

Curriculum Vitae  
**Robert B. Nielsen**

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**EDUCATION**

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<b>Ph.D.</b>	<b>Iowa State University</b>	Human Development and Family Studies Family Policy emphasis, Economics minor	2004
<b>M.S.</b>	<b>University of Utah</b>	Family Ecology	1999
<b>B.S.</b>	<b>University of Utah</b>	Consumer Studies and Family Economics	1993
<b>B.S.</b>	<b>University of Utah</b>	Political Science	1993

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**ACADEMIC JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

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- Futris, T., **Nielsen, R. B.**, & Olmstead, S. (2009). No degree, no job: Adolescent mothers' perceptions of the impact that adolescent fathers' human capital has on paternal financial and social capital. *Manuscript accepted for publication in Journal of Adolescent Social Work.*
- Nielsen, R. B.**, Davern, M., Jones, Art Jr., & Boies, J. L. (2009). Complex sample design effects and health insurance variance estimation. *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, 43(2), 346-366.
- Nielsen, R. B.**, & Gottschalck, A. O. (2009). Estimating labor force transitions in the presence of a seam effect. *Applied Economics Research Bulletin Peer-Reviewed Working Paper Series*, 2, 1-19.
- Nielsen, R. B.**, & Garasky, S. B. (2008). Health insurance stability and health status: Do family-level coverage patterns matter? *Journal of Family Issues*, 29(11), 1471-1491.
- Nielsen, R. B.**, & Garasky, S. B. (2008). Health insurance and personal finance: Coverage matters for individuals and families. *Journal of Personal Finance*, 7(1), 68-95.
- Fletcher, C. N., Garasky, S. B., & **Nielsen, R. B.** (2005). Transportation hardship: Are you better off with a car? *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 26(3), 323-343.
- Oleson, M. D., **Nielsen, R. B.**, & Martin, T. (2004). Accredited financial counselors (AFC): The state of the designation. *Financial Counseling and Planning Journal*, 15(2), 23-26.
- Nielsen, R. B.**, Zick, C. D., Mayer, R. N., & Smith, K. R. (2001). Genetic testing and the demand for cancer insurance. *Journal of Consumer Policy*, 24(1), 1-21.
- Nielsen, R. B.**, & Mayer, R. N. (2000). Why do people buy cancer insurance? An exploratory study. *Advancing the Consumer Interest: A Journal of Consumer Law, Policy, and Research*, 12(2), 16-22.

## BOOK CHAPTER

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Garasky, S., **Nielsen, R. B.** & Fletcher, C. N. (2008). Consumer finances of low-income families: Looking beyond income and earnings. In J. Xiao (Ed.), *Handbook of Consumer Finance Research*. New York: Springer.

## APPLIED RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

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**Nielsen, R. B.**, Gibson, S., Chapman, S., & Fernandez, M. (2008). Social and economic characteristics of Seminole County, GA. University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Report No. HACE-E-72-5.

Fernandez, M., **Nielsen, R. B.**, Gibson, S. & Chapman, S. (2008). Social and economic characteristics of Randolph County, GA. University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Report No. HACE-E-72-4.

Chapman, S., **Nielsen, R. B.**, Fernandez, M., & Gibson, S. (2008). Social and economic characteristics of Houston County, GA. University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Report No. HACE-E-72-3.

Gibson, S., Chapman, S., **Nielsen, R. B.**, Fernandez, M. (2008). Social and economic characteristics of Sumter County, GA. University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Report No. HACE-E-72-2.

**Nielsen, R. B.**, Gibson, S., Chapman, S., & Fernandez, M. (2008). Social and economic characteristics of Echols County, GA. University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Report No. HACE-E-72-1.

**Nielsen, R. B.** (2007). Demographics of a changing Georgia. University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Publication No. HACE-E-PPT-62.

**Nielsen, R. B.** & Malega, R. (2007). Colquitt County Partners for Progress Report: A report for the Colquitt County, GA Poverty Task Force. University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Report No. HACE-E-68.

## PUBLISHED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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Moore, R. A., & **Nielsen, R. B.** (2009, September). *Assessing debt and short-term lending via a campus-community partnership*. Poster accepted for presentation at the National Outreach Scholarship Conference, Athens, GA.

