

Biographies of the Attachment Parenting International Research Group

Katherine Green, Ph.D. (co-leader)

Katherine (Kate) Green has a Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in child development, an MS from Troy State in education, and a BS in psychology. She is currently teaching and doing research at Capella University in the School of Education. Dr. Green has lived in many countries and US states including three years in the Middle East where she taught in an Arab university and did extensive research into Arabic child and family development. Dr. Green has also done international research looking at families who practice Attachment Parenting. Her primary research interests and areas of specialization involve cross cultural parenting practices, especially those concerning pregnancy, birth, infant feeding, sleeping, and early education and play. Dr. Green is a member of the Society for Research in Child Development, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the International Society for Infant Studies, and the Society for Reproductive and Infant Psychology. She is the mother of 4 sons ages 21, 19, 13 and 6, and one 3 year old girl.

Selected Publications and Presentations include:

Green, K. Broome, H, Mirabella, J. (2006). Postnatal Depression in Arabic Mothers: Socio-Cultural and Physical Factors. Accepted for the *Journal of Psychology, Health, and Medicine*.

Green, K. & Smith, D. (2006). Change and Continuity: Child-birth and Parenting Across Three Generations of Women in the United Arab Emirates. Accepted for the *Journal of Child: Care, Health and Development*.

Green, K., Groves, M. & Tegano, D. [Parenting practices that limit transitional object use: an illustration](#). *Journal of Early Child Development and Care*, 174, 5, 427-436.

Green, K., Broome, H., El-Temtamy, N. (April, 2003). A study of behavioral and nutritional factors influencing Emirati maternal health and child development: Report of initial findings. *Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates*.

Green, K. (Dec. 2000) Breastfeeding benefits for mother and baby. *Zahrat Al Khaleej Magazine*, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Green, K., Broome, H. & Groves, M. (April, 2005). *Postnatal depression in Arabic mothers: Socio-cultural and physical factors*. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Broome, H & Green, K. (April, 2005). *Education, work, and the desire for children in an Arab country*. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Green, K. (2004, November). *Childrearing and childcare in Arabian Gulf families; Continuity of traditions and clash of contemporary influences*. Paper presented at the National Association for the Education of Young Children annual conference, Anaheim, CA.

Green, K. (2003). *Pregnancy and birth in the United Arab Emirates: A historical perspective*. Invited presenter at the Middle East Midwifery Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Green, K. & Groves, M. (September, 2001). *Attachment parenting: Revisiting an old practice*. Society for Reproductive and Infant Psychology, Oxford University, UK.

Green, K. & Groves, M. (April, 2001). *Investigation of the "new" practice of attachment parenting: Defining the culture of these family types*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis, MN.

Wendy Middlemiss, Ph.D. (co-leader)

Dr. Middlemiss received a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Syracuse University in 1992. Presently she teaches and completes research at the University of North Texas in the Department of Educational Psychology. She moved here from Penn State University, Shenango, where she had taught in the department of Human Development and Family Studies. Her research has included work in parenting styles and children's competencies, parent education, and infant and toddler sleep habits and their impact on family and children's development. Dr. Middlemiss is a member of the Society for Research in Child Development, the National Council on Family Relations, and the American Psychological Association. She is the mother of one beautiful son.

Publications include:

Curtner-Smith, M.E., Middlemiss, W., Green, K., Murray, A.D., Barone, M., Stolzer, J., Parker, Lysa, Nicholson, B. (2006). An elaboration on the distinction between controversial attachment therapeutic practices and parenting strategies versus mainstream attachment parenting: A comment on the APSAC report. *Child Maltreatment, 11*, 373-374.

Middlemiss, W. & McGuigan, (2005) W. M. Ethnic Differences in the Benefits of Home Visiting Services for Adolescent Mothers. *Family Relations, 54*, 212-224.

Middlemiss, W. (2005). How Do Sleep Arrangements Impact Nurse Practitioners' Assessment of Development? *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, 17*, 33-40.

Middlemiss, W. (2005). Prevention and Intervention: Using Resiliency-Based Multisetting Approaches and a Process-Oriented Approach. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal, 22*, 85-103.

Rothrauff, T., Middlemiss, W., & Jacobson, L. (2004). Comparison of American and Austrian Infants' and Toddlers' Sleep Habits: A Retrospective Study. *North American Journal of Psychology, 6*, 125-124.

