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Education

- Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, Duke University In Progress
Qualification Areas: Social Networks, Medical Sociology
Committee: James Moody (chair), Linda K. George, Tyson H. Brown, and
Christopher A. Bail
- M.A. in Sociology, Duke University 2017
- B.A., Linguistics, The College of William and Mary 2011
Minor: Sociology
Summa cum laude

Research Interests

Social network analysis, Medical sociology, Life course, Gender, Service-learning

Publications

* indicates graduate student co-author

Copeland, Molly, Sonja E. Siennick, Mark E. Feinberg, James Moody, and Daniel T. Ragan. 2019. "Social Ties Cut Both Ways: Self-Harm and Adolescent Peer Networks". *Journal of Youth & Adolescence* Online First, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10964-019-01011-4>

Copeland, Molly, Jacob C. Fisher, James Moody, and Mark E. Feinberg. 2018. "Different Kinds of Lonely: Dimensions of Isolation and Substance Use in Adolescence." *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*, 47(8): 1755-1770.

Copeland, Molly, Bryce Bartlett*, and Jacob C. Fisher*. 2017. "Dynamic Associations of Network Isolation and Smoking Behavior." *Network Science*, 5 (3): 257–277.

Under Review

Copeland, Molly, Rajaa T. Alqahtani, James Moody, Brent Curdy, Mohammad Alghamdi, and Fathiya Alqurashi. "When Friends Bring You Down: Peer Stress Proliferation and Suicidality". *Archives of Suicide Research*. April 2019.

Research in Progress

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- “Positions of Depression: Adolescent Social Network Integration and Depressive Symptoms.” (Study of association between depressive symptoms and structural patterns of inclusion and exclusion in adolescent friendships distinguishing local and global levels).
- “When The Ties that Bind Cut: Self-harm and Peer Networks in Adolescence.” (Study of association between self-harm behaviors and adolescent friendship network patterns in close friendships (ego-networks), peer groups, and whole networks).
- “The Long Shadow of Peers: The Association of Adolescent Peer Networks with Young Adult Depression.” (Study of adolescent friendship network patterns predicting mental distress in young adulthood).
- “Conceptions of Closeness.” (with Joshua Bruce*. Study of underlying dimensions of close relationships in ego-network name generators using cognitive interviewing).
- “Adolescent Social Networks and Trajectories of Depression.” (with Christina Kamis*. Study of long-term effects of social network positions on adult trajectories of depression using the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent and Adult Health).
- “Contagion, Convergence, and Influence of Depression and Self-harm in Peer Networks.” (Study disentangling peer processes of selection and types of influence of depressive symptoms and self-harming behavior in adolescent school networks using a stochastic actor-oriented model in RSiena.)
- “Information Centrality Revisited.” (Study examining role of information centrality as social network feature capturing normative processes critical to peer context in adolescence).
- “Local Integration in Triads.” (Study proposing new measure capturing exclusion and inclusion in close friendship networks embedded within sociocentric networks using directed triad census.)

Awards and Distinctions

Vorsanger-Smith Scholar Award, <i>Duke University</i>	2019
Duke Network Analysis Center Summer Research Fellowship, <i>Duke University</i>	2019
Katherine Goodman Stern Fellowship, <i>Duke University</i>	2019-2020
Data Expeditions Award, <i>Information Initiative at Duke University</i>	2018
Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship, <i>Duke University</i>	2018-2019
University Scholars/Bull City Scholars Graduate Fellowship, <i>Duke University</i>	2015-2019
Duke Graduate School Competitive Summer Research Fellowship, <i>Duke University</i>	2017, 2018
University Scholars Program Graduate Consul, <i>Duke University</i>	2015-2018
Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship Recipient, <i>ICPSR Summer Program</i>	2016
Education and Human Development Scholars Program Fellow, <i>Duke University</i>	2015-2016
Duke Graduate School Pre-Proposal Summer Funding recipient, <i>Duke University</i>	2015, 2016
Interdisciplinary Behavioral Research Center student grant recipient, <i>Duke University</i>	2015

James B. Duke Fellowship, <i>Duke University</i>	2014-2018
University Scholars Program Fellowship, <i>Duke University</i>	2014-present
Gilder-Lehrman Institute Summer Scholar, <i>Gilder-Lehrman Institute</i>	2012
Chappell Research Fellowship, <i>The College of William & Mary</i>	2010

Conference Presentations

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Copeland, Molly. 2019. "The Long Shadow of Peers: Adolescent Peer Networks and Young Adult Depression." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 12 August, New York, NY.

Kamis, Christina & **Molly Copeland.** 2019. "Adolescent Social Networks and Trajectories of Depression." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 12 August, New York, NY.

Copeland, Molly. 2019. "Social Networks and Mental Health." University Scholars Program Research Seminar at Duke University 14 January, Durham, NC.

Copeland, Molly. 2018. "When The Ties that Bind Cut: Self-harm and Peer Networks in Adolescence." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 14 August, Philadelphia PA.

Copeland, Molly. 2018. "The Long Shadow of Peers: The Association of Adolescent Peer Networks with Young Adult Depression." International Network for Social Network Analysis Sunbelt Conference, 29 June, Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Copeland, Molly, Bryce Bartlett*, and Jacob C. Fisher*. 2017. "Dynamic Associations of Network Isolation and Smoking Behavior." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 15 August, Montreal, QC.

