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Education

Date

August 2003	Ph.D. Experimental Psychology/Cognitive Emphasis University of Nevada/Reno Reno, Nevada
May 1997	M.S. Psychology/Experimental Emphasis Central Missouri State University Warrensburg, Missouri
May 1995	B.S. Psychology University of Central Missouri (formerly Central Missouri State University) Warrensburg, Missouri

Professional Positions

Dates

2007 – Present	Mississippi State University Associate Professor Department of Psychology/Arts and Sciences Meridian, MS 39307
2006 -2007	University of West Florida Visiting Assistant Professor Department of Psychology Pensacola, Florida
2003-2006	Academic Coordinator/McNair Scholars Program University of Central Missouri Warrensburg, MO

Grants

2010-2011	Interdisciplinary Grant for \$2,000 from MSU ORED
2011-2012	Interdisciplinary Grant for \$2,000 from MSU ORED (P.I.)
2012	\$1, 200,000. McNair Scholars Grant – Co-PI with Dr. Karen Coats. Submitting 6/5/2012

Awarded Sabbatical: Aug 2015 – Aug 2016.

Publications**Publications**

- Gier, V.S., Kreiner, D.S. & Lampinen, J.M. (2016) Factors affecting recognitions of senior citizens in a Silver Alert. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*. First Viewed Online: 18 October 2016. doi:10.1007/s11896-016-9210-0
- Lampinen, J.M., Peters, C.S., Gier, V., & Sweeney, L.N. (2014). The Psychology of the Missing: Missing and abducted children. In R. Holliday & T. Marche (Eds.), *Child Forensic Psychology*. Palgrave MacMillan.
- Lampinen, J. M., Peters, C.S., & Gier, V.S. (2012). Power in numbers: The effect of target set size on prospective person memory for missing children. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*. DOI: 10.1002/acp.2848 (article appears online before printed edition).
- Gier, V.S. & Kreiner, D.S. (2012). Connecting student researchers via distance research talks. *APS Observer*, 25(2), 35-37.
- Gier, V.S., Kreiner, D.S., Hudnell, J., Herring, D.G., & Montoya, J. (2011). Using an electronic highlighter to eliminate the negative effects of pre-existing, inappropriate highlighting. *Journal of College Teaching and Learning*, 41(2), 37-52.
- Gier, V. S. & Kreiner, D. S. (2011). AMBER Alert: Are school-type photographs the best choice for recognizing missing children? *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*, 23, 1-15
- Gier, V. S., Kreiner, D. S., & Cox, S. L. (2010) Hemispheric lateralization for processing geometric word/shape combinations: The Stroop-shape effect. *The Journal of General Psychology*, 137, 1-19.
- Gier, V. S., Kreiner, D. S., Herring, D., Hudnell, J., & Montoya, J. (2010). Active reading procedures for moderating the effects of poor highlighting. *Reading Psychology*, 31, 69 -81.
- Gier, V.S. & Kreiner, D.S. (2009). Memory of children's faces by adults: Appearance does matter. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 23, 972-986.
- Gier, V. S. & Kreiner, D. S (2009). Incorporating active learning with PowerPoint-based lectures using content-based questions. *Teaching of Psychology*, 36, 134-139.
- Gier, V. S., Kreiner, D. S., & Natz-Gonzalez, A. (2009). Harmful effects of preexisting inappropriate highlighting on reading comprehension and metacognitive accuracy. *The Journal of General Psychology*, 136, 287 – 300.

Wallace, W. P., Shaffer, T. R., Amberg, M. D., & Silvers, V. L. (2002). Divided attention and pre-recognition processing of spoken words and non-words. *Memory & Cognition*, 29(8), 1102-1110.

Silvers, V. L. & Kreiner, D.S. (1997). The effects of pre-existing, inappropriate highlighting on reading comprehension. *Reading Research and Instruction*, 36(3), 217-233.

Presentations and Research

Distance Research Talks Coordinator – 2008 - 2012 - Organized 48 Distance Research Talks- Distance Research Talks are research talks given by psychologists across the nation and Canada via our distance learning rooms.

Professional Presentations

Gier, V.S., Lampinen, J.M., Kreiner, D.S., Guttman, R., Weems, S., & Brewer, E. (2015, May). *Factors affecting recognition of senior citizens in Silver Alerts*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science, New York, NY.

