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Personal Information

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Education

Ph.D. August 1999 Texas A&M University
Department of Psychology
Dissertation advisors: Wendy Wood and Deborah Kashy
Dissertation title: The Effect of Within- and Between-Group
Comparisons on Self-Motivations for Identification with Groups

M.S. December 1996 Texas A&M University
Department of Psychology
Thesis advisor: Deborah Kashy
Thesis title: Perceptions of and by Lonely People in Initial
Social Interaction

B.A. May 1993 University of Notre Dame
Major: Psychology

Academic Experience

8/99 – 8/04 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology, San Diego State
University

8/04 – 8/07 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology, Radford
University

8/07 – present **Associate Professor**, Department of Psychology, Radford
University

Awards and Nominations

Teaching Fellow – College of Sciences
San Diego State University
2002-2003

Nominee for the SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award
Radford University
2007, 2008

Nominee for the Donald N. Dedmon Distinguished Teaching Professor Award
Radford University
2005, 2008

Nominee for the Distinguished Creative Scholar Award
Radford University
2007, 2008

Internal Grants

Curriculum Transformation Grant
San Diego State University
2001-2002, \$4680

Ethnic Identity & Self-Esteem: The Minority Double-Bind (PI: P. N. Christensen)
National Institute of Mental Health
SDSU Minority Research Infrastructure Support Program Minigrant
2004-2005, \$22,342

Proposal Development Award
Radford University
2005, \$2799

Honors Academy Collaborative Teaching Grant
Radford University
2007, \$3000

Faculty Summer Scholarship Grants
Radford University
2005-2007, \$21,481

External Grants

Change in Minority and Majority Positions (PI: R. Prislin; Co-PI: P. N. Christensen)
National Science Foundation (Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences division)
2003-2004, \$55,000

Ethnic Group Identification and Self-Esteem (Project PI: P. N. Christensen)¹
National Institute of Mental Health
SDSU Minority Research Infrastructure Support Program (PI: Thereasa Cronan)
2004-2006, \$145,203

Social Anxiety Disorder and Self-Regulatory Depletion (PI: P. N. Christensen)
National Institute of Mental Health
2006-2009, \$188,000

Publications

Wood, W., Christensen, P. N., Hebl, M., & Rothgerber, H. (1997). Conformity to sex-typed norms, affect, and self-esteem. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *73*, 523-535.

Christensen, P. N., & Kashy D. A. (1998). Perceptions of and by lonely people in initial social interaction. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *24*, 322-329.

Simpson, J. A., Gangestad, S. W., Christensen, P. N., & Leck, K. (1999). Fluctuating asymmetries, sociosexuality, and intrasexual competitive tactics. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *76*, 159-172.

Prislin, R., & Christensen, P. N. (2002). Group conversion versus group expansion as modes of change in majority and minority positions: All losses hurt but only some gains gratify. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *83*, 1095-1102.

Christensen, P. N., Stein, M., & Means-Christensen, A. J. (2003). Social anxiety and interpersonal perception: A social relations model analysis. *Behaviour Research and Therapy*, *41*, 1355-1371.

Wood, W., & Christensen, P. N. (2004). Quantitative Research Synthesis: Examining Study Outcomes Over Settings, Samples, and Time. In C. Sansone, C. Morf, & A. Panter (Eds.), *Handbook of methods in social psychology* (pp. 335-356). New York: Sage.

Gangestad, S. W., Simpson, J. A., Cousins, A. J., & Christensen, P. N. (2004). Women's preferences for male behavioral displays change across the menstrual cycle. *Psychological Science*, *15*, 203-206.

Christensen, P. N., Boldry, J., & Kashy, D. A. (2004). Group-based self-evaluation outside of the laboratory: Effects of global versus situational status. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *30*, 985-994.

