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## EDUCATION

1987	Ph.D. Psychology	University of Rhode Island
1984	M.A. Psychology	University of Rhode Island
1974	M.A. English	Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
1972	B.A. English	Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

## EXPERIENCE

### Academic

2011-2015	<i>Joanne Toor Cummings '50 Professor</i>	Connecticut College
2003-2015	<i>Professor</i>	Connecticut College
1992-2003	<i>Associate Professor</i>	Connecticut College
1987-1992	<i>Assistant Professor</i>	Connecticut College
1990	<i>Visiting Scholar</i>	Harvard University
1986-1987	<i>Visiting Instructor</i>	Connecticut College
1985	<i>Special Lecturer</i>	Providence College
1984	<i>Special Instructor</i>	University of Rhode Island
1981-1984	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	University of Rhode Island
1972-74	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Southern Illinois University

### Administrative

2009, Spring	<i>Acting Chair, Department of Psychology</i>	Connecticut College
2002-2005	<i>Chair, Department of Psychology</i>	Connecticut College
1999-2000	<i>Associate Dean of the Faculty (Interim)</i>	Connecticut College
1993-1996	<i>Chair, Department of Psychology</i>	Connecticut College

### Editorial

2022-2023	Interim Editor, <i>Skeptical Inquirer</i> magazine
2017-	Contributing Editor, <i>Skeptical Inquirer</i> magazine

### Editorial Boards

2002-2008	<i>The Analysis of Verbal Behavior</i>
1997-	<i>Skeptic Magazine</i>
1995-2001	<i>The Behavior Analyst</i>

1995-2008      *The Psychological Record*

*Ad Hoc Reviewer*

*The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*  
*Applied Research in Mental Retardation*  
*The Behavior Analyst*  
*Behavioral and Brain Sciences*  
*Criminal Justice and Behavior*  
*Environment & Behavior*  
*Journal of Asian Studies*  
*Journal of Criminal Justice*  
*Journal of Personality and Individual Differences*  
*Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*  
*Personality and Social Psychology Review*  
*Psychological Science*  
*Psychological Record*  
*Psychological Reports*

Harcourt Brace  
Harvard University Press  
MIT Press  
Oxford University Press  
Routledge / Taylor and Francis Group

*Grant Review*

2005              National Science Foundation

**Journalism/Blogging**

2015-              *Writer, "Behavior & Belief" column of Skeptical Inquirer magazine (online and print).*  
2015-              *Writer, Coffeelicious collection on Medium.com*  
2015-              *Writer, Human Parts collection on Medium.com*  
2014-              *Web Contributor, "Behavior & Belief" column, Skeptical Inquirer*  
2014-              *Believing in Magic (blog), PsychologyToday.com*  
2005-2012        *Occasional Contributor, Providence Journal, Providence, RI.*

**Clinical**

1985-1986        *Associate Psychologist, Rhode Island Youth Guidance Center, Pawtucket, RI*  
1984-1985        *Psychology Intern, Rhode Island Youth Guidance Center, Pawtucket, RI.*  
1983-1984        *School Psychology Intern, Warren Public Schools, Warren, RI.*  
1982                *Psychology Intern, Child Development Center, Rhode Island Hospital,  
Providence, RI.*

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2022                Room Rater 10/10  
2019                Fellow, Association for Psychological Science  
2016                Honorary Associate, Network for Church Monitoring  
2015                Fellow, Committee for Skeptical Inquiry

2011	Joanne Toor Cummings '50 Professorship
1999	William James Book Award, Division 1, American Psychological Association
1987	Elected to Psi Chi, National Honor Society of Psychology
1987	Elected to Phi Kappa Phi, National Academic Honor Society
1987	Dissertation awarded a "Pass With Distinction"
1985-1986	University Fellow, University of Rhode Island

