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EDUCATION

Ph.D., December 1992
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois
Major: Social-Organizational Psychology

M.A., May 1990
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois
Major: Social Psychology

B.A., June 1986
Southern Utah State College, Cedar City, Utah
Majors: Psychology, Music

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, 2000-present
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
Crystal Lake, Illinois

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Psychological Association
American Psychological Society
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Religious Research Association
Mormon Social Science Association

INVITED PUBLICATIONS

- Bottoms, B., Nielsen, M., Murray, R., & Filipas, H. (2004). Religion related child physical abuse: Characteristics and psychological outcome. In J. Mullins (Ed.), *The victimization of children: Emerging trends* (pp. 87-114). Binghamton, NY: Hayworth. (Co-published in *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, and Trauma*.)
- Nielsen, M. E. (2003). Appalling acts in God's name. *Society* 40(3), 16-20.
- Nielsen, M. E. (2003). Research directions in religion, identity and mental health. *Social Psychological Review*, 5(2), 82-85.

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- Nielsen, M. E. (2002). A window to the Middle-East. *Clio's Psyche*, 8, 195-196.
- Nielsen, M. E. (2001). The role of religion in the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. *North American Journal of Psychology*, 3, 377-383.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Stevens, R. (2001). Descriptions of religious experience using personality and affect adjectives: A U.S. – Malaysian comparison. *North American Journal of Psychology*, 3, 77-89.
- Nielsen, M. E. (2000). Descriptions of religious experience using trait and affect adjectives. *Psychological Reports*, 86, 308-310.
- McFeeters, A., Smith, E., Nielsen, M. E., & Wilson, J. (1998). Projective animal preferences in incarcerated and non-incarcerated men. *Perceptual and Motor Skills*, 86, 250.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1998). An assessment of religious conflicts and their resolutions. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 37, 181-190.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Fultz, J. (1997). An alternative view of religious complexity. *The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, 7, 23-35.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Miller, C. E. (1997). The transmission of norms regarding group decision rules. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 23, 516-525.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1996). H-Comp: A program to calculate information complexity. *Behavior Research Methods, Instruments, & Computers*, 28, 483-485.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1995). Operationalizing religious orientation: Iron rods and compasses. *Journal of Psychology: Interdisciplinary and Applied*, 129, 485-494.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Fultz, J. (1995). Further examination of religious conflict and religious orientation. *Review of Religious Research*, 36, 369-381.
- Fultz, J., & Nielsen, M. E. (1993). Anticipated vicarious affect and willingness to be exposed to another's suffering. *Basic and Applied Social Psychology*, 14, 273-283.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Miller, C. E. (1992). Expectations regarding the use of group decision rules. *Journal of Social Behavior and Personality*, 7, 43-58.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1991). Religious orientation among Mormons. *Association of Mormon Counselors and Psychotherapists Journal*, 17, 105-120.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Donahue, M. J., & Nielsen, M. E. (in press). Religion, attitudes and social behavior. In R. Paloutzian & C. Park (Eds.), *Handbook of the psychology of religion and spirituality*. New York: Guilford.
- Murray, R., & Nielsen, M. E. (in press). The spiritualistic tradition. In E. T. Dowd & S. L. Nielsen (Eds.), *Exploration of the psychologies in religion*. New York: Springer.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Randolph-Seng, B. (in press). Psychology of religion and the Internet. In D. Wulff (Ed.), *Handbook of the psychology of religion*. New York: Oxford.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Nielsen, M. E. (in press). The Bible and behavior: A psychiatrist's diagnosis. [Review of *PsychoBible: Behavior, religion & the holy book*, by A. Favazza]. *PsycCRITIQUES*.
- Nielsen, M. E. (in press). [Review of Iron Rod and Compass scales of religious orientation.] In J. Maltby, C. A. Lewis, & A. Hill (eds.), *Handbook of psychological tests*, pp. 334-335. Wales, UK: Edwin Mellen.
- Nielsen, M. E. (in press). Review of J. A. Belzen (Ed.), *Aspects in contexts: Studies in the history of psychology of religion*. *Mental Health, Religion and Culture*.
- Nielsen, M. E. (in press). Eight entries in the Encyclopedia of religion. Kyiv: Ukrainian Academy of Sciences.
- a. Psychology of religion in the USA.
 - b. The Anglo-American Tradition in the Psychology of Religion
 - c. The French Tradition in the Psychology of Religion
 - d. The German Tradition in the Psychology of Religion
 - e. Erik Erikson
 - f. James Pratt
 - g. The Psychological Basis of Religion
 - h. Psychological Aspects of Worship
- Nielsen, M. E. (2005). Growing spirituality, sans religion. [Review of R. K. C. Forman, *Grassroots spirituality: What it is, why it is here, where it is going*, *PsycCRITIQUES*, 50 (3), article 5.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1994, rev. 2005). *Nielsen's psychology of religion*. [World-Wide-Web resource pages.] Available <<http://www.psywww.com/psyrelig/>>.
- Murray, R., & Nielsen, M. E. (2004). Religion-related child abuse. *Applied developmental science encyclopedia*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Randolph-Seng, B. (2004). Religious groups. *Applied developmental science encyclopedia*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Nielsen, M. E. (2002-2004). Nonstandard deviations. Regular columns for *Sunstone* magazine.
- (a) Lamentation for Peace, December 2002
 - (b) Opposites in all Things, May 2003
 - (c) Dad, its not a Key Ring, December 2003
 - (d) Inspiration and Desperation, December 2004
- Nielsen, M. E. (2000). Selected web sites for Mormon studies. *Mormon Social Science Association Newsletter*, 21 (1), 4-6.
- Nielsen, M. E. (2000). Psychology of religion in U.S. colleges and universities. *Proceedings of*

