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Present Position

Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Science, David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics, Syracuse University

Education

Ph.D., Human Development and Family Studies, 2011
The Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania

M.S., Human Development and Family Studies, 2008
The Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania

B.A., summa cum laude, Kalamazoo College, 2004
Major: English with Writing Emphasis; Minor: Psychology

Research and Professional Experience

Research Assistant Professor -12/2014-8/2018
Health and Human Development
The Pennsylvania State University
Graduate Faculty Affiliation in Biobehavioral Health

Research Associate-7/2013-8/2018
The Methodology Center
The Pennsylvania State University

Postdoctoral Fellow-7/2011-6/2013
Prevention Research Center and Methodology Center
The Pennsylvania State University

Graduate Assistant-9/2006- 6/2011
Department of Human Development and Family Studies
The Pennsylvania State University

Research Apprentice Fellowship-3/2005-5/2006
Department of Epidemiology
Michigan State University

Research Assistant-8/2004-5/2005
Department of Psychology
Michigan State University

Research Support

Current

8/2019, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, *Do Children Displaying Different Profiles of Cognitive and Behavioral Self-Regulation Respond Differently to Early Education Programs?*
Role: Consultant (PI: B. Bayly)

7/2019, John Templeton Foundation, *Spirituality and Prosocial Values in the Absence of Religion among Millennials and Their Families.*
Role: Co-Investigator (PI; Merril Silverstein)

4/2019, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, *Multilevel risk profiles and reproductive health across adolescence and young adulthood.*
Role: PI.

Completed

9/2015-8/2020, National Institute on Drug Abuse, P50 DA039838, *Multidimensional and time-varying moderation for drug use and HIV research* (Scientific Project of center P50 grant). Role: Co-Investigator (PI: S. Lanza)

7/2015-6/2018, National Institute on Drug Abuse, R01 DA039854, *Age-varying effects in the epidemiology of drug abuse.* Role: Co-Investigator (PI: S. Lanza)

8/2016-7/2018, Office of Adolescent Health, 1TPEAH000001, *Identifying risk typologies and outcome markers to improve early teen pregnancy prevention*. Role: Subcontract PI (PI: J. Glassman)

4/2015-8/2017, National Institute on Drug Abuse, R01 DA037902, *Dynamic links between risk factors, substance use, and consequences: Ages 18-25*. Role: Co-Investigator (PI: M. Patrick)

9/2015-8/2017, Methodology Center, *Using time-varying effect models to understand risky sexual behavior using longitudinal panel data with survey weights*. Role: Principal Investigator

9/2013-8/2016, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, R03 HD077011, *A systems science approach to sexual risk behavior in young women*. Role: Principal Investigator

7/2015-6/2016, National Institute on Drug Abuse, F31 DA039603, *HIV and substance use prevention among maltreated and non-maltreated female adolescents*. Role: Secondary Mentor (PI: M. Maas)

9/2012-8/2015, National Cancer Institute, R01 CA168676, *Advancing tobacco research by integrating systems science and mixture models*. Role: Co-Investigator (PI: S. Lanza)

9/2013-8/2015, National Institute on Drug Abuse, P50 DA010075 (Scientific Project of center P50 grant), *Advances in finite mixture modeling for substance use and HIV research*. Role: Co-Investigator (PI: S. Lanza)

9/2010-8/2015, National Institute on Drug Abuse, P50 DA010075 (Scientific Project of center P50 grant), *New models for joint analysis of intensive longitudinal data and survival data*. Role: Co-Investigator (PI: R. Li)

7/2012-10/2012, Social Science Research Institute, Penn State, *Development, predictors, and consequences of sexual health in young adulthood*. Role: Co-Investigator (PI: E. Lefkowitz).

07/2011-6/2013, National Institute on Drug Abuse, T32 DA017629, *Prevention and Methodology Training (PAMT)* Role: Postdoctoral Fellow, 2011-2013 (PI: M. Greenberg).

7/2006-10/2011, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, R01 AA016016, *Alcohol use and sex in college: Developmental change and situational fluctuations*. Role: Graduate Research Assistant (PI: J. Maggs).

Submitted, Not Funded

10/2018, National Institute of Drug Abuse, *The Etiology of Gender-Based Violence and Substance Use Among Female Adolescents*. Role: Subcontract PI (PI: M. Maas)

10/2016, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, *Sexual Minority Status and Health: A Multidimensional, Developmental Approach*. Role: Co-Investigator (PI: C. Rice)

7/2017, National Institute on Drug Abuse, *The Between-and Within-Person Etiology of Drug Use*. Co-Investigator (PI: S. Lanza).

Publications

***undergraduate student, **graduate student or *postdoctoral fellow as coauthor.

Peer-reviewed articles

Vasilenko, S. A., Espinosa-Hernández, G, Rice, C. E.*, Biello, K., Novak, D., Mayer, K. Mimiaga, M., & Rosenberger, J. G. (2019). Patterns of sexual behavior and associations with well-being among young men who have sex with men in Mexico. *Journal of Sex Research*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1080/00224499.2018.1563667

Vasilenko, S. A., Glassman, J. R., Kugler, K. C., Peskin, M. F., Shegog, R., Markham, C., Tortolero Emory, S., & Coyle, K. K. (2019). Examining the effects of an adolescent pregnancy prevention program by risk profiles: A more nuanced approach to program evaluation. *Journal of Adolescent Health*. doi: 10.1016/j.jadohealth.2018.12.003

Rice, C. E., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, Fish, J. N., & Lanza, S. T. (2019). Sexual minority health disparities: An examination of trends across adulthood. *Annals of Epidemiology*. 31, 20-25. doi: 10.1016/j.annepidem.2019.01.001

Vasilenko, S. A. & Espinosa-Hernández, G. (2019). Multidimensional profiles of religiosity among adolescents: Associations with sexual behaviors and romantic relationships. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*. 29, 414-42. doi: 10.1111/jora.12444.