McGuigan, W. M. & Middlemiss, W. (2005). Sexual Abuse in Childhood and Interpersonal Violence in Adulthood: A Cumulative Impact on Maternal Depression. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Middlemiss, W. & Meyer, B. J. F. (2004) Introducing and Intergenerational, Internet-Based Tutoring Program: Meeting Program Challenges. *Journal of Intergenerational Relations, 2*, 7-25.

Middlemiss, W. (2004) Infant Sleep: A Review of Normative and Problematic Sleep and Interventions. *Early Child Development and Care, 174*, 99-122.

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Middlemiss, W. (2004). Infant Sleep: A Different Approach to Defining What is Problematic? *Zero to Three, 24*, 46-51.

Meyer, B.J.F., Middlemiss, W., Theodorou, E., Brezinski, K.L., McDougall, J., Bartlett, B. (2002). Effects of Structure Strategy Instruction Delivered to Fifth-Grade Children via the Internet With and Without the Aid of Older Adult Tutors. *Journal of Educational Psychology*.

Mary Elizabeth Curtner-Smith, PhD, CFLE

Dr. Curtner-Smith received a PhD in Child Development/Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1991, a MS in Human Development from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas in 1981, and a BS in Family and Consumer Sciences from Baylor University, Waco, Texas in 1980. Currently, she is an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in parenting and conducts research in the area of parental influences on children's peer aggression and social competence. Dr. Curtner-Smith is a member of the Attachment Parenting Research Group, the Society for Research in Child Development, and the National Council on Family Relations. She is a Certified Family Life Educator and a Core Faculty Member in the Center for the Prevention of Youth Behavior Problems at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. Dr. Curtner-Smith is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship* and she serves as an ad hoc reviewer for several other peer-reviewed research journals. In addition, she serves on the advisory board of several national and local community organizations.

Selected Manuscripts and Presentations:

Jordan, E. F., & Curtner-Smith, M. E. *Racial Variations in Young Adults' Recalled Childhood Experiences With Corporal Punishment and the Quality of Their Current Attachment to Mother*. Manuscript under review.

Curtner-Smith, M. E., & Smith, P. K. (in press). Family-level intervention with bullies and victims. In E. Vernberg and B. Biggs (Eds.), *Preventing and Treating Bullying and Victimization*. Oxford University Press.

Curtner-Smith, M. E., Middlemiss, W., Green, K., Barone, M., Stolzer, J., Parker, L., & Nicholson, B. (2006). An Elaboration on the Distinction Between Controversial Attachment Therapeutic Practices and Parenting Strategies Versus Mainstream Attachment Parenting: A Comment on the APSAC Report. *Child Maltreatment, 11*, 373-374.

Curtner-Smith, M. E., Culp, A. M., Culp, R. E., Scheib, C., Owens, K., Tilley, A., Murphy, M., Parkman, L., & Coleman, P. W. (2006). Mothers' parenting and young economically disadvantaged children's relational and overt bullying. *The Journal of Child and Family Studies, 15*, 177-189.

Curtner-Smith, M. E. (2002). Anger. In N. Salkind (Ed.), *Child Development: Volume One of the Macmillan Psychology Reference Series*. Gale Group: New York: NY.

Curtner-Smith, M. E. (2000). Mechanisms by which family processes contribute to school-aged boys' bullying. *Child Study Journal, 30*, 169-186.