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- Vyse, S. (2022). *Stonington's Steamboat Hotel*. Charleston, SC: The History Press.
- Vyse, S. (2022). *The Uses of Delusion: Why It's Not Always Rational to be Rational*. New York: Oxford University Press. (hardcover, e-book, & audiobook)
- Chinese translation (forthcoming), China Times (Taiwan).
  - Arabic translation (forthcoming), Jarir (Saudi Arabia).
- Vyse, S. (2020). *Superstition: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Chinese translation (forthcoming), Rive Gauche Publishing (Taiwan).
  - Danish translation (forthcoming), Forlaget Univers (Højbjerg)
  - Spanish translation (2022, Alianza Editorial)
- Vyse, S. (2018/2008). *Going Broke: Why American's (Still) Can't Hold On To Their Money*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Published in Chinese (simplified) (2011, Chongqing University Press)
  - Second edition (September 3, 2018 Oxford University Press)
- Vyse, S. A. (2013/2000/1997). *Believing in Magic: The Psychology of Superstition*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- First hardcover edition (1997, Oxford University Press)
  - Japanese translation (1999, Asahi Shimbun)
  - German translation (1999, Birkhauser Verlag)
  - Awarded the 1999 William James Book Award, Division 1, American Psychological Association
  - Published in paperback (2000, Oxford University Press)
  - Romanian translation (2012, Editura Trei of Bucharest)
  - Updated edition (2013, Oxford University Press)

### Journal Articles

- Vyse, S., Hemsley, B., Lang, R., Lilienfeld, S. O., Mostert, M. P., Schlinger, H. D., Shane, H. C., Sherry, M., Todd, J. T. (2019). Whose words are these? Statements derived from Facilitated Communication and Rapid Prompting Method undermine the credibility of Jaswal & Akhtar's social motivation hypotheses. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 42, E113. doi:10.1017/S0140525X18002236
- Vyse, S. (2018). Superstition, ethics, and transformative consumer research. *Journal of the Association for Consumer Research*, 3(4), 582-590.
- Vyse, S. (2018). What's a therapist to do when clients have pseudoscientific beliefs? *The Behavior Therapist*, 41(2), 36-39.
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- Wyman, A. J., & Vyse, S. (2008). Science versus the stars: A double-blind test of the validity of the NEO Five-Factor Inventory and computer-generated astrological natal charts. *The Journal of General Psychology*, 135(3), 287-300.
- Vyse, S. (2004). Stability over time: Is behavior analysis a trait psychology? *The Behavior Analyst*, 27, 43-53.
- Vyse, S. A. (1999). Believing in magic: The psychology of superstition. *The General Psychologist*, 34, 71-77.

- Heard, K. V., & Vyse, S. A. (1998). Authoritarianism and paranormal beliefs. *Imagination, cognition, and personality*, 18, 121-126.
- Vyse, S. A. (1997). Superstition in the age of science. *World Review*, 2(4), 13-15.
- Tuerkheimer, A. M., & Vyse, S. A. (1997, March/April). The Book of Predictions: Fifteen Years Later. *The Skeptical Inquirer*, 21, 40-42.
- Vyse, S. A. (1996). Heyman's steady-state theory of addiction. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 19, 598-599.
- Heltzer, R. A., & Vyse, S. A. (1994). Problem solving and intermittent consequences: The experimental control of superstitious beliefs. *The Psychological Record*, 44, 155-169.
- Moffitt, K. H., Singer, J. A., Nelligan, D. W., Carlson, M. A., & Vyse, S. A. (1994). Depression and memory narrative type. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 103, 581-583.
- Rieg, T. S., Smith, N. F., Vyse, S. A. (1993). Differential reinforcement of other behavior and response suppression: The effects of the response-reinforcement interval. *The Psychological Record*, 43, 271-288.
- Szymanski, L. A., Devlin, A. S., Chrisler, J. C., & Vyse, S. A. (1993). Gender-role and attitudes toward rape in male and female college students. *Sex Roles*, 29, 37-57.
- Vyse, S. A., & Belke, T. W. (1992). Matching versus maximizing on concurrent variable-interval schedules. *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, 58, 325-334.
- Vyse, S. A. (1991). Behavioral variability and rule-generation: General, restricted, and superstitious contingency statements. *The Psychological Record*, 41, 487-506.
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- Vyse, S. A. (1990). Adopting a viewpoint: Psychology majors and psychological theory. *Teaching of Psychology*, 17, 227-230.
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## Book Chapters

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- Vyse, S. (2018). The environment and consumer behavior. In A.S. Devlin (Ed.), *Environmental Psychology and Human Well-being: Effects of Physical and Natural Settings* (pp. 193-220). New York: Academic Press.

