

Duane Alan Dowd, Ph.D., CFLE
Interim Associate Dean, Central Washington University



EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2001 Human Development and Family Studies, Texas Tech University.
Dissertation: *"Cognitive, Affective and Behavioral Correlates of Relationship Satisfaction and Commitment: A Test of the Investment Model"*
- M.S. 1997 Human Development and Family Studies, Texas Tech University.
Thesis: *"The Intergenerational Transmission of Sexual Values"*
- B.S. 1994 Family Science, Brigham Young University.
Minor: Spanish

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Interim Associate Dean, Central Washington University 2021-present

- Provided leadership to the Education Departments in resolving major bottlenecks and conflicts.
- Worked closely Academic Departments to create further scheduling efficiencies.
- Revised policies and provided direct leadership to the office of Field Experiences.
- Facilitated the administration of University COVID-19 verification policy with nearly 600 student field placements in a rapidly changing policy environment.
- Facilitated the administration and reforecasting of several CEPS budgets, including plans to update fee requests
- Managed Quarterly Scheduling for 10 academic programs (1000+ courses)
- Provided leadership for the Teacher Academies program, including in-person meetings with major stakeholders
 - PESB and OSPI leadership, Regional School District Superintendents and Principles, Teacher Academies Instructors and Directors, CWU Stakeholders.
- Worked together with CEPS academic department leadership to develop and revise curriculum offerings, including General Education proposals
- Managed Approvals of all course substitutions
- Effectively resolved Multiple Student concerns/graduation roadblocks
- Represented CEPS throughout the State of Washington and CWU

Chair, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, CWU 2015-2021

- Responsible for Department operations, budgeting, hiring, contracts, course schedules and workloads, faculty development, staff supervision, student concerns, evaluation and assessment.
- Developed New Academic Programs, including- Hospitality Management, Child Life, Child Development, M.S. Family and Consumer Sciences, M.S. Family and Child Life
- Administered 27 academic department budgets, including supervising forecasts
- Managed and brought to profitability the Breeze Thru Café.
- Managed Program and Curriculum Changes
- Worked Intensively with Academic Programs outside of my own expertise, including:

- Apparel Textiles and Merchandising, Family and Consumer Sciences, Recreation, Hospitality, Tourism and Event Management, Wine Studies, Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- Directed the CTE Plan II certification program in partnership with Continuing Education
- Directed the Inter-University Partnership (GPIDEA) M.S. Family and Consumer Sciences Program
- Worked Directly with the Provost and University President to resolve concerns regarding the rollout of new budget model (RCM).
- Expanded the Leadership and Representation of ADCO on Campus, including: PBAC, PAC, Provost Council, Fee Council, Onboarding and Retention Committees.
- Increased Campus Communication from ADCO and Collaboration with Faculty Senate.

Associate Professor, Central Washington University

2008-2021

Taught undergraduate classes in person and online in Family Studies for the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Developed new courses for NCFR CFLE certification. Developed new courses for CWU gen ed program. Served as Graduate Faculty and Thesis Chair throughout tenure. Served as primary advisor for Undergraduate and Graduate Students.

Courses taught- *Relationships and Personal Development, Family Problems and Mediation, Dynamics of Family Interaction, Culture and Marriage, Human Sexuality*

New Courses Developed for the Program and Taught- *Family Theory, Family Communication, Research Methods, Family Issues*

Family and Child Life Program Director, Central Washington University

2008-2015

- Administered the growth of the Family and Child Life program from 3180 total SCH in my first year here to 5209 in '19-'20.
- Shepherded the FCL program expansion from a single major to a major with three concentrations, a brand new and successful Child Life program, and three different minors offered in person and online.
- Developed and grew a new and thriving graduate program
- Developed and implemented a strong assessment plan for the major
- Created a training and mentoring model for graduate assistants who are well prepared to be excellent instructors of record
- Effectively utilized an advisory board in making program changes
- Implemented a unique practicum (internship) structure that encourages students to develop long-term relationships with community service providers
- Employed a model for Academic Advising that encourages mentorship of students by faculty and results in extremely high retention rates
- Developed an Undergraduate Program of Research that allows all Family and Child Life students the opportunity to present original research locally, regionally and nationally.
- Served for 2 years as the President of the Northwest Council on Family Relations in order to revive the organization and organize local conferences where our Graduate and Undergraduate students could present their research to colleagues throughout the pacific northwest
- Started three separate student clubs (serving as advisor for one) as a means of professional development, fundraising, and leadership training. Supervised student travel with groups of up to 25 to professional conferences nationwide.

