

CURRICULUM VITAE

STEVEN J. SCHER

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CHARLESTON, IL 61920
217-581-7269

703 W. VERMONT
URBANA, IL 61801
217-239-4262

sjscher@eiu.edu
<http://ux1.eiu.edu/~sjscher>

Education:

University of North Carolina	B.A. in Psychology (with honors)	May, 1984
Princeton University	M.A. in Social Psychology	June, 1986
	Ph.D. in Social Psychology	June, 1989

Positions Held:

Professor	Department of Psychology Eastern Illinois University Charleston, IL USA	2006 - Present
Associate Professor	Department of Psychology Eastern Illinois University Charleston, IL USA	2000 - 2006
Assistant Professor	Department of Psychology Eastern Illinois University Charleston, IL USA	1996 - 2000
Assistant Professor	Department of Psychology University-College of the Cariboo Kamloops, BC CANADA	1991 - 1996
Post-doctoral Fellow	Program In Measurement of Affect and Affective Processes Department of Sociology Indiana University Bloomington, IN USA	1988 - 1991
Visiting Assistant Professor	Department of Psychology Indiana University Bloomington, IN USA	Spring, 1989

Publications:

- Baumeister, R.F. & Scher, S.J. (1988). Self-defeating behavior patterns among normal individuals. *Psychological Bulletin*, *104*, 3-22.
- Scher, S.J. & Cooper, J. (1989). The motivational basis of dissonance: The singular role of behavioral consequences. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *56*, 899-906.
- Scher, S.J. & Heise, D.R. (1993). Affect and the perception of injustice. In E. Lawler, B. Markovsky, & J. O'Brien (Eds.) *Advances in Group Processes*, *10*, 223-252. Greenwich, CT.: JAI Press.
- Cooper, J. & Scher, S.J. (1994). Actions and attitudes: The role of responsibility and aversive consequences in persuasion. In T. Brock & S. Shavitt (Eds.) *The Psychology of Persuasion*. (pp. 95-111). San Francisco: W. Freeman. Inc.
- Alder, A.G. & Scher, S.J. (1994). Using growth curve analyses to assess personality change and stability in adulthood. In T. Heatherton & J. Weinberger (Eds). *Can Personality Change?* (pp. 149-173). Wash., D.C.: American Psychological Association.
- Scher, S.J. (1997). Measuring the consequences of injustice. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *23*, 482-497.
- Scher, S.J. & Darley, J.M. (1997). How effective are the things people say to apologize? Effects of the realization of the apology speech act. *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research*, *26*, 127-140.
- Scher, S.J. (1999). Are adaptations necessarily genetic? *American Psychologist*, *54*, 436-437.
- Scher, S.J. & Ferrari, J.R. (2000). Recall of completed and non-completed tasks. *Journal of Social Behavior and Personality*, *15*, 255-265.
- Ferrari, J.R. & Scher, S.J. (2000). The procrastination of academic and non-academic tasks. *Psychology in the Schools*, *37*, 359-366.
- Scher, S.J & Osterman, N. (2002). Procrastination, conscientiousness, anxiety, and goals: Exploring the measurement and correlates of procrastination among school-aged children. *Psychology in the Schools*, *39*, 385-398.
- Scher, S.J. & Rauscher, F., Eds. (2003). *Evolutionary Psychology: Alternative Approaches*. Dodrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer Press.
- Scher, S.J. & Rauscher, F. (2003). Nature read in truth or flaw?: Locating alternatives in evolutionary psychology. In Scher & Rauscher, pp. 1-31.
- Rauscher, F. & Scher, S.J. (2003). Alternative approaches to evolutionary psychology. Introduction. In Scher & Rauscher, pp. xi – xviii

Publications – Continued:

- Scher, S.J. (2004). A Lego Model of the Modularity of the Mind. *Journal of Cultural and Evolutionary Psychology*, 2, 249-259.
- Cooper, J., Mirable, R., & Scher, S.J. (2005). When do our actions affect our attitudes. In T. Brock & M.C. Green (Eds.). *Persuasion: Psychological Insights and Perspectives (2nd Ed.)*. (pp. 63-79). Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
- Scher, S.J. (2005). Finding Babies in Many Baths. (Review of *Evolution: The History of an Idea, Third Edition*. By Peter Bowler). *American Journal of Psychology*. 118, 305-311.
- Scher, S.J. (2005). Critique without a Center (Review of “*Love of Shopping is not a Gene*”: *Problems with Darwinian Psychology* By Anne Innis Dagg). *PsycCritiques: Contemporary Psychology*. (Online Journal Available at www.psycinfo.com/psyccritiques).
- Scher, S.J. (2006). Mind, Development, and Evolution. (Review of *Evolution and Learning: The Baldwin Effect Reconsidered*, Edited by BH Weber & DJ Depew). *American Journal of Psychology*, 119, 164 -170.
- Scher, S.J. (2006). Review of David J. Buller, *Adapting Minds*. *Philosophy in Review*, 26, 245-247.
- Scher, S.J. (2007). Self-defeating behavior. In RF Baumeister & KD Vohs (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of Social Psychology* Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- Whittington, B.L. & Scher, S.J. (2010). Prayer and subjective well-being: An examination of six different types of prayer. *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, 20, 59-68.
- Scher, S.J. (2011). Review of Evelyn Fox Keller, *The Mirage of a Space Between Nature and Nurture*, *Philosophy in Review*, 31, 284-286.
- Scher, SJ & Whittington, BL (2014). *Prayer is a Many Splendored Thing: The Multidimensional Structure of Prayer*. Under editorial review.
- Scher, SJ & Moore, H. (2014). *Middle-School Teachers’ Perceptions of Social Support Behaviors*. Under editorial review.

