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Education:

B.S.N.Ed. Nursing Education, Florida State University, 1958.
M.A. Psychology, Florida State University, 1959.
Ph.D. Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1968.

Work Experience:

1959-65 Research Assistant, Duke University Medical Center (Projects on Nursing Research, Gerontology, and Sensitivity Training)
1966-67 Research Assistant, Institute for Research in Social Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1967-68 Assistant Professor in Graduate Nursing Program, Duke University
1968-74 Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1968- Research Associate to Fellow, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1971-84 Deputy Director to Director (1973) Academic Programs, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1974-80 Associate Professor of Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1975-76 Acting Director, Social Psychology Program, Department of Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1976-2001 Director, Social Psychology Program, Department of Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1980-2006 Professor of Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Teaching and Research Interests:

Attitudes, small group processes, historical perspectives, research methods, applied social psychology, population psychology

Other Professional Activities:

1970-2004 Licensed Psychologist, State of North Carolina
1973 Visiting Associate Professor, Summer, University of California at Berkeley
1973-75 President, Division 34 (Population), American Psychological Association

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- 1973 & 1974 Director, N.I.C.H.D. Summer Institutes in Population
- 1975-77 & 1989-92 Member, Executive Committee, Division 34, American Psychological Association
- 1977-84 Editor, Journal of Population and Environment
- 1982-85 Member, Board of Directors, Society for the Study of Social Biology
- 1987- Editorial Board, Advances in Population: Psychosocial Perspectives.
- 1988-91 Consultant, WHO, AIDS: Cross-Cultural Issues
- 1989-81 APA Council of Representatives member 1989-90, coalition member 1990-1991

Memberships:

- 1968- Member, Divisions 8 (Personality and Social), 9 (Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues), American Association
- 1968- Member, Institute for Research in Social Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1972- Member, Population Association of America
- 1973- Member, Division 34 (Population; Population and Environment, American Psychological Association
- 1975- Member, Sigma XI
- 1976- Fellow, Divisions 34 (Population and Environment) and 8 (Personality and Social Psychology)
- 1990- Fellow, American Psychological Society
- 1997- Fellow, Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues

Awards, Research Grants, Contracts:

- 1969 Faculty Research Grant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1970 N.I.C.H.D. Contract # NIH-71-2031 for Population Policy Research (with James Prothro and James Allen)
- 1973 & 1974 N.I.C.H.D. Contracts for Summer Workshops for Faculty from the Pontifical Javeriana University of Bogota, Columbia
- 1973 Administrator, N.I.C.H.D. Training Grant to Carolina Population Center
- 1973 & 1974 N.I.C.H.D. Contracts for Summer Institutes in Population
- 1973-77 Administrator, Noyes Training Grant to Carolina Population Center
- 1975 A.I.D. Sub-contract from University of Illinois, for PLATO course Population Dynamics
- 1975 Acting Director, NIMH Social Psychology Training Grant
- 1976 American Broadcasting Company, Grant for Cognitive Developmental Studies of Television Viewing (with Andrea Sedlak and others)
- 1976 Collaborator, Ford Foundation Cross-cultural migration research (J. Udry, A. Hawley, PIs)
- 1976-84 Director, NIMH Social Psychology Training Grant

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- 1979-84 Division 34, American Psychological Association Journal Support
- 1986 Superior Service Award: American Psychological Association, Division 34 Population and Environment
- 1987-89 Rockefeller Foundation (with A. Tashakkori) Research Program on Women's Status and Fertility: Iranian Adolescents' Intentions and Aspirations Regarding Marriage, Fertility, and Women's Labor-Force Participation.
- 1989-92 Council of Representatives, American Psychological Association
- 1992 Faculty Research Award: Institute for Research in Social Sciences, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1993 Faculty Research Award: Institute for Research in Social Sciences, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1994 Award for Research Assistant Support: Institute for Research in Social Sciences, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1995 Honored by Division 34, American Psychological Association at Annual American Psychological Association meetings, New York, August, 1995, as first, two-year president of Division 34 (1973-1974 and 1974-1975) and first editor of Journal of Population and Environment (1977-1984).
- 1997 Invitation to attend a conference on "Public Policy - An Insider's Look at Washington" organized by the Fund for American Studies
- 2004 Mellon Foundation UCIS Program on Population Research in the Middle East Region Fertility and Family Planning In Iran: Accessing Recent Data for Analysis of Trends and Variation