Assistant Professor, Tenure, Louisiana Tech University

2000-2008

Taught undergraduate classes in Family Studies for the School of Human Ecology, Family Science concentration. Spearheaded process of program certification by the National Council on Family Relations. Worked with Program Development Committee to identify and develop necessary new courses to fill program gaps. Effective at recruitment and retention of new students in Family Science concentration. Developed Web-Based graduate and undergraduate courses for program expansion. Served as academic advisor for undergraduate and graduate students.

Courses taught- *Interpersonal and Family Dynamics, Introduction to Family Studies, Life-Span Development, Skills for Marriage, Parenting, Dynamics of Family Interaction, Family Issues, Family Law and Public Policy, Family Life Education*

New Courses Developed for the Program and Taught- *Family Theory, Research Methods, Domestic Violence, Human Sexuality*

Professional Grant Consultant, Methodist Children's Home 2004-2007

Worked with the staff of Methodist Children's Home in Ruston Louisiana to identify areas for improvement of services, identify potential funding agencies, and prepare and submit grant applications.

Instructor, Texas Tech University 1995-2000

Taught undergraduate courses for the Department of Human Development and Family Studies and for the College of Human Sciences as the instructor of record and with autonomy concerning curriculum, class policy and grading. Supervised undergraduate teaching assistants in class preparation and administration.

Courses taught- *Courtship and Marriage; Basic Interpersonal Skills, Senior Professional Seminar.*

Distance Learning Instructor, Texas Tech University 1997-2000

Worked in conjunction with Department of Continuing Education to create new Courtship and Marriage distance learning course. Supervised completion of course requirements for Distance Education students in Courtship and Marriage for the Department of Continuing Education.

Research Assistant, Texas Tech University 1994-1998

Supervised by Dr. Stephen R. Jorgensen, conducted coding of open-ended items, computer data entry, and data analysis using SPSSx on the University Academic Mainframe for Project Taking Charge, an adolescent pregnancy prevention program funded by the U.S. Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs (OAPP).

Conducted telephone interviews of COHS alumni to assess degree of satisfaction with educational programs as well as degree of success in careers. Compiled and prepared statistics for report to academic dean, for use with recruitment and program evaluation.

Developed content coding schedule and conducted data entry using SPSS for Windows '95 for a membership survey of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) regarding the prototype publication for the organization.

Received, coded and entered data, and conducted statistical analysis of professional feedback on the "Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance", an effort on the part of major Midwestern Universities to share graduate courses through distance education over the Internet.

RESEARCH

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH REPORTS

Paulk, A., Dowd, D.A., Eklund, A., and Zayak, R. (2014). The Relationship Between Culture, Geographic Region, and Gender on Body Image: A Comparison of College Students in the Southeast and Pacific Northwest Regions of the United States. *Sociological Spectrum*, 34, 442-452.

Paulk, A., Dowd, D., Zayac, R., Eklund, A., & Kildare, C. (2013). So, how's my Butt? The impact of gender and geographic location on body image. *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*, April 2011.

Bartel, K. and Dowd, D. (2010) Beginning Computer Applications Courses: Are They Still of Value to the College Curriculum? *Journal of the National Association of Business Teacher Education*. Refereed. 2010, Issue No. 37.

Fischer, J. L., Forthun, L. F., Pidcock, B. W., & Dowd, D. A. (2007). Parent relationships, emotional regulation, psychosocial maturity and college student alcohol use problems. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 36, 912-926.

