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**Research Interests**

My research focuses on issues of adult psychological maladjustment including social anxiety and loneliness in relation to past experiences of parental rejection. I am also interested in how family of origin experiences relate to the structure and experience of adult partnerships and parenthood.

**Education**

2016 University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut – M.A., Human Development and Family Studies

Thesis: *Viewing Loneliness From an Interpersonal Acceptance- Rejection Perspective: Pilot Testing a New Loneliness Measure and Testing the Relation of Loneliness to Adults' Remembrances of Parental Acceptance and Rejection in Childhood*

Committee Members: Drs. Kari Adamsons, Ronald Rohner, & Rhiannon Smith

2011 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences – B.S., Nursing, Magna Cum Laude

**Publications – Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

Rohner, R. P., Putnick, D. L., **Molaver, A. D.**, Ali, S., Butt, M. M., Ibrahim, D. M., Aurino, C., Blom, M. J. M., Darwesh, F. H., Auricchio, S., Radha, A. H., Miranda, M. C., Adamsons, K., and Senese, V. P. (2018). Psychological maladjustment mediates the link between remembrances of parental rejection in childhood and loneliness in adulthood: Across-cultural comparative study. (submitted for publication to *Journal of Child and Family Studies*)

Adamsons, K.,& **Molaver, A. D.** (In progress). Longitudinal actor and partner effects between relationship quality and men’s and women’s mental health. To be submitted to *Journal of Social Psychology*.

**Molaver, A. D.**, Smith, R. L., & Brenick, A. (In progress). Testing the relations of adults’ remembrances of parental acceptance-rejection in childhood to adults’ current anxious and angry sensitivity to rejection in close relationships. To be submitted to *Journal of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences*.

**Molaver, A. D.**, Rohner, R. P., & Adamsons, K. (In progress). Development of a new loneliness scale for use with interpersonal acceptance-rejection theory. To be submitted to *Journal of Child and Family Studies*.

**Molaver, A.** **D**., Rohner, R. P., & Adamsons, K. (In progress). Testing the relation of adults’ remembrances of parental acceptance-rejection in childhood to adults’ current psychological adjustment and loneliness. To be submitted to *Journal of Child and Family Studies*.

**Measurement Instruments**

Rohner, R. P. & **Molaver, A. D.** (2015). Interpersonal Acceptance-Rejection Loneliness Scale (IPARLS). Storrs, CT: Rohner Research Publications.

**Publications – Other Publications**

**Molaver, A. D.** (2016, May 1). [Review of the books *Loneliness, love, and all that’s between: A psychological look at what makes us lonely and what keeps us in love*, by A. Rokach, & *Together and lonely: Loneliness in intimate relationships: Causes and coping*, by A. Rokach & A. Sha’Ked]. *Interpersonal Acceptance*, *10* (2). www.isipar.org/3.html.

**Molaver, A. D.** (2016, February 23). Two barriers to defeating loneliness: What holds you back from making close relationships and defeating loneliness. Blog entry posted to www.psychologytoday.com/blog/web-loneliness/.

**Presentations – National/International**

**Molaver, A. D.**, Rohner, R. P., & Adamsons, K. (2016, June). Psychological adjustment mediates the relation between remembrances of parental acceptance-rejection in childhood and the level of adults’ loneliness. In R.P. Rohner (Chair), *Remembrances of parental rejection in childhood predict loneliness in adulthood.* Symposium at the biennial meeting of the International Society for Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection, Madrid, Spain. Peer-reviewed.

**Presentations – Regional**

**Molaver, A. D.**, Rohner, R. P., & Adamsons, K. (2015, October). *Adults’ remembrances of parental acceptance-rejection in childhood predict current loneliness: A pilot study.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association, Fitchburg State University. Peer-reviewed.

**Teaching Experience**

Intimate Relationships (HDFS 1060), Undergraduate Course, UConn

2018 Teaching Assistant with Drs. Ryan Watson & Kari Adamsons

Individual and Family Development (HDFS 1070), Undergraduate Course, UConn

2018 Principal Instructor Teaching Assistant – Online Course, Summer 2018

2016-18 Teaching Assistant with Drs. Ronald Sabatelli, Shannon Weaver, & Eva Lefkowitz

**Professional Memberships**

Current International Society for Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection

**Professional Development**

Current Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative – Human Subjects Research Course