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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Psychology (August, 2015 to Present)
Grinnell College

Assistant Professor, Psychology (August, 2009 to August 2015)
Grinnell College

Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Forensic Psychology (August, 2008 to August, 2009)
Iowa State University

Contract Counselor (August, 2008 to August, 2009)
Student Counseling Services, Iowa State University

EDUCATION

Licensed Psychologist (2009)
Iowa #001096, Expires June 2018

Ph.D. (August, 2008)
Iowa State University, Ames, IA
Department of Psychology, Counseling Psychology (APA Accredited)
Dissertation: *Validation of the Juvenile Sexual Offender Risk Assessment Tool-II*
Chair: Douglas L. Epperson, Ph.D.
Pre-Doctoral Internship Placement: University Counseling and Consulting Services, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

M.S. (December, 2004)
Iowa State University, Ames, IA
Department of Psychology

B.A. (December, 2000)
Jamestown College (now University of Jamestown), Jamestown, North Dakota
Majors: Criminal Justice and Psychology

SELECTED AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Committee on Support of Faculty Scholarship Grants (\$50,190) Fall 2009 through Summer 2016
- Next Generation Learning Initiative Blended Learning Course Development Stipend (\$1500) Fall 2012
- Course Development Grant from Grinnell College Winter 2012
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute Grant (\$1000)
- Nominated for Grinnell College Student Affairs Excellence Award Springs 2011 & 2015
- ISU Department of Psychology Teaching Excellence Award Spring 2007

RESEARCH

Publications

- Ralston, C. A., Sarkar, A., Phillip, G. & Epperson, D. L. (*in press*). Impact of Using Documented but Uncharged Offense Data on JSORRAT-II Predictive Validity. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*. doi: 10.1177/1079063215582011
- Ralston, C. A., Epperson, D. L., & Edwards, S. E. (2016). Cross-Validation of the JSORRAT-II in Iowa. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, 28, 534-554. doi: 10.1177/1079063214548074
- Epperson, D. L., & Ralston, C. A. (2015). Development and Validation of the Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool-II (JSORRAT-II). *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, 27, 529-558. doi:10.1177/1079063213514452
- Epperson, D. L., & Ralston, C. A. (2015). Conceptual model of risk versus threat and risk management versus risk reduction: Clarification of terms and implications for risk assessment. In Phenix, A. & Hoberman, H. (Eds.), *Sexual Offenders: Diagnosis, Risk Assessment, and Management*. New York: Springer
- Ralston, C. A. & Epperson, D. L. (2013). Predictive validity of adult risk assessment tools with juveniles who offended sexually. *Psychological Assessment*, 25, 905-916. doi: 10.1037/a0032683
- Rottinghaus, P.J., Gaffey, A.R., Borgen, F.H., & Ralston, C.A. (2006). Diverse pathways of psychology majors: Vocational interests, self-efficacy, and intentions. *Career Development Quarterly*, 55, 95-93.
- Epperson, D. L., Ralston, C. A., Fowers, D., DeWitt, J., & Gore, K. S. (2005). Actuarial risk assessment with juveniles who offend sexually: Development of the Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool-II (JSORRAT-II). D. Prescott (Ed.), *Risk assessment of youth who have sexually abused: Theory, controversy, and emerging strategies*. Oklahoma City, OK: Woods N Barnes.
- Ralston, C. A., Borgen, F. H., Rottinghaus, P. J., & Donnay, D. A. C. (2004). Specificity in interest measurement: Basic interest scales and major field of study. *Journal of Vocational Behavior*, 65, 203-216.

Other Publications

- Ralston, C. A., Anderson, T., Cusick, R., Notman, E. Levin, H., Löcher, N., Weber, E. (2015.). *Summary of the Grinnell College Sexual Conduct: Culture and Respect Survey for the 2013-2013 and 2014-2015 Academic Years*. Located at <https://www.grinnell.edu/campus-life/sexual-respect/reports>.

Manuscripts Under Review or In Preparation

- Ralston, C. A. (n.d.). *Effects of consultant-based service learning on student outcomes*. Manuscript in preparation.
- Ralston, C. A. (n.d.). *Long-term predictive validity of adult and juvenile sexual offender recidivism risk assessment tools in Utah*.
- Ralston, C. A., Lowe, C., & Epperson, D. L. (n.d.) *Relative Predictive Validity of Adult and Juvenile Sexual Offender Recidivism Risk Assessment Tools with Juveniles in Iowa*. Manuscript in preparation.
- Ralston, C. A., Schwartz, S., & Epperson, D. L. (n.d.) *Relative Predictive Validity of Adult and Juvenile Sexual Offender Recidivism Risk Assessment Tools with Juveniles in Utah*. Manuscript in preparation.
- Ralston, C. A. & Vogel, D. L. (n.d.). *Factor structure of mental illness stereotype and self-stigma*. Manuscript in preparation.