Dowd, D. A., Means, M. J., Humphries, J. & Pope, J. (2004). The Relationship between Attributions and Marital Satisfaction: Mediating Effects of Self-Disclosure. *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences*, 97, 22-26.

Dowd, D. A. (2000) Course Guide for Courtship and Marriage. The Division of Continuing Education, Texas Tech University: Lubbock, TX

Jorgensen, S. R., & Dowd, D. A. (1998). Great Plains Distance Education Alliance Idea Report. Research report submitted to GPDEA.

Dowd, D. A. (1997). College of Human Sciences Alumni Survey Report. Research Report Prepared for Dean of College of Human Sciences.

Jorgensen, S. R., & Dowd, D. A. (1997). AAFCS prototype publication survey report. Research report submitted to the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Dowd, D.A. & Waterman, P. (2020). Recreational Marijuana Laws, Families, and Emerging Adult Perceptions. Research Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Feb 24th, 2020, Las Vegas, NV.

Dowd, D. A. & Malloy, K. (2019). Parental Attachment and Communication in Emerging Adult Development. Research Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Feb 26th, 2019, Las Vegas, NV.

Chawla, M., Fischer, J., Forthun, L., & Dowd, D. (2018). A Moderated Mediation Model of Substance Use Among Men and Women in College. Research Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Nov 8th, 2018, San Diego, CA.

Kelly, K., & Dowd, D. (2018). The Relationship Between Attachment Style and Relationship Satisfaction. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Northwest Council on Family Relations, Ellensburg, WA, May 20th 2018.

Bowen, C., & Dowd, D. (2018). Sexual Assault on Central Washington University's Campus. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Northwest Council on Family Relations, Ellensburg, WA, May 20th 2018.

Chawla, M., Fischer, J., Forthun, L., & Dowd, D. (2017). Peers and Parents and Alcohol Use in College Students. Research Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Nov 17th, 2017, Orlando, FL.

Chawla, M., Fischer, J., Forthun, L., Pidcock, B., & Dowd, D. (2016). Personality, Friends, and Substance Use in College Students. Research Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Nov 3rd, 2016, Minneapolis, MN.

Laidler, A. & Dowd, D.A. (2014). Where College-Age Students go to Find Hook-Ups. Research presented at the Annual CWU Source Research Symposium, Ellensburg WA 2014.

Fischer, K., Tackett, T., & Dowd, D.A. (2014). Is Hooking-Up Emotional? Research presented at the Annual CWU Source Research Symposium, Ellensburg WA 2014.

Reddaway, A., & Dowd, D.A. (2014). Social Settings, Substance Use, and Sexual Behavior. Research presented at the Annual CWU Source Research Symposium, Ellensburg WA 2014.

Simpson, C., & Dowd, D.A. (2014). Cyberbullying and Behavioral Outcomes. Research presented at the Annual CWU Source Research Symposium, Ellensburg WA 2014.

Stuhlsatz, G., & Dowd, D. (2013). Towards a definition of hooking-up: An investigation of specific sexual behaviors. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Northwest Council on Family Relations, Portland OR, May 20th 2013

Dowd, D., & Rhodes, M. (2013). Hooking Up: An Investigation of the Positive and Negative Outcomes. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX, November 8th, 2013

Green, A., Klopfenstein, T., Self, S., Jackson, K., Thorson, K., Dowd, D. A. (2013). The Effect of Room-mate Choice on Relationship Satisfaction. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Northwest Council on Family Relations, Portland OR, May 20th 2013.

Fischer, J., Pidcock, B., Forthun, L., & Dowd, D. (2012). Parenting, Psychosocial Development, and Dietary Restraint among Emerging Adults. Research Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Nov 8th, 2012, Phoenix, AZ.

