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EDUCATION

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Southern Utah State College, Cedar City, Utah
Majors: Psychology, Music

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor, 2007-present
Associate Professor, 2000-2007
Assistant Professor, 1995-2000, tenured 1999
Temporary Assistant Professor, 1993-1995
Georgia Southern University
Statesboro, Georgia

Visiting Lecturer, 1993
Lake Forest College
Lake Forest, Illinois

Adjunct Faculty, 1993
Columbia College at McHenry Community College
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MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Psychological Association
Association for Psychological Science

International Association for the Psychology of Religion
Georgia Psychological Society
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Religious Research Association
Mormon Social Science Association

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS (26)

- Naufel, K. Z., Briley, K. E., Harackiewicz, L. K., Johnson, A. S., Marzec, K. P., & Nielsen, M. E. (in press). How do psychology students use electronic information? Trends and implications from a descriptive study. *North American Journal of Psychology*
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Randolph-Seng, B., & Nielsen, M. E. (2008). Is God really watching you? A response to Shariff and Norenzayan. *The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, 18, 119-122.

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 - b. "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," pp. 49-50
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 - e. "Smith Jr., Joseph," p. 227-228
 - f. "Stark, Rodney," p. 235
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- Nielsen, M. E. (1999). [Review of the book *Theory and method in religious studies: Contemporary approaches to the study of religion.*] *Mental Health, Religion, and Culture*, 2, 88-90.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1998). [Review of *Religious influences on personal and societal well-being* (Special Issue of the *Journal of Social Issues*)]. *The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, 8, 67-68.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1998). [A Self-Complexity Perspective on Self-Cognition (in Russian)]. *Bulletin of the 1997 Ukrainian Academy of Sciences Philosophy Institute Conference on Self-Knowledge, Sevastopol, Ukraine*, 7, 71-74.
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- Nielsen, M. E. (1997). [Review of the book *Invitation to the psychology of religion*, 2nd ed.] *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 36, pp. 136, 138.
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- Nielsen, M. E. (1995, November/December). What works: Psychology course project. *The Psychology Teacher Network*, 5, pp. 8, 10.
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- Nielsen, M. E. *Religious conflict on the internet*. Manuscript in preparation.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Filipovich, L. *Religious orientation and parental attachment among samples of US and Ukrainian students*. Manuscript in preparation.
- Nielsen, M. E., Richards, E. K., & Salter, R. *Religious witnessing as a form of self-disclosure*. Manuscript in preparation.

INVITED LECTURES

- Nielsen, M. E. (January 26, 2004). Psychology, Religion and the Future. Delivered at Charleston Southern University, Charleston, South Carolina.
- Nielsen, M. E. (May 26, 2000). Psychological Research on Religious Conflict. Delivered at Kyiv-Mohyla University, Kyiv, Ukraine.

PAPERS AND POSTERS PRESENTED (47)

- Nielsen, M. E., & Webster, D. G. (Aug. 9, 2009). Mapping religious space: Christians' evaluations of other religions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Webster, D. G., & Nielsen, M. E. (May 1, 2009). Christian individuals' identification with other religions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Briley, K. E., Harackiewicz, L. K., Johnson, A. S., Marzec, K. P., Naufel, K. Z., & Nielsen, M. E. (April 11, 2009). How do psychology students use electronic information? Trends and implications from a descriptive study. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Society, Macon, GA.
- Nielsen, M. E., Randolph-Seng, B., Bottoms, B., & Phillipas, H. (August 15, 2008). Impact of ethnicity and Christian Orthodoxy on mental health. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Randolph-Seng, B., & Nielsen, M. E. (May 24, 2008). Implicit altered states of consciousness. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.
- Webster, D. G., & Nielsen, M. E. (April 19, 2008). Christian identification with individuals of other religions. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Society, Macon, GA.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Balleck, B. (November 1, 2007). Mormons and the state: LDS politics and identity. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Tampa, FL.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Sevinc, M. (November 2, 2007). Predictors of online browsing by Mormons. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific

- Study of Religion, Tampa, FL.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Cragun, R. T. (August 18, 2007). Secularizing effect of education and religious education among Mormons. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco.
- Webster, D. G., Nielsen, M. E., Foster, P. S., & Dragon, V. (May 26, 2007). SOSA: A new approach to psychological assessment. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC.
- Nielsen, M. E. (April 14, 2007). Secularization among Mormons: Knowledge of polygamy reduces devotion to the LDS Church. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Society, Macon, GA.
- Webster, D. G., Nielsen, M. E., Foster, P. S., & Dragon, V. (April 14, 2007). SOSA: A novel approach to psychological assessment. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Society, Macon, GA.
- Nielsen, M. E. (August 11, 2006). *Exploring the role of demographic variables on attitudes toward polygamy*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans.
- Nielsen, M. E., Bainbridge, W. M. S., & Hellstrom, I. (April 8, 2006). *Religious beliefs as predictors of attitudes toward cloning*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Society, Valdosta, GA.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Bainbridge, W. M. S. (November 5, 2005). *Cloning for children: Belief in God and technological transcendence as predictors of attitudes*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Rochester, NY.
- Nielsen, M. E. (October 22, 2004). Peace psychology and religion: The example of Mormonism. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Kansas City, MO.
- Nielsen, M. E., Randolph-Seng, B., Kujawski, J., & Winger, A. (October 25, 2003). Expectations Facilitate Mystical Experiences on the Cradle of Creativity. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Norfolk, VA.
- Nielsen, M. E., Bottoms, B., Murray, R., & Filipas, H. (October 26, 2003). The Negative Effects of Religion-Related Child Abuse: A Statistical Summary. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Norfolk, VA.
- Nielsen, M. E., Paloutzian, R., & Bottoms, B. (October 26, 2003). Religious Attributions made by Child Abuse Victims. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Norfolk, VA.
- Nielsen, M. E. (August 14, 2003). A case study of men's grooming in the LDS Church. Paper presented at the Sunstone Symposium, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Nielsen, M. E. (March 4, 2003). A personal view on religion and war. Georgia Southern University Campus Ministries, Statesboro, GA.
- Nielsen, M. E., & White, D. (2002, November). A case study of men's grooming in the LDS Church. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Williams, J. (2002, November). Religious orientation and attitudes about

- stem cell research. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Pugh, J. (2001, October). Gender, sexual orientation, and descriptions of mystical and erotic experiences. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Columbus, OH, October 20, 2001.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Smith, E. W. L. (2000, October). Ungrounding and the alteration of consciousness: A preliminary study. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, October 19, 2000.
- Nielsen, M. E. (2000, May). Psychology of Religion in U.S. Colleges and Universities. Paper presented at The History of Christianity and Contemporary Life, sponsored by The Christian Humanitarian and Economical University and the Euro-Asian Accreditation Association. Odessa, Ukraine, May 30, 2000.
- Nielsen, M. E. (2000, April). Psychology of Religion in U.S. Public Colleges and Universities. Paper presented at the Southeastern Psychological Association Meeting, New Orleans, April 1, 2000.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1998, July). *A View from the Intersection of Psychology and Mormonism*. Paper presented at the annual Sunstone Symposium, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1998, March). *Psychology of Religion & the Internet: Instructor Resources*. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Mobile, Alabama.
- Salter, R., Nielsen, M. E., & Richards-Little, E. K. (1998, March). *Religious Self-Disclosure as a Norm Violation*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Mobile, Alabama.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1997, November). Religious Conflict and Consonance in Cyberspace. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association, San Diego.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1997, September). A Self-Complexity Perspective on Self-Cognition. Paper presented at the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences Conference on Self-Knowledge, Sevastopol, Ukraine.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1997, September). Religion and Psychology at the Beginning of a New Millennium. Invited paper presented at the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences Conference on Spirituality at the End of the Twentieth Century, Sevastopol, Ukraine.
- Stevens, R., & Nielsen, M. E. (1997, April). *Malaysian Moslem students' descriptions of religious and spiritual experiences*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Atlanta.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1996, November). *Psychology, religion, and the future: Doing social science on the world-wide web*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Nashville.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1995, October). *Intrapersonal and interpersonal religious conflict: A preliminary investigation*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1995, March). *H-Comp: A program to calculate information complexity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Savannah.

