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## EDUCATION

- Ph. D., Child Study and Human Development** **2016**  
Tufts University, Medford, MA  
*Dissertation:* Success in a Career-Technical Education Program:  
The role of individual strengths and contextual assets
- M.A., Child Study and Human Development** **2013**  
Tufts University, Medford, MA  
*Thesis:* Civic Identity and Civic Engagement: Meaning, Structure, and  
Measurement
- B.S., Psychology** **2009**  
**Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI**  
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate Research Scientist** **2019 - Present**  
Wellesley Centers for Women, Wellesley College
- Postdoctoral Research Scientist** **2016 - 2019**  
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## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Publications

- Grossman, J.M., Lynch, A.D., Richer, A.M., **DeSouza, L.M.**, & Ceder, I. (2019). Extended-family talk about sex and teen sexual behavior. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 16(3), 480.
- Lerner, R. M., **DeSouza, L. M.**, & Buckingham, M. H. (2018). The continuity-discontinuity issue. In M. Bornstein (Ed.), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Lifespan Human Development*. (pp.456-459). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
- Arbeit, M. R., Hershberg, R. M., Rubin, R. O., **DeSouza, L. M.**, & Lerner, J. V. (2016). "I'm hoping that I can have better relationships": Exploring interpersonal connection for young men. *Qualitative Psychology*, 3 (1), 79-97.
- Lerner, R. M., **DeSouza, L.M.**, Buckingham, M., Champine, R., Greenman, K., & Warren. D. J. (2015). Developmental assets and the positive development of youth. In J. Wright (Ed.), *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences* (2nd ed.). (pp. 445-450). Oxford, UK: Elsevier.

- Johnson, S. K., Hershberg, R. M., Arbeit, M. R., **DeSouza, L.M.**, Callina, K. S., Gutierrez, A., Warren, D. J. A., Harris, E. M., Rubin, R. O., Lerner, J. V., & Lerner, R. M. (2015). Exploring characteristics of young adult men: Initial findings from a mixed methods evaluation of an all-male, character-focused trade school. *Journal of Character Education, 10* (2).
- Hershberg, R. M., Johnson, S. K., **DeSouza, L. M.**, Hunter, C. J., & Zaff, J. (2015). Promoting Contribution Among Youth: Implications from Positive Youth Development Research for Youth Development In E. P. Bowers, G. J. Geldhof, S. K. Johnson, R. M. Hershberg, L. J. Hilliard, J. V. Lerner, & R. M. Lerner (Eds.), *Promoting Positive Youth Development: Bridging the gaps between research, practice, and policy.* (pp. 211-228). New York: Springer.
- Lerner, R. M., Agans, J. P., **DeSouza, L. M.**, & Hershberg, R. M. (2014). Developmental Science in 2025: A predictive review. *Research in Human Development, 11* , 255-272.
- Hershberg, R. M., **DeSouza, L. M.**, Warren, A. E., Lerner, J. V., & Lerner, R. M. (2014). Illuminating trajectories of adolescent thriving and contribution through the words of youth: Qualitative findings from the 4-H study of positive youth development. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence , 43* (6), 950-970.
- Agans, J. P., Champine, R. B., **DeSouza, L.M.**, Mueller, M. K., Johnson, S. K., & Lerner, R. M. (2014). Activity involvement as an ecological asset: Profiles of participation and youth outcomes. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence , 43* (6), 919-932.
- Lerner, R. M., Agans, J. P., **DeSouza, L. M.**, & Gasca, S. (2013). Describing, explaining, and optimizing within-individual change across the life span: A relational developmental systems perspective. *Review of General Psychology , 17* (2), 179.
- Lerner, R. M., Bowers, E. P., Geldhof, G. J., Gestsdóttir, S., & **DeSouza, L.M.** (2012). Promoting positive youth development in the face of contextual changes and challenges: The roles of individual strengths and ecological assets. *New Directions for Youth Development , 2012* (135), 119-128.

### Evaluation Reports

- Jennings, J. & DeSouza L.M. (2017). Preliminary Assessment of MBK Boston Mini-Grants, First Steps, Next Steps. Prepared for My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Boston.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Charmaraman, L., Richer, A., **DeSouza, L.M.** & Madsen, K. (2019, May). *Analyzing liberal voter interpretations of Trump's "Make America Great Again": Implications for race, gender, and political identity.* Paper to be presented at the International Communication Association, Washington, DC.
- Charmaraman, L., Madsen, K., Richer, A., & **DeSouza, L.M.** (2018, August). *How liberal voters interpreted the 2016 Trump media campaign: Race, gender, age, and civic issues.* Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Richer, A., Charmaraman, L., Ceder, I., & **DeSouza, L.M.** (2018, April). *Identifying cultural biases: Developing video-based training for the Afterschool Program Practices Tool.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New York, NY.

Grossman J.M., Lynch A.M., Richer A.M., **DeSouza L.M.** (2018, November). *Extended-family talk about sex and teen sexual behavior*. Presentation at the First International Electronic Conference on Environmental Health Sciences.

Harris, E.M., **DeSouza, L.M.**, Arbeit, M.R.. (2016, March). *#BlackLivesMatter: Can adolescent researchers contribute to racial justice?* Pre-Conference organized at Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.

Burkhard, B., Ettekal, A.V., & **DeSouza, L.M.** (2016, March). A case for character in sports: Positive youth development on and off the field. Poster Presented at Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.

Arbeit, M. R., Hershberg, R. M., **DeSouza, L.M.**, & Rubin, R. O. (2014, March). *“I’m hoping that I can have better relationships”*: Exploring ‘relational character’ in developmental research with young men. Poster presented at Society for Research on Adolescence, Austin, TX.

Johnson, S. K., & **DeSouza, L. M.** (2013, November). Centrality of civic identity, community connectedness, and civic participation. Paper presented at Society for the Study of Human Development Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Johnson, S. K., Hershberg, R. M., Arbeit, M. R., **DeSouza, L. M.**, Gasca, S., Callina, K. S., Warren, D., & Lerner, R. M. (2013, November) *Testing a theory of change for character development in the trades: A cohort-sequential mixed methods evaluation*. Paper presented at Society for the Study of Human Development, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Hershberg, R. M., Arbeit, M. R., **DeSouza, L.M.**, Gasca, S., Johnson, S. K., Callina, K. S., Warren, D., & Lerner, R. M. (2013, November). *An exploration of educational pathways and character in young men: Qualitative findings from Wave 1 of the ACT Study*. Paper presented at Society for the Study of Human Development., Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**DeSouza, L. M.**, Johnson, S. K., Hershberg, R. M., Arbeit, M. R., Gasca, S., Callina, K. S., Warren, D., & Lerner, R. M. (2013, November). *Addressing self-selection in and evaluation of a trade school educational model: Quantitative findings from Wave 1 of the ACT Study*. Paper presented at Society for the Study of Human Development, Fort Lauderdale, FL.