Lefkowitz, E. S., Wesche, R.**, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Maggs, J. L. (2018). Changes in diverse sexual and contraceptive behaviors across college. *Journal of Sex Research*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1080/00224499.2018.1499854

Maas, M. K.**, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Willoughby, B. (2018). A dyadic approach to pornography use and relationship satisfaction among heterosexual couples: The role of pornography acceptance and anxious attachment. *Journal of Sex Research*, 55, 772-782. doi: 10.1080/00224499.2018.1440281

Epstein, M., Furlong, M., Kosterman, R. Bailey, J. A., King, K. M., **Vasilenko S. A.**, Steeger, C. M., & Hill, K. G. (2018). Adolescent Age of Sexual Initiation and Subsequent Adult Health Outcomes. *American Journal of Public Health, 108*, 822-828. doi: 10.2105/AJPH.2018.304372.

Reid, A.**, Halgunseth, L. C., Espinosa-Hernández, G. & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2018). Sociocultural influences on the association between negative romantic experiences and psychological maladjustment in Mexican adolescents. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1111/jora.12375

Vasilenko, S. A., Rice, C. E.*, & Rosenberger J. G (2017). Patterns of sexual behavior and sexually transmitted infections in young men who have sex with men. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases, 45*, 387–393. doi: 10.1097/OLQ.0000000000000767

Rice C. E.*, **Vasilenko S. A.**, Lanza S. T., Davis J. A., Fields K. S., Ervin M., & Norris Turner, A. (2017). Time since first acting on same-sex attraction and recreational drug use among men who have sex with men (MSM): Is there an effect of “gay age”? *Substance Use and Misuse, 53*, 852-858. doi: 10.1080/10826084.2017.1388407

Vasilenko, S. A., Evans-Polce, R. J.*, & Lanza, S. T. (2017). Age trends in rates of substance use disorders across ages 18–90: Differences by gender and race/ethnicity. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence, 180*, 260-264. doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2017.08.027.

Vasilenko, S. A., Linden-Carmichael, A., Lanza, S. A. & Patrick. M. E. (2017). Sexual behavior and heavy episodic drinking across the transition to adulthood: Differences by college attendance. *Journal of Research on Adolescence, 28*, 473–487. doi: 10.1111/jora.12348

Cleland, C., Lanza, S. T., **Vasilenko S. A.**, & Gwadz, M. (2017). Syndemic risk classes and substance use problems among adults in high-risk urban areas: A latent class analysis. *Frontiers in Public Health, 5*, 237. doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2017.00237

Linden-Carmichael, A. **Vasilenko, S. A.**, Lanza, S. T. & Maggs, J. L. (2017). High-intensity drinking versus heavy episodic drinking: Prevalence rates and relative odds of alcohol use disorder across adulthood. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research, 41*, 1754-1759. doi: 10.1111/acer.13475

Vasilenko, S. A., & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2017). Sexual behavior and daily affect in emerging adulthood. *Emerging Adulthood, 6*, 191-199. doi: 10.1177/2167696818767503

Vasilenko, S. A. (2017). Age-varying associations between non-marital sexual behavior and depressive symptoms across adolescence and young adulthood. *Developmental Psychology, 53*, 366-378. doi: 10.1037/dev0000229

- Piper, M. E., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, Cook, J. W., & Lanza, S. T. (2016). What a difference a day makes: Differences in initial abstinence response during a smoking cessation attempt. *Addiction, 112*, 330-339. doi: 10.1111/add.13613
- Wesche, R.**, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2016). Latent classes of sexual behaviors: Prevalence, predictors and consequences. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy, 14*, 100-111. doi: 10.1007/s13178-016-0228-y
- Espinosa-Hernández, G., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, McPherson, J. L.**, Gutierrez, E.***, & Rodriguez, A.*** (2016). The role of three dimensions of sexual well-being in adolescents' life satisfaction. *Journal of Adolescence, 55*, 61-65. doi: 10.1016/j.adolescence.2016.12.009
- Patrick, M. E., Kloska, D. D., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Lanza, S. T. (2016). Perceived friends' use as a risk factor for marijuana use across young adulthood. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, 30*, 904-914. doi: 10.1037/adb0000215.
- Lanza, S. T., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Russell, M. A., (2016). Time-varying effect modeling to address new questions in behavioral research: Examples in marijuana use. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, 30*, 939-954. doi: 10.1037/adb0000208
- Vasilenko, S. A.**, Kugler, K. C., & Rice, C. E.* (2016). Timing of first sexual intercourse and young adult health outcomes. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 59*, 291-297. doi: 10.1016/j.jadohealth.2016.04.019
- Russell, M. A., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, Lanza, S. T. (2016). Age-varying links between violence exposure and behavioral, mental, and physical health using the Time-Varying Effect Model. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 59*, 186-196. doi: 10.1016/j.jadohealth.2016.03.038
- Vasilenko, S. A.**, Espinosa-Hernández, G., & Halgunseth, L. C. (2016). Positive and negative perceived consequences of first intercourse among middle and high school students in Puebla, Mexico. *Culture, Health and Sexuality, 18*, 582-596. doi: 10.1080/13691058.2015.1101164
- Lefkowitz, E. S., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Leavitt, C.** (2016). Oral and vaginal sex consequences among first-year college students. *Archives of Sexual Behavior, 45*, 329-337. doi: 10.1007/s10508-015-0654-6
- Espinosa-Hernández, G., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Bamaca-Colbert, M. Y. (2016). Sexual behaviors in Mexico: The role of values and gender across adolescence. *Journal of Research on Adolescence, 26*, 603-609. doi: 10.1111/jora.12209