Kildare, C., Dowd, D., and Paulk, A. (2012). Facebook Stalkers: Jealousy in Young Adult Romantic Relationships. Research Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ, November 9th, 2012

Stuhlsatz, G., Law, S., Whealey, K., Dolechek, K., Robertson, L., Dowd, D. and LeFever, A. (2012) Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Northwest Council on Family Relations, Portland OR, May 18th, 2012

Beckstrom, R., Dowd, D. and LeFever, A. (2012) Prevalence of Cheating in Long-Distance Relationships. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Northwest Council on Family Relations, Portland OR, May 18th, 2012

Duscharme, K., Malloy, K., DeNike, M., Simpson, C, Dowd, D. and LeFever, A. (2012) The Effect of Academic Field on Relationship and Sexual Patterns of Students at Central Washington University. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Northwest Council on Family Relations, Portland OR, May 18th, 2012

Folk, K, Baldwin, K., McWain, K., Villalobos, A., Dowd, D. and LeFever, A. (2012) . Does Knowing Someone Who Identifies as LGBTQ Make you more likely to Educate Yourself on Same-Sex Relationships in Order to Better Educate your Children About Sex? Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Northwest Council on Family Relations, Portland OR, May 18th 2012

Marquardt, K, Dunleavy, K., Hendrix, A., Maloney, S., Gilmore, C., Dowd, D., and LeFever, A. (2012). Attitudes and Awareness on Washington State Laws and Cell Phone Use Behaviors While Driving. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Northwest Council on Family Relations, Portland OR, May 18th 2012

Rhodes, M., Dowd, D. and LeFever, A. (2012) Sexual Behavior and Technology: How Age Effects Participation in Sexual Behaviors Using Technology Among Young Adults. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Northwest Council on Family Relations, Portland OR, May 18th 2012

Pidcock, B., Forthun, L., Fischer, J. & Dowd, D. (2011). Differences in Binge Drinking and Drinking Locations of Sorority and Non-Sorority College Students. Research Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Nov 19th, 2011, Orlando, FL.

Paulk, A., Dowd, D., Eklund, A., & Zayac, R. (2011). How Do I Look?: The Impact of Gender and Geographic Location on Body Image and Weight Management Behaviors. Research Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Nov 18th, 2011, Orlando, FL.

Dowd, D. A. (2010). The Role of Religious Convictions in Marital Processes: Mediating Effects of Altruism, Empathy, and Attributions. Research Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Nov 5th, 2010, Minneapolis, MN.

Dowd, D. A. (2010). Interpersonal Relationship Capitol: Family Resources for Coping with Stress. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Utah Council on Family Relations, April 2nd, 2010. Logan, Ut.

Kildare, C., Light, F., Hilson, A., Paulk, A. & Dowd, D. (2010). Perception of Religious Congruence and Relationship Satisfaction in Seriously Committed Couples. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Northwest Council on Family Relations, March 15th, 2010.

Henderson, J., Fischer, J., Frothun, L., Pidcock, B., Dowd, D., & Reifman, A. (2009). Emerging Adult Transitions, Parent Communication and Identity. Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Nov 12 2009. San Francisco, CA.

Dowd, D. A. (2009). The How and Why of Marital Commitment: Multiple Dimensions of Religiosity and their Relationship to Components of Marital Commitment. Research accepted for Presentation at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Nov 11-14th, 2009, San Francisco, CA.

Bentley, G.E., Fischer, J. L., Lee, K-H., Forthun, L., Pidcock, B., & Dowd, D. (2009). A latent class analysis of campus culture and alcohol use. 4th Conference on Emerging Adulthood, Atlanta, GA, October, 2009

Tabor, M. L., Fischer, J. L., Sharp, E. A., Trejos, E., Forthun, L., Pidcock, B., & Dowd, D. (2009). Parental and personal correlates of disordered eating among college women. 4th Conference on Emerging Adulthood, Atlanta, GA, October 2009.

Tabor, M., Fischer, J., Sharp, E., Trejos, E., Forthun, L., Pidcock, B., & Dowd, D. (2009). Parental and Personal Correlates of Disordered Eating among College Women. Research accepted for Presentation at the Annual Conference on Emerging Adulthood, Oct 29-30th, 2009, Atlanta, GA.

Dowd, D. A. (2009). Active Learning through Participatory Discussion: Establishing an Appropriate Class Environment. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Family Science Association, June 18th, 2009. St. George, UT.