Service Responsibilities:

Editorial Assignments:

- 1975-84 Appointed by Division 34, American Psychological Association to develop and edit a behavioral-social population research journal; served as editor from 1975-1984
- 1982-85 Member, Board of Directors, Society for the Study of Social Biology
- 1987 passim Editorial Board, Advances in Population: Psychsocial Perspectives, L. Severy, editor
- 2007 Invited to explore co-editorship of newly developing international journal on demography

Review Committees and Boards:

- 1970- Journal and book reviews, pertaining to both psychology and population
- 1971,1976 Ad Hoc member, NICHD Social Sciences Study Section on Population
- 1971-74 Member, NICHD Social Sciences Study Section on Population
- 1971-83 NICHD site visits for grants and Centers awards
- 1974,1978 Ad hoc member, NICHD Contract Review Panel
- 1975,1976 Ad hoc reviewer, Rockefeller-Ford Policy Proposal Screening Panel
- 1977 Chair, Ad Hoc Panel on Population, NICHD
- 1979-83 Member, NICHD Social Sciences Study Section on Population

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Committees, Offices, Special Assignments:

University

- 1968-1994 Carolina Population Center: Member, Predoctoral-Postdoctoral Training Awards Committee
- 1972-75 Member, Faculty Council
- 1972 Member, Faculty Committee on University Staff
- 1975 Chair, Natural Sciences Nominating Committee for Faculty Council
- 1976-78 Member, University Committee on Educational Policies
- 1976 Member, Dean appointed committee to recommend chairman of Psychology
- 1976 Member, Dean appointed committee on Academic Affairs
- 1976 Member, Chancellor's Search Committee for Dean, Arts and Sciences
- 1977-78 Member, UNC Women's Forum
- 1977-79 Member, Provost Committee on Education and Improvement of Teaching (Bowman Gray Awards, 1978-79)
- 1978-9 Chair, University Committee on Educational Policies
- 1978-79 Member, Committee for Evaluation of UNC Undergraduate Curriculum and Curriculum Revision Committee
- 1979-80 Member, Dean's Search Committee for Director of Louis Harris Data Center, Institute for Research in Social Science
- 1981-82 Member, Provost's Search Committee for Director, Institute for Research in Social Science
- 1981-83 Member, Board of Directors, Student Union
- 1983 Member, Honorary Degree Committee
- 1986- Member, AIDS Task Force, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- 1989-94 Member Carolina Population Center Policy Board (appointed by Vice-Chancellor)
- 1990- Judicial Review Board, Undergraduate Honor Court
- 1991-92 Member, Search Committee for Director, Carolina Population Center
- 1995 Chair, Sub-Committee for Coordination of Campus World AIDS Day
- 2000 Member, External Review Committee for evaluation of Department of Communication Studies, UNC-CH

Consultant Roles:

- 1966-77 Consultant, Community Mental Health, Halifax County, NC
- 1970- Consultant, Research Triangle Institute
- 1971,1976 Ad Hoc consultant, NICHD Committee for Planning Research Requests
- 1972 Consultant, President's Commission on Population Growth and the American Future
- 1975 Consultant, President's Biomedical Panel

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- 1976 Invited Participant, NICHD Conference on Families, Only Children, and Childlessness
- 1988 External Consultant University of Alabama in Birmingham, School of Medicine, Office of Educational Development, Project headed by James M. Richards on Contraceptive Behavior in Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

Other Committees/Consultantships:

- 1970-72 Member, American Psychological Association Task Force on Family Planning, Psychology, and Population
- 1972-73 Chairman, Ad Hoc American Psychological Association Committee to explore divisional status for Population Psychology
- 1972 Visits for Population Center to Population Institutes at London, Geneva, Cairo, Iran, India, and Bangkok
- 1973-75 President, Division 34 (Population Psychology), American Psychological Association
- 1975 Member, Interdisciplinary Panel, Advisory to President's Biomedical Panel
- 1982 Visits for Population Center to Population Institutes in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and Israel

Selected Recent Presentations:

Agnew, C.R. & Thompson V.D. (1993). From specific to general outgroup rejection: Two empirical demonstrations. Invited colloquium presented presentation at the Institute for Research in Social Science (IRSS), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), October, 1993.

Agnew, C.R. & Thompson V.D. (1993). Multivariate approaches to prejudices. Paper presented at the Organization Research Group, Social Psychology Program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, October, 1993.

Agnew, C.R., Thompson V.D., Birch, S., & Jenkins, W. (1993). The influence of physical attractiveness on inferences concerning HIV acquisition. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA), Toronto, Canada, August, 1993

Agnew, C.R., Thompson V.D., Smith, V.A., Gramzow, R.H., & Currey, D.P. (1993). Examining the multiple underpinnings of homophobia: A proximal-distal theoretical model. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Society (APS), Chicago, Illinois, June, 1993.

Agnew, C.R., Currey, D.P., & Thompson, V.D. (1994) Will racism theories with significant empirical support please stand up? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA), Los Angeles, California, August, 1994.

Agnew, C.R., Lipkus, I., O'Rourke, J., Thompson, V.D., & Gramzow, R.H. (1994) Relevance of college students' actions to determine their sexual partner's HIV status. Paper presented at the meetings of the American Psychological Society, Washington, D.C., June 1994.

Agnew, C.R., & Thompson, V.D. (1994) Socially desirable responding to questions concerning condom use. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA), Los Angeles, California, August, 1994.

Currey, D.P., Agnew, C.R., & Thompson, V.D. (1994) Racial prejudice examined within a proximal and distal outgroup rejection framework. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA), Los Angeles, California, August, 1994.

Gramzow R.H., Thompson, V.D., & Edmonds, P.B. (1994) A Brunswikian lens model of self-esteem. Paper presented at meetings of the southeastern Society for Social Psychology, Winston-Salem, NC., September, 1994.

Gramzow, R.H., Agnew, C.A., Thompson, V.D., Smith, V.A., & Currey, D.P. (1994) Gender differences and commonalities in homophobia: A proximal-distal model. Poster presented at the meetings of the American Psychological Society, Washington, D.C., June, 1994.

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Thompson, V.D. (1995) The History of the Division of Population and Environment. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA), New York, NY, August, 1995.

Publications:

Thompson, V.D. & Scarborough, B.B. (1962) Reinforcement effects on performance of nursing students in a stress-producing situation. Nursing Research, 11, 89-95.

Thompson, L.W. & Thompson, V.D. (1965) Comparison of EEG changes in learning and over-learning of nonsense syllables. Psychological Reports, 16, 339-344.

Thompson, V.D., Lakin, M., & Johnson, B.S. (1965) Sensitivity training and nursing education: A process study. Nursing Research, 14, 132-137.

Thompson, V.D. (1968) Contributions to: Approaches to the human fertility problem. Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Schopler, J. & Thompson, V.D. (1968) Role of attribution processes in mediating amount of reciprocity for a favor. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 10, 243-250.

Thompson, V.D., Stroebe, W., & Schopler, J. (1969) Attribution of motives for acts directed at high- versus low-status targets by self and others. Research Previews, 16, 11-20.

Stroebe, W., Insko, C.A., Thompson, V.D., & Layton, B.D. (1971). Effects of physical attractiveness, attitude similarity, and sex on interpersonal attraction. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 18, 79-91.