- Curtner-Smith, M. E., Bennett, T. L., & O'Rear, M. (1995). Relations between fathers' occupational conditions, values, perceptions of parenting, and children's depression and aggression. *Family Relations: The Journal of Applied Family and Child Studies*, 44, 299-305.
- Curtner-Smith, M. E., & MacKinnon-Lewis, C. E. (1994). Perceptions of family process effects on adolescent males' susceptibility to antisocial peer pressure. *Family Relations: The Journal of Applied Family and Child Studies*, 43, 462-468.
- MacKinnon-Lewis, C. E., Volling, B., Lamb, M. E., Dechman, K., Rabiner, D., & Curtner, M. E. (1994). A cross-contextual analysis of children's social competence: From family to school. *Developmental Psychology*, 30, 325-333.
- Curtner-Smith, M. E., Jordan, E. F., Plyler, S. B., Boswell, C., & Jeon, H. J. (2009). *Lessons learned: Young adults' recollections of the lessons they learned from receiving corporal punishment in childhood*. Poster to be presented at the Biennial Meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO 2009.
- Curtner-Smith, M. E., & Jordan, E. F. (2009). *Features of Recalled Childhood Corporal Punishment as Predictors of Young Women's Current Attachment to Their Mothers*. Paper to be presented at the Biennial Meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO, April, 2009.
- Jordan, E. F., & Curtner-Smith, M. E. (2007) *Racial Variations in Young Adults' Recalled Childhood Experiences With Corporal Punishment and the Quality of Their Current Attachment to Mother*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Pittsburgh, PA, in November, 2007.
- Curtner-Smith, M. E. (2007). *Developmental Versus Power Assertive Strategies Mothers Say They Would Use to Help Their Children Deal With Bully/Victim Problems*. Research Colloquia Series, Unit for School and Family Studies, Department of Psychology, Goldsmiths College, University of London, July 5, 2007.
- Curtner-Smith, M. E., Jordan, E. F., Porter, M. (2007). *Developmental and Nondevelopmental strategies that Head Start mothers say they would use if their children were involved in bully/victim problems*. Poster to be presented at the biennial meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston, MA, March, 2007. Abstract will be published in refereed proceedings of the meetings.
- Curtner-Smith, M. E., Culp, A. M., Culp, R. E., Scheib, C., Owens, K., Tilley, A., Murphy, M., Parkman, L., & Coleman, P. W. (2005, April). Mothers' Parenting and Young Economically Disadvantaged African American Children's Relational and Overt Bullying. Poster to be presented at the Biennial Meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Culp, A. M., Culp, R. E., Horton, C., Curtner-Smith, M. E., Palermo, F., & Culp, K. C. (2003). Head Start children's playground aggression and teachers' and maternal reports. Presentation at the annual meeting of Division 37, Child, Youth, and Family Services. American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada, August, 2003.
- Culp, R. E., Culp, A. M., & Curtner-Smith, M. E. (2004, December). Physical and relational aggression in preschool-aged children and parenting correlates. Paper presentation at Grand Rounds, Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS.
- Curtner-Smith, M. E., Culp, A., & Culp, R. Bullying and victimization among Black economically disadvantaged children. Presentation at the open house for the Comprehensive Youth Violence Center, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, May 18, 2004.

Culp, R., Culp, A., Curtner-Smith, M. E., & Horton, C. Parenting, partner conflict, and children's playground behaviors. Presentation at the open house for the Comprehensive Youth Violence Center, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, May 18, 2004.

Curtner-Smith, M. E., Culp, A., & Culp, R. Bullying and victimization among Black economically disadvantaged children. Presentation given to site visitors from the Center for Disease Control as part of the site visit for the Comprehensive Youth Violence Center, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, February, 2004.

Ann D. Murray, Ph.D.

Dr. Murray received a PhD in Developmental Psychology from Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia in 1979, an MA in Psychology from Catholic University in 1969, and a BA from Hollins College in 1967. She is currently Associate Professor of Family Studies and Human Services at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. She teaches courses in child development, infant mental health and development, and assessment of young children. Her research interests include infant crying, parent-infant interactions, attachment, early language development, and the development of high risk infants. Dr. Murray is a member of the Society for Research in Child Development, the International Society for Infant Studies, the American Psychological Association, and the World Association for Infant Mental Health. She is also actively involved in the Kansas Association for Infant Mental Health and maintains their website (www.kaimh.org).

Selected Publications and Presentations include:

Murray, A. (1979). Infant crying as an elicitor of parental behavior: An examination of two models. Psychological Bulletin, *86*, 191-215.

Murray, A., Dolby, R., Nation, R., & Thomas, D. (1981). Effects of epidural anesthesia on newborns and their mothers. Child Development, *52*, 71-82.

Dolby, R., English, B., & Murray, A. (1982). Hospital practices that strengthen parent-infant attachment. In R.K. Oates (Ed.), Child abuse - A community concern. Sydney: Butterworth Company.

Murray, A. (1985). Aversiveness is in the ear of the beholder: Perceptions of infant crying by adults. In B. Lester & Z. Boukydis (Eds.), Infant crying: Theoretical and research perspectives. New York: Plenum Publishing Corporation.

