

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic Background

Ph.D. Social Ecology Program, University of California Irvine, December, 1990

Dissertation Title: The Effects of Hazard Familiarity, Vulnerability and Preparedness Information on Earthquake Awareness and Preparedness in Southern California

M.A. Experimental Social Psychology, College of William & Mary, June, 1982

Thesis Title: Attribution of Behavioral and Characterological Fault Toward The Victims of a Disaster

B.A. Psychology (Honors), University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, June, 1980

Present Position: Undergraduate Psychology Department Dominican University of California

Lecturer (1993 – 1994)

Assistant Professor (1994 – 1996)

Associate Professor (1997 – 2005)

Co-Chair of Psychology Department (1998 – 2006)

Full Professor with Tenure (2005 – present)

Courses Regularly Taught: Social Psychology, Statistics for the Health & Behavioral Sciences, Natural Disasters: Societal & Individual Reactions to Risk, Human Sexuality, Media Psychology: Television & Society, Social Influence, Directed Research I & II, Psychology of Travel

Past Positions

1/92 – 12/00 Lecturer, Psychology Department, San Francisco State University

9/92 – 3/94 Lecturer, Psychology Department, California State University Hayward

6/92 – 12/93 Lecturer, Psychology/Sociology, Chapman University Regional Education Centers at Alameda and Modesto, California

1/90 – 6/91 Lecturer, Psychology, California State University Long Beach

8/89 – 12/91 Lecturer, Psychology, California State University Fullerton

Publications

- Ricci, T., Barberi, F., Davis, M.S., Isaia, R., and Nave, R. (2013). Volcanic Risk Perception in the Campi Flegrei Area. *Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research*, 254 (March), 118-130.
- Barberi, F., Davis, M.S., Isaia, R., Nave, R. & Ricci, T. (2008). Volcanic risk perception in the Vesuvius population. *Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research*, 172, 244-257.
- Davis, M; Johnston, D.; Becker, J.; Leonard, G.; Coomer, M. and Gregg, C. (2006). Risk perceptions and preparedness: Mt Rainier 2006 community assessment tabulated results, GNS Science Report 2006/17, 43p.
- Davis, M.S., Ricci, T. & Mitchell, L. M. (2005). Perceptions of risk for volcanic hazards at Vesuvio and Etna, Italy. *Australasian Journal of Disaster and Trauma Studies*, 2005-1. <http://www.massey.ac.nz/~trauma/issues/2005-1/davis.htm>.
- Davis, M.S. & Ricci, T. (2004). Perceptions of risk for volcanic hazards in Italy: A research note. *International Journal of Sociology & Social Policy*, 24 (10/11), 157 – 163.
- Davis, M.S. (1989). Living along the fault line: An update on earthquake preparedness in southern California. *Urban Resources*, 5 (Summer), 8 – 14.
- Souleles, D.M. & Davis, M.S. (eds.) (1987). *Facilitating AIDS education in the work environment*. Orange County Business Leadership Task Force on AIDS and Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Professional Presentations

- Davis, M.S. & Leeds, C. (2015). Tolerance for Diversity in Academia: A University Case Study. Paper to be presented at the Athens Institute for Education and Research, 9th Annual Conference, Athens, Greece, May 25 - 28, 2015.
- Davis, M.S. (2013). Psychological Aspects of Risk Perception and Preparedness for Natural Disasters. Paper presented at the Athens Institute for Education and Research, 7th Annual Conference, Athens, Greece, May, 2013.
- Davis, M.S. & Leeds, C. (2013). Tolerance for Political Diversity on a University Campus. Paper presented at the Western Psychological Association conference, Reno, Nevada, April 26, 2013.
- Davis, M.S. (2012). Developing a Course on the Psychology of Travel. Paper presented at the Athens Institute for Education and Research, 6th Annual Conference, Athens, Greece, May, 2012.
- Davis, M.S. (2012). The Emergency Mind. Invited keynote address at Really Ready 3: Long-Term Care Disaster Preparedness Conference, Sacramento, California, January 25, 2012.