Kugler, K.C., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, Butera, N.*** & Coffman, D. (2015). Long-term consequences of early sexual initiation on young adult health: A causal inference approach. *Journal of Early Adolescence*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1177/0272431615620666

*Schuler, M. S., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Lanza, S. T. (2015). Age-varying associations between substance use behaviors and depressive symptoms during adolescence and young adulthood. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 157, 75-82. doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2015.10.005

Vasilenko, S. A., Kugler, K. C., & Lanza, S. T. (2016). Latent classes of adolescent sexual and romantic relationship experiences: Implications for adult sexual health and relationship outcomes. *Journal of Sex Research*, 53, 742-753. doi: 10.1080/00224499.2015.1065952

Espinosa-Hernández, G., & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2015). Patterns of relationship and sexual behaviors in Mexican adolescents and associations with well-being: A latent class approach. *Journal of Adolescence*, 44, 280-290. doi:10.1016/j.adolescence.2015.08.011

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Lanza, S.T. & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2015). New methods shed light on age of onset as a risk factor for nicotine dependence. *Addictive Behaviors*, 50, 161-164. doi: 10.1016/j.addbeh.2015.06.024

Vasilenko, S. A., Kugler, K. C., Butera, N.***, & Lanza, S. T. (2015). Patterns of adolescent sexual behavior predicting young adult sexually transmitted infections: A latent class analysis approach. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 44, 705-715. doi: 10.1007/s10508-014-0258-6

Vasilenko, S. A., Maas, M. K.**, & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2015). "It felt good but weird at the same time": Emerging adults' first experiences of six different sexual behaviors. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 30, 586-606. doi: 10.1177/0743558414561298

Vasilenko, S. A., Kreager, D. A., & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2015). Gender, contraceptive attitudes, and condom use in adolescent romantic relationships: A dyadic approach. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 25, 51-62. doi: 10.1111/jora.12091

Evans-Polce*, R. J., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Lanza, S.T. (2015). Changes in gender and racial/ethnic disparities in rates of cigarette use, regular heavy episodic drinking, and marijuana use: Ages 14 to 32. *Addictive Behaviors*, 41, 219-222. doi: 10.1016/j.addbeh.2014.10.029.

Vasilenko, S. A., & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2014). Changes in religiosity after first intercourse in the transition to adulthood. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality, 6*, 310-315. doi: 10.1037/a0037472

Vasilenko, S.A. & Lanza, S. T. (2014). Predictors of multiple sexual partners from adolescence through young adulthood. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 56*, 491-497. doi: 10.1016/j.jadohealth.2013.12.025

Lefkowitz, E.S., Kelly, K. M. ***, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Maggs, J. L. (2014). Correlates of human papillomavirus vaccination among female university students. *Women & Health, 54*, 487-501. doi: 10.1080/03630242.2014.903552

Vasilenko, S. A., Piper, M. E., Lanza, S. T. Liu, X.**, Yang, J., & Li, R. (2014). Time-varying processes involved in smoking lapse in a randomized trial of smoking cessation therapies. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research, 16*, S134-S143. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntt185

Lanza, S. T., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, Liu, X.**, Piper, M. E., & Li, R. (2014). Advancing understanding of the dynamics of smoking cessation using the time-varying effect model. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research, 16*, S127-S134. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntt128

Liu, X.**, Lanza, S. T., Li, R., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Piper, M. E. (2013). Understanding the role of cessation fatigue in the smoking cessation process. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence, 133*, 548-555. doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2013.07.025

Espinosa-Hernández, G., Bamaca-Colbert, M. Y., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Mirzoeff, C. A.* (2013). Timing of sexual behaviors among female adolescents of Mexican-origin: The role of cultural variables. *Child Studies in Diverse Contexts, 3*, 159-173. doi: csdc.2013.3.2.159

Vasilenko, S. A., Duntzee,* C. I., Zheng, Y.*, & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2013). Testing two process models of religiosity and sexual behavior. *Journal of Adolescence, 36*, 667-673. doi:10.1016/j.adolescence.2013.04.002

Vasilenko, S. A., Lefkowitz, E. S., & Maggs, J. L. (2012). Short-term positive and negative consequences of sex based on daily reports among college students. *Journal of Sex Research, 49*, 558-569. doi:10.1080/00224499.2011.589101

Lefkowitz, E. S., Patrick, M. E., Morgan, N. R., Bezemer, D. H.**, & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2012). State Patty's Day: College student drinking and local crime increased on a student-constructed holiday. *Journal of Adolescent Research, 27*, 323-350. doi: 10.1177/0743558411417866

Vasilenko, S. A., Ram, N., & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2011). Body image and first sexual intercourse in late adolescence. *Journal of Adolescence*. 34, 327-335. doi: 10.1016/j.adolescence.2010.04.005.

