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**EDUCATION**

- 2001      **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA.** Tampa, FL  
Degree: Ph.D.  
Major: Cognitive Psychology  
Minor: Law and Communication  
Dissertation: “Effects of Collaboration and Pretrial Publicity on Juror Bias and Source Monitoring Errors” (Co-chairs: Judith B. Bryant, Ph.D. & Cathy McEvoy, Ph.D.)
- 1997      **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA.** Tampa, FL  
Degree: M.A.  
Major: Cognitive Psychology  
Thesis: “The Impact of Age, Speech Style, and Question Form on Perceptions of Witness Credibility and Trial Outcome” (Chair: Judith B. Bryant, Ph.D.)
- 1990      **UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA,** Tampa, FL  
Degree:    B.A.  
Major:     Psychology

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 6/11–present    **Associate Professor**, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, Sarasota, FL.
- 8/04 – 5/11     **Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, Sarasota, FL.
- 8/03–5/04      **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida, Sarasota, FL.
- 8/01–5/03      **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
- 10/01-5/03     **Member of the Psychology Department’s IRB Committee**, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.  
Duties: Conduct scientific reviews of IRB proposals from Psychology faculty and students.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)**

- 1/00 – 5/01 ***Graduate Research Assistant***, Alcohol And Substance Use Research Institute, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.  
Duties: To work on Project ADVANCE: a multiple-year federally funded study involving college student drinking. My duties included the following: assisting in the hiring of lab personnel; supervising undergraduate and graduate research assistants; modifying the intervention methods, procedures, and stimulus materials from the original male oriented version to a female oriented one; data analysis; evaluation of the program intervention; modifying the program to increase participation and attendance across sessions as well as effectiveness of intervention; attending weekly research meetings.  
Supervisors: Drs. Mark S. Goldman, Francis Del Boca, Jack Darkes, and Jane Noll.
- 9/94 - 1/00 ***Teaching Assistant***, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.  
Duties: I had complete responsibility for the following activities: syllabus preparation; lecture development and presentation; exam development, administration, and grading; development of projects, papers, demonstrations, and activities.
- 5/91– 8/93 ***Correctional/Probation Officer***, State of Florida Department of Corrections.  
Duties: Managing a caseload of approximately 100 felony offenders. From April 1992 - July 1992, I supervised a sex offender caseload, which subsequently was made into a Correctional/Probation Officer III position.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

- State of Florida Department of Corrections, Basic Recruit Certificate: Correction/Probation Officer - 395 hours July - September 1991

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Association for Psychological Science
- American Psychological Association
- American Psychology – Law Society
- Psychonomic Society

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

- Provost's Teaching Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Student, March 2000.
- Provost's Commendation for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Student, April 1999.
- Eve Levine Graduate Student Teaching Award, April 1999.
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Tampa, December 1990.
- Elected as a member of Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society, February 1990.
- Dean's List every semester while attending the University of Tampa, January 1989 – December 1990.f

**PUBLICATIONS/ MANUSCRIPTS** (Bold indicates student author)

- Ruva, C. L., **Guenther, C. C.**, **McGowan, A. M.**, & **Cirks, C. K.** Pretrial publicity affects jurors' memory, decision making, deliberation content, & whether a leniency bias is observed. *Manuscript being revised for submission.*
- Edwards, J. D., Ruva, C. L., O'Brien, J. L., Haley, C. B., Lister, J. J. Gains in divided attention mediate transfer of speed of processing training to everyday functioning. *Manuscript under review for American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry.*
- Ruva, C. L., **Mayes, J. L.**, **Dickman, M.C.**, & **McEvoy, C.** Timing and type of pretrial publicity affect jurors' decisions, predecisional distortion, and emotion. *Manuscript under review for Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied.*
- Ruva, C. L., **McGowan, & A. M.**, **Cirks, C. K.** The impact of pretrial publicity and need for cognition on juror's decisions and deliberation behavior. *Manuscript under review for Law and Human Behavior.*
- Ruva, C. L. & **Gagnon, E.** (In Press). Pretrial publicity and juror age affect juror decision making. *Psychology, Crime, & Law.*
- Ruva, C.L. (in press). Pretrial publicity affects jury decision making. In Carla E. Wilhelm (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Cognitive Psychology.* Nova Science Publishers: Hauppauge, NY.
- Ruva, C. L., **Guenther, C. C.**, & **Yarbrough, A** (2011). Deciphering the effects of positive and negative PTP: Examining the roles of impression formation, emotion and predecisional distortion. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 38, 511-534, DOI: 10.1177/0093854811400823
- Ruva, C. L. & **LeVasseur, M. A.** (2011). Behind closed doors: The effect of pretrial publicity on jury deliberations. *Psychology, Crime and Law*, DOI: 10.1080/1068316X.2010.502120
- Ruva, C.L. (2010). *How Pretrial publicity affects jury decision making.* Nova Science Publishers: Hauppauge, NY.
- Ruva, C.L. (2010). Pretrial publicity affects jury decision making. In F. Columbus (Ed.) *Perspectives on cognitive psychology.* Nova Science Publishers: Hauppauge, NY.
- Ruva, C. L. & **McEvoy, C.** (2008). Negative and positive pretrial publicity affect juror memory and decision making. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*, 14 (3), 226-235.
- Ruva, C. L., **McEvoy, C.**, & **Bryant, J. B.** (2007). Effects of pretrial publicity and collaboration on juror bias and source monitoring errors. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 21 (1), 45-67.
- Ruva, C. L. & **Bryant, J. B.** (2004). The impact of age, speech style, and question form on perceptions of witness credibility and trial outcome. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 34, 1919-1944.