- Nielsen, M. E. (1994, November). *Descriptions of religious experience using personality and emotion adjectives*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Albuquerque.
- Slotterback, C., Nielsen, M. E., & Saarnio, D. (1993, November). *On being mellow: Perceived emotionality of older adults*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1993, August). *Religious complexity, predictability, and doubt*. Paper presented as part of a symposium, "Thinking About Religion: From Experience to Doubt or Affirmation," at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Fultz, J. (1992, November). *Domain-specific self-complexity: The religious and the intellectual*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington, D.C.
- Miller, C. E., & Nielsen, M. E. (1992, May). *Factors affecting expectations about group decision making*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Fultz, J. (1991, November). *Self-complexity and religious orientation, conflict, and belief*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Fultz, J. (1991, November). *Religious conflict and religious orientation: A replication and extension*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Fultz, J. (1991, May). *Self-complexity in the intellectual and religious domains*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Miller, C. E. (1991, May). *Perpetuation of majority and seniority group decision rules*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Fultz, J., & Nielsen, M. E. (1989, May). *Is empathic helping mediated by victim-focused attention?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Miller, C. E. (1989, May). *Expectations regarding group decision rules*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Fultz, J., & Nielsen, M. E. (1989, April). *Anticipated vicarious affect and preference for exposure to another's suffering*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Sociological Association, St. Louis.

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

Master's Theses Directed

Smith, S. (current). *Attachment Style, Religion and Relationships: A Replication of Lee Kirkpatrick's Work*.

Hellstrom, I. E. (2006). *Eschatological Thought and Religiosity among Christians: Patterns and Relationships*. Defended June 12, 2007.

Randolph-Seng, B. (2004). *The Automatic Consequences of Religious Priming*. Defended April 14, 2004

Master's Thesis Committees

2000 Jason Fors

1995 Angie Nicholson

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

2006 Bryan Murley, *A Semantic Network Analysis of the Interpretive Community of Emerging Church Weblogs*, University of South Carolina, School of Journalism & Mass Communications. (Serving as outside reader.)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Organizations

Executive Council, Georgia Psychological Society, 2006-present

Board of Directors, Georgia Southern University chapter of American Association of University Professors, 2006 - 2008

Board of Directors, Mormon Social Science Association, 2001-2008

President, Mormon Social Science Association, 1999-2001

President-Elect, 1997-1999

Past-President, 2001-2003

Webmaster, Mormon Social Science Association, 2001-2003

American Psychological Association, Division 36 (Psychology of Religion) web-page committee member, 2001-2003

Editor, *Mormon Social Science Association Newsletter*, 1994-1999

Session Organizer, Convener and Discussant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, and Southeastern Psychology Association

Ad Hoc Editorial Consultant, Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology, Society for the Teaching of Psychology, Division Two, American Psychological Association, 1997, 1998, 1999

Editorial Board

Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought (2004-present)

Advisory Board

Artha: Journal of Social Sciences, published by Christ College, Bangalore, India, 2000-2004

Wounded Healer e-journal, 1997-1998. (No longer online.)

Ad Hoc Editorial Consulting: Journals (112)

Archive fur Religionpsychologie (5 reviews, 2006 - 2009)

Journal of Religion and Health (2 reviews, 2009)

Mental Health, Religion and Culture (2006, 2009)
Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought (6 reviews, 2004 - 2009)
The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion, (17 reviews, 1998-2009)
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Teaching of Psychology (28 reviews, 1996 - 2007)
European Psychologist (2007)
International Studies Perspectives (2007)
Journal of Muslim Mental Health (2007)
Southeastern Journal of Psychology (2006)
Journal of Media and Religion (2005)
Journal of Gerontology (2 reviews, 2005)
Journal of Personality (2004)
Clio's Psyche (2 reviews, 2002)
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Ad Hoc Editorial Consulting: Books (17)

