & Rodriguez, M. (2018). Mindfulness training for loneliness among Chinese college students: A pilot randomized controlled trial. *International Journal of Psychology*, 53, 373-378. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ijop.12394>
31. Zamir, O., Gewirtz, A. H., & **Zhang, N.** (2017). Actor-partner associations of mindfulness and marital quality following military deployment. *Family Relations*, 66, 412-424. <https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.12266>
32. Pinna, K., Hanson, S., **Zhang, N.**, & Gewirtz, A. (2017). Fostering resilience in National Guard & Reserve families: A contextual adaptation of an evidence-based parenting program. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 87, 185-193. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ort0000221>

BOOK CHAPTER

Zhang, N. & Tong, H. Q. (in press). Bringing the “being” to the “doing” of parenting: Mindfulness training for parents. In Q. Wang, R. Razza, & J. C. Felver (Eds.), *Mindfulness Education*. Information Age Publishing.

Gewirtz, A. H., & **Zhang, N.** (2018). Military deployment and trauma. In J. D. Osofsky, & B. M. Groves (Eds), *Violence and trauma in the lives of children*. Praeger Publishers.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Zhang, N., Smith, I., & Ginsburg, G. (revise-and-resubmit). Do self-processes and parenting mediate the effects of anxious parents’ psychopathology on youth depression and suicidality?

Fritzson, E. **, **Zhang, N.**, Wolchik, S., Sandler, I., Tein, J., & Bellizzi, K. (revise-and-resubmit). Cascading pathways of a family intervention to promote post-loss growth in bereaved offspring years later. Pre-registered at Open Science Framework, [link](#).

Fritzson, E. **, Bellizzi, K. M., Zhang, N., & Park, C. L. (revise-and-resubmit). Effects of trait resilience and emotion regulation on perceived positive and negative life changes in cancer survivors: A longitudinal study.

OTHER CREATIVE WORK

Tong, H. & **Zhang, N.** (translators). (2015). 穿越抑郁的正念之道. The Mindful Way Through Depression: Freeing Yourself from Chronic Unhappiness (by Williams, M., Teasdale, J., Segal, Z., & Kabat-Zinn, J.). Beijing: China Machine Press.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*****Undergraduate mentees; ** Graduate mentees.**

In organized symposium

Zhang, N. (2023). Understanding parental stress following divorce? A user-centered design approach to developing a mindfulness app. Mindfulness, Self-compassion and Family Wellbeing Conference, Seattle, WA.

Zhang, Y.**, Chan, A., & **Zhang, N.** (2023). Co-residential maternal grandparents' mental illness history moderates the effects of mothers' negative parenting on preschoolers' developmental outcomes two years later. In Organized Paper Symposium (Chair: **Zhang, N.**), “(*Abstract of Distinction*) Promoting Health Equity in Diverse Families by Involving Grandparents in Prevention Science”. Paper presentation at the 2023 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Conference, Washington DC.

Zhang, N., Wolchik, S., Sandler, I., Bellizzi, K., & Fritzson, E. ** (2021). Posttraumatic growth in bereaved youth after a parenting-focused program: Fifteen years follow-up of a randomized controlled trial. In Organized Paper Symposium (Chair: Kaplow, J.), “*Understanding the role of parenting in promoting resilience among bereaved children*”. Paper presented at the 37th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. Virtual.

Gewirtz, A., **Zhang, N.**, & Zhang, J. (2019). Effects of a mindfulness-informed military parent training program on mothers' and fathers' emotion regulation. In Organized Paper Symposium (Chair: **Zhang, N.**), “*Theoretical and practical issues in mindfulness-informed behavioral parent training program: What did we learn and where should we go next?*”. Paper symposium at the 2019 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Sandler, I., **Zhang, N.**, & Wolchik, S. (2019). Integration of self-compassion into an evidence-based parenting program for bereaved families. In Organized Paper Symposium (Chair: **Zhang, N.**), “*Theoretical and practical issues in mindfulness-informed behavioral parent training program: What did we learn and where should we go next?*”. Paper symposium at the 2019 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Zhang, N., Monn, A., Zhang, J., DeGarmo, D. & Gewirtz, A. (2018). A cascade model of mindfulness, posttraumatic stress symptoms, inhibitory control on parenting among post-deployed military fathers. In Organized Poster Symposium (Chair: **Zhang, N.**), “*Dad's raging!*”: *Emotion regulation predicts military fathers' parenting over two years*”. Poster session at the 2018 National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