Edited Volumes

Vasilenko, S. A., Lefkowitz, E. S. & Welsh, D. P. (2014). *Is sexual behavior healthy for adolescents? A conceptual framework for research on adolescent sexual behavior and physical, mental, and social health*. In E.S. Lefkowitz & **S.A. Vasilenko** (Eds.), *New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development: Positive and negative outcomes of sexual behaviors*. 144. (pp. 3-19). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Lefkowitz, E. S. & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2014). *Healthy sex and sexual health: New directions for studying outcomes of sexual health*. In E.S. Lefkowitz & **S.A. Vasilenko** (Eds.), *New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development: Positive and negative outcomes of sexual behaviors*. 144. (pp. 87-98). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Lefkowitz, E. S., Gillen, M. M., & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2011). Putting the romance back into sex: Sexuality and romantic relationships in emerging adulthood. In F. D. Fincham & M. Cui (Eds.). *Romantic Relationships in Emerging Adulthood*. (pp. 213-233). Cambridge University Press.

Under Review

Vasilenko, S. A. (2018). *More than the sum of their parts: A dyad-centered approach to understanding sexual behavior*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Bayly, B. L.*, & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2018). *Multi-dimensional risk and protective factors in adolescence: Precursors to later internalizing and externalizing outcomes*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Vasilenko, S. A., Rice, C. E., & Rosenberger J. G. (2018). Physical and emotional satisfaction at first same sex anal sex for young gay and bisexual men. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Presentations

***undergraduate student, **graduate student or *postdoctoral fellow as coauthor.

Peer-reviewed presentations

Vasilenko, S. A., Glassman, J. R., Kugler, K. C., Peskin, M. F., Shegog, R., Markham, C., Tortolero Emory, S., & Coyle, K. K. (2019, March). Multidimensional predictors of sexual behaviors and program effectiveness in a teen pregnancy prevention program: A person-centered approach. In Vasilenko, S. A. (Chair). *Multilevel Risk Factors and Sexual Behavior in Diverse Adolescents*. Paper presented to the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, M.D.

Espinosa-Hernández, G., Lombardi, K.***, Garcia, D.***, Garcia-Carpenter, R.***, & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2019, March). The role of daily stressors in Mexican adolescent normative sexuality. In Vasilenko, S. A. (Chair). *Multilevel Risk Factors and Sexual Behavior in Diverse Adolescents*. Paper to be presented to the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, M.D.

Rice, C. E., Fish, J. N., & **Vasilenko, S. A.**, (2018, April). Latent classes of discrimination among sexual minority adults: Associations with substance use disorders. In Bray, B. C. (Chair), *Understanding substance use across adolescence and adulthood: Innovative contributions of person-centered approaches*. Poster presented to the Society for Behavioral Medicine, New Orleans, L.A.

Vasilenko, S. A., & Espinosa-Hernández, G., (2018, April). Multidimensional patterns of adolescent religiosity and associations with sexual behaviors and romantic relationships. In Hardy, S. (Chair). *Religion and Spirituality in Adolescence*. Paper presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, M.N.

Vasilenko, S. A., Rice, C. E., & Rosenberger, J. G. (2018, April). Sexual orientation disclosure to family and peers and sexual and relationship outcomes in young gay men. In Sun, X. (Chair). *The Role of Family in Adolescent and Young Adult Romantic and Sexual Relationships: A Call for Systems Research*. Paper presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, M.N.

Espinosa-Hernández, G., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & McPherson, J**, Matney, R.***, Fountain, C.***, & Garcia-Carpenter, R.*** (2018, April). Patterns of parenting behavior in Mexican adolescents and associations with sexual behaviors: A latent class approach. In Sun, X. (Chair). *The Role of Family in Adolescent and Young Adult Romantic and Sexual Relationships: A Call for Systems Research*. Paper presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, M.N.

Vasilenko, S. A., Rice, C. E.*, & Rosenberger, J. G. (2017, November). Age at first same-sex anal intercourse and physical and emotional satisfaction in young MSM. Paper presented to the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Atlanta, G.A.

Vasilenko, S. A., Espinosa-Hernández, G, Rice, C. E.*, Rosenberger, J. G., Biello, K., & Mimiaga, M. (2017, November). Patterns of sexual behavior and associations with well-being among young men who have sex with men in Mexico. Paper presented to the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Atlanta, G.A.

Espinosa-Hernandez, G., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & McPherson, J**. (2017, November). Patterns of sexual well-being in Mexican adolescents and associations with mental health: A latent class approach. Paper presented to the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Atlanta, G.A.

Vasilenko, S. A., Rice, C. E.*, & Rosenberger, J. G. (2017, May). Multidimensional patterns of sexual risk behavior among young men who have sex with men. In Rice, C. E. (Chair), *Sexual Minority Health Disparities: Using Innovative Methods to Explore Different Etiologies*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Rice, C. E.*, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Lanza, S. T. (2017, May). An Examination of Sexual Minority Health Disparities Across the Life Course. In Rice, C. E. (Chair), *Sexual Minority Health Disparities: Using Innovative Methods to Explore Different Etiologies*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Epstein, M., Furlong, M., Kosterman, & **Vasilenko S. A.** (2017). *A safe age for sex? Sexual debut timing in adolescence and consequences for adult health*. Poster presented to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Vasilenko, S. A., & Kugler, K. C. (2017, April). Multidimensional patterns of parent, peer, and religious socialization predicting adolescent sexual behavior. In Halgunseth, L. C. (Chair), *Contextual Influences on Adolescent Sexual Behaviors: An Integrative Ecological Approach*. Paper presented to the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, T.X.