Christensen, P. N., Cohan, S., & Stein, M. (2004). The relationship between functioning levels in post-traumatic stress disorder and interpersonal perception: A social relations model analysis. *Cognitive Behaviour Therapy*, *33*, 151-160.

¹ This was an institutional grant that could not be transferred following my appointment at Radford University. The grant was subsequently transferred to Leola Alfonso-Reese at San Diego State. I remain involved in the research as a consultant.

- Christensen, P. N., Rothgerber, H., Wood, W., & Matz, D. (2004). Social norms and identity relevance: A motivational model of normative behavior. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *30*, 1295-1309.
- Prislin, R., & Christensen, P. N. (2005). The effects of social change on group membership: To leave or not to leave? *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *31*, 595-609.
- Prislin, R., & Christensen, P. N. (2005). The gain-loss asymmetry model of change in majority-minority positions. *European Review of Social Psychology*, *16*, 43-73
- Prislin, R., Christensen, P. N., & Jacobs, E. A. (2005). Group size, power allocation, and change: Effects on conceptual representations of group interaction. *Review of Psychology: International Journal of Croatian Psychological Association*, *12*, 81-89.
- Christensen, P. N., & Wood, W. (2006). Effects of media violence on viewer's aggression in unconstrained social interaction: An updated meta-analysis. In R. Preiss, M. Allen, B. M. Gayle, & N. Burrell (Eds.), *Media effects research: Advances through meta-analysis*. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.
- Prislin, R., Levine, J., & Christensen, P. N. (2006). When reasons matter: Attributions for conversion moderate the effect of change within groups. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *42*, 593-601.
- Christensen, P. N. (2007). Social relations model. In R. F. Baumeister & K. D. Vohs (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Social Psychology*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Prislin, R., & Christensen, P. N. (In press). On becoming a majority: Former minorities' reactions to change. To appear in F. Butera & J. Levine (Eds.), *Coping with minority status: Responses to exclusion and inclusion*.
- Graf, R. G., Yabko, B. A., & Christensen, P. N. (In press). Gender effects in the assessment of technical fouls among high school basketball officials. Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Sport Behavior*.
- Christensen, P. N. (In press). The running joke with my students: Learning is a marathon. Invited chapter for the *Radford University Teaching Book*.

Manuscripts Under Review or Revision

- Jacobs, E. A., Christensen, P. N., & Prislin, R. On the fair treatment of factions within a group: Theoretical and empirical development of the fair group procedures scale. Under final review for *Journal of Social Issues*.
- Alfonso-Reese, L. A., Christensen, P. N., Devos, T., & Estep, J. Does centrality predict typicality for members of ethnic groups? Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.

Christensen, P. N., Duangdao, K., Isaacs, H., & Alfonso-Reese, L. Majority-minority status moderates the effect of ethnic identification on cross-group interactions.

Christensen, P. N., Prislun, R., & Jacobs, E. A. Motives for Social Influence after Social Change: Are New Majorities Power Hungry?

Manuscripts in Preparation

Christensen, P. N., & Alfonso-Reese, L. A. Costs and benefits of ethnic identification for the self and cross-group interaction partners.

Christensen, P. N., & Means-Christensen, A. J. Facilitation or depletion? Self-regulatory outcomes of social interactions for the socially anxious.

Refereed and Invited Professional Presentations (student authors are bolded)

Christensen, P. N. & Kashy, D. A. (1995). Perceptions of and by lonely people. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Network on Personal Relationships, Williamsburg, VA.

Christensen, P. N. (1996). Perceptions of and by lonely people in initial social interaction. Presented in a Social Relations Model Colloquium at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Psychological Association, Houston, TX.

Christensen, P. N., Rothgerber, H., Hebl, M., & Wood, W. (1997). Self-esteem and compliance to sex role norms. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Levesque, M. J., Christensen, P. N., Kashy, D. A., & **Butts, D.** (1997). Meta-accuracy and the misperception of friendliness: A social relations analysis. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Boldry, J. G., Christensen, P. N., & Kashy, D. A. (1998). Optimal distinctiveness in everyday life. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues, Ann Arbor, MI.

