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Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Princeton University, Ph.D., Social Psychology, 1990
Princeton University, M.A., Psychology, 1988
University of Iowa, B.S., Psychology, 1986 (With Distinction, With Honors in Psychology)
Ames Senior High School, Ames, Iowa, Diploma, 1983

Academic and Professional Experience

Adjunct Professor of Psychology, Lecturer in Psychology, University of Iowa, 2000 to present
Visiting Professor of Psychology, Cornell College, 2003 to 2004
Assessment Consultant, Cornell College, 2003 to 2004
Director of Institutional Research, Cornell College, 2001 to 2003
Visiting Associate Professor (sabbatical leave from Shippensburg University)
 Department of Psychology, University of Iowa, 1998-1999 academic year
Professor of Psychology, Shippensburg University, 1999 to 2001
Associate Professor of Psychology, Shippensburg University, 1994 to 1999, tenured in 1995
Assistant Professor of Psychology, Shippensburg University, 1990 to 1994
Designer and Director, General Education Assessment Project, a multi-cohort, longitudinal study
 Shippensburg University, 1992-2001
Visiting Scholar, 45th Annual Summer Institute, Survey Research Center,
 Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, summer 1992
Assistant in Research, 1989-1990, Dr. Joel Cooper, Princeton University
 Attitudes; social psychological aspects of computer use
Research Assistant, 1985-1986, Dr. John T. Cacioppo, University of Iowa
 Attitude change
Research Assistant, 1984-1986, Dr. William E. Cooper, University of Iowa
 Language processing; emotional expression in speech of the healthy elderly and in patients
 with right hemisphere brain damage

Honors and Awards

Named by 10+ seniors as the one person at UI who had the most positive influence on them, 2020
Refugee and Immigrant Association Recognition for Service, 2017
African American Organization Award for Service, Shippensburg University, 1993
Sigma Xi, elected 1990
American Psychological Association Dissertation Research Award, 1990

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1986-1989
Phi Beta Kappa, elected 1986
Psi Chi, elected 1985
Undergraduate Scholar Research Assistantship, University of Iowa, 1984-1986
National Merit Scholarship, University of Iowa, 1983-1986
National Merit Finalist, 1983
Freshman Honors Scholarship, University of Iowa, 1983-1984
Iowa Bar Association Citizenship Award, 1983

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

- Coolsen, M., & Nelson, L. J. (2001). Desiring and avoiding close romantic attachment in response to mortality salience. *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying, 44*, 257-276.
- Kain, K., & Nelson, L. J. (2001). Cigarette smoking and fear of death: Explaining conflicting results in death anxiety research. *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying, 43*, 43-61.
- Nelson, L. J. (2000). Review of "Why so slow? The advancement of women." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, November 2000*, 190-191.
- Nelson, L. J., & Klutas, K. (2000). The distinctiveness effect in social interaction: Creation of a self-fulfilling prophecy. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 26*, 126-135.
- Nelson, L. J., Moore, D. L., Olivetti, J., & Scott, T. (1997). General and personal mortality salience and nationalistic bias. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 23*, 884-892.
- Nelson, L. J., Shanahan, S. B., & Olivetti, J. (1997). Power, empowerment, and equality: Evidence for the motives of feminists, non-feminists and antifeminists. *Sex Roles, 37*, 227-249.
- Nelson, L. J., & Cooper, J. (1997). Gender differences in children's reactions to success and failure with computers. *Computers in Human Behavior, 13*, 247-267.
- Nelson, L. J., & Miller, D. T. (1995). The distinctiveness effect in social categorization: You are what makes you unusual. *Psychological Science, 6*, 246-249.
- Nelson, L. J., Wiese, G., & Cooper, J. (1991). Getting started with computers: Experience, anxiety, and relational style. *Computers in Human Behavior, 7*, 185-202.
- Cooper, W. E., & Nelson, L. J. (1987). Generating probable consequences. *Perceptual and Motor Skills, 65*, 639-652.
- Cooper, W. E., Tye-Murray, N., & Nelson, L. J. (1987). Missing words and the comprehension of spoken text. *Acta Psychologica, 65*, 13-24.
- Cooper, W. E., Tye-Murray, N., & Nelson, L. J. (1987). Detection of missing words in spoken text. *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research, 16*, 233-240.