Copeland, Molly, Joshua R. Bruce*, and M.C. Ramos Flor*. 2016. "The Meaning of a Close Tie: Social Network Name Generators and Conceptions of Closeness." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 21 August, Seattle, WA.

Copeland, Molly. 2016. "Mental Distress and Social Integration in Adolescence." Duke Sociology Department Second-Year Paper Presentations, 22 April, Durham, NC.

Copeland, Molly, Joshua R. Bruce*, and M.C. Ramos Flor*. 2016. "The Meaning of a Close Tie." International Network for Social Network Analysis Sunbelt Conference, 8 April, Newport Beach, CA.

Fisher, Jacob C.*, **Molly Copeland,** James Moody, and Mark E. Feinberg. 2015. "The Dimensions of Social Isolation in Adolescence." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 23 August, Chicago, IL.

Copeland, Molly, Joshua R. Bruce*, and M.C. Ramos Flor*. 2015. "Networks and Closeness." Duke Sociology Department Methods Practicum Presentations. 24 April, Durham, NC.

Copeland, Molly. 2015. “Urbanicity and Youth Educational Expectations” Social Stratification of Art Conference. Research on the Education and Development of Youth, 23 April, Durham, NC.

Copeland, Molly. 2015. “Does Urbanicity Affect Youth Educational Expectations?” Southern Sociological Society Conference, 28 March, New Orleans, LA.

Copeland, Molly, and Almena Mayes. 2013. “Health, Hurricanes, and Hunt’s Dump: Uniting Education and Civic Responsibility through Schoolwide Projects.” North Carolina New Schools 2013 Summer Institute, 25 June, Research Triangle Park, NC.

Aday Jr., David P., Molly Blumgart, **Molly Copeland,** Jake Brody, Jacqueline Ramirez. 2010. “Medical Aid Nicaragua – Outreach Scholarship (MANOS): What Does it Mean to Partner?” North Carolina Campus Compact PACE Conference, 10 February, Greensboro, NC.

Research Positions

Research Assistant to Dr. James Moody	2016-2019
Warren Co. PCB Research Project, <i>Project Coordinator</i>	2011-2012
Linguistics Research Assistant, <i>Research Assistant</i>	2009-2011
Communication in Cuje, Nicaragua, <i>Chappell Research Fellow</i>	2010

Teaching

Teaching Experience

DNAC Social Networks & Health Workshop, <i>Lab Leader – “Describing Networks in R”</i>	2019
DNAC Social Networks & Health Workshop, <i>Lecture – “Sociocentric Network Descriptives”</i>	2019
University Scholars Program/Bull City Scholars – Education Inequality & Service-learning Course, <i>Graduate Advisor (leading student instructors)</i>	2016-2019
Sociology 371: Sociology & Mental Health, Elon University, <i>Guest Lecture – “Social Networks and Mental Health”</i>	2018
Sociology 359: Entrepreneurship, <i>Data Expedition Lab – “Patent Networks and Innovation”</i>	2018
DNAC Social Networks & Health Workshop, <i>Lecture – “Whole Networks”</i>	2018
Sociology 211: Social Inequality, <i>Guest Lecture – “Social Disparities and Mental Health”</i>	2018
DNAC Social Networks & Health Workshop, <i>Lecture – “Descriptive Statistics”</i>	2017
Sociology 211: Social Inequality, <i>Instructor of Record & Course Creator</i>	Spring 2017
Sociology 344: Technology & Organizations, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Spring 2016
Sociology 334: Sociological Theory & Society, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Fall 2015
Sociology 110: Introduction to Sociology Discussion, <i>Guest Lecture</i>	Fall 2015
Secondary Social Studies Teacher, <i>Warren Early College High School</i>	2011-2014

Teaching Preparation

Duke Sociology Teaching Workshop, <i>Participant</i>	Fall 2018
Duke Workshop Designing Assignments and Courses with Equity in Mind, <i>Participant</i>	2018
GS 760: College Teaching & Visual Communication, <i>Student</i>	Fall 2017

ASA Teaching Workshop: Team-Based Learning, <i>Participant</i>	2017
Certificate in College Teaching: Teaching Triangle Observations, <i>Participant</i>	Spring 2017
GS 767: College Teaching, Diverse Learners and Contentious Issues, <i>Student</i>	Spring 2017
Duke Writing Workshop Series: Crafting Effective Student Writing, <i>Participant</i>	Spring 2017
University Scholars Program Mentor, <i>Mentor to undergraduates</i>	2014-present

Memberships

Preparing Future Faculty, <i>Fellow</i>	2018-2019
Duke University Certificate in College Teaching, <i>Participant</i>	2016-present
Duke Network Analysis Center, <i>Affiliate</i>	2014-present
Eastern Sociological Society, <i>Member</i>	2015-2016
American Sociological Association, <i>Member</i>	2014-present
Society for Duke Fellows, <i>Member</i>	2014-present
Southern Sociological Society, <i>Member</i>	2014-2016

Service

<i>Socius</i> , <i>Editorial Associate</i>	2017-present
DNAC Social Networks & Health Workshop, <i>DNAC Lab Assistant</i>	2017, 2018
Graduate Student Forum Grad Policy Representative, <i>Duke Sociology Dept.</i>	2015-2016
Graduate Student Forum Visit Coordinator, <i>Duke Sociology Dept.</i>	2014-2015