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ACADEMIC PREPARATION:

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, CO
Ph.D., Clinical Psychology with Curricular Emphasis in Geropsychology
Degree Not Yet Awarded
Cumulative G.P.A.: 4.0

Ball State University, Muncie, IN
M.A., Applied Gerontology
Awarded July 2007
Cumulative G.P.A.: 4.0

Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR
B.A., Psychology
Honors Program
Spanish and Health Minor
Awarded June 2006, Summa Cum Laude
Cumulative G.P.A.: 3.85
Major G.P.A.: 4.0
Honors Thesis: The effects of age on accurate age estimation in older and younger adults

Chemeketa Community College, Salem, OR
No degree obtained
Cumulative G.P.A.: 3.89

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Oregon State Hospital
2600 Center St. NE
Salem, OR 97301
503-945-9478

May 2007-July 2007
Supervisor: Dr. Jacek Haciaak

Position: Psychology Intern

Responsibilities: Participate and co-coordinate group therapy sessions. Attend monthly Psychology Department and Psychologist meetings. Develop rapport with individual consumers. Observe neuropsychological test administration. Attend and actively participate in

interdisciplinary treatment team meetings. Conduct referral visits and make recommendations for the acceptance of consumers into Oregon State Hospital.

Elmcroft Assisted Living and Alzheimer Care

1605 N. Morrison Rd.
Muncie, IN 47304
765-289-4260

October 2006-May 2007

Supervisor: Treena Stinson

Position: Assistant to the Activities Director

Responsibilities: Plan, organize, and facilitate various activities for assisted living residents. Develop rapport and build relationships by initiating one-on-one sessions with residents.

Lifestream Services Incorporated

1701 S. Pilgrim Blvd.
Yorktown, IN 47396
765-759-1121

September 2006-May 2007

Supervisor: Dr. Kathy Segrist

Position: AngelWorx Volunteer

Responsibilities: Demonstrate computer application skills to a member of the community. Reformat documents to other programs. Educate individual on computer and software use. Develop relationship with individual via one-on-one meetings.

Westminster Village

5801 W. Bethel Ave.
Muncie, IN 47304
765-288-2155

September 2006-May 2007

Supervisor: Marlene Davis

Position: Assistant to the Activities Director

Responsibilities: Develop, plan, coordinate, and facilitate various activities for nursing home residents. Develop rapport and build relationships by initiating one-on-one sessions with residents.

Ball State University

Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology
2000 W. University Avenue
Muncie, IN 47306
765-285-8259

August 2006-May 2007

Supervisor: Judy Elton

Position: Graduate Assistant, Community Center for Vital Aging (CCVA)

Responsibilities: Attend weekly meetings; serve as SeniorNet Lab Manager (assist instructors with computer classes such as Fundamentals of Computers); assist with Outreach Team weekly presentations to assisted living facilities; assist instructors with physical activity classes and

seminars (Body Recall, cake decorating); promote CCVA at conferences and presentations; maintain regular office hours to assist walk-in clients; plan, develop, and evaluate interactive programs targeting the 50+ population.

Dallas Retirement Village

377 NW Jasper St.
Dallas, OR 97338
503-623-5581

January 2006-June 2006

Supervisor: Karen Pederson

Position: Assistant to the Activities Director

Responsibilities: Developed, planned, coordinated, and facilitated activities for nursing home and assisted living residents. Developed activities for patients referred from Polk County Mental Health. Facilitated one-on-one sessions with older adults. Participated in functional assessments and evaluation of residents.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Western Oregon University Honors Program Thesis

September 2004-June 2006

The effects of age on accurate age estimation in older and younger adults

Primary Investigator

Advisor: Rob Winningham, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Recruited participants from Western Oregon University and local senior centers, administered surveys and Mini Mental State Exam (MMSE) to participants (MMSE for older adults only), recorded data in Excel, analyzed information, processed statistics using SPSS, summarized findings, presented results.