Invited Presentations and Addresses

- Ralston, C. A., Anderson, T., Cusick, R., Notman, E. Levin, H., Löcher, N., Weber, E. (2015, October). *Sexual climate surveys*. Panel presentation at the Iowa Campus Safety Conference, Ankeny, IA.
- Ralston, C. A., Anderson, T., Cusick, R., Notman, E. Levin, H., Löcher, N., Weber, E. (2015, October). *Sexual climate surveys: Grinnell College's experience*. Presentation the Iowa Prevention Consortium, Grinnell, IA.
- Epperson, D. L., Ralston, C. A., & Edwards, S. E. (2009, April). *Empirically-based risk assessment with juveniles: Concerns, issues, and a conceptual model*. Workshop presented at the Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Brooklyn Park, Mn.
- Epperson, D. L., Ralston, C. A., & Edwards, S. E. (2009, April). *Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool-II (JSORRAT-II): Updated research on reliability and validity*. Workshop presented at the Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Brooklyn Park, Mn.
- Epperson, D. L., & Ralston, C. A. (2007, April). *Development, performance, and scoring of the Juveniles Sexual Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool – II (JSORRAT-II)*. Workshop presented at the Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Brooklyn Park, MN.

Epperson, D. L. & Ralston, C. A. (2006, September). *Juvenile Sexual Offender Recidivism Assessment Tool – II (JSORRAT-II)*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, D. L., Ralston, C. A., Fowers, D., & Dewitt, J. (2005, February). *Optimal Predictors of Juvenile Sexual Recidivism in a Large Scale Study of Utah Adolescents Who have Offended Sexually*. Invited plenary address at the meeting of the National Adolescent Perpetration Network, Denver, CO.

Selected Peer-Reviewed Presentations

Ralston, C. A., Anderson, T., Cusick, R., Notman, E. Levin, H., Löcher, N., Weber, E. (2016, January). *Designing and Implementing Sexual Climate Surveys for Actionable Information and High Response Rates*. Workshop presented at the NASPA Strategies Conference: Violence Prevention, Orlando, FL.

Lowe, C. & C. A. Ralston (2014, May). *Comparison of Adult and Juvenile Sexual Offender Recidivism Risk Assessment Tools' Predictive Validity with Juveniles in Iowa*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Schwartz, S. & C. A. Ralston (2014, May). *Relative Predictive Validity of Adult and Juvenile Sexual Offender Recidivism Risk Assessment Tools with Juveniles in Utah*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Peek, J. R., Ralston, C. A., & Ralston, E. S. (2013, May). *Transmission of core self evaluations from mother to adolescent: A longitudinal study*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Ralston, C. A. & Epperson, D. L. (2012, October). *Validation of the JSORRAT-II in Iowa: Update and Expansion*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Denver, CO.

Ralston, C. A., Sarkar, A., Phillip, G. & Epperson, D. L. (2011, November). *Impact of Uncharged Offenses and Changing Juvenile Justice Practices on JSORRAT-II Predictive Accuracy*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Toronto, Canada.

Epperson, D. L., Ralston, C. A., & Edwards, S. E. (2009, October). *Validation of the Juvenile Sexual Offender Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool-II (JSORRAT-II) in Iowa and Utah*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Dallas, TX.

Ralston, C. A. & Epperson, D. L. (2007, October). *Validation of the Juvenile Sexual Offender Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool-II (JSORRAT-II)*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, San Diego, CA.

Epperson, D. L. & Ralston, C. A. (2006, October). *Sexual Behavior Survey: Initial Psychometric Data and Discriminant Validity*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Sexual Health, Chicago, IL.

Ralston, C. A. & Epperson, D. L. (2006, September). *Assessment of the Validity of Adult Sexual Offender Risk Assessment Tools with Juveniles*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Chicago, IL.

Gaffey, A., Rottinghaus, P. J., Borgen, F. H., & Ralston, C.A. (2005, August). *Vocational interests, self-efficacy, and intended job functions of psychology majors*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Epperson, D. L. & Ralston, C. A. (2005, May). *Scoring of the Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool – II (JSORRAT-II)*. Paper presented at the meeting of Wisconsin Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Madison, WI.

Epperson, D. L. & Ralston, C. A. (2005, May). *Development of the Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool – II (JSORRAT-II)*. Paper presented at the meeting of Wisconsin Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Madison, WI.

Epperson, D. L., Ralston, C. A., Fowers, D., & Dewitt, J. (2005, February). *Development of the Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Screening Tool – Research Version 2*. Poster presented at the meeting of the National Adolescent Perpetration Network, Denver, CO.