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- Sayer, J. M., & Vyse, S. A. (1998). The validity of rating scales used to assess AD/HD. In P. O., Quinn, & A. McCormick (Eds.), *Re-thinking AD/HD: A guide for fostering success in students with AD/HD at the college level* (pp. 37-47). Bethesda, MD: Advantage Books.
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## Foreward

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## Book Reviews

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- Vyse, S. (2005, November 25). The outer limits of belief. *Science*, 310, 1280-1281. [Review of *Abducted: How people come to believe they have been kidnapped by aliens*, by Susan A. Clancy.]
- Vyse, S. (2004). Stupid is as stupid does. [Review of Sternberg's *Why Smart People Can be so Stupid*.] *Contemporary Psychology*, 49, 261-262.
- Vyse, S. A. (2001). World history for behavior analysts: Jared Diamond's *Guns, Germs, and Steel*. *Behavior and Social Issues*, 11, 80-87.
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## Magazine Articles

- Vyse, S. (2022), November/December). Eat Popcorn: The Current State of the Priming 'Train Wreck.' *Skeptical Inquirer*, 46(6), 22-26.
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- Vyse, S. (2022, July/August). Yes, Thee Dunning-Kruger Effect Really is Real. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 46(4), 29-31.
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- Vyse, S. (2022, March/April). Spiritualism and the Birth of Abstract Art. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 46(2), 28-33.
- Vyse, S. (2022, January/February). Why Your Uncle Isn't Getting Vaccinated. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 46(1), 24-29.
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- Vyse, S. (2021, March/April). The tragedy of our commons. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 45(2), 20-24.
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- Vyse, S. (2020, Autumn). The lost art of the curse. *British Museum Magazine*, 32-35.
- Vyse, S. (2020, November/December). COVID-19 and the tyranny of now. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 44(6), 22-26.
- Vyse, S. (2020, September/October). Are you afraid of the 13<sup>th</sup> floor? Superstition and real estate, part 2. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 44(5), 21-25.
- Vyse, S. (2020, July/August). Did superstition cause the COVID-19 outbreak? *Skeptical Inquirer*, 44(4), 20-24.
- Vyse, S. (2020, May/June). Superstition and real estate: Part 1: The Chinese market. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 44(3), 26-28.
- Vyse, S. (2020, March/April). Are atheists sadder but wiser? *Skeptical Inquirer*, 44(2), 31-33.
- Vyse, S. (2020, January/February). Skepticism blooms in Brazil. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 44(1), 22-24.
- Vyse, S. (2019, November/December). An adventure in peer review. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 43(6), 27-31.
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- Vyse, S. (2019, July/August). Who are more biased: Liberals or conservatives? *Skeptical Inquirer*, 43(4), 24-27.
- Vyse, S. (2019, May/June). National Downs Syndrome Society promotes communication pseudoscience. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 43(3), 28-30.
- Vyse, S. (2019, March/April). An artist with a science-based mission. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 43(2), 36-39.
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- Vyse, S. (2018, January/February). Yes, we do need experts. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 42(1), 20-22.
- Vyse, S. (2017, September/October). P-hacker confessions: Daryl Bem and me. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 41(5), 25-27.
- Vyse, S. (2017, May/June). Your unlearning report. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 41(3), 27-30.
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## Op-ed Articles

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- Vyse, S. (2017, October 2). Strange days. *Medium.com*.
- Vyse, S. (2016, August 22). An introvert's guide to daydreaming. *Medium.com*
- Vyse, S. (2016, February 19). Don't Ask, 'How's the Book Going?' *Medium.com*.
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- Vyse, S. (2015, July 27). An Introvert's Guide to Eating and Drinking Out, *Medium.com*.
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Vyse, S. (2003, May 25). In a world of me, still a place for us. *The Day*(New London, CT), C3.