Zhang, J., Palmer, A., **Zhang, N.**, & Gewirtz, A. (2018). The mediating role of paternal coercive parenting on the relationship between paternal emotion regulation and child emotional problems. In Organized Paper Symposium (Chair: **Zhang, N.**), “*Dad's raging!*”: *Emotion regulation predicts military fathers' parenting over two years*”. Poster session at the 2018 National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

Cheng, C. H., **Zhang, N.**, Ausherbauer, K. & Gewirtz, A. (2018). Alcohol use, posttraumatic stress symptoms and parenting self-efficacy in post-deployed military fathers. In Organized Paper Symposium

(Chair: **Zhang, N.**), *"Dad's raging!": Emotion regulation predicts military fathers' parenting over two years"*. Poster session at the 2018 National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

Individual presentations

Zhang, N., Zhang, Y.**, Chan, A., & Warykas, S. (2023). Family relationships, (grand)parenting and child development in three-generation families: A scoping review. Poster presentation at the 2023 National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

Ricketts, A.***, Fritzson, E.**, Zhang, Y.**, **Zhang, N.**, & Ginsburg, G. (2023). Parental warmth buffers the effects of shyness and unsociability on peer relationship in children whose parent had an anxiety disorder: A six-year longitudinal study. Poster presentation at the Association for Psychological Science (APS) 2023 Annual Convention, Washington, DC.

Stekler, N. **, Zhang, Y. **, **Zhang, N.**, & Sandler, I. (2023). The Mediating Role of Aversive Self-Views in the Relation between Active Inhibition of Emotions and Internalizing Problems in Parentally Bereaved Youth. Poster presentation at the 2023 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Conference, Washington DC.

Zhang, N., Sandler, I., Thielemann, K., O'Hara, K., & Wolchik, S. (2023). Self-Compassion for Caregivers of Children in Bereaved Families. Paper presentation at the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) 2023 Biennial Meeting, Salt Lake City.

Zhang, N. & Ginsburg, G. (2022). Observed Parent-Child Interaction and Parental Expressed Emotion Predict Psychopathology in Offspring of Anxious Parents Six Years Later. Poster presentation at the 2022 National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Zhang, N., Smith, I., & Ginsburg, G. (2022). Parental Psychopathology Increases Offspring's Suicide Risk: Lack of Perceived Control as a Mediator. Paper presentation at the 2022 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Zhang, N., O'Hara, K., Xia, M., Tein, J., Wolchik, S., & Sandler, I. (2022). Parent Ethnicity and Distress Are Associated with Latent Trajectories of Post-Divorce Discipline: An Effectiveness Randomized Controlled Trial of a Parenting Intervention. Poster presentation at the 2022 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Sandler, I., Tein, J. Y., **Zhang, N.**, & Wolchik, S. (2021). Mediation of the 15-year effects of the Family Bereavement Program on diagnosed major depression and generalized anxiety disorder. Paper presentation at the 2021 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Conference (virtual).

Zhang, N., Russell, B., Park, C. & Fendrich, M. (2021). Prospective associations between caregivers' mindful emotion regulation, loneliness, and interpersonal appraisal during COVID-19. Poster presentation at the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting (virtual).

Zhang, N., Sandler, I., Tein, J., & Wolchik, S. (2020). Surviving Caregivers' Self-Compassion May Reduce Their Own Grief and Their Children's Behavioral Problems after Parental Death. Paper presentation at the Mind & Life Institute Contemplative Research Online Conference.

Zhang, N., Sandler, I., Tein, J., & Wolchik, S. (2020). Mediation of the effects of the Family Bereavement Program on suicidal behavior over six and fifteen years. In Organized Paper Symposium (Chair: Reider, E. & Sims, B.), *"Long-term and cross-over effects of prevention interventions on the reduction of suicide ideation and behaviors: Mediation analyses"*. Paper presentation at the 2020 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Conference (virtual).