Dowd, D. A. (2008). Family and Consumer Sciences Education in the Digital Age: Cautions and Recommendations. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Washington Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Oct 20th, 2008. Yakima, WA.

Dowd, D. A. (2008). Family Life Education in the Digital Age: Cautions and Recommendations. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Texas Council on Family Relations, March 29th, 2008. Houston, TX.

Forthun, L., Fischer, J., Pidcock, B. & Dowd, D.A. (2008). Spirituality and Emotion Regulation as Mediators of College Student Alcohol Abuse. Research presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, March 7th, 2008. Chicago, IL.

Dowd, D. A., & Nguyen, E. B. (2007). Odd family Out: A qualitative analysis of the Dynamics of Home School Families. Research presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, November 8th, 2007. Pittsburgh, PA.

Fischer, J., Weirsma, J., Pidcock, B., Forthun, L., & Dowd, D. A. (2004). Partner Drinking, College Student Drinking, and Close Relationship Problems. Research presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, November 8th, 2007. Pittsburgh, PA.

Dowd, D. A. (2007). How Religion Strengthens Marriage: Multiple Dimensions of Religiosity and their relationship to Components of Marital Commitment. Research presented at the annual conference of the Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education, June 30th, 2007. Denver, CO.

Dowd, D. A. (2007). I'm Sorry, but your child is a Brat: How to Communicate with Parents to Reduce Defensiveness. (Presentation given to Early Childhood Providers, Ruston LA, Feb 15th, 2007)

Hightower, C., Little, C., Nelson, K., & Dowd, D. A. (2006). Coping with Holiday Stress. (Community presentation given at Christian Community Action, Ruston LA, Dec 5th, 2006).

Dowd, D. A., & Smith, J. H. (2006). The how and why of being religious: Multiple dimensions of religiosity and their relationship with components of marital commitment. (Research presented at the Annual Research Symposium of the College of Applied and Natural Science, Louisiana Tech University, April 19th, 2006.)

Pidcock, B. W., Forthun, L. F., Fischer, J. L., & Dowd, D. A. (2005). Differences in binge drinking and alcohol related problems for sorority and non-sorority college women. Research presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, November 17th, 2005. Phoenix, AZ.

Forthun, L. F., Pidcock, B. W., Fischer, J. L., & Dowd, D. A. (2005). The role of parental attachment and psychological autonomy. Research presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, November 17th, 2005. Phoenix, AZ.

Fischer, J., Forthun, L., Pidcock, B., & Dowd, D. A. (2004). Identity, Parent Relations, and College Students' Substance Use Problems. (Research presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.)

Pidcock, B., Fischer, J., Forthun, L., & Dowd, D. A. (2004). Differences in Binge Drinking and Alcohol Related Problems for Fraternity and Non-fraternity College Students. (Research presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.)

Forthun, L., Fischer, J., Pidcock, B., & Dowd, D. A. (2004). Psychological Control, Psychosocial Development and Eating Concerns. Research presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.)

Dowd, D. A. (2004). Encouraging Student Participation. (Research Presented at the Annual Conference of the Family Science Association, West Yellowstone, MT.)

Dowd, D. A. & Lee, C. (2003). The Ecology of Learning Differences. (Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Texas Council on Family Relations, April 1-2, Denton, TX.)

Liner, K. A., Dowd, D. A., & Tuten, M. B. (2003). The Effects of Perceived Self Image on Instances of Sexual Behavior. (Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Texas Council on Family Relations, April 1-2, Denton, TX.)

Dowd, D. A. (2002). Testing the Tripartite Measure of Commitment. (Research presented at the 2002 annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Houston, TX.)

Dowd, D. A. (2002). The Relationship between Individual Characteristics and Relationship Satisfaction: Using Structural Equation Modeling to Better Understand Relationships Between Multiple Indicators. (Research presented at the Annual Research Symposium of the College of Applied and Natural Science, Louisiana Tech University, April 21, 2002.)

