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EDUCATION

2026	M.S. Sociology, Purdue University
2024	M.A. Gerontology, Georgia State University.
2021	B.S. Psychology, Purdue University. Minor in Sociology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

2025-Present	Graduate Research Assistant Dr. Christopher Seto	Sociology
2022-2024	Graduate Research Assistant Dr. Wendy Simonds	Gerontology
2020-2022	Research Assistant Dr. Christopher Eckhardt Coordinator for Alcohol EEG Study Ecological Momentary Assessment Study	Clinical Psychology

PUBLICATIONS

Pope, T., & Seto, C. H. (2026). From swipe to swindle: A narrative review of research on older adult victims of romance fraud. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*, 0(0), 1–21.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/08946566.2026.2690996>

Seto, C., & **Pope, T.** (2026). Fright by Byte: Exploring Fear of Digital Fraud in the United States From 2015 to 2022. *Crime & Delinquency* [online first] <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287261434486>

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Taylor Pope and Christopher Seto. “From Swipe to Swindle: A Narrative Review of Research on Older Adult Victims of Romance Fraud.” Revise and submit at *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*.

Wendy Simonds and **Taylor Pope**. ““Shout Dirty to Me”: A Discourse Analysis of Single-Cel Cartoons about Menopause, Erectile Dysfunction, and Old People Having Sex.” Revise and submit at *Sexuality & Culture*

Vasu Kaul, **Taylor Pope**, and Christopher Seto. Phish or friend? Toward a typology of perceived digital victimization risk. *Victims & Offenders*

J. Jill Sutor, Megan Gilligan, Rob Frase, Di Wang, Tingan Jin, Sunjeong Gyeong, Destiny Ogle, Ranran He, Shawn Bauldry, **Taylor Pope**. “Telling the Best Story: Data Richness from Phone Interviews and Online Surveys in Mixed-Method Network Research.” *Sociological Methodology*.

PRESENTATIONS

2026 **Analytic Project Defense**
Healthy Fur Life: Does Pet Touch Influence Health Across Age?

2026 **Population Association of America**

2025 **Gerontological Society of America**
How Does Pet Touch Influence Mental Health among Married and Cohabiting Older Adults?

2025 **Southern Gerontological Society**
From Swipe to Swindle: A Systematic Review of Romance Scams Targeting Older Adults since the Onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

2024 **Methodology Center at Purdue (MCAP) Poster Session**
The Role of Furry Friends: Pet Engagement and Loneliness Among Older Adults

2024 **Georgia State University Gerontology Institute: Thesis Defense**
Buying Into the Dirty Joke: A Discourse Analysis on the Use of Editorial Cartoons About Older Adults and Sex

2024 **Southern Gerontological Society**
Buying Into the Dirty Joke: A Discourse Analysis on the Use of Editorial Cartoons About Older Adults and Sex

2024	Aging Research Conference Poster Presentation Bridging Generations: An Evaluation Study of Virtual Intergenerational Community Sessions Among College Students and Older Adults in the Greater Atlanta Area
2023	Aging Research Conference Poster Presentation Self-perception in the looking glass: A Qualitative research proposal with older adult women
2023	Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting “Shout Dirty to Me”: A Discourse Analysis of Single-Cel Cartoons about Menopause, Erectile Dysfunction, and Old People Having Sex.” (Simonds, Pope)

AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, & SCHOLARSHIPS

2024	Sigma Phi Omega’s 2024 Video Award for “GSU’s Gerontology Institute: Let’s Age Together”
2023	Harold V. & Anna Marie Little Scholarship in Gerontology
2021	Degree in Three Scholar
2021	Collaborative Leadership Certificate

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

2025-Present	Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Staff
2025-Present	CALC Friendship House Tech Team
2024	Annual Barbara Payne Lecture: Panel Facilitator
2023	Division of Aging Services- Gifts of Light Coordinator
2023-Present	Southern Gerontological Society Volunteer and Committee Member
2023	Lifespan Intergenerational Volunteer
2023	American Society of Aging Volunteer
2022-2024	Georgia State Sigma Phi Omega Vice President

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- National Alliance on Mental Illness

- National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence
- International Council of Purdue Women
- Psi Chi National Psychology Honors Society
- Sigma Phi Omega: National Gerontology Society
- Southern Gerontological Society
- Student Graduate Organization (SGO) Purdue Sociology
- Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
- Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

- SPSS, STATA, R