- Zhang, N.,** Sandler, I., Tein, J., & Wolchik, S. (2020). Six-year cascading pathway from effects of Family Bereavement Program to complicated grief of parentally bereaved youth. Poster presentation at the 2020 Society of Research on Adolescence (SRA) Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. (Conference canceled)
- Zhang, N.,** Hoch, J., Gewirtz, A., Ausherbauer, K., & Zhang, J. (2019). Military fathers' nurturing parenting: Psychological and physiological flexibility both matter. In Organized Paper Symposium (Chair: Karre, J.), "A strengths-based approach to examining parenting within the context of the military". Presentation at the 2019 Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- Zhang, N.,** Lee, S., Zhang, J., Piehler, T. F., & Gewirtz, A. H. (2018). Preventing child maladjustment by improving parents' emotion socialization: A randomized controlled trial of a military parenting intervention. Paper session at the 2018 Developmental Methods Conference, Whitefish, MT.
- Zhang, N.,** Hoch, J., Ausherbauer, K., Chesmore, A. & Gewirtz, A. (2018, May). Respiratory sinus arrhythmia reactivity moderates post-deployed military fathers' parenting outcomes at 1 year in a randomized controlled trial of a parent training program. Poster session at the 2018 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- Zhang, N.,** Piehler, T., Zamir, O., & Gewirtz, A. (2017, Nov). Relationships between mindfulness facets and observed anger expression: An actor partner interdependence analysis with post-deployed military families. Poster session at the 2017 National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.
- Zhang, N.,** Piehler, T., Gewirtz, A., & Chesmore A. (2017, May). Effects of a parenting prevention program on parental emotion socialization for military families: Experiential avoidance as a moderator. Paper session at the 2017 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- Zhang, N.,** Hoch, J., Chesmore, A., Ausherbauer, K., Zhang, J., Davis L., & Gewirtz, A. (2017, May). Associations between male military members' parenting behaviors and parasympathetic activity during home-based family interaction tasks. Poster session at the 2017 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- Zhang, N.,** Egan, C., Scott, H., Smyda, G., & Quevedo, K. (2017, Apr). Self-compassion, adversity, and neural activation to sad self-face processing: An fMRI study with depressed adolescents. Poster session at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Society for Affective Science (SAS). Boston, MA.
- Zhang, N.,** Zamir, O., Gewirtz, A., & Rudi, J. (2016, Nov). Enhancing trait mindfulness in military parents through online intervention. Poster session at the 2016 National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
- Chesmore, A. A., He, Y., **Zhang, N.,** & Gewirtz, A. H. (2016, Nov). Parent discrepancies in ratings of child behaviors among military families. Poster presentation at the 2016 National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
- Hanson, S., Pinna, K., **Zhang, N.,** & Gewirtz, A. (2016, Jun). Contextual modifications of an evidence-based program fostering resilience in National Guard and Reserve families. Poster session presented at the 2016 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Zhang, N.,** Fan, F., Huang, S., & Rodriguez, M. A. (2016, Apr). Can mindfulness meditation reduce loneliness?: A randomized controlled trial among college students in China. Poster session presented at the 2016 Society of Research on Adolescence (SRA) Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

Catalpa, J., **Zhang, N.**, & McGuire, J. (2015, Nov). Kinship networks among transgender youth: Connecting to and breaking away from queer and trans* communities. In Organized Paper Symposium (Chair: Oswald, R), *LGBT Youth in Community Contexts*. Paper presented at the 2015 National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference (NCFR) Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Zhang, N., Fan, F., & Lu, X. (2013, Jul). The Chinese version of the Therapeutic Factor Inventory. Paper presented at the academic conference of the Clinical and Counseling Psychology Committee of Chinese Psychological Society, Nanjing, China.

Zhang, N., & Fan, F. (2013, May). Expressive art group counseling improves subjective wellbeing in international students in China. Poster session presented at the 3rd World Congress on Positive Psychology (WCPP), Los Angeles, CA.

Zhang, N., & Fan, F. (2011, Jul). The effects of social exclusion on cold-pressor pain. Paper presented at the 9th Biennial Conference of Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP), Kunming, China.

Zhang, N., Liu, X. (2010, Aug). Emotion catalyst: A mechanism of mindfulness training on reducing pain-related fear. Paper presented at the 1st China International Conference on Positive Psychology, Beijing, China.