Stroebe, W., Insko, C., Thompson, V.D., & Reisman, S. (1971) Balance, agreement, positivity and differentiation in the evaluation of linked attitude objects. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 18, 79-91.

Thompson, V.D., Stroebe, W., & Schopler, J. (1971) Some situational determinants of the motives attributed to the person who performs a helping act. Journal of Personality, 39, 460-472.

Thompson, V.D. & Appelbaum, M.I. (1971) Social psychological approaches to studies of population issues. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

With members of APA Task Force on Psychology, Family Planning, and Population Policy (group project) (1972) Population and family planning: Growing involvement of psychologists. American Psychologist, 27, 27-30.

With S.H. Newman & M.F. Kelty, in association with the APA Task Force on Psychology, Family Planning, and Population Policy (group project) (1972) Support for psychologists in the population and family planning areas. American Psychologist, 27, 31-36.

With APA Task Force on Psychology, Family Planning, and Population Policy (group project) (1972) Report of the Task Force on Psychology, Family Planning, and Population Policy, American Psychologist, 27, 1100-1105.

Thompson, V.D., Appelbaum, M. & Holmes, J. (1973) Introducing population into a psychology curriculum: A challenge to psychologists. In Psychological Perspectives on Population (J. Fawcett, ed.) Basic Books, 471-509.

Insko, C., Stroebe, W., Thompson, V.D., Pinner, B., Shaud, K., & Layton, B. (1973) An implied evaluation account of the similarity-attraction effect. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 25, 297-309.

Thompson, V.D., Appelbaum, V.D., Prothro, J.W., & Allen, J.E. (1973) Population policy for Americans: What might the people accept and why? Final research report submitted to NICHD for Contract # NIH-71-2031.

Thompson, V.D. (1974) Family size: Implicit policies and assumed psychological outcomes. Journal of Social Issues, 30, #4, 93-124.

Thompson, V.D. & Appelbaum, M. (1974) Population Policy Acceptance: Psychological Determinants. Chapel Hill, N.C.: Carolina Population Center Monograph Series.

Thompson, V.D. & Newman, S. (1974) Educating psychologists to work in the population field. Professional Psychology, August, 320-324.