Dissertation

- Nelson, L. J. (1991). The relationship between values and attitudes (Doctoral dissertation, Princeton University, 1990). *Dissertation Abstracts International, 51*, 3614-B.

Grants Funded

- Assessing the Effects of General Education on College Students
\$4210, 1993-1994, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education
\$5055, 1992, Professional Development Committee, Shippensburg University

- Building Bridges Program
\$20,228, 1993-1994, Human Understanding Committee, Shippensburg University
\$5312, 1993, Human Understanding Committee, Shippensburg University

Values in High Attrition Student Populations
\$1500, 1991, Professional Development Committee, Shippensburg University

Colloquia and Invited Addresses

- "I'm Gonna Die and I Love America": The Effects of Mortality Salience on Bias Against Japanese Auto Manufacturers.* Psychology Department Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, February 12, 1998.
- Reactions to Thinking About Death: Cognitive Consistency or Terror Management?* Psychology Department Colloquium, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, September 15, 1995.
- Building Bridges Program.* Meeting of the Pennsylvania Association of Council of Trustees, Shippensburg, PA, November 14, 1994. (with D. L. Jefferson & K. Darden)
- Building Bridges: A Shippensburg University Program to Promote Classroom Dialogue on Diversity.* Cultural Awareness in the Classroom and Curriculum, Harrisburg, PA, September 29, 1994. (with D. L. Jefferson & K. Darden)
- Assessing the Effects of General Education on Values and Cognitive Styles.* Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Outcomes Assessment Conference, Boiling Springs, PA, May 23, 1994.
- Building Bridges: An Intergroup Communication Program.* Invited Symposium, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA, March 30 - April 4, 1994.
- Building Bridges.* Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, Joint Meeting of Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs and Student Government Presidents; Harrisburg, PA, February 24, 1994.
- Building Bridges Program.* Conference of the Pennsylvania Task Force on Intergroup Relations in Higher Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg, PA, October 27, 1993.
- The Role of Distinctive Traits in Social Categorization.* Psychology Department Colloquium, King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, April 28, 1991.

Conference Presentations

- Nelson, L. J., & Wischusen, J. (1999, June). *Mortality salience and intergroup bias: Nationalism versus racism.* Poster presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Society, Denver, CO.
- Nelson, L. J. (1998, August). *Alternative accounts for 48 mortality salience studies.* Symposium paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Nelson, L. J., Labanoski, M. R., & Marhefka, K. L. (1998, February). *Values and retention during the freshman year.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Nelson, L. J., & Pollini, N. M. (1998, February). *Birth order, family size, and attachment style.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston.
- Nelson, L. J. (1997, June). *Reactions to thinking about personal mortality: Does everyone experience terror?* Paper presented at the Nags Head Conference, Highland Beach, FL.
- Nelson, L. J., & Labanoski, M. R. (1997, April). *Values, cognitive styles, and self-esteem: Change in freshmen due to classroom experience.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, D. C.