Western Oregon University Psychology Research Assistant

September 2005-June 2006

Factors of the Wellness Card Sort (WCS)

Research Assistant

Advisor: Lauren Roscoe, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Recruited participants, administered surveys and card sort, recorded data in Excel, analyzed information, collaborated with Dr. Roscoe on findings summary.

Research Methods in Psychology Class Research Project

September 2004-March 2005

The effects of misinformation and time delay on memory accuracy

Primary Investigator

Advisor: Joel Alexander, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Designed experiment methods, recruited participants, administered surveys, recorded data in Excel, analyzed information, processed statistics using SPSS, summarized findings, wrote research paper, presented results.

Introduction to Research Methods Class Research Project

March 2004-June 2004

The relationship between aggression and driving
Primary Investigator
Advisor: Rob Winningham, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Developed original study, designed experiment methods, recruited participants, developed survey materials, administered survey, recorded data in Excel, summarized findings, wrote research paper, presented results.

PRESENTATIONS:

Steers, M. E. & Winningham, R. G. (2008, August). *Cross age effect: The effects of age on age estimation*. Poster scheduled to be presented at the American Psychological Association 116th Annual Convention, Boston, MA.

Steers, M. E., Weber, K., O'Keefe, M., & Klebe, K. (2008, August). *Changes in attitudes of corrections officers towards prison rape in the Colorado Department of Corrections*. Poster scheduled to be presented at the American Psychological Association 116th Annual Convention, Boston, MA.

Weber, K., Steers, M. E., O'Keefe, M., & Klebe, K. (2008, August). *Profiles of victims and predators of prison rape in the Colorado Department of Corrections*. Poster scheduled to be presented at the American Psychological Association 116th Annual Convention, Boston, MA.

Feliciano, L., Steers, M. E., Elite-Marcandonatou, A., McLane, M., & Arean, P. A. (2008, March). *Use of preference assessment procedures in the management of agitation associated with dementia*. Poster scheduled to be presented at the Four Corners Association for Behavior Analysis First Annual Convention, Boulder, CO.

Steers, M. E. (2006, May). *Looking for a Cross-Age Effect (CAE) in age estimation in older and younger adults*. Paper presented at the Academic Excellence Showcase, Monmouth, OR.

Steers, M. E. (2006, February). *The effects of age on accurate age estimation in older and younger adults*. Paper presented at the Oregon Academy of the Sciences, Eugene, OR.

COURSEWORK IN PSYCHOLOGY:

Introduction to Psychology I	Cognitive Psychology	Death, Dying, and Grief
Introduction to Psychology II	Theories of Personality	Clinical Gerontology
Introduction to Research Methods	Abnormal Psychology	Biopsychology
Developmental Psychology	Social Psychology	Quantitative Methods
Introduction to Behavior Modification	Research Methods in Psychology	*Adaptations in Later Life
*Aging Well: A Systems Approach	*Wellness Research Design	*Changing Health Behaviors
*Public Policy	*Guided Life Review	*Aging in Communities
*Death and Dying	*Clinical Skills Lab	*Psychology of Aging

*Advanced Psychopathology	*Interdisciplinary Wellness Research Design	*Clinical Skills
*Research Methods/Statistics I	*Advanced Psychopathology	*Psychology of Aging I
*Research Methods/Statistics II	*Neuropsychological Assessment	*Cognitive Assessment
*Theories of Psychotherapy		

*Denotes graduate levels courses

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Julia McCulloch Smith Award for Outstanding Female Graduate, Western Oregon University, 2006

Outstanding Senior Psychology Student, Psychology Department, Western Oregon University, 2006

Psi Chi Honor Society, Inducted 2005

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Inducted 2004

Most Creative Psychology Research Project, 2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Psychological Association, Student Affiliate, Division 12 (Clinical Psychology)

American Psychological Association, Student Affiliate, Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging)

American Psychological Association, Student Affiliate, Division 33 (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities)

American Psychological Association for Graduate Students

Gerontological Society of America, Student Member, Campus Ambassador

Four Corners Association for Behavior Analysis, Student Member