Murray, A. (1988). Newborn auditory brainstem evoked responses (ABRs): Longitudinal correlates in the first year. Child Development, *59*, 1542-1554.

Murray, A., Johnson, J., & Peters, J. (1990). Fine-tuning of utterance length to preverbal infants: Effects on later language development. Journal of Child Language, *17*, 511-525.

Murray, A. (1995). Infant attachment and parental bonding: Strategies to prevent intergenerational transmission cycles. Invited Address, Governor's Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Topeka, KS, October.

- Murray, A., & Hornbaker, A. (1997). Maternal directive and facilitative interaction styles: Associations with language and cognitive development of low risk and high risk toddlers. Development and Psychopathology, *9*, 507-516.
- Murray, A. (1998). Parental ideas about infant crying: A grounded theory approach. Presented at the International Conference on Infant Studies, Atlanta, Georgia, April.
- Murray, A., & Yingling, J. (2000). Competence in language at 24 months: Relations with attachment security and home stimulation. Journal of Genetic Psychology, *161*, 133-140.
- Murray, A. (2000). Interpretations of infant crying: Evidence for positive parental distortions. Presented at the International Conference on Infant Studies, Brighton, England, July.
- Nair, H., & Murray, A. (2005). Predictors of attachment security in preschool children from intact and divorced families. Journal of Genetic Psychology, *166*, 245-263.
- Murray, A., Fees, B., Crowe, L., Murphy, M. & Henriksen, A.. (2006). The language environment of toddlers in center-based child care vs. home settings. Early Childhood Education Journal, *34*, 233-239.

Lauren Porter, M.S.

Lauren Porter is the founder and Co-Director of the New Zealand-based Centre for Attachment (www.centreforattachment.com). Lauren obtained her BA (East Asian Studies) in 1988 from UNC Chapel Hill and her Masters Degree in Social Work from New York University, USA in 1995 and has since been dedicated to working with families, children and adolescents in the field of mental health counselling and training. Lauren has worked in a wide range of settings and communities, including Germany and the US, in addition to New Zealand. Her experience has focused on families struggling with issues pertaining to conflict and trauma, including child sexual abuse.

She is an Executive Committee member (Secretary) of the Infant Mental Health Association of Aotearoa New Zealand and a consultant for the 2006 and 2007 television series, *Nought to Five* (TVNZ/Homegrown Television) as well as a regular presenter on TVNZ's *Good Morning*. She provides regular training for various professional organisations in Australia and New Zealand, including NZ College of Midwives, Australian Lactation Consultants Association, New Zealand Lactation Consultants Association, Child Protective Services of Brisbane, Parents Centre NZ, NZ Neonatal Nurses Association and Child and Family Welfare Australia. Her current professional focus is the merging of attachment theory with neuroscientific data, with an eye toward the practical applications of everyday life, including topics such as feeding and sleep. Lauren is the mother of two children, ages 4 and 8, and is married to Joel, a clinical psychologist.

Publications include:

The Science of Attachment, revised and updated, Mothering Magazine, to be published Feb/Mar 2009

Why I Love to Vacuum, Kindred Magazine, December 2007

All Night Long: Understanding the World of Infant Sleep, Breastfeeding Review, November 2007

The Arsenic Hour, Little Treasures Magazine, February 2007

Shouting for Baby, Mothering Magazine, July 2006

The Science of Attachment: The Biological Roots of Love, Mothering Magazine, July/August 2003

Barbara Nicholson, M.Ed.

Barbara Nicholson has a Masters degree in Education from Stephen F. Austin State University and a B.S. from North Texas State University. She taught children with learning disabilities and has been a breastfeeding counselor and parent workshop facilitator for over 25 years. In 1994 she co-founded Attachment Parenting International, and serves as the President of the Board of Directors. She is the co-author of the book *Attached at the Heart: 8 Proven Principles for Raising Connected and Compassionate Children* that will be released in January, 2009. Barbara is a member of ATTACH, the Bowlby Study Group, Los Angeles, CA., TAEYC, and a Leader with La Leche League International

Presentations Include:

Presenter: Vanderbilt School of Nursing, Nashville, TN, *Bonding from the Beginning: How Birth Begins the Attachment Process*, December 13, 2008

Presenter: Tennessee Lactation Commission, Centennial Hospital, Nashville, TN, *Feeding Your Baby With Love and Respect: How the Attachment Process Begins and Ensure Safe Sleep With Your Baby, Physically and Emotionally*, December 9, 2008