- Nelson, L. J., & Labanoski, M. R. (1997, April). *Values, cognitive styles, and self-esteem: Describing entering freshmen and predicting academic performance*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Kain, K., & Nelson, L. J. (1997, April). *Smoking behavior and fear of death among young adults*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, D. C.
- Nelson, L. J. (1996, May). *Reactions to thinking about death: Terror management or cognitive dissonance?* Paper presented at the Nags Head Conference, Highland Beach, FL.
- Nelson, L. J. (1995, June). *Assessing the effects of General Education on values and cognitive styles*. Paper presented at the American Association for Higher Education Assessment Conference, Boston, MA.
- Nelson, L. J., Moore, D. L., Olivetti, J., & Scott, T. (1995, April). *Mortality salience and bias against foreign auto manufacturers*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA. (Also chaired the paper session, "Errors & Biases")
- Olivetti, J., Shanahan, S., & Nelson, L. J. (1995, April). *Perceptions of feminism: Effects of gender and exposure to a women's studies class*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Nelson, L. J., Wolf, F., & Grahe, J. (1995, April). *Values of members of religious denominations: Assemblies of God, Catholics, Lutherans, and Quakers*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Nelson, L. J., Johnson, C., Boyd, J., & Scott, T. (1994, April). *Effects of participation in an intergroup communication program: An assessment of Shippensburg University's Building Bridges Program*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Providence, RI.
- Nelson, L. J., Wolf, F., Beattie, M., & Kish, M. (1994, April). *Values promoted by religious denominations: Assemblies of God, Catholics, Lutherans, and Quakers*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Nelson, L. J., Olivetti, J., & Belew, M. (1994, June). *Perceptions of power among men, feminist women, and non-feminist women*. Paper presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference, Ames, IA.
- Coolsen, M., & Nelson, L. J. (1994, April). *Feelings about death among young adults*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Nelson, L. J., Moore, D. L., Boyd, J., & Lilje, J. (1993). *The effects of mortality salience on values*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Alqahtani, F. F., Nelson, L. J., & Fish, D. (1993). *A cross-cultural study of the effects of leadership style on subordinate satisfaction, stress, and productivity*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, D. C.
- Nelson, L. J., & Klutas, K. (1993). *Distinctiveness and social interaction*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Ontario.
- Liedtka, K. D., & Nelson, L. J. (1993). *Dimensions of racial identity and racial attitudes*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Herman, B. J., Nelson, L. J., & Clark, D. (1992). *Belief in a just world: Does it affect how we perceive victims of child abuse?* Poster presented at the Conference on Human Development, Atlanta, GA.

- Nelson, L. J., Fritz, T., Funk, N., Mitzel, T., & Moore, D. (1992). *Sex differences in perceptions of the implications of power*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Nelson, L. J., & Miller, D.T. (1990). *Distinctiveness and categorization: You are what makes you unusual*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Nelson, L. J., & Cooper, J. (1989). *Sex role identity, attributional style, and attitudes toward computers*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Cooper, W. E., & Nelson, L. J. (1986). *The generation of probable consequences*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, New Orleans, LA.

TEACHING AND STUDENT SUPERVISION

Teaching Experience

University of Iowa, Visiting Associate Professor (1998-1999), Lecturer and Adjunct Professor (2000-present)

- Psychology of Gender (taught 31 terms)
- Social Psychology (13, including 11 large lecture classes)
- Stereotyping and Prejudice (4)
- Social Influence (1)
- Laboratory in Psychology: Social (4)
- Teaching Practicum in Psychology (11 students)
- Individual Readings and Projects (1 student)

Cornell College, Visiting Professor (2003-2004)

- Social Psychology (taught 2 terms)
- General Psychology (4)
- Multicultural Psychology (1)

Coe College, Visiting Professor, MAT Program (Summer 2001 and Spring 2007)

- Psychology of Prejudice (taught 2 graduate workshops)

Shippensburg University, Assistant (1990-94), Associate (1994-99), Full Professor (1999-2001)

- Social Psychology (taught 27 sections)
- General Psychology (17, including 3 honors sections and 1 section for at-risk freshmen)
- Experimental Psychology (8)
- Research Design & Statistics I (1)
- Research Design & Statistics II (8)
- Psychology of Social Influence (5)
- Political Psychology (1)
- Psychology and Women (6) included graduate students
- Multicultural Understanding (2)
- Psychology and Religion (1) graduate seminar course
- Internship supervision (9)

Princeton University, Assistant in Instruction (1986-1989)