Oxford University Press, 2009, *Handbook of the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*,
by Miller
Littlefield Adams Publishers, 2007, *Psychology and Religion*, by Fuller.
Wiley Publishers, 2007, *Social Psychology*, by Sanderson.
Worth Publishers, 2006, *Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences*, by Nolan & Heinzen.
Rowman & Littlefield, 2006, *More Moral Than God: Taking Responsibility for Religious
Violence*.
Routledge Publishers, 2006, *The Politics of Religious Experience*.
Routledge Publishers, 2005, revision of Argyle's *The Psychology of Religion*.
Edwin Mellen Press, 2004, *A Statistical Profile of Mormons: Health, Wealth and Social
Life*
Sage Publications, 2003, *Peace Psychology Since the Cold War: A Handbook*
Greenwood Publishing Group, 2000, *The Magic of Prayer*
Allyn & Bacon publishers, 1999, *Statistical Analysis for the Social Sciences: An Interactive
Approach*.
Routledge Publishers, 1999, Michael Argyle's *The Psychology of Religion*.
University of California Press, 1998, *Mapping Religion & Psychological Studies*.
Prentice Hall, 1996, Coats & Feldman's *Classic and Contemporary Readings in Social
Psychology* (1st Ed.).

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Dushkin Publishing, 1995, Slife's *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Psychological Issues* (9th Ed.)
Allyn & Bacon Publishers, 1995, Paloutzian's *Invitation to the Psychology of Religion* (2nd Ed.)

Ad Hoc Editorial Consulting: Electronic Media (6)

Allyn & Bacon Publishers, 1998, 1999, *Mind Matters*
Longman Advanced Media Group:
Perdue & Hilton's *Psychology* CD-ROM, 1997, 1999;
Whitehurst's *CourseNet*, 1996;
Wade & Tavris supplemental web materials, 1998

GRANTS

Murray, J., & Nielsen, M. E. (2005). Automaticity of general beliefs and social perception. Grant proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation, Social Psychology Program. Budget \$108890. Currently under revision.
National Science Foundation, Advanced Training Institute in Social Psychology at California State University-Fullerton, January 16-20, 2002.
Georgia Southern University, Center for Excellence in Teaching, On-Line Faculty Retreat at St. Simons Island, Georgia, March 1-3, 2000.
Nielsen, M. E. (1999). Attachment theory and religion: A cross-cultural investigation. Special Initiatives Award, Georgia Southern University College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Budget \$2500. Funded.
Nielsen, M. E. (1997). Travel to Ukraine. Faculty Development and Welfare Professional Travel Award, \$1200. Funded, May 29, 1997.

HONORS AND AWARDS RECEIVED

Golden Anniversary Alumni Award, Northern Illinois University, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, September 25, 2009.
Georgia Southern University *2007 Award for Excellence in Service*.
American Psychological Association *Distinguished Service Award*, Division for the Psychology of Religion, 2006.
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences *Award of Distinction in Service*, 2006
Selected as a Faculty Mentor by Ny Thi Tran during her induction in the Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society, November 13, 2005.
Honorable Mention award, 1999 International Religion and the Behavioral Sciences Research Competition sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation for the article "An Assessment of Religious Conflicts and their Resolutions," published in *The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 37, 1 (1998): 181-190.

Indexed in *Cambridge Who's Who Registry Among Executives and Professionals in the field of Education and Research*, 2009

Indexed in *Directory of American Scholars* (11th ed.), Thomson-Gale Publisher

Indexed in *Marquis Who's Who in the World* (2000, 2001)

Indexed in *Marquis Who's Who in America* (2000, 2001, 2006, 2007)

Indexed in *Marquis Who's Who in American Education* (7th ed., 2006-7; 8th ed., 2007-8)

Indexed in *Marquis Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare* (6th ed., 2006-2007)

Georgia Southern University College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences nominee for the university system's "Connecting Teachers and Technology" faculty development program, 1996.

Success in U Faculty Appreciation Award, Georgia Southern University, 1995.

