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Present Position

2005-present **University of California, Riverside**
Associate Professor, Department of Psychology
Affiliated Faculty, Department of Media & Cultural Studies

Education

2004 – 2005 Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University, Graduate School of Education
2003-2004 Honorary Research Fellow, Queens University of Belfast, School of Anthropology
May 2003 Ph. D., Developmental Psychology, University of Virginia
Jan 2002 M. A., Psychology, University of Virginia
May 1999 B. A. Psychology, Calvin College (Honors, Member of Psi Chi)

Publications

- Gauvain, M., & **Richert, R.** (in press). Cognitive development. To appear in *Encyclopedia of mental health* (2nd ed.).
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Flynn, R. M. (in press). Social learning from media. To appear in M. S. Eastin (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of media violence*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Granqvist, P. (2013). Religious and spiritual development in childhood. In R. F. Paloutzian & C. L. Park (Eds.), *Handbook of the psychology of religion and spirituality* (2nd ed.) (pp. 165-182). New York: Guilford Press.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Smith, E. I. (2012). The essence of soul concepts: How soul concepts influence ethical reasoning across religious affiliation. *Religion, Brain, & Behavior*, 2(2), 161-176.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Smith, E. I. (2011). Preschoolers' quarantining of fantasy stories. *Child Development*, 82(4), 1106-1119.
- **Richert, R. A.**, Robb, M., & Smith, E. (2011). Media as social partners: The social nature of young children's learning from screen media. *Child Development*, 82(1), 82-95.
- Fender, J. G., **Richert, R. A.**, Robb, M. B., & Wartella, E. (2010). Parent teaching focus and toddlers' learning from an infant DVD. *Infant and Child Development*, 19 (6), 613 – 627.
- **Richert, R. A.**, Robb, M., Fender, J., & Wartella, E. (2010). Word learning from baby videos. *Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine*, 164(5). doi: 10.1001/archpediatrics.2010.24
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Smith, E. I. (2010). The role of religious concepts in the evolution of human cognition. In U. Frey (Ed), *The nature of God: Evolution and religion* (pp. 93-110). Antwerp, Belgium: Tectum.
- Wartella, E., **Richert, R. A.**, & Robb, M. B. (2010). Babies, television and videos: How did we get here? *Developmental Review*, 30, 116-127.
- **Richert, R. A.**, Shawber, A., Hoffman, R., & Taylor, M. (2009). Learning from fantasy and real characters in preschool and kindergarten. *Journal of Cognition and Development*, 10(1-2), 1-26.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2009). Invited review of the book *Theory of mind: How children understand others' thoughts and feelings*. *American Journal of Play*, 2(2), 228-230.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Smith, E. (2009). Cognitive foundations in the development of a religious mind. In E. Voland & W. Schievenhövel (Eds.), *Biological evolution of religious mind and behavior* (pp. 181-193). New York: Springer.
- Robb, M., **Richert, R.**, & Wartella, E. (2009). Just a talking book? Word learning from watching baby videos. *British Journal of Developmental Psychology*, 27(1), 27-45.
- Harris, P. L., & **Richert, R. A.** (2008). William James, 'the world of sense' and trust in testimony. *Mind & Language*, 23(5), 536-551.