Dowd, D. A. (2002). Teaching When They Learn: The Use of Group Study Sessions in a Family Theory Course. (Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Teaching Family Science Association, June 29-30, Lafayette, LA.)

Dowd, D. A. (2002). The Role of Religious Convictions in Marital Processes: Mediating Effects of Altruism, Empathy, and Attributions. (Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Texas Council on Family Relations, April 4-5, Dallas, TX.)

Dowd, D. A. (2001). The Relationship Between Individual Characteristics and Relationship Satisfaction: Using Structural Equation Modeling to Better Understand Relationships Between Multiple Indicators. (Research presented at the Annual research Symposium of the College of Applied and Natural Sciences, April 5, 2001, Louisiana Tech University.)

Dowd, D. A., & Fitzpatrick, J. (2001). Optimism and Relationship Satisfaction: A Test of the Contextual Model. (Research presented at the Annual Conference of the Texas Council on Family Relations, April 5-7, Dallas, TX.)

Dowd, D. A., & Fitzpatrick, J. Individual Characteristics and Relationship Satisfaction: A Test of the Contextual Model. (Research presented at the 2000 annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.)

Dowd, D. A. Discrepancies Between Adolescent Perception of Sexual Values and Parent Self-Report. (Poster Presentation at the 1998 annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Milwaukee, WI.)

Dowd, D. A., & Baier, M. Impact of Community Outreach Reading Education Program. (Report given to University and Community Leaders, Texas Tech University, 1997.)

THESES AND RESEARCH PROJECTS CHAIRED

Kendra Simpson- Completed Summer 2020

“Definitions of Sexual Risk”.

Peter Waterman- Completed Summer 2018

“Recreational Marijuana Laws, Families, and Emerging Adult Perceptions”

Kelsey Malloy- Completed Summer 2015 (CWU Graduate School Research Fellowship)

“Parental Attachment and Communication in Emerging Adulthood.”

Amanda Reddaway- Completed Summer 2014

“Substance Use, Social Gatherings and Sexual Behavior”

Greta Stuhlsatz- Completed Summer, 2013 (pursuing Ph.D. at Iowa State)

“Relationship Development Following Hooking Up: A Qualitative Analysis”

Sabrina Enders- Completed Summer, 2013 (pursuing Ph.D. at Texas Tech)

“Hooking Up and Gender Role Attitudes: Developing New Measures.”

Mitchell Rhodes- Completed Spring 2012 (pursuing Ph.D. at Utah State)

- “Denominational and gender differences in Motivation for hooking Up: A Study of Contemporary Attitudes about Casual Sexuality”
Cory Kildare- Completed Spring 2011 (pursuing Ph.D. at Texas Women’s)
- “Facebook Stalkers: An Investigation of Facebook use, Jealousy and Romantic Relationships among Young Adults.
Julie Carpenter- Completed Summer, 2010
- “The Relationship between Gender and Multiple Dimensions of Religiosity amongst a sample of Married Adults”
Jordan Smith- Completed Spring, 2007
- “The Online Community: The relationship between uses of Facebook and attainment of Erikson’s ego strengths in a sample of college students”
Jennifer Larsen- Completed Spring, 2007
- “Differences in Husbands’ and Wives’ Perceptions of Self and Spouse Relationship Behavior”
Elizabeth Landry- Completed Spring, 2007
- “The Effects of Religious Behavior and Spirituality on Long-Term Marriages”
Emily Biggs- Completed Spring, 2006
- “Home School Families”
Nicole Armoney- Completed Spring, 2005 (2005 ANS Outstanding Graduate Student)
- “Shelter Experiences of Abuse Victims: An Examination of Types of Abuse”
Julia Ruddick- Completed Spring, 2004
- “The Relationship between Perceived Peer and Dating Relationship Satisfaction and the Rate of Binge Drinking in College Students”
Virginia Osterberger- Completed Spring, 2004
- “The Effect of Religious Behaviors and Orientation on Personal, Moral and Structural Commitment”
Kimberly Liner- Completed Winter, 2004 (2004 ANS Outstanding Graduate Student)
- “The Relationship between College Students’ Sexual Behaviors, Number of Partners, and the Perceived Quality of their Parents’ Marital Relationships”
Veronica Quitta- Completed Fall, 2003
- “The Relationship between Teachers’ Perceptions of Children’s Social Behaviors, Social Acceptance, and the Children’s Perceptions of their own Competence”
Beth Bentley- Completed Spring, 2003
- “The Relationship between Child Temperament and Parenting Style”
Jennifer Breeding- Completed Winter, 2003
- “The Effect of Temperament on Preschool Children’s Popularity with Peers and Teacher’s Ratings of Social Competence”
Marge Means- Completed Fall, 2002
- “The Relationship between Attributions and Marital Satisfaction: The Mediating Effects of Self-Disclosure”