**Nielsen, R. B.**, James, R. N., & Garasky, S. B. (2007). Do housing expenditures crowd-out medical out-of-pocket expenditures? *Proceedings of the 2007 Annual Conference of the Housing Education and Research Association*, 154-160.

**Nielsen, R. B.**, & Garasky, S. B. (2007). Meeting basic consumption needs: A joint examination of food and health care [Abstract]. *Consumer Interests Annual*, 53, 212-213.

Fletcher, C. N., Jensen, H. H., **Nielsen, R. B.**, & Garasky, S. B. (2006). Transportation and family economic success: Understanding the rural context [Abstract]. *Proceedings of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference*.

Badenhop, S., Berry, A., Cavanagh, J., Connerly, L., Hayhoe, C., Jones, J., **Nielsen, R. B.**, et al. (2006). Internet-based training for extension educators. *Proceedings of the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education*, 50.

Jones, A., Jr., Boies, J. L., **Nielsen, R. B.**, & Davern, M. (2006). Accounting for SIPP design effects: Testing three approaches with the 2004 panel [Abstract]. *Proceedings of the 2006 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association*, 269.

**Nielsen, R. B.**, & Garasky, S. B. (2005). Food security and health insurance: Informing policy across programs [Abstract]. *Proceedings of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference*.

**Nielsen, R. B.**, Garasky, S. B., & Fletcher, C. N. (2005). Assets and program participation [Abstract]. *Consumer Interests Annual*, 51, 213.

Fletcher, C. N., **Nielsen, R. B.**, & Garasky, S. B. (2003). Exploring the relationship between vehicle asset value, reliability and TANF asset limits [Abstract]. *Consumer Interests Annual*, 49.

**Nielsen, R. B.**, & Hatcher, C. B. (2002). Is there a dual financial market? Evidence from the Survey of Consumer Finances [Abstract]. *Consumer Interests Annual*, 48.

Fletcher, C. N., **Nielsen, R. B.**, & Garasky, S. B. (2002). Extending measures of material hardship: Meeting transportation needs [Abstract]. *Consumer Interests Annual*, 48.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

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**Nielsen, R. B.**, Bhadra, A., Cornejo, F., Hill, K., Johnston, A. Moore, et al. (2009, July). *Assessing debt and short-term lending in Georgia*. Poster presented at the American Council on Consumer Interest Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI.

Chatterjee, S. & **Nielsen, R. B.** (2009, July). *A model of health insurance participation: The role of intelligence and risk tolerance*. Poster presented at the American Council on Consumer Interest Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI.

**Nielsen, R. B.**, Futris, T. G., & Keller, L. (2008, November). *Married couples' communication and resource management behaviors: Implications for well-being*. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Little Rock, AR.

Futris, T. G., Campbell, K. B., **Nielsen, R. B.**, & Burwell, S. R. (2008, November). *The communication patterns questionnaire-short form: A review and assessment*. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations Theory Construction and Research Methodologies Pre-Conference, Little Rock, AR.

**Nielsen, R. B.** & Jones, A., Jr. (2007, April). *Honey, are the kids really insured? Estimating health insurance coverage with Census Bureau data*. Paper presented at the meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Families: From Research to Reality Conference, Little Rock, AR.

Badenhop, S., Berry, A., Cavanagh, J., Connerly, L., Hayhoe, C., Jones, J., **Nielsen, R. B.**, et al. (2007, April). *Internet-based in-service training*. Paper presented at the meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Families: From Research to Reality Conference, Little Rock, AR.

Futris, T. G., & **Nielsen, R. B.** (2006, November). *No degree, no job: The impact of human capital on the social capital of adolescent fathers*. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.

Gottschalck, A. O., & **Nielsen, R. B.** (2006, February). *The presence of the seam in SIPP panels: Effects on labor force estimates*. Paper presented at the Eastern Economic Association, Philadelphia, PA.

**Nielsen, R. B.** (2005, April). *Health insurance patterns and transitions: Consequences for individual consumers and their families*. American Council on Consumer Interests Robert O. Hermann Dissertation Award Presentation, Columbus, OH.