Espinosa-Hernández, G., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, Halgunseth, L. C., & Garcia, D.*** (2017, April). Age differences in the association between parental solicitation and sexual behaviors among Mexican adolescents. In Halgunseth, L. C. (Chair), *Contextual Influences on Adolescent Sexual Behaviors: An Integrative Ecological Approach*. Paper presented to the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, T.X.

Rice C. E.*, **Vasilenko S. A.**, Rosenberger J. G., Davis J. A., Fields K. S., Ervin M., & Lanza S. T. (2016, October). "Gay Age": Is it associated with risky behavior among MSM? Paper presented to the Transforming Care: Midwest Conference on LGBTQ Health Equity and HIV/AIDS, Columbus, Ohio.

Shenk, C. & **Vasilenko S. A.** (2016, September). *Contamination in child maltreatment research: Novel methods for enhancing replication of effects*. Paper presented to the Developmental Methods Conference, Whitefish, M.T.

Rice C. E.*, **Vasilenko S. A.**, Rosenberger J. G., Lanza S.T. (2016, September). *“Sexual age” and sexual risk behaviors among men who have sex with men*. Paper presented to the STD Prevention Conference, Atlanta, G.A.

Vasilenko, S. A. (2016, June). Sexual behavior and depressive symptoms across adolescence and young adulthood. In Russell, M. (Chair), *Diverse Applications of Time-Varying Effect Modeling to Answer Important Questions in Prevention Science*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, C.A.

Patrick, M. E., Kloska, D. D., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Lanza, S. T. (2016, June). Perceived friends' use as a risk factor for marijuana use across young adulthood. In Russell, M. (Chair), *Diverse Applications of Time-Varying Effect Modeling to Answer Important Questions in Prevention Science*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, C.A.

Vasilenko, S. A. (2016, June). Using the time-varying effect model with intensive longitudinal data to inform prevention research. In Liu, S. (Chair), *New Insights to Prevention Sciences from Intensive Longitudinal Data*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research to the Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, C.A.

Rice, C. E.*, Lanza, S. T., & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2016, June). *“Gay age” and recreational drug use among men who have sex with men*. Poster presented to the Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, C.A.

Vasilenko, S. A. (2016, March). Time-varying associations between sexual behavior and depressive symptoms from adolescence into emerging adulthood: The effect of gender, race/ethnicity, religiosity and parent attitudes. In Halgunseth, L. C. (Chair), *Adolescent sexual and romantic experiences and psychological adjustment: A focus on Latino adolescents*. Paper presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, M.D.

Reid, A.**, Halgunseth, L. C., Espinosa-Hernández, G. & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2016, March). Negative romantic experiences and psychological adjustment in Mexican adolescents: The role of cultural values. In Halgunseth, L. C. (Chair), *Adolescent sexual and romantic experiences and psychological adjustment: A focus on Latino adolescents*. Paper presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, M.D.

Espinosa-Hernández, G., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, McPherson, J**, Harris, C.*, & Hurtado-Hoyos, C.*** (2016, March). Sexual well-being and psychological adjustment among adolescents in Mexico. In Halgunseth, L. C. (Chair), *Adolescent sexual and romantic experiences and psychological adjustment: A focus on Latino adolescents*. Paper presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, M.D.

Vasilenko, S. A., & Boone, M.* (2015, May). Gender differences in associations between sexual behavior and depressive symptoms from adolescence to early adulthood. In Boone, M. (Chair), *Correlates and outcomes of health disparities in sexual risk behaviors for diverse young adults*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Vasilenko, S. A. (2015, May). Using TVEM to examine time from event processes: The example of sexual behavior over time in a relationship. In Russell, M. (Chair), *Time-Varying Effect Models: A Novel Technique for Addressing Crucial Questions in the Prevention of Health-Risk Behavior*. Poster presented to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Boone, M.*, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Lanza, S. T. (2015, May). Racial differences in time-varying effect of age of sexual debut on sexual risk behavior. In Boone, M. (Chair), *Correlates and outcomes of health disparities in sexual risk behaviors for diverse young adults*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Vasilenko, S. A. (2015, March). Using the time-varying effect model to examine change by age and time from an event: Changes in adolescent sexual risk behavior. In Henneberger, A. K. (Chair), *Applying innovative longitudinal methods to the study of developmental contexts in adolescence*. Paper presented to the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, P.A.

Espinosa-Hernández, G., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Moore, D.*** (2015, March). Patterns of romantic and sexual behaviors in Mexican adolescents and associations with well-being: A latent class approach. Poster presented to the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, P.A.

Wesche, R.**, Lefkowitz, E. S., & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2015, March). Latent classes of sexual behaviors: Prevalence, predictors and consequences. Poster presented to the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, P.A.

Maas, M. K.**, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Willoughby, B. J. (2014, November). *A dyadic approach to pornography use and relationship satisfaction among heterosexual couples*. Paper presented to the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Omaha, N.E.