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- Thompson, V.D. (1976) Behavioral-social population research: Suggestions for needed research and recommendations to the President's Biomedical Research Panel. Presented to President's s Biomedical Research Panel, July, 1975. Supplement 3, Report of the President's Biomedical Research Panel Submitted to the President and the Congress of the United States. Washington: U.S. DHEW.
- Newman, S. & Thompson, V.D. (1976) Population Psychology: Research and Educational Issues. Center for Population Research Monograph. Bethesda, MD: DHEW.
- Thompson, V.D. & Newman, S. (1976) Developing psychologists for work in the population field: Workshop Report. In S. Newman & V. Thompson (Eds.) Population Psychology: Research and Educational Issues. Center for Population Research Monograph. Bethesda, MD: DHEW, 201-216.
- Thompson, V.D. & Newman, S. (1976) Population psychology in the process of development: An overview. In S. Newman & V. Thompson (Eds.), Population Psychology: Research and Educational Issues. Center for Population Research Monograph. Bethesda, MD: DHEW, 1-15.
- Thompson, V.D. & Newman, S. (1976) Training and research opportunities in population psychology. In P. Wood (Ed.) Career Opportunities for Psychologists. Washington: American Psychological Association, 232-248.
- Thompson, V.D. & David, H. (1977) Population psychology in perspective. International Journal of Psychology, 12, 135-146.
- Thompson, V.D. (1978) Editorial. Journal of Population: Behavioral, Social, and Environmental Issues, 1, 3-4.
- Newman, S. & Thompson, V.D. (1978) Guidelines for population research: Needed population research and teaching. CPR, DHEW Distribution Paper.
- Thompson, V.D. & Sedlak, A. (1979) Cognitive-Developmental studies of television viewing. In Television and Children: A Summary of five research studies. NY: American Broadcasting Companies, Inc., 7-9.
- Rodgers, J. & Thompson, V.D. (1984) Toward a General Framework of Family Configuration: A review of theory-based empirical research. Carolina Population Center Paper Series, Chapel Hill, NC.
- Harrison, W., Rodgers, J. & Thompson, V.D. (1985) Robustness and sufficiency of the theory of reasoned action in longitudinal prediction. Basic and Applied Social Psychology, 6(1) 25-40.
- Thompson, V.D. (1985) Review of Birth Order: Its influence on personality by C. Ernst & J. Angst, Springer-Verlag: Berlin, 1983. Population Research and Policy Review, 4, 291-293.
- Rodgers, J. & Thompson, V.D. (1986) Family Configuration: A review of theory based research. Population and Environment: Behavioral and Social Issues, 1985-1986.
- Thompson, V.D. (1986) Where is population psychology? Population and Environment Newsletter, 13, 2, 12-15.
- Tashakkori, A., Thompson, V.D., & Mehryar, A. (1987) Individual and family variables effective on Iranian adolescents' intended age of marriage and desired family size. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 49, 917-924.
- Tashakkori, A. & Thompson, V.D. (1988) Cultural change and attitude change: An assessment of post-revolutionary marriage and family attitudes in Iran. Population Research and Policy Review, 7, 3-27.
- Tashakkori, A. & Thompson, V.D. (1988) Effects of family configuration on reported indices of parental power among Iranian adolescents. Social Biology, 35, #1-2.
- Tashakkori, A. & Thompson, V.D. (1988) Family constellation and differential involvement of parents in interaction with offspring: A search for the origins of birth order effects. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America. Session title: Demographic aspects of psychological differentiation. April, 1988 In Proceedings of Population Association Meetings for April, 1988.
- Waszak, C., Tashakkori, A., & Thompson, V.D. (1988) Adolescent reports of parental influence style regarding sexual behaviors and beliefs: Effects on adolescent's own sexual attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America. Session title: Use of attitudinal data in demographic research. April, 1988 In Proceedings of Population Association Meetings for April, 1988. [Preceding title in program; Title of presented

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paper was: Adolescent perceptions of parental influence styles and their relationship to adolescent sexual attitudes and behavior.]

Thompson, V.D. & Tashakkori, A. (1988) Creating outlets for publishing Population Psychology. Paper presented at the 96th Annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Atlanta.

Tashakkori, A. & Thompson, V.D. (1989) Sex and SES differences in Iranian adolescent reports of parental involvement in different interaction areas. Journal of Comparative Family Studies, 20 (2), 197-209.

Tashakkori, A. & Thompson, V.D. (1989) Gender, self-perception, and self-devaluation in depression: A factor analytic study among Iranian college students. Personality and Individual Differences, 10, 341-354.

Wade, T.J., Thompson, V.D., Tashakkori, A., & Valente, E. (1989) A longitudinal analysis of sex and race differences in the structure of adolescent self-esteem during a period of sexual and physical transition. Personality and Individual Differences, 10 (7), 717-729.

Tashakkori, A., Thompson, V.D., & Simonian, L. (1989) Adolescents' attributions of parental power: A re-examination of the 'theory of resources in cultural context' International Journal of Psychology, 24, 73-96.

Tashakkori, A. & Thompson, V.D. (1989) Social change and change in beliefs and intentions of Iranian youth regarding marriage and family. Paper presented by V.D. Thompson at the 47th Annual convention of the International Council of Psychologists, Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 2-6, 1989.

Thompson, V.D. & David, H.P. (1990) Obituary for Sidney H. Newman. American Psychologist, 45, (10), 1169.

Tashakkori, A., Thompson, V.D., & Yousefi, F. (1990) Adolescent perceptions of parental power: Do family size and ordinal position make a difference? International Journal of Psychology, 25, 397-416.

Tashakkori, A. & Thompson, V.D. (1990) Racial differences in self-esteem and locus of control. Paper presented at the 98th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, 1990.