- Davis, M.S. (2011). *Disaster Psychology: Dealing with the Risk of Natural Disasters*. Invited address for the Greater Boston Chapter of the Association of Contingency Planners (ACP), Marlboro, Massachusetts, October 12, 2011.
- Davis, M.S., Rubinstein, J. & Lemp, S. (2011). *Community disaster preparedness training: Psychological impact on participants*. Paper Presented at the 91st Annual Conference of Western Psychological Association, Los Angeles, CA, May, 2011.
- Gharib, A., Phillips, W., Matthews, G., Davis, M. & Bartolini, L. (2010) *Assessment on a shoestring budget: Making assessment work at a small university*. Workshop presented at the Society for the Teaching of Psychology, Atlanta, GA., October 8 – 9, 2010.
- Davis, M.S., Rubinstein, J. & Lemp, S. (2010). *The impact of community-based disaster preparedness training on citizens' knowledge of and attitudes toward preparedness*. Invited presentation, Cities on Volcanoes 6, Tenerife, Spain, 5/30 – 6/4 2010.
- Johnston, D., Davis, M., Becker, J., Leonard, G., & Paton, D. (2010). *Community understanding of and response to the lahar risk at Mount Rainier: Implications for public education*. Poster presented at Cities on Volcanoes 6, Tenerife, Spain, 5/30 – 6/4, 2010.
- Davis, M.S. (2010). *Disaster psychology: Why do we live in dangerous places?* Invited Keynote Address for Everbridge Notification World 2010 Conference, Glendale, CA, May 3, 2010.
- Davis, M.S. (2010). *Community-based public education projects in California*. Invited presentation: Emergency Management Summer Institute, Joint Centre for Disaster Research, School of Psychology, Massey University, Wellington, New Zealand, March 15 – 19, 2010.
- Gharib, A., Phillips, W., Davis, M., Lemp, S. & Kuhlman, J. (2010). *An international lost letter study: Measuring attitudes toward Middle-Easterners*. Paper Presented at 90th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Cancun, Mexico, April 21 – 25, 2010.
- Phillips, W., Gharib, A., Bartolini, L., Matthews, G. , & Davis, M. (2010). *Strategies for conducting an assessment of a psychology department*. Poster Presented at Western Psychological Association, Cancun, Mexico, April 21 – 25, 2010.
- Johnston, D., Davis, M., & Leonard, G. (2009). The role of community education in enhancing the response to lahar warnings from Mount Rainier. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America, Portland, Oregon, October, October 18, 2009.
- Davis, M.S. (2008). *Community-based disaster preparedness training: Impact on citizens*. Paper presented at the 88th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Irvine, CA, April 11, 2008.
- Barberi, F., Davis, M., Isaia, R., Nave, R., & Ricci, T. (2007). *Volcanic risk perception in the Campi Flegrei area (Southern Italy)*. Invited paper presented at Cities on Volcanoes 5, Shimabara, Japan, November 18 – 23, 2007.

- Davis, M.S., Barberi, F., Isaia, R., Nave, R., & Ricci, T. (2007). *Volcanic risk perception in the Vesuvius population*. Poster presented at Cities on Volcanoes 5, Shimabara, Japan, November 18 – 23, 2007.
- Johnston, D.M., Davis, M.S. & Becker, J. (2007). *Community understanding of the lahar risk around Mount Rainier, USA*. Poster presented at Cities on Volcanoes 5, Shimabara, Japan, November 18 – 23, 2007.
- Davis, M.S., Johnston, D., & Becker, J. (2007). *Risk perception, warning systems and evacuation plans for volcanic hazards*. Paper presented at the 87th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, May 3 – 6, 2007, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- Davis, M.S. (2006). *Hazard awareness and risk perception for tsunami in northern California*. Paper presented at the 86th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, April 29, 2006, Palm Springs, California
- Bartolini, L., Davis, M., Gharib, A., Matthews, G. & Phillips, W. (2006). *Internationalizing a psychology department: A case study*. Poster presented at the 86th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, April 27, 2006, Palm Springs, California.
- Davis, M.S. (2006). *Tsunami awareness on the coast of northern California*. Poster presented at Cities on Volcanoes 4, Quito Ecuador, January 23-28, 2006.
- Davis, M.S., Ricci, T. & Mitchell, L. (2006). *Perceptions of risk in communities surrounding Etna & Vesuvio, Italy*. Paper presented at Cities on Volcanoes 4, Quito, Ecuador, January 23-28, 2006.
- Bartolini, L., Davis, M., Gharib, A., Matthews, G. & Phillips, W. (2005). *Working with difficult students: A workshop for faculty*. Poster presentation at the 85th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, Oregon, April 14, 2005.
- Ricci, T. & Davis, M.S. (2004). *Perceptions of risk for volcano hazards at Vesuvio and Etna, Italy*. Poster presented at the conference: Mitigating Volcanic Crises: Practical Solutions for the 21st Century, University College London, Great Britain, August 31 – September 2, 2004.
- Davis, M.S. (2004). *Perception of risk for volcanic hazards in Italy*. Paper presented at the 112th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 1, 2004.
- Davis, M.S. (2003). *An interdisciplinary approach to teaching a course on Natural Disaster*. Paper Presentation at Cities on Volcanoes 3 Conference, Hilo, Hawaii, July 15, 2003.
- Matthews, G., Bartolini, L. & Davis, M.S. (1996). *The undergraduate senior thesis: A 20 year evolution*. Poster presented to the Institute on Teaching of Psychology, American Psychological Association, San Francisco, California, June 29, 1996.