**PAPERS DELIVERED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS** (Bold indicates student)

Ruva, C.L., **McGowan, A. M., Cirks, C. K., & Guenther, C. C.**, The Impact of Pretrial Publicity and need for cognition on juror's decisions and deliberation behavior. American Psychology & Law Society International Conference, Miami, FL (March 2011). **(Refereed)**

Edwards, J. D., Ruva, C. L., Christine B. Haley, **Elizabeth M. Hudak**. Divided attention gains mediate transfer of speed of processing training to everyday functioning. Entertainment Software and Cognitive Neurotherapeutics Society Conference, San Francisco, CA (September 2011). **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C.L., **Mayes, J. L., Dickman, M. C., & Guenther, C. C.** Timing and type of pretrial publicity affect jurors' decisions and predecisional distortion. American Psychology & Law Society International Conference, Miami, FL (March 2011). **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C.L. & **Hudak, E.M.** (2010, April). Pretrial publicity and juror age affect juror decision making. Paper accepted to be presented at the Cognitive Aging Conference, Atlanta, GA. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C.L. & **Hudak, E.M.** (2010, March). Pretrial publicity and juror age affect juror decision making. Paper accepted to be presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, Vancouver, BC. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C. L., **Guenther, C. C., & Yarbrough, A.** (2010, March). The emotional decision maker: Jurors' emotional responses to pretrial publicity mediate their decisions. Paper accepted to be presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, Vancouver, BC. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C.L. & **Donaldson-Guenther, C.C.** (2009, March). Coding the effect of pretrial publicity on jury deliberations. Invited symposium paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, San Antonio, TX. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C.L., **LeVasseur, M.A., & Frei, A.M.** (2009, March). Behind closed doors: Pretrial publicity affects the nature and quality of mock-jury deliberations. Paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, San Antonio, TX. **(Refereed)**

**Donaldson-Guenther, C.C.** & Ruva, C.L. (2009, March). The effects of pretrial publicity on evidence evaluation: A story model framework. Paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, San Antonio, TX. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C. L. & **LeVasseur, M.A.** (2008, May). Behind closed doors: A content analysis of the mock-jury deliberation process. Paper presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, Chicago, IL. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C. L. & **LeVasseur, M.A.** (2008, March). Observing jury interaction: pretrial publicity affects the qualitative nature of mock-jury deliberations. Paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, Jacksonville, FL. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C. L. (2007, May). Pretrial publicity affects memory for and interpretation of trial evidence. Paper presented at Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, Washington, DC. **(Refereed)**

**PAPERS DELIVERED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (continued)**

Loftus, H. & Ruva, C.L. (2007, March). Individual differences and their association with suggestibility and source monitoring errors. Paper presented at Off the Witness Stand: Using Psychology in the Practice of Justice, John Jay College, New York, NY. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C.L. (2006, November). Pretrial publicity and collaboration affect juror memory and decision making. Paper to be presented at the Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, Houston, TX. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C.L. (2006, March). Eyewitness Memory: What judges and attorneys need to know. Presentation delivered at the Inns of Court, Tampa, FL.

Ruva, C.L. (2005, May). Pretrial publicity and length of delay effect juror memory and decision making. Paper presented at the American Psychological Society Annual Convention, Los Angeles, CA. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C. L. (2004, March). Leveling the playing field? The effect of positive versus negative PTP on trial outcome and source monitoring errors. Paper delivered at the American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, Scottsdale, AZ. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C. L. (2003, May). Does exposure to pretrial publicity affect juror's memory for trial facts? Paper presented at the American Psychological Society Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C. L., McEvoy, C. & Bryant, J. B. (2002, June). Effects of collaboration and pretrial publicity on juror bias and source monitoring errors. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana. **(Refereed)**

Gonzalez, L. P., Bryant, J. B. & Ruva, C. L. (1999, April). Perceptions of witness credibility as a function of witness age and language translation. Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Albuquerque, NM. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C., & Bryant, J. B. (1998, July). Perceptions of witness credibility as a function of witness age, speech style, and question form. Paper presented at the XVth Meetings of the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development, Bern, Switzerland. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C., & Bryant, J. B. (1998, March). The impact of age, speech style, and question form on perceptions of witness credibility and trial outcome. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Biennial Conference, Redondo Beach, CA. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C., Bryant, J. B. & Brannick, M. (1996, March). Development of the Adults' General Beliefs about Children Scale for research on witness credibility. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development, Birmingham, AL. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C. (1995, December). How does attorney questioning techniques and witness speech affect both perceived credibility of child witnesses and trial outcomes? National Science Foundation Conference (Women and Science), Washington, DC.