- **Richert, R. A.**, & Harris, P. L. (2008). Dualism revisited: Body vs. mind vs. soul. *Journal of Cognition & Culture*, 8, 99-115.
- Wartella, E., & **Richert, R. A.** (2009). Special audience, special concerns: Children and the media. In A. G. Bus & S. B. Neuman (Eds.), *Multimedia and literacy development: Improving achievement for young learners* (pp. 15-27). New York: Taylor & Francis.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2006). The ability to distinguish ritual actions in children. *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*, 18, 144-165.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2006). Modes of research: Combining cognitive psychology and anthropology through Whitehouse's modes of religiosity. In D. J. Slone (Ed.), *Religion and cognition: A reader* (pp. 337-351). London, UK: Equinox Press.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Harris, P. L. (2006). The ghost in my body: Children's developing concept of the soul. *Journal of Cognition and Culture*, 6, 409-427.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Barrett, J. L. (2005). Do you see what I see? Young children's assumptions about God's perceptual abilities. *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, 15, 283 - 295.
- **Richert, R.**, & Barrett, J. L. (2005). The child's god and cognitive development. In E. M. Dowling, & W. G. Scarlett (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence* (pp. 70 – 72). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- **Richert, R. A.**, Whitehouse, H., & Stewart, E. (2005). Memory and analogical thinking in high-arousal rituals. In H. Whitehouse & R. N. McCauley (Eds.), *Mind and Religion: Psychological and Cognitive Foundations of Religiosity* (pp. 127 – 145). Walnut Creek, CA: Alta Mira Press.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Lillard, A. S. (2004). Observers' proficiency at identifying pretense based on behavioral cues. *Cognitive Development*, 19, 223-240.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Lillard, A. S. (2002). Children's understanding of the knowledge prerequisites of drawing and pretending. *Developmental Psychology*, 38, 1004-1015.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2001). Review of the book *Imagining the impossible: Magical, scientific, and religious thinking in children*. *Journal of Cognition & Culture*, 1(1), 101-103.
- Barrett, J. L., **Richert, R. A.**, & Dreisenga, A. (2001). God's beliefs vs. mom's: The development of natural and non-natural agent concepts. *Child Development*, 71(1), 50-65.
- Barrett, J. L., & **Richert, R. A.** (2003). Anthropomorphism or preparedness? Exploring children's God concepts. *Review of Religious Research*, 44, 300-312.
- Barrett, J. L., Newman, R., & **Richert, R. A.** (2003). When seeing is not believing: Children's understanding of humans' and non-humans' use of background knowledge in interpreting visual displays. *Journal of Cognition and Culture*, 3, 91-108.

Grant Funding

- National Science Foundation, Research and Evaluation on Education in Science and Engineering, *Collaborative Research: Using Educational DVDs to Enhance Preschoolers' STEM Education*, Grant # DRL-1252146, \$2,484,744 (\$885,745 to Richert) (September 2013 – August 2018); Position: PI (co-PIs, S. Calvert, E. Wartella)
- Social Science Research Council, *The Role of Prayer in the Development of Religious Cognition*, \$129,577 (September 2012 – August 2014); Position: PI (co-PI, N. Shaman)
- UCR Academic Senate Omnibus Travel and Research Award, *Shared Religious Activities and the Development of Religious Thinking*, \$1650 (July 2013 – June 2014)
- UCR Committee on Research Fellowship, *Social Cognitive Influences on Children's Learning from Television*, \$7,500 (July 2012 – June 2014)
- Cognition, Religion and Theology Project Small Research Grant: *Cognitive Foundations of the Soul Concept*, \$107,270 (September, 2008 – August, 2010); Position: PI
- National Science Foundation, *IRADS Collaborative Research: Influences of Digital Media on Very Young Children*, Grant # 0623821, \$499,999 (September, 2006 – August, 2011); Position: Co-PI (with S. Calvert [PI])

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- National Science Foundation International Research Fellowship, *Children's Understanding of Religious Rituals*, Grant #INT-0301330, \$124,394 (September, 2003 – June, 2005); Position: PI, Post-doctoral Fellow
- UCR Regents' Fellowship, *The Influence of Interactivity in Learning from Electronic Toys*, \$5,000 (July, 2008 – June, 2009)
- UCR Instructional Innovation Grant, Revisions to Cognitive Development Discussion Sections, \$300 (Spring, 2007)

Honors and Awards

- Psychology Department Faculty Mentor of the Year (2012-2013)
National Science Foundation International Research Fellow (September 2003 – July 2005)
Visiting Graduate Fellow, Max Plank Institute of Evolutionary Psychology (February 2003)
Member of the Raven Society, Honor Society at the University of Virginia (March, 2003)
Semi-finalist for Seven Society Graduate Fellowship for Superb Teaching, University of Virginia (February, 2001)
Developmental Training Grant, University of Virginia (April, 2000)
Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Fellowship (March, 2000)