Wesche, R.**, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2014, November). *Sexual behavior patterns in romantic and nonromantic partnerships*. Poster presented to the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Omaha, N.E.

Vasilenko, S. A., & Lanza, S. T. (2014, May). Using the time-varying effect model to examine changes in predictors of multiple sexual partners from adolescence through young adulthood. In Henneberger, A. K. (Chair), *Preventing risky behavior across development: Applying innovative longitudinal methods to strengthen prevention science*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Vasilenko, S. A., Lanza, S. T., & Barber, J. S. (2014, May). Patterns of condom use over time in sexual partnerships. In Evans-Polce, R. J. (Chair), *A new approach to the etiology of health risk behaviors: Estimating change over historical time, developmental time, and time from an event*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Evans-Polce,* R. J., **Vasilenko, S. A., & Lanza, S. T.** (2014, May) Disparities in rates of cigarette use, regular heavy episodic drinking, and marijuana use across ages 14-32: An application of the time-varying effect model. In Evans-Polce, R. J. (Chair), *A new approach to the etiology of health risk behaviors: Estimating change over historical time, developmental time, and time from an event*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Vasilenko, S. A. & Lanza, S. T. (2014, March). Time-varying associations between problem behavior and multiple sexual partners through adolescence and young adulthood: A demonstration of the time-varying effect model. In Henneberger, A. K. (Chair), *The development of risky behavior in adolescence: Applying innovative longitudinal methods to strengthen research and practice*. Paper presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Austin, T.X.

Vasilenko, S. A., Lefkowitz, E. S., & Welsh, D. P. (2014, March). A conceptual framework for research on adolescent sexual behavior and physical, mental, and social health. In **Vasilenko, S. A.** (Chair), *Is sexual behavior positive or negative for adolescents? New directions in research on outcomes of adolescent sexual behavior*. Paper presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Austin, T.X.

Lefkowitz, E. S., Wesche, R.** , & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2014, March). Longitudinal development of sexual behaviors during late adolescence: Exploring the role of relationship context. In O'Sullivan, L. (Chair), *Behind closed doors: A closer examination of the relationship contexts and dynamics of young people's sexual lives*. Paper presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Austin, T.X.

Vasilenko, S. A., Lanza, S. T., Li, R., & Barber, J. S. (2013, May). Time-varying predictors of sexual behaviors in young adult women. In Kugler, K.C. (Chair), *Innovative methods for assessing the etiology of sexual behaviors among adolescents and young adults*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, C.A.

Lanza, S. T., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, Butera, N.***, & Kugler, K. C. (2013, May). A latent class approach to measuring adolescent sexual behavior. In Kugler, K.C. (Chair), *Innovative methods for assessing the etiology of sexual behaviors among adolescents and young adults*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, CA.

Kugler, K. C., Butera, N.***, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Coffman, D. (2013, May). Long-term consequences of adolescent depression on later sexual risk behavior and sexually transmitted infections: A causal analysis. In Kugler, K.C. (Chair), *Innovative methods for assessing the etiology of sexual behaviors among adolescents and young adults*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, CA.

Maas, M. K.**, Katz, D.**, & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2013, May). *Gender differences in idealized and actual romantic relationship events in adolescents: Implications for preventative safe sex interventions for Adolescents*. Poster presented to the Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, CA.

Vasilenko, S. A., Kugler, K. C., Butera, N.***, & Lanza, S. T. (2013, April). *Patterns of sexual behavior in adolescence: A latent class approach*. Poster presented to the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.

Vasilenko, S. A., Espinosa-Hernández, G., & Halgunseth, L. C. (2013, April). *Positive and negative perceived consequences of first intercourse in Mexican adolescents*. Poster presented to the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.

Maas, M. K.**, Katz, D.**, & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2013, April). *Comparing idealized and actual romantic relationship events in adolescents*. Poster presented to the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.

Vasilenko, S. A., Lanza, S. T., Liu, X.**, Yang, J., Li, R., & Piper, M. E. (2013, March). *Time-varying predictors of smoking after quit attempt: Application of a new approach to EMA data*. Poster presented to the Society for Nicotine and Tobacco Research, Boston, MA.

Vasilenko, S. A., Liu, X.**, Lanza, S. T., Piper, M., & Li, R. (2012, May/June). Smoking cessation fatigue in relapsers and successful quitters using a time-varying effects model. In **Vasilenko, S. A.** (Chair), *Uncovering the dynamics of smoking cessation processes: New approaches to analysis of ecological momentary assessment data*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Vasilenko, S. A., Cox, J.** Smith, E. A., & Caldwell, L. L. (2012, May/June). *Sexual initiation in South African Adolescents*. Poster presented to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Scott, J.**, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, Shiyko, M. S., & Caldwell, L. L. (2012, May/June) *Why are they bored? Momentary predictors of boredom among minority youth*. In Caldwell, L. L. (Chair), *Promoting physical health through leisure activity and experience*. Paper presented to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Vasilenko, S. A., Lefkowitz, E. S., & Maggs, J. L. (2012, March). How late adolescents feel about their first experiences of kissing, touching and four other sexual behaviors. In Moilanen, K. L. (Chair), *More than a feeling: psychosocial and health outcomes of sexual behavior in adolescence*. Paper presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Vancouver, Canada.