Gier, V.S., Murphy, D.V, Joyner, C.K., Harris, H., Kelly, C., Brown, R. (2013) Recognizing missing children from AMBER alert posters: Are there gender differences in the presence of others? Accepted poster presentation at the Southeastern Psychological Association, Mar 15, 2013, Atlanta, GA.

Gier, V.S., Weems, D., Brewer, E.A., Simmons, D., Harris, H., McClain, A., Joyner, K., Murphy, D., Brown, R.E., & Lampinen, J. (2013). The Effect of Verbalizing Facial Features from AMBER Alert Posters: Talking Facilitates Recognition. Accepted poster presentation at the American Psychological Association, July 31 – Aug 4, 2013, Honolulu, HA

Gier, V.S. Guyse, T., Kelly, C., Seydel, L., Breaux, M., & Gilbert, H. (2012). *Two heads are better than one: Does collaborative viewing improve prospective person memory for missing children?* Poster presentation at the Southeastern Psychological Association, Feb 17, 2012, New Orleans, LA.

Porter, J.Y., Young, C., & Gier, V. (2011). *An Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Promote Mental and Physical Wellness: A Public Health Approach*. Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Nashville, TN, October 30, 2011. (Refereed)

Gier, V.S., Breaux, M., Dunkerson, D., Blakely, T., & Wallace, D. (2011). *Reading interruptus! The effect of sending and receiving text messages on reading comprehension*. Oral presentation at the Southeastern Psychological Association, Feb, 2011, Jacksonville, Florida

Gier, V.S. (2011). *What Type of Photograph Would Best Identify Missing/Abducted Children?* Oral presentation at the Southeastern Psychological Association, Feb, 2011, Jacksonville, Florida

- Gier, V.S. & Kreiner, D.S. (2010). *AMBER Alerts: Are school type photographs the best picture for an AMBER Alert?* Presented at the Presented at the Association for Psychological Science in Boston, MA.
- Gier, V. S., Kreiner, D. S., Herring, D., Hudnell, J., & Montoya, J. (2009). *Active Reading Procedures for Moderating the Effects of Poor Highlighting*. Presented at the Association for Psychological Science convention in San Francisco.
- Gier, V.S., Kreiner, D.S., Hudnell, J., Herring, D.G., & Montoya, J. (2009). *Using an electronic highlighter to eliminate the negative effects of pre-existing, inappropriate highlighting*. Presented at the annual Mississippi Psychological Association in Gulfport, MS.
- Gier, V. S & Kreiner, D. S. (2008). *Memory of children's faces by adults: Appearance does matter*. Presented at the American Psychological Society, May 2008, in Chicago Ill.
- Gier, V. S. (2007). *The effect of content-based questions administered during a PowerPoint presentation on test performance*. National Institute of the Teaching of Psychology Conference to be held in St. Petersburg, Fl.
- Gier, V. S. (2007). *The effect of content-based questions on JOL in a sensation and perception class*. Southeastern Psychological Association to be held in New Orleans, LA.,
- Gier, V. S. & *Cox, S. L. (2006). *The relationship of dermal ridge asymmetry and right/left brain test with verbal/spatial video games performance*. Annual Conference of the American Psychological Society held in New York City, N.Y.
- Gier, V.S. & *Cox, S. L., & *Bickell, J., & *Roerbeck, J. (2004). *The effect of hemispheric dominance on video game playing*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Society, Chicago, IL.
- Gier, V.S. & Solso, R. L. (2003). *Differential hemispheric effects in "Stroop-like" congruent and incongruent geometric word/shape presentations*. Poster presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Society, Chicago, IL.
- Silvers, V. L. & Solso, Robert. L. (1999). *Differential Hemispheric Lateralization for Prototype Abstraction of Human Faces*. Poster presented at the Annual Convention of Western Psychological Association, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.
- Silvers, V. L. & Solso, R. L. (1999). *Hemispheric lateralization during a Stroop shape test*. Poster presented at the Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Tucson, AZ.
- Silvers, V. L. & Wallace, W. P. (1999). *Phonemic similarity effects on false recognition errors under conditions of divided attention*. Poster presented at Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Tucson, AZ.
- Silvers, V. L. & Kreiner, D. S. (1998). *Is metacognition, judged by thinking aloud, domain specific or generalizable across domains?* Poster presented at the Annual Convention of the

American Psychological Society, Chicago, IL.