My Psychology of Religion world-wide-web site, <http://www.psywww.com/psyrelig>, has received recognition by reference libraries, internet resource evaluators, and newspapers. Additional details available at <http://www.psywww.com/psyrelig/endorse.htm>.

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION

External reviewer, September 2009, Ph.D. Dissertation of Jawaid Faiyaz Muhammad Khan, "A Study of Personality Variables of Internally and Externally Controlled Students, Professors, Executives and Politicians," University of Karachi.

External reviewer, September 2006, John Templeton Foundation Grant Program.
Reviewed a proposal requesting funding for research on prayer.

External reviewer, May 2006, Indiana University - South Bend. Reviewed the tenure and promotion materials of Dr. Kevin Ladd.

Consultant to Michael Donahue, Ph.D., on the Sommervogel Archive project, a searchable database of 34,000 publications in the psychology of religion, 2005. Available at www.psywww.com/psyrelig

External reviewer, February 2003, Missouri Institute of Mental Health, School of Medicine. Reviewed the tenure and promotion materials of Dr. Joel Epstein.

Expert Witness in the U.S. District Court, District of Maryland, Northern Division case: *General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists v. Montgomery County, et al.*, Case No. JFM-00CV1024, (involved in case from September 2000 to January 2001).

SERVICE TO GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

University Service

Member, Georgia Southern University Institutional Review Board, 2007-2011

Member, Georgia Southern University Fulbright Committee, 2009

Member, Georgia Board of Regents Academy for Learning through Performance Standards and Assessment, 2005-2006

SACS reaccreditation faculty interviewee, 2005

Faculty Senate, 2002-2003, 2004-2007
Faculty Service Committee (Chair), 2004-2006
Faculty Technology Advisory Group, 2004-2007
Division of Student Affairs, Eagle Entertainment Faculty Interviewer, 2001
Faculty focus group member to the Committee for the Study of Student Ratings of Instruction, May 1996.

College Service

CLASS Promotion Committee member, 2009
CLASS Promotion Committee member, 2008
CLASS Faculty Representative to the Georgia Board of Regents Academy for Learning through Performance Standards and Assessment, Fall 2005-present.
Department of Literature & Philosophy Faculty Search Committee, 2005-2006.
College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Award for Excellence Committee Member, 2004.
College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Award of Distinction Committee Member, 2004.
Department of Literature & Philosophy Faculty Search Committee, 2001-2002.
College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Tenure Appeal Committee, 2001
College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Special Projects Awards Committee, 2000

Psychology Department Service

Department of Psychology Faculty Search Committees
Member, 2005-2006
Member, 2004-2005
Chair, 2003-2004
Chair, 2002-2003
Member, 2001-2002
Subject Pool Coordinator, 1994-2006
Computer Committee Head, 1995-2002; committee member 2002-present
Department Webmaster, 2004-present
Research Methods Course Sequence Committee, 1993-2007
Psychology Dept. Representative, Year 2000 Computer Task force, 1998-2000
Full Member of the Graduate Faculty, 1998-present; Associate Member, 1995-1998
Recruitment Committee, Department of Psychology, 1999, 2001
Semester Conversion Committee Member
Undergraduate Student Advisor, 1993-present.

Campus Presentations

Guest lecturer, Dr. Barry Balleck's "International Terrorism" class, on motivation in suicide bombers, June 1, 2006.
Guest lecturer, Dr. Barry Balleck's "International Terrorism" class, on stress and post-traumatic stress disorder, September 13, 2005.
Guest lecturer, Dr. Janie Wilson's "Senior Research" class, on religion and social

psychology, January 20, 2005.

Panel discussion member, "Religion and War", March 4, 2003

Guest lecturer, Dr. Janie Wilson's "Senior Research" class, on social-psychological studies of religious belief and behavior, February 2003.

Guest lecturer, Dr. Jim Pugh's "Tests and Measurements" class, on the subjects of statistics and industrial-organizational psychology's use of measurement, October 2002.

Guest lecturer, Dr. Dan Webster's "Research Methods" class, on the subject of designing laboratory research, November 2002.