Christensen, P. N., Rothgerber, H., & Wood, W. (1998). Injunctive norms and the self: A motivational model of normative impact. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Washington, D. C.

Levesque, M. J., Christensen, P. N., Kashy, D. A., & **Katzenstein, T.** (1998). A social relations analysis of cross-gender interpersonal perceptions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Christensen, P. N. (2001). A meta-analysis of the relationship between social identification and self-esteem. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

- Christensen, P. N., & Kashy D. A. (2002). Metaperceptions and negative affectivity: The mediating role of self-perceptions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Savannah, GA.
- Binning, K., D'Amico, A., Safaie, A., Brauer, S., Wertzberger, K.,** Prislin, R., & Christensen, P. N. (2002). Perceptions of group-self similarity following different modes of status change. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association conference, Irvine, CA.
- Christensen, P. N. (2002). Self-motivations for norm conformity. An invited colloquium for the Department of Psychology at Montana State University, Bozeman, MT.
- Christensen, P. N., Rothgerber, H., Wood, W., & Matz, D. (2002). A self-motivational approach to norm conformity. Presented as part of the symposium "Group-based perspectives on normative behavior" organized by P. N. Christensen for the annual meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Columbus, OH.
- Diaz, R., Laguna, J.,** Christensen, P. N., & Prislin, R. (2003). New majority's preference for the group increases over time. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Boyle, S., Isaacs, H., Jacobs, E., Sakamoto, A.,** Christensen, P. N., & Prislin, R. (2004). Support moderates reactions to social change within groups. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Barrett, C., Prieto, R., Zandian, F.,** Prislin, R., & Christensen, P. N. (2004). Effects of social change on group membership: The exodus chapter. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Villodas, M.,** & Christensen, P. N. (2005). Social anxiety moderates attributions for an interaction partner's mood. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association conference, Portland, OR.
- Prislin, R., Christensen, P. N., & **Jacobs, E.** (2005). Multiple faces of social change. Presented as part of the symposium "Applications and contexts of minority influence research: Group composition, group relations and processes" organized by R. Martin, A. Gardikiotis, & M. Hewstone for the tri-annual meeting of the European Association of Experimental Social Psychology, Wuerzburg, Germany.
- Christensen, P. N., & Prislin, R. (2005). Agreement motives following successful minority influence. Presented as part of the symposium "Theoretical advances in minority influence" organized by A. Mucchi-Faina & W. Crano for the tri-annual meeting of the European Association of Experimental Social Psychology, Wuerzburg, Germany.
- Christensen, P. N. (2005). Motives for seeking the majority position: Effects of power, faction size, and change. Invited colloquium at the College of William & Mary.

- Christensen, P. N., **Duangdao, K., Isaacs, H.,** & Alfonso-Reese, L. (2006). Majority-minority status moderates the effect of ethnic identification on cross-group interactions. Presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Christensen, P. N. (2007). Social anxiety and self-regulation: Developing a new model of cognitive distortions after social interactions. Presented at Provost's Lunchtime Lecture Series at Radford University.
- Christensen, P. N., **McGrady, J. E.,** & Means-Christensen, A. J. (2007). Social interactions predict decreased self-regulatory resources in the socially anxious. Presented at the annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, Memphis, TN.
- Taylor, C., Cline, E., Dublirer, C., & Matheny, K.,** & Christensen, P. N. (2007). Self-regulatory depletion in the socially anxious following social interactions. Presented at the annual Big South research conference, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Christensen, P. N., **Speck, L. & Smith, J.** (2008). Experimental evidence for self-regulatory depletion in the socially anxious. Presented at the annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- Christensen, P. N. (2008). Talking with you wears me out! Uncovering the connection between social anxiety and self-regulatory depletion. Invited colloquium at Duke University.