Invited Presentations

- **Richert, R. A.** (2013, November). *What makes "not-so-special" thinking "special": Children's engagement in prayer and ritual.* Invited presentation to the UBC Green College Human Evolution, Cognition, and Culture: The Dynamic Nature of Religion Speaker Series University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2013, November). *Content, context, and characters: Negotiating the fuzzy line between fantasy and reality.* Invited presentation to the Psychology Department at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2011, October). *Is Bill Cosby smarter than a 5th grader? Preschoolers quarantine fantasy stories.* Invited presentation to the Developmental Forum at the University of California, Los Angeles.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2010, June). *Psychological essentialism and the concept of the soul.* Invited presentation to the Psychology and Religion Research Group at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2009, September). *Transferring between fantastical and real worlds.* Invited presentation to the Cognitive Science group at Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2008, March). *Can babies really learn from baby videos?* Invited presentation for the UCSD Center for Human Development Seminar Series, University of California, San Diego, CA.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2007, November). *Learning from baby videos.* Invited presentation for the featured symposium of The Fred Rogers' Center for Early Learning and Children's Media at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Chicago, IL.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2006, December). *Learning from fantasy: Exploring children's transfer from fantasy into the real world.* Invited presentation at University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2006, January). *The ghost in my Body: Developing a concept of the soul.* Invited presentation at University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2005, November). *Kiddie religion.* Invited presentation at La Sierra University, Riverside, CA.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2004, May). *What children learn from Disney: Analogical transfer from fantasy to reality.* Invited presentation at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2003, November). *The influence of a fantasy context on preschoolers' analogical problem solving.* Invited presentation at Trinity University, Dublin, Ireland.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2003, February). *Children's understanding of the knowledge prerequisites of drawing and pretending.* Invited presentation at the Max Planck Institute, Leipzig, Germany.

Paper Presentations

- Shaman, N. J., & Richert, R. A. (July, 2013). *The effect of physical performance and supernatural agents while learning religious rituals*. Paper presented at the 121st Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association.
- Richert, R. A. (2013, April). *Possibility, impossibility, and analogical transfer from fantasy stories*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society of Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.
- Flynn, R., Staiano, A., & Richert, R. A. (2012, April). *Exergaming and executive functioning*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Vancouver, Canada.
- Richert, R. A., & Fender, J. G. (2011, May). *Parents' use of a DVD to teach toddlers' language*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA.
- Flynn, R., Richert, R. A., & Fender, J. G. (2011, May). *Learning from interactive media: Parent versus device support*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA.
- Richert, R. A., & Smith, E. I. (2011, April). *Preschoolers quarantine fantasy stories*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society of Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.
- Richert, R. A., & Fender, J. G. (2011, April). *Parent co-viewing practices and toddlers' language learning from video*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society of Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.
- Richert, R. A. (2011, April). *Cognition and religion in childhood*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society of Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.
- Flynn, R., Richert, R. A., & Fender, J. G. (2011, April). *Learning from interactive media: Parent versus device support*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society of Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.
- Richert, R. A. (2010, June). *Psychological essentialism and the concept of the soul*. Paper presented at the Cognition, Religion, and Theology Conference, Oxford, UK.
- Richert, R. A., Wartella, E., Fender, J., & Robb, M. (2010, April). *Can toddlers learn a tool-use strategy from a baby DVD?* Paper presented at the biennial Conference on Human Development, New York, NY.
- Fender, J.G., Richert, R. A., & Wartella, E. (2010, April). *The effects of parent scaffolding on infants' engagement with and learning from an infant DVD*. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development, New York City, NY.
- Fender, J., Richert, R. A., & Robb, M. B. (2010, April). *How parents support engagement with and learning from an infant DVD*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Conference on Human Development, New York, NY.
- Robb, M. B., Richert, R. A., & Wartella, E. A. (2010, April). *The Influence of Repeated Exposure and Iconicity on Infants' Word Learning from a Baby DVD*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Conference on Human Development, New York, NY.
- Flynn, R., Fender, J., & Richert, R. (2010, April). *Effects of parental attitudes on interactive media use for young children*. Paper presented at the biennial Conference on Human Development, New York, NY.
- Robb, M., Wartella, E., Richert, R. A., & Fender, J. (2010, April). *Just a babysitter? Parental views on baby media*. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development, New York, NY.
- Flynn, R., Fender, J., & Richert, R. A. (2010, April). *How parent-child interaction supports preschoolers' learning from interactive media*. Paper presented at the biennial Conference on Human Development, New York, NY.
- Richert, R. A., & Smith, E. I. (2009, October). *Cognitive foundations of the soul concept*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO.
- Smith, E. I., & Richert, R. A. (2009, October). *Someone with a soul wouldn't do that: The development of a soul concept and its relation to moral reasoning in adulthood*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Richert, R. A., Robb, M., & Wartella, E. (2009, May). *Infants' content learning from educational media*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

