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Education

Ph.D **Psychological Science**. Anticipated: December 2001.
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA
Specialization: *Developmental*

Dissertation: "Preterm infants' behavioral responses to differential amounts of auditory and visual stimulation." Robert Lickliter, Ph.D., Advisor. Contact at duckling@vt.edu.

M.S. **Psychological Science**, December 1997.
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA
Specialization: *Developmental*

Thesis: "Changes in the content and prosody of mother's speech across the first postnatal year." Robin P. Cooper, Ph.D., Advisor.

M.A. **Experimental Psychology**, October, 1994.
Hollins College, Roanoke, VA

Thesis: "Maternal stress in adolescent and adult mothers two and ten weeks after birth." George J. Ledger, Ph.D., advisor.

B.A. **Psychology**, June, 1993.
University of Minnesota-Morris, Morris, MN
Suma cum laude

Additional Training:

- Developmental Specialist Training: Newborn Individualized Developmental Care and Assessment Program (NIDCAP). Wake AHEC, WakeMed and University of North Carolina. (Certification in progress.)
- Developmental Therapist Training, Minneapolis Children's Medical Center, Minneapolis MN. Autism and pervasive developmental disorder behavioral intervention training. (December, 1992)

Teaching Experiences

- 9/01- Current **Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, WI.
- 2/01 – 6/01 **Instructor**, Department of Psychology, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.
1) *Developmental Psychology*.
Contact Dr. Chuck Huff, (507)646-3169.
- 8/99- 12/99 **Instructor**, Department of Educational Studies, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond VA.
1) *Human Growth and Development*.
Contact: Dr. John Seyfarth, (804) 828-1334.
- 7/99-8/99 **Instructor**, Department of Educational Studies, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.
1) *Adolescent Growth and Development* (Master's level course).
Contact: Dr. John Seyfarth, (804) 828-1334.
- 5/99-7/99 **Instructor**, Department of Educational Studies, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.
1) *Child Growth and Development* (Master's level course).
Contact: Dr. John Seyfarth, (804) 828-1334.
- 1/99- 5/99 **Instructor**, Department of Psychology, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.
1) *Social Psychology*
2) *Developmental Psychology* (Life-Span).
Contact Dr. Jack Finney, (540) 231-6581.
- 8/98-12/98 **Instructor**, Department of Psychology, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
1) *Developmental Psychology* (Life-Span).
Contact Dr. Jack Finney, (540) 231-6581.
- 1/98- 7/98 **Instructor**. Department of Psychology, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.
1) *Advanced Developmental Lab*. (2 sections in Spring & 1 section in Summer).
Supervisors: Dr. Robin Cooper & Dr. Martha Ann Bell
- 8/97-12/97 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**. Department of Psychology, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.
1) *Introductory Psychology* Recitation Section. (2 sections)
Responsible for discussion classes of about 40 students each. Led discussions on basic psychological topics, and graded reaction papers.
Supervisor: Dr. Jack Finney.
- 1/97-5/97 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**. Department of Psychology, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.
1) *Personality Psychology*.
Graded exams and papers for course instructor.

Supervisor: Cynthia Lease, Ph.D.

- 8/95 -12/96 **Graduate Teaching Assistant.** Department of Psychology, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.
 1) *Introductory Psychology* Recitation Section. (2 sections)
 Responsible for discussion classes of about 40 students each. Led discussions on basic psychological topics, and graded reaction papers.
 Supervisor: Dr. Jack Finney.
- 8/92-6/93 **Teaching Assistant,** Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota-Morris.
 1) *Personality Psychology*
 2) *Abnormal Psychology*
 Graded exams and papers, proctored exams, and tutored students.
 Supervisor: Eric Klinger, Ph.D.
- 8/91-6/92 **Teaching Assistant,** Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota-Morris
 1) *Introductory Psychology.* (4 Sections)
 Responsible for discussion classes of about 40 students each. Led discussions on basic psychological topics, and graded reaction papers.
 Supervisor: Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Ph.D.