- Social Psychology (1), with Prof. Joel Cooper
- Personality (1), with Prof. Ziva Kunda
- Social Judgment (1), with Prof. Ziva Kunda

Student Research Supervision

Honors Thesis committee (1 at University of Iowa)

Master's Thesis supervision (4 at Shippensburg University)

Master's Thesis committees (5 in addition to the 4 above, including one at American University)

Graduate Assistant supervision (21 students at Shippensburg University)

Undergraduate Research in Psychology (107 credits of individual instruction; 30 students)

Undergraduate work-study research assistants (7 students) and research volunteers (7 students)

Advanced Research I & II (supervised individual projects of 10 students)

SERVICE

Reviewing

Ad hoc grant reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2009-2010

Ad hoc reviewer, *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 1999 and 2000

Ad hoc reviewer, *Sex Roles*, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001

Ad hoc reviewer, *Journal of Social and Interpersonal Relationships*, 1998, 1999, 2005

Reviewer of papers submitted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, 1995 and 1997

Reviewer of papers submitted for presentation at the CEPO session of the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, 1994

Positions in University Governance and Major Committees

Cornell College

Chair of Assessment Committee, 2002-2003

Shippensburg University

Chair of Psychology Department Professional Development Committee, 1993-2001

Psychology Department Honors Coordinator, 1995-2001

Psychology Department Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 1990-2001

Faculty Forum, elected at-large member, 1992-1994, 1994-1996

Graduate Assistant Allocation Committee, 1994-1997

Dean of Students Search Committee, 1994

Psychology Department Search Committee, 1993 and 1995

Ethnic Studies Committee, 1993-1994

University Honors Committee, 1990-1991

Multicultural Understanding Program Development

Initiator and Coordinator of Building Bridges, a multicultural understanding program informed by research on the social psychology of prejudice and stereotyping (1992-2001, with D. L. Jefferson)

- Selected, trained, and supervised 10-15 student facilitators each semester
- Recruited faculty to host the program in their classes
- Conducted outcomes assessment
- Served as a consultant and trainer at other universities that wanted to institute the program
August 20-22, 1995, Clarion University, Clarion, PA
March 31, 1996, Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA

Service Activities Related to Psychology and Education

Volunteer caseworker for refugee resettlement, assisting African immigrants with special challenges, such as victims of ethnic oppression, illiterate adults, adolescents with no previous education

Lutheran Services of Iowa (2007-2008) and then informally (2009 to present)

Activities include

- Providing orientation to the community and American culture
- Mentoring, academic and career planning, communicating with teachers
- Assistance in applying for college and financial aid
- Recruiting and coordinating the work of other volunteers, including several University of Iowa students
- Applying for food and medical assistance, navigating the social service system
- Obtaining housing, clothing, phones, education, tutoring, job skills training, medical and dental care, translators, transportation, permanent resident status, citizenship

Executive Director, Peace Education and Action Center of Eastern Iowa
Iowa City, 2007 to 2020

This was primarily a volunteer position.

Member, Facilities Advisory Committee (advisory to the School Board)
Iowa City Community School District, 2005-2009

Co-coordinator, Family Math and Science Night
Hoover Elementary School, Iowa City, 2007

Corporation member, American Friends Service Committee, a non-profit organization working in the U.S. and abroad

Activities included providing information on the psychology of prejudice
Philadelphia, 1995-2012

Informal sponsor and advocate, Siumu Preschool and Mulivai Primary School

Activities included working with children in village schools, fund raising in U.S. through sale of traditional crafts, purchasing and sending books and supplies
Siumu and Mulivai Villages, Samoa (Independent State of Samoa), 1996-2001

Coordinator of the collection of general psychology textbooks to be donated to Czechoslovakia,
Shippensburg University, 1991

Tutor, English as a Second Language

Ames Senior High School, Ames, Iowa, 1981-1983

Volunteer working with children with psychological disorders and/or a history of abuse

Beloit Residential Treatment Center, Ames, Iowa, 1981-1983