- the Conference on the History of Christianity and Contemporary Life*. Odessa, Ukraine, May 29-31, 2000, pp. 55-57.
- Nielsen, M. E. (2000). Faith, Science and Religious Behavior Scales (ONLINE). (CD-ROM). Abstracted by Ovid Technologies, Health and Psychosocial Instruments Database.
- Nielsen, M. E. (2000). Iron Rod – Compass Religious Orientation Scales (ONLINE). (CD-ROM). Abstracted by Ovid Technologies, Health and Psychosocial Instruments Database.
- Nielsen, M. E. (2000). Psychology of religion in the USA (ONLINE). Accessed <http://www.psywww.com/psyrelig/USA.html>.
- Nielsen, M. E. (2000). [Review of the book *Hermeneutical approaches in psychology of religion*.] *Mental Health, Religion, and Culture*, 3, 173-174.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1999, March-April). What Makes a Prophet? [Review of the book *Prophetic charisma: The psychology of revolutionary religious personalities*.] *Sunstone*, 22(1), 71-73.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1999). Seven entries in J. D. Schultz (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Religion in American Politics*. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx.
- a. "Benson, Ezra" p. 25
 - b. "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," pp. 49-50
 - c. "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints v. United States, 1890," pp. 50-51
 - d. "Cults," p. 68
 - e. "Smith Jr., Joseph," p. 227-228
 - f. "Stark, Rodney," p. 235
 - g. "Young, Brigham" p. 269
- 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]. *Bulletin of the 1997 Ukrainian Academy of Sciences Philosophy Institute Conference on Self-Knowledge, Sevastopol, Ukraine*, 7, 71-74.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1998). [Religion and Psychology at the Beginning of a New Millennium]. *Bulletin of the 1997 Ukrainian Academy of Sciences Philosophy Institute Conference on Spirituality and Self-Knowledge at the End of the Twentieth Century, Sevastopol, Ukraine*, 7, 63-68. Also to be reprinted in the *Bulletin of the Ukrainian Religious Researchers Association*.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Skomorowskiy, Y. M. (1998). [Perspectives on the state of contact between psychology and religion. *Proceedings of Sevastopol State Technical University: Philosophy and Political Science*, 9, 128-132.]
- Nielsen, M. E. (1998). Renaissance in psychology of religion. [Review of the book *Psychology of religion: Classic and contemporary* (2nd ed.).] *Contemporary Psychology*, 43, 290-291.
- 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.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1997). *Research in psychology and religion*.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1996). [Review of the book *The essential Joseph Smith*.] *Review of Religious Research*, 38, 190-191.