Applied Professional Experiences

- 8/99-7/00 **Child Psychology Fellow,** Assessment Clinic for Children with Developmental Disorders, Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia.
 Responsibilities: Coordinated and participated in a multidisciplinary team assessing young children with suspected pervasive developmental or autistic disorder. Coordinated team feedback and wrote reports for the family. Contact: Dr. Donald Oswald, (804) 828-9900.
- 5/97-8/97 **Staff Supervisor and Nursery Coordinator.** Roanoke Fitness and Wellness Center. Responsible for program design and maintenance of child care facilities, and supervision and training of staff. Supervisor: Bud Grey
- 10/94-8/95 **Waivered Services Coordinator,** St. David's School for Child Development, Minnetonka, MN. Worked with children and families dealing with a variety of developmental disorders and delays, including autism, pervasive developmental disorder, Down's syndrome, and attention deficits. Performed assessments, developed behavior programs, trained, supervised and evaluated staff, analyzed data collected from behavior plans, and attended all IEP and ISP development sessions. Supervisor: Sue Estebrooke, M.S.
- 6/93-8/93 **Program Implementor,** St. David's School for Child Development, Minnetonka, MN. Implemented behavior programs developed for children with a variety of developmental disorders and delays. Responsibilities included maintaining progress reports, data collection, and working one-on-one with these children to improve social and cognitive skills.

Research Experiences

- 3/00- 12/00 **Project Coordinator**, Low Birth Weight Community Assessment Project, Roanoke, VA. A Blue Ridge Perinatal Council sponsored project, funded by the Virginia Department of Health and a grant from the March of Dimes. Responsibilities included management of a research project aimed to identify specific factors associated with low birth weight in the Blue Ridge Region (14 counties, 7 cities), included hiring, training, and coordinating the interview staff, management of data, data analysis, recruitment of subjects, and presentation of findings at local and statewide council meetings. Supervisor: Sally Logan, MSW.
- 9/95- 9/98 **Research Assistant**, Infant Speech Perception Lab. Virginia Tech. Supervisor: Robin Cooper, Ph.D.
- 12/92- 5/93 **Research Assistant**, Kemble Biopsychology Lab. University of Minnesota-Morris. Responsibilities included participating in research concerning the odor induced fear responses in mice after exposure to CDP. Supervisor: Ernie Kemble, Ph.D.

Research Publications

Oswald, D., Strunk, P.C, & Goza, A.(2000). Diagnostic assessment with young children with autism: A comprehensive protocol. Richmond, VA: Virginia Commonwealth University. (in review).

Garbe, C.M., Kemble, E., & Strunk, P.C. (1993). Effects of chlordiazepoxide on odor-induced risk assessment behaviors in mice. Bulletin of the Psychonomic Society, 31 (4), 314-316.

Research Presentations

Strunk, P.C., Cooper, R.P., & Green, C. (1998, May). Changes in the content of mothers' speech to infants across the first postnatal year. Poster presentation at American Psychology Society, Washington, DC

Strunk, P.C., Cooper, R.P., & Green, C. (1998, April) Changes in the content of mothers' speech to infants across the first postnatal year. Poster presentation at International Conference for Infant Studies, Atlanta, GA.

Garbe, C. & Strunk, P. (1993, June) Effects of CDP on odor-induced risk assessment in mice. Psi Chi Poster presentation at America Psychological Society, Chicago, IL.

Grants

Virginia Tech Graduate Student Assembly Travel Grant, April, 1998.
Virginia Tech Developmental Science Society Travel Award, May 1998.

Professional Service

Committee Member. Developmental Care Task Force (1998-2000), Carilion Community Hospital of Roanoke, Roanoke, VA. Advocacy and education group established to encourage the use of developmentally sensitive care to preterm and at-risk infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Committee Member: Blue Ridge Perinatal Council (2000). A multidisciplinary council established to evaluate and attend to the needs of women in the Blue Ridge Region regarding pregnancy issues.

Funding Coordinator, Developmental Science Society (1997- 1998). Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.

Secretary, Psi Chi (1992-1993), University of Minnesota, Morris. MN.

Professional Memberships

International Society for Infancy Studies
Society for Research in Child Development

Honors

Departmental Nominee, University Excellence in Teaching award, Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. Spring 2002

3rd place award. Third Annual Virginia Tech Graduate Research Symposium (1998).
“Changes in the content and prosody of mother’s speech across the first postnatal year.”

Psi Chi National Honor Society (1992-present)