Kreager, D. A., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Lefkowitz, E. A. (2012, March). Partner attitudes and contraceptive behavior in adolescent romantic couples. In **Vasilenko, S. A.** (Chair), *Sexual attitudes and behaviors: The role of gender and partner attitudes*. Paper presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Vancouver, Canada.

Espinosa-Hernández, G., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, Darazdi, J. E.*** & Daugherty, J. C.*** (2012, March). The role of gender in sexual behaviors, values and expectations among adolescents living in Mexico. In **Vasilenko, S. A.** (Chair), *Sexual attitudes and behaviors: The role of gender and partner attitudes*. Paper presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Vancouver, Canada.

Espinosa-Hernández, G., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Bámaca-Colbert, M. Y. (2012, March). *Romantic events, sexual behaviors, and psychological outcomes among female adolescents of Mexican origin*. Poster presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Vancouver, C.A.

Kelly, K. M.***, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2012, March). *Predictors of HPV vaccination in late adolescence*. Poster presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Vancouver, Canada.

Lai, M. H.**, Solmeyer, A. R.**, Anzman-Frasca, S.**, Shiyko, M*, & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2011, August). *Identifying patterns of risky drinking and injuries using the ICARIS-2 dataset: Are there additional risks for Hispanics?* Paper presented at the National Hispanic Science Network International Conference, Coral Gables, F.L.

Anzman-Frasca, S.**, Lai, M. H.**, Shiyko, M. S.*, Soli, A.**, & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (2011, June). Identifying patterns of risky drinking and injuries. In Eddy, M. (Chair). *2011 Sloboda & Bukowski SPR Cup*. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Vasilenko, S. A. & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2011, April). Changes in religiosity after the transition to first sexual intercourse. In **Vasilenko, S. A.** (Chair), *Religiosity and adolescent development: Associations with identity, sexual behavior, and adjustment*. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.

Lefkowitz, E. S., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Maggs, J. L. (2011, March). Subjective positive and negative consequences of oral vs. vaginal sex. In Lefkowitz, E. S. & **Vasilenko, S. A.** (Chairs), *Gender differences in the predictors and consequences of sexual behavior*. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.

Vasilenko, S. A., Lefkowitz, E. S., & Maggs, J. L. (2011, April). *Sexual behavior and daily affect in late adolescence*. Poster presented to the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.

Lefkowitz, E. S., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Maggs, J. L. (2010, March). How positive affect, negative affect, and sexual partner vary by oral vs. vaginal sex. In E. S. Lefkowitz (Chair), *Oral sex in adolescence: Timing, correlates, and subjective meaning*. Symposium presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Philadelphia, P.A.

Espinosa-Hernández, G., Mirzoeff, C. A.***, Waters, C. L.***, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Bamaca-Colbert, M. Y. (2010, March). *Sexual values, sexual attitudes, and sexual experiences among Mexican-origins girls: Examining cultural values as moderators*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Philadelphia, P.A.

Ianucci, T.***, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, Lefkowitz, E. S., & Maggs, J. L. (2010, March). *Religiosity and sexual behavior in late adolescence: The mediating role of motivations for sex*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Philadelphia, P.A.

Vasilenko, S. A., Lefkowitz, E. S., & Maggs, J. L. (2009, October). Psychological distress and sexual behaviors in emerging adulthood. In Wallace, S. (Chair), *Sexual identity and sexual risks*. Symposium presented at the Conference on Emerging Adulthood, Atlanta, G.A.

Lefkowitz, E. S., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, Patrick, M. E., & Maggs, J. L. (2009, April). College students' use of Facebook to create a drinking holiday. In E. S. Lefkowitz (Chair), *The Internet as a social context for youth well-being, aggression, and alcohol use*. Symposium presented at the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, C.O.

Vasilenko, S. A., Gillen, M. M., & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2009, April). *Longitudinal associations between body image and first sexual intercourse in late adolescents*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, C.O.

Espinosa-Hernández, G.***, **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2008, March). *Changes in sexual attitudes and condom use during college*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, I.L.

Vasilenko, S. A., Shearer, C. L., & Lefkowitz, E. S. (2008, March). *Associations between gendered personality and feminist identity development in late adolescence*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, I.L.

Vasilenko, S. A., Weichold, K., Buettig, S.**, & Silbereisen, R. K. (2008, March). *Associations between pubertal timing and externalizing behaviors in late adolescent girls: Is stable early maturation a greater risk for externalizing behavior?* Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, I.L.

Vasilenko, S. A. & Almeida, D. M. (2007, October). *Associations among weight gain, body image and sexuality in midlife: Do weight concerns mediate the age-related decline in sexual satisfaction?* Poster presented at the Society for the Study of Human Development, State College, P.A.

Symposium discussant

In Moilanen, K., (Chair). *Identifying and describing types of sexual risk-takers in emerging adulthood*. Symposium presented to the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2018, April).

Invited Presentations

Vasilenko, S. A. (2018, April). *More than the sum of their parts: A dyad-centered approach to adolescent sexual behavior*. Presentation at the Romantic Relationships Preconference, Society for Research on Adolescence. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Vasilenko, S.A., & Rice, C. E. (2017, April). Applying innovative methods to study the developmental and multidimensional nature of sexuality. Methodology Center Brownbag, University Park, PA.

Lanza, S. T., **Vasilenko, S. A.**, & Evans-Polce, R. J. (2013, November) *The future of regression: Time-varying effect models to explore historical and developmental shifts in coefficients*. Joint Prevention Research Center/Methodology Center Seminar. University Park, P.A.