Panel discussion moderator, "Religious Responses to the September 11 Terrorist Attacks," September 20, 2001.

Guest lecturer in Dr. Kathy Harwood's English 1102, on the subject of religion's role in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Panel discussion participant, "Gay Positive Religious Faith," Religious Awareness Week, May 21, 1998.

Presented "Social Psychology and Religion: Examples from Ukraine and Russia", Religious Awareness Week, May 20, 1998.

Instructor for the Psychology portion of WGS 399 (Spring 1998).

Panel discussion participant, "An Invitation to Faith: How Religions Bring in New Members", Religious Awareness Week, May 19, 1997.

Session leader, "Religious Stigma", Religious Awareness Week, May 20, 1997.

Guest lecturer in Dr. Fred Richter's "Faith in Fiction" course, March 5, 1997, on the subject of William James.

Presented "Exploring the Religious Web", Religious Awareness Week, May 16, 1996

Spirituality and Residence Hall Living. Presented February 4, 1995, to the Georgia Resident Assistant Saturday Seminar.

Individual Arrangement Courses (In addition to normal teaching load)

Research Experience (13 students)

Directed Research:

Spring 2005 (Cecelia Reames, Social Cognition)

Spring 2002 (Jennifer Williams, Attitudes about Stem Cell Research)

Spring 1995 (Kate Richards, Perceptions of Religious People)

Directed Study: Fall 1998 (Psychology and Law)

Development of Original Research:

Spring 2006 (Ingrid Hellstrom, Psychology and Apocalyptic Beliefs)

Spring 2003 (Brandon Randolph-Seng, Religious Priming)

Independent Research:

Spring, 2004 (Brandon Randolph-Seng, Religion and Cognition)

Mentor, McNair Scholar Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, to Synovia Edwards, Summer 2005, studying Religious Attitudes and Suicide.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Interviewed by Roger Nygaard for the film *The Nature of Existence*. Interview recorded 2007; film released 2009.
- Interviewed by Banning Lary, Lago Video, regarding the psychology of religion for an educational video, titled *Psychology of Religion*. Interview recorded July 10, 2007.
- Interviewed on the radio program Mind Excursions regarding the role of religion in understanding the terrorist attack on New York City and Washington DC. Two-part interview aired September 22 and October 6, 2001, on Cinq FM 102.3 in Montreal, Canada.
- Interviewed by Natalia Konstantinovna Vasashenko for Odessa (Ukraine) State Television, regarding psychology and religion. Interview recorded May 29, 2000, for editing and later broadcast (unknown airing).
- Interviewed for the Tennessee Public Radio program, "Ideas and Issues," broadcasted May 23, 1999.

MEDIA CONSULTATION

- Consultant to Elaine Jarvik, *Deseret Morning News*, on the psychology of religious humor, Jan. 18, 2008.
- Consultant to Brooke Adams, *Salt Lake Tribune*, on people's attitudes toward polygamous marriages, Aug. 3, 2006.
- Consultant to Christine Pullyam, *Christian Century*, on the subject of religion and happiness, Feb. 24, 2006.
- Consultant to Roger Nygard, film & television director, on psychology of religion, Dec. 16, 2005. On-camera interview Jan. 9, 2006.
- Consultant to Nicole Maier, *Men's Health*, on the power of belief, Oct. 6, 2005
- Consultant to John Godl, *Simply Australia*, on religious belief, Feb. 20, 2005
- Consultant to Pamela Paul, *Time*, on religion and happiness. Dec. 2, 2004.
- Consultant to Jennifer Mitchell, Main Public Radio, on spiritualism. "A Camp for Spiritualists Looks Back on its History" was broadcast August 20, 2004.
- Consultant to Jennifer Huget, *Washington Post*, on psychological research about faith. Story appeared June 8, 2004. < <http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A23276-2004Jun7>>
- Consultant to Becky Nunn, British Broadcasting Corporation (Assistant Producer, Religion) regarding psychological aspects of religion and belief in God. September 8, 2003.
- Consultant to Anne Stifter, Savannah Morning News reporter, on a story dealing with religious groups and individuals' responses to the US Supreme Court ruling on homosexuality. Quote appeared in the newspaper June 27, 2003.
- Consultant to Anne Stifter, Savannah Morning News reporter, on a story dealing with religion and homosexuality, focusing on the Episcopal church. July 22, 2003. Story appeared July 27, 2003.
- Consultant to Alan Salkin, *Yoga Journal*, May 16, 2002, regarding Sri Ravi Shankar and the Art of Living movement.