Vyse, S. (2002, July 4). Why I don't fly the flag. *Providence Journal*, B6.

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Vyse, S. (2008, February 25). What does your credit limit say about you? *OUPblog.com*.  
<http://blog.oup.com/2008/02/credit/>

### TED Ed video

Vyse, S. (2017, March 9) “Where Do Superstitions Come From?”  
<http://ed.ted.com/lessons/where-do-superstitions-come-from-stuart-vyse>

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

#### TEDx Talk

Vyse, S. A Mind at Play. *Connecticut College TEDx Conference*, April 5, 2014.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knpNhARcy00>

### Conferences and Invited Lectures

- Vyse, S. *The latest in autism claptrap and why science is losing*. MassABA (online), May 14, 2021.
- Vyse, S. (2018, May 28). *Plotting a New Course: A Presidential Address Fantasy*. Invited address at the Association for Behavior Analysis International, San Diego, CA.
- Vyse, S. (2016, October 29). *Is Brain Training a Scam?* Invited address at CSICon, Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, Las Vegas, NV.
- Vyse, S. (2013, October 17) *Perspectives on the Future of Behavior Analysis*. Panel discussion at the annual conference of the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy. Amherst, MA.
- Vyse, S. (2011, October 28). *Why do people believe these things?* An invited address at CSICON 2011 (Conference of the Center for Skeptical Inquiry), New Orleans, LA.
- Ghatak, A. Pullatt, R., Vyse, S., & Silverman, D. I. (2010, March 14). *Do appropriateness criteria adequately assess the usefulness of repeat echocardiograms?* A poster presented at the annual convention of the American College of Cardiology, Atlanta, GA.
- Vyse, S. (2008, October 16). *Going Broke: A Behavioral Analysis of the Variables that Control Spending*. An invited address presented at the convention of the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy, Amherst, MA.
- Wielt, D. B., & Vyse, S. (2006). *The effects of criminal history and psychiatric history on attributions about murderers*. A poster presented at the annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science, New York, NY.
- Vyse, S. (2003, August 10). *Is behavior analysis a trait psychology?* A paper presented at the convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Wielt, D. B., Vyse, S. A., Clebnik, H. A., & Kelleher, M. A. (2003, August). *Moral deficient or mentally ill? Attributions about violent behavior*. A poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Vyse, S. A. (1999, December). *The psychology of superstition*. Clinical lunch talk, Department of Psychology, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- Vyse, S. A. (1999, October). *Believing in magic: The psychology of superstition*. A colloquium presented at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.
- Vyse, S. A. (1999, August). *Believing in magic: The psychology of superstition*. An invited address presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Vyse, S. A. (1998, May). *The psychology of superstition*. The Connecticut Skeptical Society, Cheshire, CT.
- Vyse, S. A. (1998, March). *The psychology of paranormal belief*. A colloquium presented at the University of Hartford, Hartford, CT.
- Vyse, S. A. (1998, March). *Psychology and the paranormal*. A colloquium presented at Providence College, Providence, RI.
- Vyse, S. A. (1997, May). Behavioral Teaching Methods and the Liberal Arts College. In S. A. Vyse (Chair), *Behavioral Approaches to College Teaching: The Small Four-year College*. A symposium conducted at the meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Chicago, Illinois.
- Vyse, S. A., & Mink, D. R. (1995, August). *Learning to maximize*. A paper presented at the convention of the American Psychological Association, New York, New York.
- Vyse, S. A., Harnisher, J. V., & Sulser, G. L. (1993, May). *Expected utility, matching, and jackpot style lotteries*. A paper presented at the convention of the International Association for Behavior Analysis, Chicago, Illinois.
- Vyse, S. A., & Heltzer, R. A. (1990, August). *Intermittent consequences and problem solving: The experimental control of superstitious beliefs*. A paper presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Vyse, S. A. (1990, March). *The experimental control of superstitious beliefs*. A colloquium address presented in the Department of Psychology, University of Rhode Island.
- Vyse, S. A. (1990, February). *Intermittent consequences and problem solving: The experimental control of superstitious beliefs*. A paper presented in the Department of Psychology, Harvard University.
- Vyse, S. A. (1989, August). *Behavioral stereotypy and problem solving: Some correlates of general, specific, and superstitious rule statements*. An invited address presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Vyse, S. A. (1989, April). *Adopting a viewpoint: Psychology majors and psychological theory*. A paper presented at the



annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

- Vyse, S. A. (1988, May). *What's the difference if I make an inference? Statistics and behavior analysis*. A paper presented at the convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Vyse, S. A., & Rapport, M. D. (1987, August). *Effects of methylphenidate on learning in children with ADHD*. A paper presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, New York, New York.
- Vyse, S. A., & Rapport, M. D. (1987, May). *Stimulus equivalence: Methylphenidate dose effects and conceptual questions*. A paper presented at the convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Vyse, S. A., Rieg, T. S., & Smith, N. F. (1986, May). *Distinguishing between the discriminative and motivational functions of stimuli: Escape*. A poster presented at the convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Vyse, S. A., & Mulick, J. A. (1985, May). *Ecobehavioral assessment of a special education classroom: Adult-child behavioral covariation*. A poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Columbus, Ohio.
- Vyse, S. A., Smith, N. F., Kelly, K. L., & DuPaul, G. S. (1985, May). *A simple and inexpensive interface for microcomputer control of experiments*. A poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Columbus, Ohio.
- Vyse, S., & Smith, N. F. (1984, April). *Reinforcement-based response elimination: The effects of changeover delay length and response specificity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Vyse, S., & Mulick, J. A. (1983, May). *An ecobehavioral assessment of a special education classroom*. A paper presented at the 16th annual Gatlinburg Conference on Research in Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

## COURSES TAUGHT

Introductory Psychology	Psychology as a Natural Science
Psychology as a Social Science	Psychological Statistics
Advanced Psychological Statistics	Research Methods
Advanced Research Methods	Social Psychology
Developmental Psychology	Conditioning and Learning
Irrational Behavior	Psychology and Critical Thinking
Behavioral Economics	Psychology of Free Will

## SERVICE

### To Connecticut College

2014	General Education Spring Break Working Group
2011-2012	Faculty Search Committee Department of Economics
2011-2012	Faculty Search Committee Department of Mathematics
2011	Wabash Summer Working Group
2010-2014	Faculty Advisor to Student Research Scholars, Center for Teaching and Learning
2009-2014	Committee on Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure
2009, Fall	Organizer "If I Can Save a Life, Should I?" a panel discussion with Peter Singer
2007-2010	Advisory Committee, Center for Teaching and Learning
2007-2014	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
2007-2010	Dean's Grievance Committee
2005-2008	Committee on Faculty Compensation
2005-2008	Ombudsperson
2004-2007	Classroom Improvement Committee, Chair
2003	Dean of the Faculty Search Committee

2002 Presidential Inauguration Committee  
 2001-2006 Chair, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee  
 2001 Presidential Search Committee  
 1999 Math Department Faculty Search Committee  
 1998-1999 Chair, Faculty Steering and Conference Committee  
 1997-1998 Faculty Steering and Conference Committee  
 1997-1998 Faculty Search Committee, Departments of French and Italian  
 1996-1999 Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee  
 1996-1997 Committee on Grievances  
 1995-1996 Dean's Task Force on Sexual Orientation and Campus Climate  
 1994-1995 Space Use Committee  
 1994-1995 Committee on Grievances  
 1993 Chair, Search Committee for Provost and Dean of the Faculty  
 1991-1992 Faculty Steering and Conference Committee  
 1991-1992 Priorities, Planning, and Budget Committee  
 1991 Faculty Salary Gap-Closing Committee  
 1990-1992 Graduate Studies and Continuing Education Committee