- Nielsen, M. E. (1996, March). Social scientists discuss church growth trends. *Sunstone*, 19, 71.
- Nielsen, M. E. (1995, November/December). What works: Psychology course project. *The Psychology Teacher Network*, 5, pp. 8, 10.
Reprinted in Bolt, M. (1998). *Instructor's resources to accompany Myers' "Psychology"* (5th ed.) and *"Exploring Psychology"* (4th ed.) (CD-ROM). New York: Worth.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Nielsen, M. E., & Williams, J. Religious orientation and attitudes about stem cell research. Manuscript accepted for publication pending revision, *The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*.
- Nielsen, M. E., Randolph-Seng, B., Kujawski, J., & Winger, A. *Effect of expectations on experiences with the Altered States of Consciousness Induction Device*.
- Nielsen, M. E., & White, D. *Men's grooming and expectations of devotion in a religious congregation*.
- Nielsen, M. E., & Pugh, J. *Gender, sexual orientation and descriptions of mystical and erotic experiences*.
- 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*.
- Nielsen, M. E., Richards, E. K., & Salter, R. *Religious witnessing as a form of self-disclosure*.

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 PRESENTED

- 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.

MASTER'S THESES DIRECTED

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

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Organizations

Board of Directors, Mormon Social Science Association, 2001-present
President, Mormon Social Science Association, 1999-2001
Editor, *Mormon Social Science Association Newsletter*, 1994-1999
Discussant and Convener, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1992, 1994, 1998, 1999
Ad Hoc Editorial Consultant, Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology, Society for the Teaching of Psychology, Division Two, American Psychological Association, 1998, 1999

Editorial Board

Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought

Advisory Board

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

Ad Hoc Editorial Consulting: Journals

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (10 reviews, 1994 - 2004)
Teaching of Psychology (23 reviews, 1996 - 2004)
The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion, (11 reviews, 1998-2004)
North American Journal of Psychology (9 reviews, 2000 - 2004)
Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought (2 reviews, 2004)
Journal of Personality (2004)
Clio's Psyche (2 reviews, 2002)
Social Psychological Review (2001)
Basic and Applied Social Psychology (2000)
Theory and Review in Psychology (1997)
Review of Religious Research (1996)
Research Methods, Instruments, & Computers (1995)
Law and Human Behavior (1988)

Ad Hoc Editorial Consulting: Books

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.).
Wadsworth Inc., 1995, McBurney's *Research Methods* (3rd Ed.)
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

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 AND AWARDS

Murray, J., & Nielsen, M. E. (2004). Automaticity of general beliefs and social perception. Grant proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation, Social Psychology Program. Budget \$108890. Currently under review.
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.
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.

RECOGNITION RECEIVED

Indexed in Directory of American Scholars (11th ed.), Thomson-Gale Publisher
Indexed in Who's Who in the World (2000, 2001)
Indexed in Who's Who in America (2000, 2001, 2006)
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, 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

Faculty Senate, 2002-2003, 2004-2007
Chair, Faculty Service Committee, 2004-present
Faculty/Technology Advisory Group, 2004-present
Division of Student Affairs, Eagle Entertainment Faculty Interviewer, 2001

College Service

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Award for Excellence 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, 2004-2005
Chair, 2003-2004
Chair, 2002-2003
Member, 2001-2002
Subject Pool Coordinator, 1994-present
Computer Committee Head, 1995-2002; committee member 2002-present
Research Sequence Committee, 1993-present
Thesis Committee for Jason Fors. Thesis defense passed December 8, 2000.
Year 2000 Task force, 1998-2000
Full Member of the Graduate Faculty, 1998- present; Associate Member, 1995-1998
Recruitment Committee, Department of Psychology, 1999

MEDIA APPEARANCES

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 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/>.
- 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 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*".
- 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.

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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