Davis, M.S. (1989). *Earthquake preparedness and perceptions of earthquake threat in southern California*. Paper presented at the Applied Earthquake Research Symposium, Irvine, California, April 27, 1989.

Shaver, K.G. & Davis, M.S. (1988). *Foreseeability effects in blaming of disaster victims*. Paper presented at Eastern Psychological Association, Buffalo, New York, April, 1988.

Davis, M.S. & Shaver, K.G. (1982). *Attributions of responsibility for an earthquake: Whose fault is it?* Paper presented at Eastern Psychological Association, Baltimore, Maryland, April, 1982.

Community Presentations & Media Appearances

Guest Speaker, President's Circle Living Well Lecture Series, Collabria Care, Napa, California: *Life on an Unpredictable Planet: Risk and Resilience*, March 23, 2017

Guest Speaker, End of Days Lecture series, Petaluma Historical Museum: 2012 - Psychological Reactions to Pending Disaster, September 1, 2011.

Guest Appearance on the Discovery Channel Documentary, *Curiosity – Alien Invasion: Are We Ready?* Aired throughout August, 2011 on Discovery Channel and Science Channel.

Summary of Results of the Evaluation Study of Marin County CERT Disaster Training Classes, presented at San Rafael Office of Emergency Services, October 29, 2009.

Summary of Results from the Evaluation Study of the Get Ready Marin Program, presented at a meeting of the County Disaster & Citizen Corps Council (DC3), San Rafael, CA, September 11, 2008.

Human Response to Natural Disasters, presented to adult G.E.D. classes at Bristol Community College, Fall River, MA, August 6, 2008.

Results of the 2006 Marin County Tsunami Awareness Study, presented at the West Marin Public and Emergency Responders Educational Preparedness Session sponsored by Marin County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, February 26, 2007, Stinson Beach, California

Discussion of the 2006 Marin County Tsunami Awareness Study, presented at the West Marin Tsunami Plan Stakeholder Meeting, November 28, 2006, Point Reyes Station, California.

Interviewed for the documentary, *Could it Happen Here?* produced by Becker Entertainment of Australia, regarding current research on risk perception in the Red Zone surrounding Vesuvius in Italy. Aired internationally on Discovery and Discovery Times Channels, October 2006 – February 2007.

“Awareness of Hazards and Perceptions of Risk in Communities Threatened by Disasters”, presented at a special meeting of the California Map Society to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, June 24, 2006, San Francisco, California.

“Mangia! Mangia! How to Eat Well While Doing Research in Italy”, presentation to the Rotary Club of San Rafael, December, 2004.

"Living With Risk: How Vulnerable Populations Cope with the Possibility of Future Disasters". Presentation for American Red Cross, Contra Costa County Chapter, February 9, 2002.

Guest Panelist on *Sounding Board*, a Novato California Public Access Television program, December 12, 2001. This episode focused on psychological reactions to the 9/11 tragedy.

Psychology of the Media. Presentation to psychology students at South San Francisco High School, May 15, 2000.

Perceptions of Risk and Subsequent Preparedness Among At-risk Populations. Presentation to Psi Chi Honors Society in Psychology, San Francisco State University Chapter, April, 1993.

Earthquake Threat and Earthquake Preparedness. Presentation to the Community Services Council, Long Beach Naval Air Station, Long Beach, CA, April, 1990.

Earthquake preparedness seminars. Presentations and workshops for Employees of Stor, Tustin, California, April, 1989.

References are available upon request.