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Objective

To provide high-quality education within the field of Psychology

Education

2008, Ph.D., University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

Dissertation Title: *An Investigation of The Big Five, Narrow Traits, and Positive Psychology in Relation to Life Satisfaction*

2001, B.S., Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina

Honors Thesis Title: *The Effect of Strategy and Role on Performance in the Monty Hall Dilemma*

Awards, Fellowships, Grants

University of Tennessee

2005 Psychology Department Graduate Student Teaching Award (Department-wide)

2005 Finalist: Graduate Student Teaching Award (University-wide)

Positions

Presbyterian College

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology

Courses Taught:

Introductory Psychology

Experimental Study of Behavior

Research Statistics

Tests and Measurements

Experimental Psychology: Principles of Learning and Behavior

Experimental Psychology: Cognition

Honors Research Supervision

Internship Supervision

Launch Course

Responsibilities:

- Complete course preparations and implementation
- Maintain office hours
- Academic Advising

August 2011-Present

S11, S13, S14

F11, F12, F14

F11, F12, F14

S12, S13, S14, S15

S12, S14

S12, S13

S13, S14, S15

S12, S13, F14, S15

F14

Anderson University

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology

August 2009-May 2011

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Psychology

F09, S10, F10, S11

Pathways in Psychology

F09, S10, F10, S11

Human Development

S10, F10, Summer 10 (online)

Research Methods

F09, S10, F10, S11

Principles of Learning

F09, F10

Cognitive Psychology

S09, S10, S11

Independent Project Supervision

S10, F10, S11

Freshman Year Experience

F09, F10

Responsibilities:

- Complete course development and implementation
- Maintain office hours
- Academic Advising

Anderson University

August 2008-August 2009

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology

Courses Taught:

Introductory Psychology

F08 (2), S09 (2), May 09

Human Development

F08, S09, Summer 09

Social Psychology

S09

Principles of Learning

F08

Cognitive Psychology

S09

Research Methods in Criminal Justice (online)

F08

Responsibilities:

- Complete course preparations and implementation
- Maintain office hours
- Academic Advising

Anderson University

January 2008-August 2008

Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychology

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Psychology

S08, May 08

Social Psychology (Independent Study)

S08

Social Psychology

Summer 08

Special Topics: Psychometrics

Summer 08

Research Methods in Criminal Justice

S08

Responsibilities:

- Complete course development and implementation

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

August 2002-December 2005

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Psychology

F02, S03, F05

Learning and Thinking

F03, S04, F04, S05

Responsibilities:

- Complete course development and implementation

Committee Appointments

Presbyterian College

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Chair (2015)	Spring 2014-Present
Diversity Council	Spring 2015-Present
Search Committee: Visiting Religion Professor	Spring 2014
Search Committee: Assistant Psychology Professor	Spring 2014
Committee Exploring Online Courses for Summer 2013	Spring 2013
Academic Affairs (stand-in for A. Askew, on sabbatical)	Spring 2013
Search Committee: Assistant Psychology Professor	2012-2013 Academic Year
Faculty Development	2012-2013 Academic Year
Honor Council	2012-2013 Academic Year

Anderson University

External Committee Member, University of S. Carolina	2010-2011 Academic Year
Dissertation Committee for V. Rettinger	
Search Committee for Assistant Sociology Professor	2010-2011 Academic Year
Search Committee for Assistant Psychology Professor	2010-2011 Academic Year
General Education Assessment Committee	2009-2011 Academic Years
Search Committee for Assistant Psychology Professor	2009-2010 Academic Year

Research Activities

Ongoing Academic Research Interests

- Memory for Spoken Words: LTM and Working Memory
- Racial Bias following Natural Disasters

Institution-Related research

Assessment, Presbyterian College Psychology Department

- Developed new goals and SLO's for Psychology Department
- Implemented new assessment strategy
- Management of departmental compliance with assessment plan

Anderson University

- Student Advising Satisfaction Survey (development and reliability analysis) (2009)
- Freshman Satisfaction Survey (development and reliability analysis) (2010)
- Technology in the Classroom: An Assessment of the iPad in Research Methods (2011)

Sponsor of Student Research

Presbyterian College

- Honors Research Projects
 - Krause, L., Stalls, M., & Burns, S. (2013). *The effects of texting on cognitive mapping and working memory*. Paper defended by authors for honors distinction upon graduation.
 - Allen, S. & Lopez, V., & Burns, S. (2014). *The impact of auditory and visual distractors on task performance*. Paper defended by authors for honors distinction upon graduation.
 - Hopkins, H. & Burns, S. (2014). *Racial bias in the context of natural disasters*.