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- Smith, E. I., & **Richert, R. A.** (2009, April). *Media as the message: Content and context in a classroom setting*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society of Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- **Richert, R. A.**, Robb, M., & Wartella, E. (2009, April). *Language learning from baby videos*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- **Richert, R. A.**, Cummings, C., & Smith, E. (2009, April). *Preschoolers' learning from books, videos, and video games*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Smith, E. I. (2008, May). *Learning and transfer from television*. Paper presented at the 20th annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2007, March). *Methodological issues in researching the development of religious concepts*. Paper presented at the 4th biennial meeting of the SRCDD Preconference on Religious and Spiritual Development, Boston, MA.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2006, July). *Children's changing belief in supernatural causality: The case of rituals*. Paper presented at the 19th biennial meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development, Melbourne, Australia.
- **Richert, R. A.**, Barrett, J. L., Knight, N., & Sousa, P. (2003, April). *Gods, spirits, and humans: Do preschoolers distinguish religious and non-religious agents?* Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Tampa, FL.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2002, March). *Children's openness to religious concepts*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Minds and Gods Conference, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Simcock, G. F., **Richert, R. A.**, & DeLoache, J. S. (2002, April) *Parenting play: Maternal guidance of children's pretend play*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Conference on Human Development, Charlotte, NC.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2001, October). *Children's understanding of the minds of religious entities*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society Conference, Virginia Beach, VA.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Barrett, J. L. (1999, April). *Perspectives in a new sense: A Perspective taking study*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Michigan Undergraduate Research Conference, Hillsdale, MI.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Barrett, J. L. (1999, March) *The child's god*. Paper presented at the Calvin College monthly psychology department colloquium, Grand Rapids, MI.

Poster Presentations

- Schlesinger, M. A., & **Richert, R. A.** (2013, October). *Young children's transfer of fantastical and realistic problem solutions from television characters*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Memphis, TN.
- Schlesinger, M. A., & **Richert, R. A.** (2013, June). *The influence of gender and ethnicity in Latino and non-Latino preschoolers' learning from fantasy characters*. Poster presented at the 6th Annual Regional Conference of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, Los Angeles, CA.
- Shaman, N. J., & **Richert, R. A.** (2013, April). *Children's concepts of religious rituals and the role of social cognition and ritual familiarity*. Poster presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.
- Shaman, N. J., & **Richert, R. A.** (2012, April). *The role of social cognition in children's representations of religious rituals*. Poster presented at the 10th Annual APA Mid-Year Conference on Religion and Spirituality, Baltimore, MD.
- Flynn, R., Staiano, A., & **Richert, R. A.** (2012, February). *Summer gaming improves executive functioning in Latino and African American youth*. Poster presented at the SRCDD Themed Meeting: Positive Development of Minority Children, Tampa, FL.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Smith, E. I. (2010, April). *Concepts of the soul and ethical decision making*. Poster presented in a virtual poster session for the Cognition, Religion, and Theology Project, Oxford, UK.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Smith, E. I. (2009, December). *Cognitive foundations of the soul concept*. Poster presented in a virtual poster session for the Cognition, Religion, and Theology Project, Oxford, UK.