Teaching Experience

Course Instructor

Instructor, CFS 363, Midlife Development and Gerontology
Syracuse University, Fall 2019.

Instructor, CFS 388, Human Sexuality
Syracuse University, Fall 2018, Spring 2019.

Instructor, BBH 597, Introduction to Time-Varying Effect Models
The Pennsylvania State University, Spring 2016, Spring 2018.

Co-Instructor, HDFS 597, Introduction to Time-Varying Effect Models
The Pennsylvania State University, Spring 2015.

Instructor, HDFS 518, Applied Statistics Lab
The Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2009.

Co-Instructor, HDFS 239, Adolescent Development
The Pennsylvania State University, Summer 2009.

Workshops

Co-Instructor, An Introduction to Time-Varying Effect Models to Study Development in Secondary Data
Society for Research Child Development, Conference on the Use of Secondary and Open Source Data in Developmental Science. Phoenix, A.Z., October, 2018

Instructor, An Introduction to the Time-Varying Effect Model
Department of Public Health Science, Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, P.A., October, 2016

Co-Instructor, Time-varying Effect Modeling in Developmental Research on Adolescence
Preconference Workshop presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, M.D., March, 2016

Co-Instructor, Introduction to Time-Varying Effect Models
Summer Institute on Innovative Methods, Bethesda, M.D., June 2015

Co-Instructor, Time-Varying Effect Models in Prevention Research
Preconference Workshop presented at the Society for Prevention Research, Washington D.C., May 2014

Teaching Assistant

Lab Instructor and Teaching Assistant, HDFS 312w, Empirical Inquiry
The Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011.

Teaching Assistant, HDFS 412, Adult Child Relationships
The Pennsylvania State University, Spring 2011.

Teaching Assistant, HDFS 433, Transition to Adulthood
The Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2008, Fall 2009.

Teaching Assistant, HDFS 239, Adolescent Development
The Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2007, Spring 2008.

Teaching Assistant, HDFS 129, Introduction to HDFS
The Pennsylvania State University, Spring 2008.

Guest Lectures

Adolescent Development (HDFS 239), Fall, 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Summer 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2011, Summer 2011, Spring 2011 Topics: sexual behavior, sexual minority youth, internalizing problems, romantic relationships, gender socialization

Empirical Inquiry (HDFS 312w), Spring 2015, Fall, 2013, Fall 2012, Fall, 2011, Fall, 2010, Fall 2008, Topics: the research cycle, tests of groups differences

Transition to Adulthood (HDFS 433), Spring 2011, Fall, 2008, Topics: sexual behavior and mental health, alcohol use in college

New Methods for Analyzing Intensive Longitudinal Data (HDFS 597), Fall 2014, Topic: time-varying effect models for historical and developmental time

Mentorship

Dissertation Committees

Committee Member

2018-present, Jennifer King, Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University

2016-2017, Jessica Salas-Brooks, Biobehavioral Health, Pennsylvania State University

2014-2016, Lisa Boyd, Sociology, Pennsylvania State University

Prevention and Methodology Training Program

Methodology Mentor

2017-2019, Ben Bayly, post-doctoral fellow, Prevention Center and Methodology Center
2014-2015, Megan Maas, pre-doctoral fellow, Human Development and Family Studies.

Graduate Advisees

Sara Alansari, MS student, Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University

Service

To the Profession

Editorial Board Membership

- Consulting Editor, Journal of Research on Adolescence, 2016-present
- Editorial Board, Methods and Measures Section, Applied Developmental Science, 2018-present

Journal Ad Hoc Reviewer

- Acta Paediatrica, 2011
- American Journal of Epidemiology, 2018, 2019
- American Journal of Public Health, 2016
- Archives of Sexual Behavior, 2015
- Child Development Perspectives, 2010
- Development and Psychopathology, 2015, 2016
- Developmental Psychology, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Drug and Alcohol Dependence, 2016, 2018
- GLBT Family Studies, 2014
- Health Education and Behavior, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
- Journal of Adolescence, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Journal of Adolescent Research, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Journal of Adolescent Health, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Use, 2017
- Journal of Homosexuality, 2016
- Journal of Personality, 2016
- Journal of Research on Adolescence, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Journal of Sex Research, 2016
- Nicotine and Tobacco Research, 2014

- Prevention Science, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018
- Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, 2016, 2017
- Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, 2018
- Psychology of Religion and Spirituality, 2013, 2014
- Sexuality and Culture, 2011
- Sexuality Research and Social Policy, 2019
- Sex Roles, 2013, 2018

Conference Submission Reviewer

- Society for Research on Adolescence, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016
- Society for Research in Child Development, 2011, 2013, 2017
- Society for Prevention Research, 2013, 2014

Memberships in Professional Societies

- Society for Research in Child Development, Member, SRCD Latino Caucus
- Society for Research on Adolescence
- Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

To the University

College

- Member, Student Research Day Committee, Falk College, Syracuse University 2019-present

Department

- Member, Search Committee, Faculty position in Human Development and Family Science (gerontology), Syracuse University, 2019
- Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University 2019-present
- Member, Search Committee, Lecturer position in Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University, 2019
- Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Human Development and Family Science, Syracuse University 2018-2019
- Organizer, Complex Data Special Interest Group, Methodology Center, Penn State, 2012-2016