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Her research has been published in scientific journals including the Journal of Marriage and Family and the Academy of Management Journal, and has been funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the Henry A. Murray Center, the Department of Defense, the state of Indiana, and the Lilly Endowment. Dr. MacDermid Wadsworth serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Family Issues, Family Relations, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, and the Journal of Family Theory and Review.

Dr. MacDermidWadsworth's research has earned awards from the Groves Conference and Gamma Sigma Delta. In 2005, Dr. MacDermid Wadsworth was named a fellow of the National Council on Family Relations, and in 2006 she received the Work Life Legacy Award from the Families and Work Institute. Dr. MacDermid Wadsworth recently served as the civilian co-chair of the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health, and currently serves on the Psychological Health External Advisory Committee to the Defense Health Board, and the Returning Veterans Committee of the Institute of Medicine.

The Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University was created in 2000 with funding from the Department of Defense. In September 2007 the Military Family Research Institute received funding from the Lilly Endowment to continue its research on military families and to expand its mission to include supporting the military infrastructures that support military families and strengthening the motivation and capacity of civilian communities to support their military families within and beyond Indiana.