Tashakkori, A., Thompson, V.D., Wade, T.J., & Valente, E. (1990) Structure and stability of self-esteem in late teens. Personality and Individual Differences, 11 #9, 885-893.

Tashakkori, A. & Thompson, V.D. (1990) Intentions to take precautions against AIDS among black college students. Presented at the 98th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, 1990.

Tashakkori, A. & Thompson, V.D. (1990) Iranian adolescents' intentions and aspirations regarding marriage, fertility, and women's labor-force participation. Final grant report to Rockefeller Foundation, Research Program on Women's Status and Fertility.

Tashakkori, A. & Thompson, V.D. (1991) Social change and change in intentions of Iranian youth regarding education, marriage, and careers. International Journal of Psychology.

Tashakkori, A. & Thompson, V.D. (1991) Race differences in self-perception and locus of control during adolescence and early adulthood. Genetic Psychology Monographs, 117, (2), 135-152.

Thompson, V.D., Tashakkori, A., & Agnew, C.R. (1992) A Psychological Perspective on Decisions About Migration. Presentation at Summer Seminar in Demography and Population Studies (a faculty enhancement seminar for faculty in the Social Sciences at historically Black Universities and Colleges), Fayetteville State University, June, 1992.

Tashakkori, A. & Thompson, V.D. (1992) Predictors of intention to take precautions against AIDS among black college students, Journal of Applied Social Psychology, 22, 736-753.

Thompson, V.D., Tashakkori, A., & Agnew, C.R. (1992) (requested for monograph on social demography) A Psychological Perspective on Decisions About Migration. Presentation at Summer Seminar in Demography and Population Studies (a faculty enhancement seminar for faculty in the Social Sciences at historically Black Universities and Colleges), Fayetteville State University, June, 1992.

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Thompson, V.D. & Tashakkori, A. (1993) Effects of family constellation on offspring: A theoretical integration. Advances in Population: Psychosocial Perspectives, L. Severy (Ed.) Vol. 1, pp. 57-84.

Thompson, V.D. & Tashakkori, A. (1993) "Psychological Modeling of Population Behaviors." In: Methodology for Population Studies and Development. Sage: Newbury Park, CA (Published 1994)

Agnew, C.R., Thompson, V.D., Smith, V., Gramzow, R., & Currey, D. (1994) Proximal and Distal Predictors of Homophobia: Exposing the Multivariate Roots of Outgroup Rejection. Journal of Applied Social Psychology, 23, 2013-2042.

Agnew, C.R. & Thompson, V.D. (1994) Causal inferences and responsibility attributions concerning an HIV-positive target: The double-edged sword of physical attractiveness. Journal of Social Behavior and Personality, 9, #1, 181-190.

Thompson, V.D. (1995) The History of the Division of Population and Environment. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA), New York, NY, August, 1995.

Agnew, C.R., Thompson, V.D., & Gaines, S.O. (2000) Integrating the Macro and the Micro: A Multi-level Model of Prejudice Across Outgroups, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, April, 2000, 403-418.

Halpern, C., Agnew, C., Campbell, B., & Thompson, V. (2000) Associations between Stress Reactivity and Sexual and Non-sexual Risk-taking in Adolescent Males. Population Association of America Convention Reports, Spring, 2000.

Halpern, C.T., Campbell, B., Agnew, C.R., Thompson, V., & Udry, J.R. (2002) Associations between Stress Reactivity and Sexual and Nonsexual Risk Taking in Young Adult Human Males. Hormones and Behavior, Dec., 42 (4), 387-398.

Aghananian, A., Tashakkori, A., & Thompson, V. (2007) Attitudes of Iranian Female Adolescents Toward Marriage and Family Formation, Marriage and Family Review, 42 (1), 49-64.

Sweeney, P. J., Thompson, V. & Blanton, H Trust and Influence in Combat: An Interdependence Model, Journal of Applied Psychology, in press.