

Forgiveness Among Families

Frank Fincham, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology at Florida State University

ffincham@fsu.edu

"Forgiveness in Family Relationships"

Frequent Collaborators: Steven R.H. Beach, J. Davila, F. G. Paleari, C. Regalia, Michael E. McCullough, J.N. Kearns, J.H. Hall

About the Investigator and His Research in Forgiveness

Dr. Frank Fincham received a grant under the 1998 John Templeton Foundation RFP. He was in Wales at the University of Cardiff. He moved soon afterward to the University of Buffalo. He has since become the Eminent Scholar and Director of the Florida State University Family Institute. Dr. Fincham is one of the most cited researchers in Psychology. He publishes extensively on marriage. He did not publish on forgiveness until 2000, yet he already has over 20 published articles investigating forgiveness in marriage—many of which reported several empirical studies.

References

- Fincham, F.D. (2000). The kiss of the porcupines: From attributing responsibility to forgiving. *Personal Relationships*, 7, 1-23.
- Fincham, F.D. (2003). Marital conflict: Correlates, structure, and context. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 12, 23-27.
- Fincham, F.D., & Beach, S.R.H. (2001). Forgiveness: Toward a public health approach to intervention. In J.H. Harvey & A. Wenzel (Eds.), *A clinician's guide to maintaining and enhancing close relationships* (pp. 277-300). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.
- Fincham, F.D., & Beach, S.R.H. (2002). Forgiveness in marriage: Implications for psychological aggression and constructive communication. *Personal Relationships*, 9, 239-251.
- Fincham, F.D., & Beach, S.R.H. (2002). Forgiving in close relationships. In F. Columbus (Ed.), *Advances in psychology research, Vol. 7* (pp. 163-197). Huntington, NY: Nova Science Publisher.
- Fincham, F.D., & Beach, S.R.H. (in press). Relationship satisfaction. In D. Pearlman & A. Vangelisti (Eds.), *The Cambridge handbook of personal relationships*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Fincham, F.D., Beach, S.R.H., & Davila, J. (2004). Forgiveness and conflict resolution in marriage. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 18, 72-81.
- Fincham, F.D., Hall, J.H., & Beach, S.R.H. (2005). "Til lack of forgiveness doth us part": Forgiveness in Marriage. In E.L. Worthington, Jr. (Ed.), *Handbook of Forgiveness* (pp.207-226). New York: Brunner-Routledge.
- Fincham, F.D., Jackson, H., & Beach, S.R.H. (in press). Transgression severity and

- forgiveness: Different moderators for objective and subjective severity. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*.
- Fincham F.D., & Kashdan, T.B. (in press). Facilitating forgiveness: Developing Group and Community Interventions. In P.A. Linley & S. Joseph (Eds.), *International Handbook of Positive Psychology in Practice: From Research to Application*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.
- Fincham, F.D., Paleari, F.G., & Regalia, C. (2002). Forgiveness in marriage: The role of relationship quality, attributions, and empathy. *Personal Relationships, 9*, 27-37.
- Hall, J.H., & Fincham, F.D. (in press). Self-forgiveness: The stepchild of forgiveness research. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*.
- Hoyt, W.T., Fincham, F.D., McCullough, M.E., Maio, G., & Davila, J. (in press). Responses to interpersonal transgressions in families: Forgiveness, forgivability, and relationship-specific effects. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.
- Kachadourian, L.K., Fincham, F.D., & Davila, J. (2004). The tendency to forgive in dating and married couples: Association with attachment and relationship satisfaction. *Personal Relationships, 11*, 373-393.
- Kachadourian, L., Fincham, F.D., & Davila, J. (in press). Attitudinal ambivalence, rumination and forgiveness of partner transgressions in marriage. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.
- Kachadourian, L.K., Fincham, F.D., & Davila, J. (in press). The tendency to forgive in dating and married couples: The role of attachment and relationship satisfaction. *Personal Relationships*.
- Kearns, J.N., & Fincham, F.D. (2004). A prototype analysis of forgiveness. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 30*, 838-855.
- Kearns, J. & Fincham, F.D. (in press). Victim and perpetrator accounts of interpersonal transgressions: Self-serving or relationship-serving biases. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.
- McCullough, M.E., Fincham, F.D., & Tsang, J. (2003). Forgiveness, forbearance, and time: The temporal unfolding of transgression-related interpersonal motivations. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 84*, 540-557.
- Paleari, F.G., Regalia, C., & Fincham, F.D. (2003). Adolescents' willingness to forgive their parents: An empirical model. *Parenting: Science and Practice, 3*, 155-174.
- Paleari, F.G., Regalia, C., & Fincham, F.D. (in press). Marital quality, forgiveness, empathy, and rumination: A longitudinal analysis. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Steven R.H. Beach

University of Georgia

About the Investigator and His Research in Forgiveness

Dr. Steven R. H. Beach is a Professor of Psychology at the University of Georgia in Athens and Director of the Institute for Behavioral Research. He is a Fellow of both the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Psychological Society (APS). He is the author of 2 books, and over 100 articles on marriage and marital

processes. His research focuses on the role of marital and family processes in depression. He has worked with **Dr. Frank Fincham** on various studies of forgiveness in marriage.

References

- Fincham, F.D., & Beach, S.R.H. (2001). Forgiveness: Toward a public health approach to intervention. In J.H. Harvey & A. Wenzel (Eds.), *A clinician's guide to maintaining and enhancing close relationships* (pp. 277-300). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.
- Fincham, F.D., & Beach, S.R.H. (2002). Forgiveness in marriage: Implications for psychological aggression and constructive communication. *Personal Relationships, 9*, 239-251.
- Fincham, F.D., & Beach, S.R.H. (2002). Forgiving in close relationships. In F. Columbus (Ed.), *Advances in psychology research, Vol. 7* (pp. 163-197). Huntington, NY: Nova Science Publisher.
- Fincham, F.D., & Beach, S.R.H. (in press). Relationship satisfaction. In D. Pearlman & A. Vangelisti (Eds.), *The Cambridge handbook of personal relationships*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Fincham, F.D., Beach, S.R.H., & Davila, J. (2004). Forgiveness and conflict resolution in marriage. *Journal of Family Psychology, 18*, 72-81.
- Fincham, F.D., Hall, J.H., & Beach, S.R.H. (2005). "'Til lack of forgiveness doth us part": Forgiveness in Marriage. In E.L. Worthington, Jr. (Ed.) *Handbook of Forgiveness* (pp. 207-226). New York: Brunner-Routledge.
- Fincham, F.D., Jackson, H., & Beach, S.R.H. (in press). Transgression severity and forgiveness: Different moderators for objective and subjective severity. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*.