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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2016 – Present: Associate Professor of Psychology, Clarke University, Dubuque, IA

2009 – 2016: Assistant Professor of Psychology, Clarke University, Dubuque, IA

2004 – 2008: Graduate research assistant and course instructor, Department of Psychology, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

2007(August) – 2008(May): Adjunct faculty member, Simpson College, Indianola, IA

2007(January – May): Adjunct instructor, Des Moines Area Community College, Boone, IA

EDUCATION:

2008: Ph.D. Social Psychology—Iowa State University, Ames, IA. Doctoral Dissertation: *Social comparison of romantic relationships: The influence of family, friends, and media*. Advisor: Carolyn E. Cutrona

2006: M.S. Psychology—Iowa State University, Ames, IA. Master's Thesis: *A comparison of relationship stability among African American parents in cohabiting versus marital relationships*. Advisor: Carolyn E. Cutrona

2004: B.S. Psychology—Iowa State University, Ames, IA. Honors Thesis: *Stress in long-term undergraduate romantic relationships*. Advisor: Carolyn E. Cutrona

COURSES TAUGHT:

Clarke University, Dubuque, IA
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Social Psychology
- Psychology of Close Relationships
- Positive Psychology
- Psychology of Women
- Social Science Research Methods
- Capstone Psychology Research

Iowa State University, Ames, IA
Research Methods in Psychology
Psychology of Close Relationships
Motivation
Laboratory in Introductory Psychology

Simpson College, Indianola, IA
Psychology of Women

Des Moines Area Community College, Boone, IA
Introduction to Psychology

PUBLICATIONS:

Wesner, K. A. (in preparation). Relationship social comparison: Is the grass greener on Facebook?

Cutrona, C. E., Russell, D. W., Burzette, R. G., Wesner, K. A., & Bryant, C. (2011). Predicting Relationship Stability among Midlife African American Couples. *Journal of Consulting & Clinical Psychology*, *79*, 814-825.

Wesner, K. A. (2009). Social comparison of romantic relationships: The influence of family, friends, and media. *Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering*, *70*(1-B), pp. 741.

Cutrona, C. E., & Wesner, K. A. (2009). Neighbor relations. In H. T. Reis & S. K. Sprecher (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Human Relationships*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Cutrona, C. E., Shaffer, P. A., Wesner, K., A., & Gardner, K. A. (2007). Optimally matching support and perceived spousal sensitivity. *Journal of Family Psychology*, *21*, 754-758.

Cutrona, C. E., Wallace, G., & Wesner, K. A. (2006). Neighborhood characteristics and depression: An examination of stress processes. *Current Directions in Psychological Science, 15*, 188-192.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Wesner, K. A. (2016). The State and Value of Capstone. Invited keynote address presented at the Northwest Summit for Teaching of Senior Capstone, Saint Martin's University and Pacific Lutheran University, Lacey, WA.

Wesner, K. A. (2016). Assessment of Capstone: An Exemplar. Invited presentation at the Northwest Summit for Teaching of Senior Capstone, Saint Martin's University, Lacey, WA.

Wesner, K. A., & Larkin, C. (2015). Relationship social comparison on Facebook: Her boyfriend's cuter than mine. Presented at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Wesner, K. A., & Traser, D. (2014). Is the grass always greener on the other side of Facebook? Presented at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Wesner, K. A. (2013). Media social comparison of romantic relationships. Presented at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Wesner, K. A. (2012). A *Thriller* flash mob in social psychology. Presented at the meeting of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Johnson, J. E., Tuskenis, A., Close, W., & Wesner, K. A. (2012). The STP capstone project. Presentation and roundtable discussion facilitated at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Johnson, J. E., Appleby, D. C., Close, W., Kite, M. E., Marsh, P. A., Peterson, J. J., Tuskenis, A., & Wesner, K. A. (May, 2011). Preliminary report from the Capstone Project for Undergraduate Psychology. Symposium presented at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Wesner, K. A. (November, 2008). Engaging psychology students through the use of music. Teaching demonstration o be presented at the 9th annual conference of Iowa Teachers of Psychology, Central College, Pella, IA.

Wesner, K. A. (November, 2007). Identifying dysfunctional conflict strategies: Analyzing a scene from *The Break-Up.* Teaching demonstration presented at the 8th annual conference of Iowa Teachers of Psychology, Central College, Pella, IA.

Wesner, K. A., & Cutrona, C. E. (August, 2007). A longitudinal test of the cohabitation effect: Evidence for selectivity. Presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Wesner, K. A., & Cutrona, C. E. (May, 2006). Relationship quality and stability among African American couples in cohabiting versus marital relationships. Presented at the annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science, New York, NY.

Wesner, K. A., & Cutrona, C. E. (August, 2005). Stress in undergraduate romantic relationships. Presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Cutrona, C. E., Gardner, K. A., Shaffer, P. A., & Wesner, K. A. (August, 2005). Elicitation of social support in couples: Applications to health psychology.

Presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS OF MY RESEARCH ADVISEES

Larkin, C., & Wesner, K. A. (2015). Number of previous relationships influencing trust and satisfaction levels within current relationships. Presented at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Boyes, A., & Wesner, K. A. (2014). Examining the relationship between introversion/extroversion and job satisfaction based on self-perceived career interaction levels. Presented at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Hines, S., & Wesner, K. A. (2011). The relationship between extracurricular involvements in undergraduate students and stress levels. Presented at annual conference of the Iowa Psychological Association, Dubuque, IA.

PRESENTATIONS AT CLARKE UNIVERSITY

Wesner, K. A. (2017—anticipated). Psychology of Terrance Malick's *The Tree of Life*. Guest lecture to be presented to Scholars Seminar course on The Films of Terrance Malick, Clarke University.

Wesner, K. A. (2016). Social psychology of the self. Guest lecture presented to Scholars Seminar course on The Self, Clarke University.

Wesner, K. A. (2015). Relationship social comparison on Facebook: Her boyfriend's cuter than mine. Research presented at Books, Bites, Brilliance faculty development showcase, Clarke University.

Wesner, K. A. (2014). Psychology of close relationships. Presented to Clarke Alumni during Homecoming, Clarke University.

Wesner, K. A. (2014). Is the grass always greener on the other side of Facebook? Research presented at Books, Bites, Brilliance faculty development showcase, Clarke University.

Weltin, A., Wesner, K., DeMotta, M., Mai, J., & Rettenmeier, L. (2013). Institutional Review Board educational session. Fall Opening Workshop, Clarke University.

Daack, R., Weltin, A., & Wesner, K. (2011). Institutional Review Board educational brown bag luncheon: Faculty development opportunity, Clarke University.

Wesner, K. A. (2010). Social comparison of romantic relationships: The influence of family, friends, and media. Research presented at Books, Bites, Brilliance faculty development showcase, Clarke University.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

2016 – Present: Faculty Policy Committee, Clarke University

2016 – Present: Clarke Vision Steering Committee, Clarke University

2011 – Present: Institutional Review Board Member, Clarke University

2010 – Present: Honors/Scholars Committee Member (co-chair 2011-2012), Clarke University

2010 – Present: Academic advisor to ~30-50 Psychology majors each semester, Clarke University

2010 – Present: Founder and advisor to Psychology Club, Clarke University

2012 – Present: Psychology Capstone course mentor for the Society for the Teaching of Psychology

2010 – Present: MPA (Midwestern Psychological Association) Campus Representative for Clarke University

2015: Session Moderator for Looking for Love oral presentations at annual convention of Midwestern Psychology Association, Chicago, IL.

2014-2015: Compass Committee member, Clarke University

2014-2015: Compass Subcommittee for Faculty/Staff Development (chair), Clarke University

2014: Search Committee Member for Economist position, Department of Accounting and Business Administration, Clarke University

2014: Session Moderator for Sexuality & Sexual Behavior oral presentations at annual convention of Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

2014: Committee Member for Doctor of Nurse Practitioner student Danielle Bakewell graduate research project, Clarke University

2014: Search Committee Member for Choral Director position, Department of Music, Clarke University

2010 – 2014: Faculty Development Committee Member (co-chair 2011-2012 and 2013-2014), Clarke University

2009 – 2014: Title III Committee Member (Technology Rich Environment), Clarke University

2013: Search Committee Member for New Faculty Member in Psychology (chair), Clarke University

2012 – 2013: Convergence Outcomes Committee Member, Clarke University

2011-2012: Search Committee Member for New Faculty Member in Psychology (chair), Clarke University

2011: Search Committee member for E-Learning Support Specialist, Clarke University

2008: Organizing committee member for Iowa State University Teaching Seminar for new instructors and teaching assistants (held August 19-20, 2008). Also responsible for presentations on *Teaching a Stand-Alone Course* and *Working with Students: Personality, Problems, and Professionalism.*

2008: Reviewer for APSSC (Association for Psychological Science Student Caucus) Student Research Award Competition

2007 – 2008: Elected GSP (Graduate Students in Psychology) Representative for social psychology area faculty meetings, Iowa State University

2007 – 2008: Secretary for the campus organization Graduate Students in Social Psychology, Iowa State University

2004 – 2008: Research lab coordinator/co-coordinator for Dr. Carolyn Cutrona, Iowa State University

2007(November): Invited speaker, panel on Preparing Future Faculty experiences, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, Iowa State University

2006 – 2007: Official APSSC (Association for Psychological Science Student Caucus) Campus Representative for Iowa State University.