Presenter-La Leche League of Washington, Seattle, Washington, *Safe Sleep: How Sleep Location Affects Breastfeeding*, October 18, 2008

Presenter-ATTACH conference, *The Power of Touch*, September 26, 2008

Presenter-La Leche League of Texas, Irving, TX, *The Chemistry of Love: Breastfeeding and Oxytocin*, July 19-20, 2008

Presenter- La Leche League of Texas, Irving, TX, *Safe Sleep: How Sleep Location Affects Breastfeeding*, July 19-20, 2008

Presenter- ATTACH Conference, Providence, RI, *Attachment Parenting for the Adopted Child*, Oct. 10, 2007.

Presenter- La Leche League International, Chicago, IL, *Parenting as a Spiritual Journey*, July 21, 2007.

Presenter- Parents As Teachers Conference, St. Louis, MO. *Attachment Parenting in a Detached World*-April 2007

Presenter- ATTACH Conference, St. Louis, MO. *Attachment Parenting for Adopted Children*-Oct. 2006

Presenter - The 6th Annual Arkansas Conference for Parent Educators, Hot Springs, AR-
Attachment Parenting in a Detached World, 2004

Presenter- *Attachment Parenting*, State-wide conference for parent education sponsored by University of North Texas in Dallas, TX, 2004

Guest speaker, *Attachment Parenting*, The Nurturing Parenting Program Seminar, Nashville, TN, 2003

Presenter, *Attachment Parenting in a Detached World*, The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), NYC, 2002

Presenter, *Attachment Parenting*, WIC of Texas conference, Austin, Texas, 2002

Co-presenter, *Attachment Parenting Workshop for Outreach Workers*, Vanderbilt University Center for Health Services, Mother-Infant Health Outreach Workers (MIHOW) training conference, Jabez, KY, 1999

Lysa Parker, MS, CFLE

Lysa Parker has her Masters in human development and family studies, is a Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) a former teacher for children with disabilities and La Leche League Leader. She is co-founder of Attachment Parenting International, having served as the executive director for thirteen years. She is the co-author of a new book called *Attached at the Heart: 8 Proven Principles for Raising Connected and Compassionate Children* that will be released in January 2009. Lysa is a member of the National Council on Family Relations, The Bowlby Study Group- Los Angeles, CA, & ATTACH.

Currently, Lysa is a parenting consultant in private practice called **Parents Lifeline**. She enjoys speaking and writing about her passion—attachment parenting and is the mother of two grown sons, a stepdaughter and grandmother to twin grandsons. Lysa lives in Madison, Alabama.

Presentations include:

Parker, L. (2008, October) *Attachment Parenting in a Detached World*. Chicago Health Connection, Chicago, IL.

Parker, L. (2008, October) *What is Attachment Parenting?* Head Start In-service, Florence, AL.

Parker, L. (2008, October) *Safe Sleep: How Sleep Location Affects Breastfeeding; Attachment Parenting in a Detached World.* La Leche League of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Parker, L. & Nicholson (2008, September) *The Power of Touch.* ATTACH, Charlotte, NC,

Parker, L. (2008, July) *Breastfeeding, Attachment, & Oxytocin.* La Leche League of Texas, Dallas, TX,

Parker, L., & Nicholson (2007, October) *Attachment Parenting for the Adopted Child.* ATTACH Conference, Providence, RI,

Parker, L., (2005, April). *Attachment Parenting International® (API) Support Group Attendance and Mothers' Parenting Attitudes, Values, and Knowledge.* Poster to be presented at the Society for Research in Adult Development. Atlanta, GA.

Parker, L., (2004, November). *Attachment Parenting International® (API) Support Group Attendance and Mothers' Parenting Attitudes, Values, and Knowledge.* Poster presented at the 66th Annual Conference for the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.

Parker, L. (2004, November). *An Introduction to Attachment Parenting and Attachment Parenting International.* Natural Mothering Friendship Association Symposium, Tokyo, Japan.

Parker, L. & Nicholson, B. (April, 2004). *Attachment Parenting in a Detached World.* The 6th Annual Arkansas Conference for Parent Educators, Hot Springs, AK.

Parker, L. & Nicholson, B., (2002, November). *Attachment Parenting in a Detached World.* National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), New York City, NY.

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