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- 2011 Law and Human Behavior ad hoc reviewer
- 2011-2012 College of Arts and Sciences Senate Representative
- 2010-2011 Search Committee Chair: Generalist Instructor
- 2010-2011 Search Committee Member: IO Tenure-Earning Professor Psychology
- 2010 Search Committee Member: Clinical Psychology Instructor
- 2010-2011 IRB College of Arts & Sciences Reviewer for USF SM
- 2010 Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice ad hoc reviewer
- 2009 Grievance committee
- 2009 Judge for Graduate Student Research Symposium
- 2009 Tenure and Promotion committee
- 2009 - 2010 MAPP Assessment committee
- 2008 - 2011 Applied Cognitive Psychology ad hoc reviewer
- 2008 - 2009 JEP: Applied ad hoc reviewer
- 2008 Journal of Applied Social Psychology ad hoc reviewer
- 2008 & 2011 NSF: Law & Social Science Program - ad hoc reviewer of grants
- 2008 Pearson Allyn & Bacon ad hoc reviewer
- 2008 Search committee member for Psychology Instructor
- 2007-2010 Reviewer for AP-LS conference submissions
- 2006-2011 Reviewer and judge for Undergraduate Research Symposium at USF
- 2004 - 2010 CAS internal awards reviewer
- 2004 - 2009 Psychology departments course planning committee at USF
- 2001-2003 Member of the Psychology department's IRB committee

**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

FITT Internal Award, awarded by the FITT committee on the Sarasota campus; summer 2007; \$500.

Undergraduate Research Grant for Supervisors of Undergraduate Research, awarded by the Office of Undergraduate Research at the University of South Florida; October 2006; \$600.

FITT Internal Award, awarded by the FITT committee on the Sarasota campus; spring 2006; \$500.

Faculty Research and Development Grant, awarded by the Faculty Development Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Florida; December 15, 2005; \$1,000.

Undergraduate Research Grant for Supervisors of Undergraduate Research. Awarded by the Office of Undergraduate Research at the University of South Florida; November 15, 2005; \$600.

## RESEARCH SUPERVISION

### Undergraduate: Honors Thesis & Senior Research Projects Chaired

- Jami Worley, Senior Research Project (2010-2011), “The Importance of Trial Ambiguity: Understanding the Influence of Pretrial Publicity on Jurors’ Decisions and Emotions”
- Christina Donaldson-Guenther, Psychology Honors (2007-2008), “The Effects of Pretrial Publicity on Evidence Evaluation: A Story Model Framework”
- Vivian Lotts, Psychology Honors (2006-2007), “Do Personality Differences Matter? The Effects of Misinformation and Delay on Eyewitness Performance”
- Shermel Ward, Psychology Honors (2006-2007), “Improving Healthy Families America’s Ability to Prevent Child Abuse in More Families throughout the United States”
- Holly Carvalho-Loftus, Senior Thesis (2005-2006), “Individual Differences and Their Association with Suggestibility and Source Memory Errors”
- Kristy Fox, University Honors (2002-2003), “Adults’ Perceptions of Children’s Verbal Reports as a function of Age of Child and whether the Child is a Victim or a Witness”

### Undergraduate: Honors Thesis Committee Member

- Mary Dickman, Psychology Honors (2010-2011), “Attitudes toward Sexist Language and Epicene Reference”

### Dissertation Committees: Committee Member

- Stephanie Smith: Clinical Forensic Psychology, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
  - Date of Service: May 2010 to present
  - Jim Iaccino is the Chair of this doctoral committee
  - Dissertation Title: Moral Disengagement and Jury Decision Making
- Elizabeth Gagnon: Aging Studies, University of South Florida Tampa
  - Date of Service: September 2010 to present
  - Jerri Edwards is the Chair of this doctoral committee
  - Dissertation Title: The Effects of Cognitive Stimulation and Computerized Memory Training among Older Adults

## COURSES TAUGHT

- Applied Cognitive Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Child Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Directed Studies/Research
- Learning
- Psychology Honors Supervision
- Psychological Science II
- Psychology and Law
- Psychology of Language
- Perception
- Pro Seminar: Capstone Course
- Research Methods
- Websites for most courses can found be by visiting my homepage at the following address:  
<http://luna.cas.usf.edu/~ruva/index.htm>