PEER REVIEW RESPONSIBILITIES:

2013: Reviewer for new edition of adopted textbook, *Childhood & Adolescence: Voyages in Development* (5th ed.) by Spencer Rathus, published in 2014

2011: Paid reviewer of two chapters in newest edition of adopted PSYC 320 Social Science Research Methods text, *Methods in behavioral research*, by Paul Cozby

2011: Paid reviewer of adopted PSYC 499 Psychology Capstone Research textbook, *Writing with style: APA style made easy*, by Lenore T. Szuchman

2011: Named to Academic Advisory Board for text in progress, *Taking sides: Clashing views in women's studies.*

2006: Ad hoc reviewer for *Journal of Family Issues*

AWARDS, HONORS, AND CERTIFICATIONS:

2008: Graduate Student Teaching Certificate, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, Iowa State University

2008: Preparing Future Faculty Program, highest status of *Scholar*, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, Iowa State University

2008: Award for Best Teaching Portfolio, Preparing Future Faculty program, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, Iowa State University

2008: Award for Most Stand-Alone Courses, Preparing Future Faculty program, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, Iowa State University

2007: Teaching Excellence Award, Graduate College, Iowa State University

2004: PACE (Premium for Academic Excellence) Award, Iowa State University

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2015 (2 days): Attendance of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology Annual Conference on Teaching, Atlanta, GA.

2015 (3 days): Attendance of Midwestern Psychological Association and Society for the Teaching of Psychology conferences, Chicago, IL.

2014 (3 days): Attendance of American Psychological Association and Society for the Teaching of Psychology conferences, Washington, DC.

2014 (3 days): Attendance of Midwestern Psychological Association and Society for the Teaching of Psychology conferences, Chicago, IL.

2013 (3 days): Attendance of Midwestern Psychological Association and Society for the Teaching of Psychology conferences, Chicago, IL.

2012 (3 days): Attendance of Midwestern Psychological Association and Society for the Teaching of Psychology conferences, Chicago, IL.

2011: Attendance of Teaching Professor conference, Atlanta, GA.

2011: Attendance of Midwestern Psychological Association and Society for the Teaching of Psychology conferences, Chicago, IL.

2010: Attendance of Midwestern Psychological Association and Society for the Teaching of Psychology conferences, Chicago, IL.

2007: Attendance of Society for the Teaching of Psychology programming, American Psychological Association annual convention, San Francisco, CA.

2005 – 2006: Editorial Assistant to Dr. Daniel W. Russell, Associate Editor of *Journal of Personality*

2006: Attendance of Iowa Teachers of Psychology Conference, Central College, Pella, IA

2006: Attendance of Iowa State University Teaching Seminar

2006: Attendance of Association for Psychological Science Teaching Institute Convention, New York, NY

2004: Attendance of Iowa State University Teaching Seminar

GUEST LECTURES:

Iowa State University, Ames, IA
Jealousy and Betrayal. Psychology of Close Relationships (March, 2006)
Romantic Jealousy. Psychology of Close Relationships (March, 2005)

Simpson College, Indianola, IA
Social Influence. Social Psychology (November, 2006)

Des Moines Area Community College, Boone, IA
Communicating and Managing Conflict in Marriages and Families. Marriage and Family (February, 2006)

FUNDING RECEIVED:

2016: Received travel funding and honorarium from Society for the Teaching of Psychology partnership grant to Dr. Tiffany Artime and Dr. Jeremy Newton to present invited keynote address at Northwest Summit for Teaching of Senior Capstone at Saint Martin's University, Lacey, WA.

2016: Received a $500 Faculty Development Summer Grant from Clarke University to carry out an experimental study on relationship social comparison on social media with undergraduate Psychology major Skyler Quade.

2014: Received funding from Clarke University's Title III grant to attend the annual conference of the American Psychological Association in Washington, DC

2013: Received a $500 Faculty Development Summer Grant from Clarke University to carry out an applied social comparison research study Facebook Social Psychology with undergraduate Psychology major Dallas Traser.

2011: Received funding from Clarke University's Title III grant to attend the Teaching Professor conference in Atlanta, GA as Social Science division representative

2010: Collaborative project with Psychology faculty from several institutions under the leadership of Wendy Close received $750 from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology Small Grants—Promoting Partnership program to research and refine the Capstone Psychology experience: "Capstone Courses and Program Portfolios in Undergraduate Psychology"

2007: Travel Grant, Iowa State University Department of Psychology: $300

2007: Professional Advancement Grant, Iowa State University Graduate College and Graduate and Professional Student Senate: $220

2005: Travel Grant, Iowa State University Department of Psychology: $300

2005: Professional Advancement Grant, Iowa State University Graduate College and Graduate and Professional Student Senate: $300

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

2006 – Present: Society for the Teaching of Psychology, Member
2004 – Present: American Psychological Association, Member
2004 – Present: Midwestern Psychological Association, Member
2005 – 2010: International Association for Relationship Research, Student Member
2004 – 2010: American Psychological Association of Graduate Students, Member
2004 – 2012: Association for Psychological Science, Member
2004 – 2012: Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Member