Epperson, D. L., Ralston, C. A., Fowers, D., & Dewitt, J. (2005, April). *Development of the Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool (J-SORRAT)*. Paper presented at the meeting of Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Minneapolis, MN.

Epperson, D. L., Ralston, C. A., Fowers, D. & DeWitt, J. (2004, October). *Juvenile sexual recidivism into adulthood: A long-term study of characteristics and predictors*. Paper presented at the 23rd research and treatment convention of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Albuquerque, NM.

- Epperson, D. L., Ralston, C. A., Fowers, D., & Dewitt, J. (2004, May). *Predictors of juvenile sexual recidivism: A large scale study of Utah juveniles adjudicated for sex offense*. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Adolescent Perpetration Network, Portland, OR.
- Epperson, D. L., Ralston, C. A., Fowers, D., & Dewitt, J. (2003, November). *Predictors of juvenile sexual recidivism*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Network on Juveniles Offending Sexually, St. George, UT.
- Ralston, C. A., Miller, P. J., Zakalik, R. J., & Rottinghaus, P. J. (2003, August). *Specificity and synergy of interests and confidence for college career behaviors*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

MENTORED ADVANCED PROJECTS

- Anderson, T. (2015). Consent, active bystanderism, and rape myth attitudes at Grinnell College. Summer 2015 Mentored Advanced Project, Grinnell College.
- Cusick, R. (2015). Stalking at Grinnell College: An analysis of the 2015 Sexual Conduct, Culture & Respect Survey. Summer 2015 Mentored Advanced Project, Grinnell College.
- Levin, H. (2015). Unwanted sexual touching at Grinnell College: An analysis of the 2015 Sexual Conduct, Culture & Respect Survey. Summer 2015 Mentored Advanced Project, Grinnell College.
- Löcher, N. (2015). Sexual Assault at Grinnell College: An analysis of the 2015 Sexual Conduct, Culture & Respect Survey. Summer 2015 Mentored Advanced Project, Grinnell College.
- Notman, J. (2015). Intimate partner violence at Grinnell College: An analysis of the 2015 Sexual Conduct, Culture & Respect Survey. Summer 2015 Mentored Advanced Project, Grinnell College.
- Weber, E. (2015). Unwanted Sexual Communication at Grinnell College: An analysis of the 2015 Sexual Conduct, Culture & Respect Survey. Summer 2015 Mentored Advanced Project, Grinnell College.
- Lowe, C. (2013). *Sexual Offense Risk Assessment with Juveniles from Iowa*. Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 Mentored Advanced Project, Grinnell College.
- Smiley, T. (2013). *Prevalence of and antecedents to sexual misconduct on a college campus*. Summer and Fall 2013 Mentored Advanced Project, Grinnell College.
- Schwartz, S. (2013). *Predictive validity of adult and juvenile risk assessment tools with a sample of juveniles who sexually offended*. Summer and Fall 2013 Mentored Advanced Project, Grinnell College.
- Peek, J. (2012). *Transmission of core self evaluations from mother to adolescent: A longitudinal study*. Fall 2012 Mentored Advanced Project, Grinnell College.
- Phillip, G. (2011). *Impact of Uncharged Offenses and Changing Juvenile Justice Practices on JSORRAT-II Predictive Accuracy in Iowa*. Summer and Fall 2011 Mentored Advanced Project, Grinnell College.
- Sarkar, A. (2011). *Impact of Uncharged Offenses and Changing Juvenile Justice Practices on JSORRAT-II Predictive Accuracy in Utah*. Summer and Fall 2011 Mentored Advanced Project, Grinnell College.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

Introduction to Psychology with Lab
 Abnormal Psychology
 Research Methods in Psychology
 Psychological Measurement with Lab
 Counseling Psychology with Lab
 Introduction to Statistics

Computer Applications in Statistics
 First-Year Tutorial
 Guided Reading: Stigma
 Guided Reading: Prevention Science
 Guided Reading: Pharmaceutical Treatment of ADHD

SELECTED SERVICE

- Chair, Grinnell College Institutional Review Board June 2015 to Present
- Task Force on Safety, Responsibility, and Prevention (Title IX Task Force) August 2012 to Present
- Ad hoc journal reviewer: Criminal Justice and Behavior Fall 2012 to Present
- Grinnell College Institutional Review Board June 2010 to 2011, June 2014 to 2015
- Harm Reduction Committee (alcohol and other drugs) August 2010 to May 2015
- Midwest Athletic Conference Integration Conference attendee & Grinnell College Athletics and Academics Integration Committee Spring 2014 to May 2015
- Health Professions Advisory Committee June 2011 to 2014
- Student Health and Counseling Services Advisory Board August 2010 to 2014

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP)
 Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)
 Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA)
 NASPA Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA)
 Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R)