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**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

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2021-present	Associate Director Institute for Life-Span Development and Gerontology University of Akron
2010-present	Associate Professor Department of Psychology University of Akron
2006-2010	Assistant Professor Department of Psychology University of Akron

- \*Sublett, J. F., & **Bisconti, T. L.** (in press). Metamemory and self-compassion as protective factors in the relationship between benevolent ageism and environmental mastery. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07334648231163847>.
- \*Sublett, J.F., \*Vale, M. T., & **Bisconti, T. L.** (2021). Expanding benevolent ageism: Replicating attitudes of overaccommodation to older men. *Experimental Aging Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0361073X.2021.1968666>
- \*Vale, M. T., & **Bisconti T. L.** (2021). Minority stress and relationship well-being in sexual minorities: The varying role of outness on relationship and sexual satisfaction. *International Journal of Sexual Health*. 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19317611.2021.1909684>
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- \*Vale, M., **Bisconti, T. L.**, & \*Sublett, J. F. (2019). Benevolent ageism: Attitudes of overaccommodative behavior towards older women. *Journal of Social Psychology*. 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00224545.2019.1695567>
- \***Bisconti, T. L.** (April, 2019). *Can you really simulate aging, and more importantly, should you?* Teaching Tips from Adult Development and Aging News, American Psychological Association. <https://www.apadivisions.org/division-20/publications/newsletters/adult-development/2019/04/empathy-elderly>
- \*Walker, R. V., \*Powers, S. M., & **Bisconti, T. L.**, (2016). Positive aspects of the caregiving experience: Finding hope in the midst of the storm. *Journal of Women & Therapy*, 39(3/4), 354-370. doi: 10.1080/02703149.2016.1116868
- \*Powers, S. M., **Bisconti, T. L.**, & Bergeman (2014). Trajectories of social support and well-being across the first two years of widowhood. *Death Studies*, 38 (8), 499-509.
- Bisconti, T. L.**, Bergeman, C. S., Scott, S., & Pitzer, L. (2013). The role of social support on health and well-being in older adult widows. In M. Goldman, R. Troisi, & K. Rexrode (Eds.), *Women and health* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed; pp. 1503-1514). London: Elsevier.
- \*Hussey, H. D., & **Bisconti, T. L.** (2010). Interventions to reduce sexual minority stigma in sororities. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 57 (4), 566-587.
- Monpetit, M. A., Bergeman, C. S., & **Bisconti, T. L.** (2010). The self-concept and conjugal loss: Evidence for structural change. *Death Studies*, 34 (7), 606-624. PubMed number – NIHMS224727.
- \*Rossi, N. E., **Bisconti, T. L.**, & Bergeman, C. S. (2007). The role of dispositional resilience in regaining life satisfaction after the loss of a spouse. *Death Studies*, 31 (10), 55-78.
- Scott, S. B., Bergeman, C. S., Verney, A., Longenbaker, S., Markey, M. A., & **Bisconti, T. L.** (2007). Social support in widowhood: A mixed methods study. *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, 1 (3), 242-266.

**Bisconti, T. L., & Bergeman, C. S. (2007).** Understanding the adjustment to widowhood: Using dynamical systems to assess and predict trajectories of well-being. In A. D. Ong,



Title: The Ecology of Direct Care Workers: Risk and Protective Factors  
Funding Source: UNH President's Excellence Awards Competition, 2005-2006  
Amount: \$80,000

Investigators: **Toni L. Bisconti** & \*Alyssa Fenton  
Title: Understanding Coping Processes in Older Adult Widows: Social Support and Spirituality  
Source: UNH Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Undergraduate Research Award, 2005  
Amount: \$553.50

Investigators: **Toni L. Bisconti**  
Title: The Psychological Predictors of Direct Caregiving Burden  
Source: UNH Carsey Institute, 2004  
Amount: \$2,000

Investigators: **Toni L. Bisconti** (on behalf of the UNH Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender President's Commission) and Sue Rankin (Consultant).  
Title: Assessing GLBT Climate at UNH  
Source: UNH Kidder Fund (Grant foundation for GLBT-related work), 2003  
Amount: \$9,200

Investigators: Cindy S. Bergeman, PI; **Toni L. Bisconti**, Co-Investigator  
Title: Conjugal Loss in Later Life: A Dynamical Systems Approach  
Funding Source: National Institute on Aging (#1 RO3 AG18570-01), 9/1/2000 – 8/31/2001  
Amount: \$73,275 (with indirect costs)

**SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (\* = student coauthor)**

\***Bisconti, T. L.** (2023). *Understanding Anti-Asian racism and violence* [Conference Presentation]. In I. Park (Chair), *Beyond #StopAsianHate: A multi-perspective d12 Ocussion*

\*Sublett, J. F., \*Vale, M. T., & **Bisconti, T. L.** (2021) *Especially for people our age: Exploring the correlates of ageism during the COVID*

\*Vale, M. T., & **Bisconti, T L.**, (May, 2019). *Out and proud: Outlining the impact of minority stressors on relationship satisfaction*. Poster presented to the American Psychological

*widowhood*. Paper presented to the Gerontological Society of America Annual Conference. San Diego, CA.

