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Research interest: Divorce, Stepfamilies, and Posthumous Reproduction

Jason's research focuses on divorce, stepfamilies, and controversial reproductive issues such as abortion and posthumous reproduction. He created and edited the *Family Index Database* in 1999-2005, then worked as an academic database consultant for EBSCO Information Services. He has edited 3 editions of *Graduate and Undergraduate Study in Marriage and Family*, the most comprehensive guide to family-related academic programs ever compiled. In 2000-2002 he served as President of the Missouri Council on Family Relations, which expanded to become the Midwest Council on Family Relations under his leadership. He has also served in numerous capacities for professional organizations, including his current position as Vice-Chair for the Family Science Section of the National Council on Family Relations. He recently joined the Editorial Board of *Family Relations*, a premier scientific journal for applied family research. A former McNair Scholar, Jason has received numerous awards and honors, including recognition in 2002 as the most outstanding graduate instructor and again in 2004 as the most outstanding graduate researcher at the University of Missouri. Jason is the only student in the history of the University of Missouri to receive the top graduate student awards in both teaching and research. He is also the only two-time recipient of the University of Missouri Parents Association Teaching Award for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. The prestigious Rollins Society inducted Jason in 2003 for his contributions to the family science community, and in 2002 he was awarded the National Council on Family Relations Outstanding Student Award in recognition of his potential for contribution to the field of family studies.