Selected Recent Conference Papers and Invited Talks:

- Scher, S.J. (July, 2003). *How Should We Study the Evolution of Social Cognition?* Paper presented at the European Association of Social Psychology Small Group Meeting on Evolution and Social Cognition. Budapest, Hungary.
- Scher, S.J. (August, 2003). *Moderator & Discussant*. The 3rd Biennial International Conference on Counseling the Academic Procrastinator. Columbus, OH
- Singh, R. & Scher, S. J. (May, 2005). *Homosexuality, Personality, & Attractiveness: Toward an Evolutionary Theory*. Paper presented at the meetings of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Gordon, E.R. & Scher, S.J. (May, 2006). *Examining the Structure of Disgust*. Paper presented at the meetings of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Scher, S.J. & Bennett-Warfel, D. (May, 2007). *A Scale to Measure Hyperfocus*. Paper presented at the meetings of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Scher, S.J. (April, 2009). *Parsing Prayer*. Invited paper given at the meeting of Social Psychologists of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Whittington, B.L. & Scher, S.J. (May, 2009). *Effects of Six Different Types of Prayer on Well-Being*. Paper presented at the meetings of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL
- Scher, SJ & Whittington, BL (January, 2012). *Varieties of Prayer: Factor Analysis of and Extended Version of the Multidimensional Prayer Inventory*. Paper presented at the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality Preconference, Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Scher, SJ, Ballas, H, & Coletta, N. (April, 2012). *Preliminary Results of a Grounded Theory Study on Davening*. Paper presented at the conference on Judaism and Mental Health, New York, NY.
- Delaney, DJ & Scher, SJ (May, 2014). *Tattoos & Sexual Attraction*, Paper presented at the meetings of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Professional Associations:

American Psychological Association	1990-2010.
Midwestern Psychological Association	1989-Present.
Society for Personality and Social Psychology	1991-Present.
Society for the Psychological Study of Social issues	1991-Present.
American Psychological Society	1993-Present.
Society for Experimental Social Psychology	2000-Present

Editorial Service

- Ad Hoc Reviewer: Journal of Personality and Social Psychology; Personality and Social Psychology Review; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology; Basic and Applied Social Psychology; Journal of Research in Personality; Psychology of Religion and Spirituality; Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion; International Journal for the Psychology of Religion
- Editorial Board, Journal of Research in Personality (2004 –2007)

Honors. Awards. and Grants:

Redden Grant for Improvement of Undergraduate Instruction - 2003
 Eastern Illinois University College of Sciences Visiting Scholar Grant - 2003
 Eastern Illinois University Achievement and Contribution Award for Research – 1999, 2003
 Displaying Multivariate Data with Chernoff Faces (with A. George Alder) - Grant from the U.C.C. Scholarly Activities Committee - 1996
 Tasks of Procrastination - Grant from the U.C.C. Scholarly Activities Committee - 1995
 University of British Columbia Summer Arts Fellowship - Summer. 1992

Administrative and Committee Service at Eastern Illinois University:

Department of Psychology Ethics Committee (1996-1997)
 Department of Psychology Equipment Committee (Chair, 1997-1998)
 Department of Psychology Curriculum Committee (2001-Present; Chair, 2001-2005)
 Department of Psychology Awards Committee (2000 – Present; Chair, 2009-Present)
 Department of Psychology Introductory Psychology Research Participation Committee (Chair, 2008-Present).
 Department of Psychology Introductory Psychology Research Participation Co-ordinator (2008-Present)
 Department of Psychology Social Psychologist Search Committee (2000-2001)
 Department of Psychology Social Psychologist Search Committee (Chair: 2005-2006)
 Department of Psychology ad hoc Committee on Alumni Relations & Fund Raising (2003)
 Department of Psychology ad hoc Committee on Faculty Evaluation (2007-2008)
 Faculty Advisor, EIU Professional Psychology Club (1997 – 2006)
 College of Sciences Curriculum Committee (1998-2002)
 University International Programs Advisory Committee (1997-1999)

Service - Continued

University Study Abroad Committee (1998-1999)
University International Student Advisor Search Committee (1998)
University Council for Faculty Research (1997-2000)
Faculty Senate (2001-2004, 2013-Present)
Faculty Senate Constitution & By-Laws Revision Committee (Chair, 2013-Present).
Faculty-Student Relations Committee (2001-2004; Chair, 2003-2004)
University Enrollment Management Committee (2002-2004)
Provost's Committee on Academic Retention (2003-2005)
Distinguished Faculty Award Committee (2002-2004; Chair, 2002-2004)
Luis Clay Mendez Memorial Scholarship Committee (Chair, 2003).
State Employees Charitable Appeal Advisory Committee for EIU (Chair, 2004 – 2010).
University Naming Committee (2013-Present).
University Self-Study Committee: Criterion One Subcommittee (2013 - Present)