\*Konkel, K., & **Bisconti, T. L.**, (2010, January). *The effects of alcohol on negative stereotypes in a bar population*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

## **AWARDS**

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Title: 2021 Educator of the Year

Source: Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education

Title: 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Majors Award

Source: Mothers on a Mission Akron Chapter

Title: 2018 and 2019 Faculty Diversity Award Finalist

Source: Office of Multicultural Development, University of Akron

Title: 2006 Outstanding Faculty Award

Source: President's Commission on Women's Issues

Title: 2005 Outstanding Faculty Award

Source



Ruth Walker (MA/Ph.D.)	2010-2016
Suzanne Beans (MA only)	2013-2017
Michael Vale (MA/Ph.D.)	2016-2021
Jennifer Sublett (MA/Ph.D.)	2017-present
Katelyn Frey (MA/Ph.D.)	2018-present
Aimee Trunko (MA)	2021-present
Daniel Michaud (MA)	2022-present

### **Undergraduate Honor's Thesis Advisor**

Mary Plank	2007-2008
Amanda Marunich	2008-2009
Epiphany Pietzcker	2009-2010
Bryce Cain	2009-2010
James Carter	2012-2013
Michael Vale	2015-2016
Kelsea Daniluk	2015-2016
Whitney Irizarry	2015-2016
Victoria Potemski	2015-2016
Margaret Manges	2016-2017
James Fisher	2017-2018
Caitlyn Phillips	2018-2019
Aimee Trunko	2019-2020
Daniel Michaud	2021-2022
Chris Ng	2021-2022
Aubrey Powell	2022-2023
Ryan Brown	2022-2023

### **Master's and Dissertation Committees**

Josh Pollock, Dissertation	ADA Program
Sara Powers, Master's and Dissertation Chair	ADA Program
Nicole Dawson, Dissertation	ADA Program
Tracy Markis, Dissertation	ADA Program
Ruth Walker, Master's and Dissertation Chair	ADA Program
Suzanne Beans, Master's Chair	ADA Program
Evan Shelton, Master's and Dissertation	ADA Program
Jim Houston, Master's Thesis	ADA Program
Katie Harrington, Master's Thesis and Dissertation	ADA Program
Jennifer Turner, Master's Thesis and Dissertation	ADA Program
Britney Webster, Dissertation	ADA Program
Morgan Watts, Master's Thesis and Dissertation	ADA Program
Amanda McNeal, Master's Thesis	ADA Program
Kaitlyn Lucas, Master's Thesis	ADA Program
Claire Grant, Master's Thesis	ADA Program
Anthony Villalba, Dissertation	ADA Program
Michelle Houston, Dissertation	ADA Program
Sara Lute, Dissertation	ADA Program
Nikolina Kravljaca	ADA Program
Christina Rummell, Dissertation	Counseling Program
Steve Graef, Dissertation	Counseling Program
Amanda Ross, Dissertation	Counseling Program





Bullying and suicide  
How to talk about race  
Allies

2007-present Ladies Guild of the Lowellville Mt. Carmel Society  
Lowellville, OH  
Volunteer at various local events

2006-present Our lady of Holy Rosary Church  
Lowellville, OH  
Bereavement Support Group

2016-2020 Advisory Board YMCA Riverside  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

### **Professional Development**

Present LAIOB Experience Executive Leadership Seminars  
Institute for Leadership Advancement  
University of Akron College of Business

2020-present Ohio Area Agencies on Aging Continuing Education Units on:  
Successful aging  
Ageism in health care  
Minority stress in older adults  
Formal and informal social support  
Coping with death and dying  
High stakes conversations  
Diversity, equity, and inclusion  
Burnout in front-line healthcare workers

2022-present Workshop Leader  
Institute for Leadership Advancement  
University of Akron College of Business  
*Civility*

2022 Baldwin Wallace University

2021

- Lopez, G. (November, 2017). *A new FBI report says hate crimes especially against Muslims went up in 2016*. VOX. <https://www.vox.com/identities/2017/11/13/16643448/fbi-hate-crimes-2016>
- Lopez, G. (September, 2017). *He allegedly murdered 2 black men. Police found an Adolf Hitler speech in his home*. VOX. <https://www.vox.com/identities/2017/9/19/16334492/kenneth-james-gleason-murder-hate-crime>
- NPR Akron "Sound of Ideas" (August, 2017). *Sports psychology talk*.
- Burton, T. I. (June, 2017). *Nabra Hassanen's murder may not be a hate crime. It's still a tragedy for Muslim Americans*. VOX. <https://www.vox.com/identities/2017/6/22/15841650/nabra-hassanen-murder-islamophobia-hate-crime>
- Lopez, G. (May, 2017). *The Portland stabbing is the latest in a wave of racist attacks across America*. VOX. <https://www.vox.com/identities/2017/5/30/15711640/portland-stabbing-hate-crime>
- Lopez, G. (May, 2017). *so hard to prosecute a hate crime?* VOX. <https://www.vox.com/identities/2017/4/10/15183902/hate-crime-trump-law>
- Rivers, D. (June, 2015). *Basking in reflected glory in reference to the Cleveland Cavaliers*. WKBN, Youngstown.
- NPR Akron "Sound of Ideas" (June, 2015). *Basking in reflected glory in reference to the Cleveland Cavaliers*.
- Kaufmann, G., Long-Middleton, M., & Baxendale, K. (April, 2014). *The psychology of hatred and what defines a hate crime*. *Central Standard*. Kansas City, MO: 89.3 AM KCUR. <http://kcur.org/post/psychology-hatred-and-what-defines-hate-crime>

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