- Flynn, R., & **Richert, R.** (2009, October). *Young children's interactive media use*. Poster presented at the Cognitive Development Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Fender, J.G., **Richert, R. A.**, & Wartella, E. (2009, October) Patterns of Parent-Infant DVD Co-Viewing. Poster presented at the meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Fender, J.G., Robb, M. B., & **Richert, R. A.** (2007, October). *How parents and infants engage in joint video watching*. Poster session presented at the Cognitive Development Society, Santa Fe, NM.
- Robb, M. B., & **Richert, R. A.** (2009, April). *Can infants and toddlers imitate a problem-solving strategy from a baby DVD?* Poster session presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- Smith, E. I., & **Richert, R. A.** (2009, April). *The social influences of belief in creationism during adolescence*. Poster session presented at the biennial meeting of the Society of Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- Smith, E. I., & **Richert, R. A.** (2009, April). *The social influences of belief in creationism during adolescence*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- Fairborn, S. K., Martinez, M., & **Richert, R. A.** (2009, April). *The effects of media on children's eating habits*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- Cummings, C., & **Richert, R. A.** (2009, April). *Content analysis of virtual communities*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- Smith, E. I., & **Richert, R. A.** (2008, May). *The effects of fantasy contexts in media on analogical transfer*. Poster session presented at the 20th annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.
- Smith, E. I., & **Richert, R. A.** (2007, October). *Analogical transfer: The influence of fantasy, media and time*. Poster session presented at the 5th biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Santa Fe, NM.
- Smith, E.I., & **Richert, R.A.** (2007, October). *Analogical transfer: The influence of fantasy, media and time*. Poster session presented at the Cognitive Development Society, Santa Fe, NM.
- Chen, I., Mayse, S., Robb, M. B., & **Richert, R. A.** (2007, May). *Television viewing, eating habits and the family media environment in children under two*. Poster session presented at the UCLA Undergraduate Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Char, C., Rodriguez, A., Robb, M. B., & **Richert, R. A.** (2007, May). *Television viewing and physical illness in infants*. Poster session presented at the UCLA Undergraduate Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2005, October). *The ghost in my body: Children's developing concept of the soul*. Poster presented at the 4th biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, San Diego, CA.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2003, June). *The effect of a fantasy context on preschoolers' analogical problem solving*. Poster session presented at the 33rd annual meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, Chicago, IL.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2003, April) *Preschoolers' understanding of representative actions: Drawing and pretending*. Poster session presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Tampa, FL.
- **Richert, R. A.**, Lillard, A. S., & Vaish, A. (2002, April). *Toddlers' behaviors during maternal pretense episodes*. Poster session presented at the biennial meeting of the International Conference on Infant Studies, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- **Richert, R. A.**, Simcock, G. F., DeLoache, J. S., & Lillard, A. S. (2002, April). *Maternal guidance of children's symbolic play*. Poster session presented at the biennial meeting of the International Conference on Infant Studies, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- **Richert, R. A.**, & Lillard, A. S. (2001, June). *Adult's and children's proficiency at identifying pretense based on behavioral cues*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, Berkeley, CA.
- Barrett, J. L., & **Richert, R.** (2001, April). *Exploring theories of mind: Evidence of early distinctions between types of minds*. Poster session presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis, MN.
- **Richert, R. A.** (2001, April). *Children's understanding of how ignorance impacts what one can draw and pretend*. Poster session presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis, MN.

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- **Richert, R. A.,** & Barrett, J. L. (1999, October). *Perspectives in a new sense: Children's understanding of natural and super-natural agents' perceptions across sensory modalities*. Poster session presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society Conference, Chapel Hill, NC.