INVITED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 S “Promoting caregivers’ mindfulness in behavioral parent training to optimize intervention effects for both caregivers and children”
Virtually presented to Developmental Psychology brownbag seminar, UConn
- 2022 F “Supporting children’s healthy development - ‘The ‘being’ and ‘doing’ in parenting”
Virtually presented to parents and home visitors of the “Parents as Teachers” program, Family Centers, CT
- 2021 F “Leveraging mindfulness to strengthen parenting and improve children’s mental health”
Presented to Clinical Psychology brownbag seminar, UConn
- 2021 F “Leveraging mindfulness to strengthen parenting and improve children’s mental health”
Presented to Interdisciplinary research seminar, UConn Stamford
- 2020 F “This moment, this retreat: The transformative power of mindfulness”
Virtually presented to teachers and staff, the Minnetonka School District, MN
- 2020 F “Parent-focused interventions in high-risk families”
Virtually presented to Clinical Psychology graduate seminar, Tsinghua University

TEACHING/INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

University of Connecticut

Semester & Year	Course No. & Title
Spring 2023	HDFS 3010: Parent-Child Relations in Cross-Cultural Perspectives
Spring 2023	HDFS 5030: Research Practicum
Spring 2023	PSYC 3899: Independent Study
Spring 2023	PSYC 4197W: Senior Thesis in Psychology
Fall 2022	PSYC 3899: Independent Study

Fall 2022	HDFS 5030: Research Practicum
Spring 2022	HDFS 5030: Research Practicum
Spring 2022	HDFS 3092: Research Practicum
Fall 2021	HDFS 1070: Individual and Family Development
Spring 2021	HDFS 1070: Individual and Family Development
Spring 2021	HDFS 3311W: Parenthood and Parenting
Spring 2021	HDFS 5010: Teaching Practicum
Fall 2020	HDFS 1070: Individual and Family Development

University of Minnesota

2016 FSOS 4150 Special Topics in Family Social Science: Mindful Parenting (In person; 11 students)

GUEST LECTURES

2022 F “Research on risk and resilience in parentally bereaved youth”
Presented to interdisciplinary honor’s seminar, UConn Stamford

2021 S “Strengthening parenting and youth resilience in high-risk families”
Virtually presented to undergraduate class of PSY 498 Parenting and Child Development,
Arizona State University, Department of Psychology

2019 S “Bridging mindfulness research and parenting interventions”
Virtually presented to graduate class of FAD 6930 Intervention Research,
Florida State University, Department of Human Development and Family Science

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National Committees

2022 – Steering Committee Member,
Diversity Network Committee, Society for Prevention Research (SPR)

Journal Editorships

2021 – Editorial Board Member, Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology
Editorial Board Member, Journal of Family Psychology

2018 – 2020 Early-Career Mentored Editorial Board Member, Prevention Science

Conference Review Committees

2023 Society for Prevention Research (ECPN Poster Competition)

2023 Society of Research on Child Development

2019 Society for Prevention Research

Ad-hoc Reviewers

2017 – Department and Psychopathology
Family Process
Frontiers in Psychology
International Journal of Psychology
Journal of Child and Family Studies
Journal of Social and Personal Relationships
Journal of Anxiety Disorder
Journal of Family and Theory Review
Prevention Science

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University

2022 F Panelist, Preparing Future Faculty Seminar
Arizona State University, Graduate College

2022 – present Career Champion
UConn, Center for Career Development

2022 Graduate Student Award Review Committee
UConn, Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention and Policy

2020 F Panelist, Next Steps on the Academic Ladder: Reflections from Former Postdocs
UConn, Graduate School

Campus

2023 S Mentor, UConn Student Health and Wellness Seed Grant
\$1,500, to mentor a student and implement a mind-body program at Stamford campus

2022 F Invited speaker
UConn Stamford Honors program

2022, 2023 Member, UConn Stamford Scholarship Committee

2021 F Panelist, UConn Stamford interdisciplinary research month of discovery

Department

2022 – Academic Advisor for HDFS majors

2020 – 2022 Council on Family Relations (UCCFR) Faculty Advisor

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Prevention Research (SPR)

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA)

National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)