**Nielsen, R. B.**, Zick, C. D., Mayer, R. N., & Smith, K. R. (2001, March). *Genetic testing and the demand for cancer insurance*. Paper presented at the American Council on Consumer Interests Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Crull, S. R., Cook, C. C., Esdohr, J. L., Johnson, T., & **Nielsen, R. B.** (2001, October). *Do you see what I see? Residents' and professionals' views of community*. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Sociology Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

Crull, S. R., Cook, C. C., Esdohr, J. L., Johnson, T., & **Nielsen, R. B.** (2001, July). *Housing and community vitality: Comparative views of residents and professionals*. Paper presented at the American Association of Housing Educators Annual Conference, Big Sky, MT.

**Nielsen, R. B.** (2000, September). *The demand for cancer insurance: The role of genetic testing and sociodemographic characteristics*. Western Region Home Management/ Family Economics Educators Conference Master's Thesis Award Presentation, Denver, CO.

## TEACHING HISTORY

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### Resident Instruction:

Course	Title	Semester	University	Students
HACE 4000	Research Methods	Fall 2009	Georgia	24
HACE 6000	Research Methods	Fall 2009	Georgia	10
HACE 3150	Consumer Decision Making	Fall 2009	Georgia	100
HACE 3150	Consumer Decision Making	Summer 2009	Georgia	65
HACE 9010	Directed Study	Summer 2009	Georgia	1
HACE 4900/6900	Sem. in Quantitative Research Methods	Spring 2009	Georgia	10
HACE 6900	Sem. in Quantitative Research Methods	Spring 2009	Georgia	5
HACE 3150	Consumer Decision Making	Spring 2009	Georgia	146
HACE 9010	Directed Study	Spring 2009	Georgia	1
HACE 4000	Research Methods	Fall 2008	Georgia	14
HACE 3150	Consumer Decision Making	Fall 2008	Georgia	106
HACE 3010	Directed Study	Fall 2008	Georgia	1
HACE 3150	Consumer Decision Making	Summer 2008	Georgia	45
HACE 3010	Directed Study	Summer 2008	Georgia	1
HACE 3150	Consumer Decision Making	Spring 2008	Georgia	76
HACE 8150	Theory of Households and Markets II	Spring 2008	Georgia	9
HACE 3150	Consumer Decision Making	Fall 2007	Georgia	84
HACE 2100	Family Economic Environment	Fall 2007	Georgia	242
HACE 3150	Consumer Decision Making	Summer 2007	Georgia	30

### Cooperative Extension Courses:

Course	Semester	County FACS Agents
Retirement Planning Essentials	January 2007	10
Trends in Fam. Fin. Planning	January 2007	13
Trends in Fam. Fin. Planning	January 2007	21

## INVITED LECTURES

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**Nielsen, R. B.** (April 26, 2009). Panelist for *Is inequality making us sick? Unnatural causes episode 5: Place matters*. University of Georgia Russell Library Program Series on Health & Society, Athens, GA.

**Nielsen, R. B.** (November, 2006). *Georgia's urban area demographic trends*. Georgia Extension Urban Initiative Meeting, Griffin, GA.

**Nielsen, R. B.** (September, 2006). *The aging Georgia: What's happening in Georgia?* Georgia Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 2006 State Meeting, Hiawassee, GA.

## POLICY BRIEF

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Fletcher, C. N., Garasky, S., Jensen, H. H., & **Nielsen, R. B.** (2008). Transportation access boosts employment among low-income Iowans. Center for Family Policy: Iowa State University.

## INTRAMURAL AND EXTRAMURAL FUNDING

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**Nielsen, R. B.** (2009). *Office of Service-Learning Mini-Grant in support of undergraduate R. Alan Moore's research poster presentation at National Outreach Scholarship Conference*. University of Georgia Office of Service Learning. \$500.

**Nielsen, R. B.** (2009). *Office of Service-Learning Mini-Grant in support of research presentation at American Council on Consumer Interests Conference*. University of Georgia Office of Service Learning. \$250.

**Nielsen, R. B.** (2007). *Developing an undergraduate research methods course with a service-learning component*. University of Georgia Office of Service Learning. \$2,500.