- Paper defended by author for honors distinction upon graduation.
- Hopkins, H. & Burns, S. (2015). *Factors influencing racial bias*. Paper anticipated for defense by author.
- Honors Day Presentations
 - Krause, L, & Stalls, M. (2013, April). The Effects of Texting on Cognitive Mapping and Working Memory. Paper presented at Presbyterian College Honors Day Symposium.
 - Allen, S. & Lopez, V. (2014, April). *The impact of auditory and visual distractors on task performance*. Paper presented at Presbyterian College Honors Day Symposium, Clinton, South Carolina.
 - Hopkins, H. (2014, April). *Racial bias following natural disasters*. Paper presented at Presbyterian College Honors Day Symposium, Clinton, South Carolina.
 - Hopkins, H. (2015, April, anticipated). *Factors influencing racial bias*. Paper presented at Presbyterian College Honors Day Symposium, Clinton, South Carolina.
- Summer Fellows Projects
 - Hopkins, H. & Burns, S. (2014, July). *Racial bias in the context of natural disasters among paid participants*. Poster presented at the Presbyterian College Summer Fellows Symposium, Clinton, SC.
- Conference submissions
 - Accepted Poster Submissions
 - Hopkins, H. (2015, March). *Racial priming and action judgments in the context of natural disasters*. Poster presentation at Southeastern Psychological Association's Undergraduate Poster Session.
 - Poster Presentations
 - Hopkins, H. (2015, April). *Implicit racial bias in the context of natural disasters*. Poster presentation at Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Anderson University

- *Therapies for Autism: A Case Study*. Elizabeth Plott (Spring 2010)
- *Do Students Who Read for Pleasure Have More Academic Success?* Talley Clardy (Spring 2010)
- *Qualities of Good Pet Owners*. Angela Giles (Spring 2010)
- *Subliminal Influences in Video Media*. Savannah Garland (Fall 2010)
- *Seasonal Influences in Dating Relationships*. Christopher Francis (Fall 2010)
- *Adaptive Attraction: Dating Preferences of Anderson University Students*. Dominic Jones (Fall 2010)
- *Academic Performance of Student Athletes at Anderson University*. Lauren Beeson (Spring 2011)
- ***Grant proposal*** : *Community Partnership for Cancer Prevention in South Carolina*, submitted to National Institute of Health (not funded)

Volunteer Activities

Presbyterian College

Freshman Assessment Proctor	F12, F13, F14, F15
Assessment Proctor, Assessment Day	S12, S13, S14, S15
Advisor to Faculty Satisfaction Survey Development	F14, S14
Freshman Advisor	F12
Sponsor of Presbyterian College Club Swim Team	2013, 2014
Admissions Open House Events	2012, 2013, 2014
Accepted Students Day Volunteer	2012
Griffith/Quattlebaum Interviewer	S12, S13, S15
Sponsor of 7 Students to SC Psychological Assn. Academic Day	F14

Anderson University

Graduate School Roundtable Panel Member	2011
Panel Speaker MLI Update: Mid-semester	2011
Professor Appreciation Day Designee, AU Women's Softball Team	2011
Guest speaker at "The Loves of Our Lives" Residence Life event	2011
Session Leader at Faculty Development Retreat	2010
Panel Speaker: Balancing Scholarship and Teaching	2010
Psych Club Faculty Sponsor	2009, 2010
Faculty Chaperone to Academic Day/Psych Bowl	2009, 2010
Guest speaker at "Healthy Relationships" Residence Life event	2010
Guest speaker at "Let's Talk about Sexes" Residence Life event	2009, 2010
Guest speaker at "S'more Stories" Residence Life event	2009
Guest basketball coach for AU Women's Team	2009
Developed new IPW (Individual Program Worksheet) for Psychology Dept.	2009
Adjunct Faculty Evaluator	2008-2011
MyCourseList.com Coordinator, Department of Psychology	2009-2010
Locks of Love Donor	2006, 2009
Vendor Coordinator, Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion	2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014
Academic Advising Volunteer, University of Tennessee	2005

Reviewer positions

Southeastern Psychological Association	
Undergraduate poster competition	2014
Presbyterian College	
Summer Fellows Application Reviewer	2015

Professional Organizations

Member of Council for Undergraduate Research	2011
Member Association for Psychological Science	2009-2011

References

Professional References:

- Vanessa Rettinger, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology, Anderson University
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- Richard Saudargas, Head of Undergraduate Psychology, University of Tennessee Knoxville
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