- Consultant to Saurabh Bhattacharya, Life Positive Magazine, December 18, 2001, regarding psychology of religion.
- Consultant to Stacy Willis, Las Vegas Sun newspaper, October 26, 2001, regarding psychological perspectives on religious extremism.
- Consultant to Ann Stifter, Savannah Morning News writer, September 7, 2001 for a story on charismatics and spiritualism, in the context of State Representative Pelote's claim that she talked with the dead.
- Consultant to Bill Sones, writer of the syndicated column "Strange but True," for a column on factors associated with happiness, August 23, 2001.
- Consultant to Lia Dosik, associate producer for Paulist Productions, July 27, 2001, for a History Channel television program regarding Judas.
- Consultant to Pamela Walk, Savannah Morning News, July 2, 2001, for story on baby boomers.
- Consultant to Martha Allen, Minneapolis Star Tribune, January 25, 2001, for a story devoted to religious and secular rites of passage. Story appeared in the March 24, 2001, edition. Accessed <http://www.startribune.com/stOnLine/cgi-bin/article?thisStory=83839304>
- Consultant to Sandy Bennett, writer for *Orange County Family Magazine*, for "Faith & Fate" November 2000 cover story (pp. 33-35) on coping with family tragedy.
- Consultant to Arthur Guray, reporter for the web-based magazine Inasphere, June 19, 2000, regarding teenagers' religious experiences. Story posted at <http://www.inasphere.com/>.
- Interviewed for the Religious Studies Newsletter of Concordia University (Montreal), on the subject of psychology and religion's past & future. Interview published in the April 2000 edition (vol. 3, no. 4).
- Consultant to Bruce Bryant-Friedland, The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Florida, regarding psychological aspects of prayer. Story was published March 11, 2000, online version http://jacksonville.com/tu-online/stories/031100/met_2406319.html.
- Psychology of Religion consultant to the Infography, <http://www.Infography.com>.
- Consultant to Bill Turpie, Odyssey Television Network, on the subject of religious conversion, April 13, 2000.
- Consultant to Natasha Soma, British Broadcasting Corporation, July 16, 1999.
- Consultant to Bruce Bryant-Friedland, reporter for the Florida Times-Union, March 6, 1999.
- Consultant to Carie Cain, Assistant Features Editor of the Herald News, Holiet, Illinois, December, 1998, regarding psychology of religion.
- Consultant to Amy Wallace, reporter for the Los Angeles Times, August 4, 1997.
- Consultant to Lynn Neary, reporter for National Public Radio, June 20, 1997. Story was broadcast on *All Things Considered*, July 28 1997.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Statesboro, GA, Jan. 9, 2005. "*Religion and the*

Brain".

Middle-school Model United Nations lecturer, "Religion and its Effects", November 14, 2002, Georgia Southern University.

Middle-school Model United Nations lecturer, "Religion and Terrorism", November 2001, Georgia Southern University.

Assisted a team in Ukraine apply for funding from the Goldin Institute on International Partnership and Peace, sponsored by the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, October 2004.

Pittman Park United Methodist Church of Statesboro, GA, May 11, 1997. "*Religion and the internet*".

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Statesboro, GA, June 4, 1995, "*Psychology and Religion*".

Guest speaker at local schools on the subject of psychology.

Since the inception of my website in 1994 I have responded to thousands of questions regarding the psychology of religion. The queries have come from students, academics, clergy and others interested in psychological aspects of religious life. Most originate in North America, but they have come from every continent. I view this as an important aspect of my service to the community, and I strive to guide people to reliable information.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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