






Meet our Full-time Faculty in the SMSU Psychology Program!

Faculty	Academic Training	Courses/Research Interests
 <p>Dr. Christine Olson Christine.Olson@smsu.edu</p>	<p>Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, Arizona State University, 1994</p> <p>M.S., Counseling and Student Personnel Administration, Kansas State University, 1987</p> <p>B.A., Psychology, Bethany College (Kansas), 1985</p>	<p>COURSES: General Psychology, Psychology Seminar (Career Development/ Professions in Psychology), Applied Psychology, Counseling and Psychotherapy, Cross Cultural Psychology, Health Psychology, Mental Health Topics, and Advanced Applied Psychology (internship)</p> <p>RESEARCH INTERESTS: Motivation and efficacy for civic engagement; eating disorders prevention / treatment; cross-cultural competency</p>
 <p>Dr. Scott Peterson Scott.Peterson@smsu.edu</p>	<p>Ph.D., Experimental Psychology, Georgia Institute of Technology, 1999</p> <p>M.S., Experimental Psychology, Georgia Institute of Technology, 1997</p> <p>M.S., Computer Sciences, Purdue University, 1987</p> <p>B.S., Computer Science/Mathematics, Moorhead State University, 1985</p>	<p>COURSES: Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences, Child and Adolescent Development, Developmental Psychology, Sensation and Perception, Adult Development and Aging</p> <p>RESEARCH INTERESTS: Visual attention; Memory processes; Technology use and interpersonal relationships; Physical exercise and mental well-being; Assessment of civic engagement attitudes and behaviors</p>
 <p>Dr. Benjamin Anderson Benjamin.Anderson1@smsu.edu</p>	<p>Ph.D., Cognitive Psychology/Neuroscience, Washington University in St. Louis, 2011</p> <p>M.A., Cognitive Psychology/Neuroscience, Washington University in St. Louis, 2009</p> <p>B.A., Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2001</p>	<p>COURSES: General Psychology, College Now Psychology, Biological Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Statistics Lab, Memory in Mind and Culture.</p> <p>RESEARCH INTERESTS: Visualization and memory, effects of divided attention on memory, automatic vs. controlled memory processing, cognitive aging.</p>
 <p>Dr. Laura Koenig Laura.Koenig@smsu.edu</p>	<p>Ph.D., Personality, Individual Differences, and Behavior Genetics, University of Minnesota, 2007</p> <p>B.A., Psychology and Biology, Luther College, 2001</p>	<p>COURSES: General Psychology, Psychology of Personality, Abnormal Psychology, Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences, Positive Psychology, Research Methods, Psychological Measurement, B</p> <p>RESEARCH INTERESTS: Development of and influences on religiousness and spirituality (R/S), well-being and personality traits, genetic and environmental influences on R/S and other traits</p>
 <p>Dr. Taleen Nalabandian Taleen.Nalabandian@smsu.edu</p>	<p>Ph.D., Experimental Psychology, with a specialization in Social Psychology, Texas Tech University, 2022</p> <p>M.A. General-Theoretical Psychology, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 2015</p> <p>B.A., Psychology and Literature, American University, 2013</p>	<p>COURSES: General Psychology, Social Psychology, Research Methods</p> <p>RESEARCH INTERESTS: Examining linguistic indicators and social processes underlying common mental health conditions (e.g., depression, anxiety); analyzing fictional and non-fictional narratives and their reception to further inform the mental states and traits of authors and audiences</p>

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