HONORS and AWARDS

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| 2012 | CEPS recognition for outstanding Scholarship, CWU. |
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| 2006-2008 | Robbie Watson Endowed Professorship, Louisiana Tech University |
| 2007 | Outstanding Instructor of Lower-Level Courses- College of Applied and Natural Sciences, Louisiana Tech University |
| 2007 | Mary Belle Tuten Outstanding Advisor Award, School of Human Ecology |
| 2005 | Included in 2005 “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers”. |
| 2005 | Outstanding Instructor of Upper-Level Courses- College of Applied and Natural Sciences, Louisiana Tech University |
| 2003 | Outstanding Instructor/Director of Research Teaching- College of Applied and Natural Sciences, Louisiana Tech University |
| 2000-2005 | Robbie Watson Endowed Professorship, Louisiana Tech University |
| 2000 | Graduate Summer Dissertation Award, Texas Tech University |
| 1996-1999 | Graduate School Doctoral Study Scholarship (three-year duration) Texas Tech University |

1995-2000 College of Human Sciences Scholarship, Texas Tech University
 1994, 1999 Departmental Scholarship, Texas Tech University
 1986-1990 Academic Scholarship, Brigham Young University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair, Chair Elect and Past Chair, Academic Department Chairs organization, 2016-2019
 President, Northwest Council on Family Relations, 2012 to 2015.
 Director, Central Washington University Family Studies Program, 2008 to 2015.
 Member, Central Washington University Graduate Faculty, 2008 to 2021.
 Advisor, Central Washington University Family Studies Student Organization, 2008 to 2021.
 Member, Central Washington University General Education Committee, 2008 to 2012.
 Member, Central Washington University Child and Family Learning Center Committee, 2008 to 2010.
 CFLE Program Application Review Board, National Council on Family Relations, 2008 to 2012.
 Proposal Reviewer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Healthy Marriage Initiative, 2005-2008
 Faculty Advisor, Louisiana Tech Student Council on Family Relations (NCFR affiliate), 2001-2008.
 Guest Reviewer, Journal of Marriage and the Family, 2002, 2004.
 Submission Reviewer, Research and Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations (2000-present).
 Submission Reviewer, Family Science Section, National Council on Family Relations 2001.
 Chair, Graduate Faculty Committee, School of Human Ecology, Louisiana Tech University, 2004-2006.
 Chair, Family Science/Human Development Faculty Search Committee, Louisiana Tech University, 2002-2003.
 Chair, Family and Child Studies Program Development Committee, Louisiana Tech University 2002- 2003, 2006-2007).
 Chair, Human Ecology Social Committee, Louisiana Tech University, 2006-2007.
 Board Member and Louisiana Liaison, Texas Council on Family Relations, 2001- 2004.
 Member, Human Ecology Graduate Recruiting Committee, 2002-2004.
 Member, Human Ecology Recruiting Committee, Louisiana Tech University 2000-2001, 2005- 2006.
 Member, Human Ecology Faculty Development Committee, Louisiana Tech University 2000- 2001.
 Member, Behavioral Standards Committee, Louisiana Tech University 2000-2008.
 Member, Human Sciences Curriculum Committee, Texas Tech University 1996-1997

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Family Life Educator, National Council on Family Relations 1999-present
 Certified PREP Trainer, PREP institute 2003