Silvers, V. L. & Kreiner, D. S. (1996). *Warning student's in advance of the effects of pre-existing, inappropriate highlighting on reading comprehension*. Poster presented at Midwestern Psychological Association Conference, Chicago, Ill.

Silvers, V. L. & Kreiner, D. S. (1995). *The effects of pre-existing, inappropriate highlighting on reading comprehension*. Poster presented at the Annual Teaching of Psychology Conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

Dameron, S., Kohn, M., Silvers, V., & Ahlering, R. (1994). Do female students with eating disorders differ in academic success. Poster presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Society, Chicago, IL.

Silvers, V. L. & Kreiner, D. S. (1994). *Self-esteem and dreams – are they related?* Oral presentation at the Annual Missouri Psychological Association, Lake of the Ozarks, MO. May, 1994

Silvers, V. L. & Kreiner, D. S. (1993). *The effects of active intervention on test anxiety*. Oral presentation at the Annual Missouri Psychological Association, Lake of the Ozarks, MO.

Reviewer for:

Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology

Journal of Perceptual & Motor Skills

Journal of Applied Cognitive Psychology

Psychological Reports

Cengage Publishers

Allyn and Bacon Publishers

Pearson Publication

2007 – Present

**Mississippi State University:
*Courses Taught***

Applied Cognitive Psychology

Experimental Psychology

Cognitive Psychology

Psychology of Learning

History of Psychology

Psychology of Gender Differences

Cross Cultural Psychology

Interpersonal Relationships

Biological Psychology

Theories of Personality

Environmental Psychology

Careers in Psychology

Industrial Psychology

Motivational Psychology

Behavior Modification

Social Cognition

Statistics in Psychology

Psychology of Memory
Abnormal Psychology
Sensation and Perception

Invited Presentation:

2012- Invited Guest Speaker at the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. "Keeping Children Safe in Today's Society", March 8, 2012

2010 – Guest Speaker for Social Workers Symposium on AMBER Alerts.

2009 - Keynote speaker at the University of Central Missouri's Research Symposium

2009 – Invited research talk for the University of Central Missouri: AMBER Alerts: Recognizing faces of children whose appearance has changed.

2009 – Invited research talk for the University of Central Missouri: Active reading procedures for moderating effects of poor highlighting.

Psi-Chi – Guest Speaker– Fall 2004 "What can a Ph.D. do for you?"

Psi-Chi –Guest Speaker at Induction Ceremony-Spring 2003

Psi-Chi- Guest Speaker at Induction Ceremony- How to succeed in graduate school/Fall 2002

MIT – *Effects of Pre-Existing Inappropriate Highlighting on Reading Comprehension* – Boston, MA October, 2003

Harvard University: Ig Nobel Prize for Literature, Cambridge, MA. October 2002

McNair Program-Guest speaker at seminar – How to survive graduate school - October 2000

University of Nevada/Reno - Community Advisory Board Guest Speaker - Older adult's interest in attending classes at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Awards

2009 Research award for the department of Arts and Sciences at MSU-Meridian

2008 Service award for the department of Arts and Sciences at MSU-Meridian

2008 *Madison's Who's Who*

2008 Arts and Sciences Service Award for Mississippi State University

2003 Research paper on Effects of Pre-Existing Inappropriate Highlighting on Reading Comprehension was featured on CBS Sunday Morning

2002 IG Nobel Award for Literature/Harvard University

1997 Outstanding Graduate student in Psychology/Central Missouri State University

1997 Second Place for University Thesis Competition, Central Missouri State University

1995 Frank Costin Award for Excellence, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1994 McNair Scholar's Summer Research Internship/Central Missouri State University

1994 Outstanding Undergraduate student in Psychology/Central Missouri State University

Committees

2016- Promotion and Tenure Committee for Meridian Campus
2013: Search Committee for Psychology faculty position
2010 - Chair – Search Committee for faculty position
2008 - Search Committee Member for Historian faculty
2009 – Coordinator for a GRE Workshop
2008 – 2010 - Coordinator for Distance Research Talk

Advisor

Psychology club co-advisor
Psi Chi co-advisor

Professional Affiliations

American Psychological Association
Council for Undergraduate Research (CUR) Board Member: Recruiting and Membership Committee
Association for Psychological Science (formerly American Psychological Society)
Southeastern Psychological Association
Cognitive Science Society
Midwestern Psychological Association
International Association for Metacognition
Partner of Project Safe Childhood
Psychonomic Society