Panels

- Invited panelist for the *Cognition and Culture* panel (Charles Hirschkind, chair) hosted by the Social Science Research Council New Directions in the Study of Prayer project (October 2013)
- Participant, FORWARD NSF-ADVANCE women's faculty retreat (September 2012, 2013)
- Invited Attendee of The Cognitive Science of Religion workshop sponsored by the Religious Freedom Project at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. (May 4, 2011)

Other Experience

- Consulting Editor, *Developmental Psychology*
- Discussant, *What can children learn from pretense?* symposium (David Sobel, chair), the biennial meeting of the Society of Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA (April 2013).
- Visiting Scholar, Center on Media and Human Development, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (September & October 2011)
- Co-founder, Southern California Working Group on Culture, Cognition, and Religion (Winter 2010).
- Editorial Board, *Frontiers*
- Symposium chair, *Factors in Learning from Screen Media*. Conference on Human Development, New York, NY (April 2010).
- Symposium discussant, *Religious Thinking: The Development and Influence of Religious Concepts on Cognition*. Cognitive Development Society Conference, San Antonio, TX (October 2009).
- Symposium chair, *Perspectives on Infant Media: Lessons from the Children's Digital Media Center*. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (May 2009).
- Discussion Session Chair, Modes of Religiosity Conference, Burlington, VT (August 2002)
- Symposium chair, Cognitive Development Society Conference, Virginia Beach, VA (October, 2001)

Reviewer

British Journal of Developmental Psychology, Child Development, Cognition, Cognitive Development, Communication Research, Developmental Psychology, Developmental Science, Education and Development, Ethos, Infant & Child Development, International Journal of Psychology and Religion, Journal of Nonverbal Behavior, Merrill-Palmer Quarterly, Philosophical Psychology, APA Conference, Division 7 Abstracts (January 2008), Society for Research in Child Development Conference Abstracts (October 2008, October 2010)

Departmental Service: University of California, Riverside

Psychology Major Advisor (2013-present)
Developmental Psychology Area Head (2012-present)
Developmental Faculty Search Committee (2013-2013)
Undergraduate Education Committee (2008-present; Chair 2012-2013)
Vice-Chair Developmental Search Committee (2012-2013, Affirmative Action Officer)
Organizer of Developmental Area Brown Bag (2007-2008; 2012-2013)
Coordinator of Developmental Area Curriculum Changes (2007-2008, 2010)
Curriculum Review Committee (Summer and Fall, 2007)
Psychology Department Liaison to the Library (Fall, 2005 - present)
Psychopathology Position Faculty Search Committee Member (2005-2006)

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University Service: University of California, Riverside

2013-present Faculty Advisor, Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society
2012-present General Education Outcomes Assessment Committee
2012 UCR Faculty Representative to the Systemwide Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
2010-2012 CHASS Executive Committee
2010-2012 CHASS Distinguished Teaching Award Committee (Chair, 2011; 2012)
June 2009 Name reader, Commencement
2009 - 2010 Faculty Contact, CHASS Recruitment Project
Spring 2009 Member, CHASS Distinguished Research Lecturer Committee
2008-2009 Member, Human Research Review Board
Spring 2008 Chair, CHASS Distinguished Research Lecturer Committee
May 2008 Faculty Moderator, UCR Undergraduate Research Conference
April 2008 Presentation for CHASS Discovery Day
2008-present Faculty Advisory Board, UCR Undergraduate Research Journal
2007-2008 CHASS Executive Committee
2006 Consulting Faculty, Film & Visual Culture Program
2006-2007 Academic Integrity Committee
2006 Co-organizer of University of California, Riverside "Through the Wardrobe: A Narnia Conference," an inter-disciplinary conference for discussion of the books and movie
2005-present University of California, Riverside faculty media source on Magic, Movies, and Children
November, 2005 Roundtable discussant for *Still, Things Fall from the Sky*, UCR California Museum of Photography

Professional Affiliations

American Psychological Association; American Psychological Association, Division 36: Psychology of Religion; Brain & Behavior Sciences; Cognitive Development Society; Society for Research in Child Development

Community Service

Presenter, Rancho Verde High School, Moreno Valley, CA (September 2013)
Programming Advisor, Detroit Public Television (2009 – 2012)
Program Evaluation Advisor, First 5 of Riverside (2010 – 2012)
Judge, Junior High and High School, Science and Engineering Fair, Jurupa Unified School District (March, 2010)
Presenter, Vista Murrieta High School Social Sciences courses (Fall, 2005, 2006)
Volunteer Staff, MDA Summer Camp, Santa Cruz, CA (August 2006, August 2007, August 2010)