**Nielsen, R. B.** & Futris, T. G. (2007). *Healthy families, healthy finances: A joint proposal to investigate relationship dynamics and financial decision making among couples*. University of Georgia Research Foundation, University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences, and University of Georgia FACS Cooperative Extension. \$12,000.

**Nielsen, R. B.** & Rupured, M. (2006). *Personal finance training for Georgia high school teachers*. National Council on Economic Education. \$13,645.

**Nielsen, R. B.**, & Atilas, J. H. (2006). *My Medicare Matters in Georgia*. Athens, GA: National Council on the Aging, Access to Benefits Coalition, and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. Received \$31,556 (in-kind) as of 12/31/2007 based on Extension agents' ability to commit to this program. \$99,176.

**Nielsen, R. B.**, Roberts, T., Gibson, S., & Chapman, S. (2006). *Enhancing the awareness of the causes and consequences of persistent poverty in five Southwest Georgia counties*. University of Georgia College of Agriculture. \$13,050.

**Nielsen, R. B.** (2006). *Supporting the data needs of the Colquitt County Poverty Task Force*. University of Georgia Vice President's Office for Public Service & Outreach. \$6,000.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI)  
Family Science Association (FSA)  
National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)

## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>Assistant Professor of Consumer Economics, University of Georgia</b> Department of Housing and Consumer Economics, Athens, GA	2007 -
<b>Assistant Professor and Family Finance Extension Specialist, University of Georgia</b> Department of Housing and Consumer Economics, Athens, GA	2006 - 2007
<b>Statistician (Econ), U.S. Census Bureau</b> Poverty and Health Statistics Branch, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Washington, D.C.	2005 - 2006
<b>Postdoctoral Research Fellow, U.S. Census Bureau</b> Labor Force & Transfer Program Statistics Branch, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Washington, D.C.	2004 - 2005
<b>Graduate Research Assistant, Iowa State University</b> Iowa State University Financial Counseling Clinic, Ames, IA	2003 - 2004
<b>Graduate Research Assistant, Iowa State University</b> Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Ames, IA	2000 - 2003
<b>Adjunct Instructor and Research Associate, University of Utah</b> Department of Family and Consumer Studies, Salt Lake City, UT	1999 - 2000
<b>Program Manager, University of Utah</b> Lowell Bennion Community Service Center, Salt Lake City, UT	1993 - 1999

## RELATED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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**Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Data Workshop, September 2008**  
Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, Rockville, MD

**Analyzing Data from Sample Surveys, Joint Program in Survey Methodology, November 2005**  
Course on analysis of complex sample surveys taught by Alastair Scott.  
University of Maryland Statistics Consortium, College Park, MD

**Fragile Families and Child Well-Being Summer Data Workshop, July 2002**  
Social Indicators Survey Center, Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY

## GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

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- Michal Polanowski, Ph.D. student (chair; completing course work)
- Melissa Wilmarth, Ph.D. student (chair; completing course work)
- Martin Seay, Ph.D. student (committee member; completing course work)
- Leslie Greene Pimentel, Ph.D. candidate (committee member)
- Gina Peek, Ph.D. candidate (committee member)
- Timera Temple, M.S. student (committee member)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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- Chatterjee, S., & **Nielsen, R. B.** (2009). Health insurance coverage: Native-immigrant gap and the effect of income uncertainty. *Manuscript resubmitted for publication (currently revise, resubmit).*
- Fletcher, C. N., Garasky, S. B., Jensen, H. H., & Nielsen, R. B. (2009). Transportation Access: A Key Employment Barrier for Rural Low-Income Families. *Manuscript revised and resubmitted for publication.*
- Futris, T., Campbell, K., **Nielsen, R. B.**, & Burwell, S. (2009). The communication patterns questionnaire-short form: A review and assessment. *Unpublished manuscript.*
- Futris, T., & **Nielsen, R. B.** (2009). Preferences for relationship and finance education. *Unpublished manuscript.*
- Futris, T., Pasley, K., Olmstead, S., & **Nielsen, R. B.** (2009). Getting there from here: Educational trajectories of adolescent males who become fathers. *Manuscript submitted for publication.*
- Goetz, J., **Nielsen, R. B.**, Chatterjee, S., Mimura, Y., & Cude, B. (2009). College students' preferences for personal finance education. *Unpublished manuscript.*
- Johnston, S., & **Nielsen, R. B.** (2009). Assessing debt and short-term lending in Georgia. *Manuscript in preparation.*
- Nielsen, R. B.** (2009). An assessment of the InCharge Financial Distress/Financial Well-Being Scale in a CATI survey. *Manuscript in preparation.*
- Nielsen, R. B.** (2008). A retrospective pre/post evaluation of a financial literacy training for high school teachers. *Manuscript submitted for publication (currently revise, resubmit).*
- Nielsen, R. B.**, Futris, T., & Wilmarth, M. (2009). Married couples' financial stress: Implications for relationships. *Unpublished manuscript.*
- Nielsen, R. B.**, Futris, T. & Wilmarth, M. (2009). Married couples' communication and resource management behaviors: Implications for well-being. *Unpublished manuscript.*
- Nielsen, R. B.**, Garasky, S. B. & Chatterjee, S. (2009). Out of pocket medical expenditures and food insecurity. *Manuscript submitted for publication.*
- Nielsen, R. B.**, & Seay, M. (2009). Effects of complex sampling design on multivariate estimates of out-of-pocket medical expenditures. *Manuscript in preparation.*

## SERVICE

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### Department:

- Chair, Graduate Curriculum Review Committee, 2009-present.
- Member, Graduate Policy and Admissions Committee, 2008-present.
- Member, Graduate Curriculum Review Committee, 2008-2009.
- Member, Assistant Professor of Family Financial Planning Search Committee, 2008-09.
- Member, Assistant Professor of Consumer Economics Search Committee, 2008.
- Member, Assistant Professor of Consumer Economics Search Committee, 2007.
- Member, Graduate Qualifying Exams Reading Committee, 2007-2009.
- Member (elected), Executive Committee, 2007-08.

**College:**

- Member, Grants Coordinator Search Committee, 2008.
- Member, FACS Student Grievance Committee, 2007-
- Member, FACS Service-Learning Task Force, 2007-08.
- Member, Evaluation Specialist Search Committee, 2006.

**University:**

- Service-Learning Fellow, University of Georgia Office of Service-Learning, 2007-08.
- Member, University of Georgia Office of Service-Learning Curriculum Committee, 2007-present.
- Member, University of Georgia Office of Service-Learning Risk Management Committee, 2007-08.

**Profession:**

- Editorial Board, Journal of Consumer Affairs, 2006-present.
- Editorial Board, Journal of Consumer Education, 2008-present.
- Chair, Robert O. Hermann Ph.D. Dissertation Research Award Committee, American Council on Consumer Interests, 2008-present.
- Committee Member (elected), Nominations and Elections Committee, American Council on Consumer Interests, 2008-present.
- Chair, Student Travel Grant Award Committee, American Council on Consumer Interests, 2004-06.
- Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Consumer Affairs, 2003-06.
- Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, 2005-present.
- Ad hoc reviewer, Financial Counseling and Planning, 2006-07.
- Member, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service National Futuring for Families Leadership/Planning Committee, 2006-07.
- Ad hoc reviewer, Annual American Council on Consumer Interests Conference, 2005-07.
- Committee Member, Robert O. Hermann Ph.D. Dissertation Research Award Committee, American Council on Consumer Interests, 2005-08.
- Committee Member, Student Travel Award Committee, American Council on Consumer Interests, 2002-03.

**SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- Housing and Consumer Economics Advisor of the Year, 2008.
- Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity Housing and Consumer Economics Teacher of the Year, 2008.
- Robert O. Hermann Ph.D. Dissertation Research Award, American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI), 2005.
- Ford Motor Company Student Travel Award, American Council on Consumer Interests, 2000-2001.
- Master's Thesis Research Award, Western Region Home Management/Family Economics Educators (WRHMFEE), 2000.
- Western Association of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms Inc., Distinguished Master's Thesis Award University Nominee, University of Utah, 2000.
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, University of Utah, 2000.
- Golden Key National Honor Society, 1992.