**To the Connecticut College Psychology Department**

2011-2012 Co-faculty advisor to Connecticut College chapter of Psi Chi  
 2009-2011 Co-coordinator of the Psychology Department Colloquium Series  
 2003-2004 Co-coordinator of the Psychology Department Colloquium Series  
 2001-2002 Coordinator of the Psychology Department Colloquium Series  
 1999 Psychology Department Faculty Search Committees (two searches)  
 1997-1998 Institutional Review Board  
 1996-1997 Author and Administrator of Psychology Department Web Page  
 1996 Department Research Ethics Committee  
 1990-1991 Chair, Department Animal Colony Committee  
 1990-1991 Coordinator of the Psychology Department Colloquium Series  
 1989- Consulting Editor, *Connecticut College Psychology Journal*  
 1986-1999 Statistical and Computing Consultation to the Department

**To the Profession**

2021- Executive Council, Committee for Skeptical Inquiry  
 2006, 2007 Dissertation reviews (2), University of Helsinki  
 2004-2006 Board Member, Connecticut Association for Behavior Analysis

**To the Community**

2022- Board Member, Stonington Historical Society, Stonington, CT  
 2021- Advisory Board, Stonington Cemetery, Stonington, CT  
 2016-2018 Adjunct Professor, University of the People, Pasadena, CA  
 2016 Selection Committee, James Merrill House Program, Stonington, CT  
 2009-2015 Board Member, James Merrill House Program, Stonington, CT  
 2005-2010 Board Member, Stonington Village Improvement Association  
 2005-2007 Coordinator, Stonington Farmers' Market

**THESES**

Doctoral Thesis

The effects of methylphenidate on learning in children with attention deficit disorder: The stimulus equivalence paradigm.

Master's Thesis (Psychology)

Reinforcement-based response elimination: The effects of changeover delay length and response specificity.

Master's Thesis (English)

"Little Gidding": History is Now and England.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Psychological Association  
Association for Psychological Science  
PEN America

**MEDIA APPEARANCES**

**Television (Selected)**

A&E  
CBC Newsworld  
The Learning Channel  
The PBS NewsHour with Jim Lehrer  
[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/business/july-dec08/personaldebt\\_08-18.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/business/july-dec08/personaldebt_08-18.html)  
CBS This Morning  
[http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505266\\_162-57358507/friday-the-13th-how-the-superstition-began/?tag=morningFlexGridRight;flexGridModule](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505266_162-57358507/friday-the-13th-how-the-superstition-began/?tag=morningFlexGridRight;flexGridModule)  
CNN International  
The History Channel

**Print (Selected)**

The New York Times  
USA Today  
Chicago Tribune  
Boston Globe  
Philadelphia Enquirer  
Cincinnati Examiner  
Washington Times  
US News and World Report  
Guardian (London)  
Wall Street Journal  
Washington Post  
Los Angeles Times  
Christian Science Monitor  
Atlanta Journal Constitution  
Newsday  
Dallas Morning News  
Rocky Mountain News  
Geowissen (Germany)  
Seattle Post Intelligencer  
Newsweek

**Radio (Selected)**

American Public Media's "Marketplace Money" (Tess Vigeland)  
[http://marketplace.publicradio.org/display/web/2008/12/05/going\\_broke/](http://marketplace.publicradio.org/display/web/2008/12/05/going_broke/)  
National Public Radio "Talk of the Nation Science Friday" (Ira Flatow)  
<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=1415763>  
Wisconsin Public Radio (Jean Feraca)  
WNYC (Brian Lehrer)  
WNYC Soundcheck (John Schaefer) <http://www.odeo.com/audio/617558/view>  
KQED (San Francisco, CA)  
WMRA "Insight"  
New Hampshire Public Radio (*The Exchange*)  
BBC Radio