Non-Refereed Presentations

- Pavell, L., Burns, A.,** & Christensen, P. N. (2006). Meta-accuracy and acquaintance: A longitudinal approach. Presented at the annual Radford Undergraduate/Graduate Forum, Radford, VA.
- Christensen, J., Saul, K.,** & Christensen, P. N. (2006) Butterflies in your stomach? The anxiety from social interactions depletes self-control. Presented at the annual Radford Undergraduate/Graduate Forum, Radford, VA.
- Taylor, C.,** & Christensen, P. N. (2007). The effects of social anxiety disorder on classroom performance. Presented at the annual Radford Undergraduate/Graduate Forum, Radford, VA.

Supervision of Student Theses

- Frericks, L. (2000). Towards a causal relationship between ethnic identification and self-esteem. Senior honors thesis at San Diego State University.
- Tynes, D. (2002). The joint effects of face validity and stereotype threat on test performance. Masters thesis at San Diego State University.
- Ciccione, T. (2002). Self-monitoring and meta-accuracy in interpersonal perception. Masters thesis at San Diego State University.
- Ingram, B. (2005, co-chaired with Radmila Prislin). The effect of change in intergroup status on productivity. Masters thesis at San Diego State University.

Pavell, L. (2006). Meta-accuracy and acquaintanceship: A longitudinal analysis. Masters thesis at Radford University.

Taylor, C. (2007). Self-regulation and academic performance. Honors thesis at Radford University.

Phillips, M. (In progress). Social anxiety and perceptions of others. Masters thesis at Radford University.

Clark, S. (In progress). Motivational shifts among the socially anxious after social interactions. Honors thesis at Radford University.

Research Interests

Motivations for Group Identification:

Norm compliance

Differences between minority and majority groups

Interpersonal Perception:

Personality influences on perceptions of self and other people

Meta-accuracy

Change within Groups

Teaching Experience

Course Coordinator for Introductory Psychology (PSY 101) and Study & Review of Introductory Psychology (PSY 296). Supervision of fourteen graduate teaching assistants. (San Diego State University)

Honors Introductory Psychology (San Diego State University and Radford University)

Graduate Seminar in Social Psychology (San Diego State University)

Social Psychology (Texas A&M University, San Diego State University, and Radford University)

Elementary Statistics for Psychology (Texas A&M University)

Research in Personality (Radford University)

Honors Introductory Biology-Psychology (interdisciplinary course at Radford University)

Presentations on Teaching

Christensen, P. N. (2001). The devilish details of effective teaching: An Introductory Psychology case study. Presented as part of the Effective Teaching in Science and Math Colloquium for New Faculty, San Diego State University.

Christensen, P. N. (2005). BreezeLive in the classroom. Can a tool for distance education complement face-to-face instruction? Presented as part of a panel discussion of technology in the classroom

organized by J. King for the annual meeting of the Virginia Collegiate Honors Council, Radford, VA.

Christensen, P. N. (2005). BreezeLive in the classroom. Presented as part of a panel discussion of technology in the classroom organized by J. King for the annual meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science, Harrisonburg, VA.

Christensen, P. N. (2005). Distance education in the classroom? BreezeLive complements face-to-face teaching techniques. Presented at the Radford University Workshop on Wireless Teaching.

Christensen, P. N. (2005 and 2006). Teaching with technology: Costs and benefits of student anonymity. Presented within the panel discussion of teaching strategies at both the 2005 and 2006 Radford University new faculty orientation.

Christensen, P. N., Oakes, E., & King, J. S. (2006). Integrating tablet computers into the wireless classroom: The Honors Academy as a best practices laboratory. Panel presentation at the Southern Regional Honors Council Conference, Orlando, FL.

Teaching Development Activities

2000 California State University Summer Teacher-Scholar Institute: Three-day conference to promote teaching excellence within the CSU system. Attended a one-day workshop on outcome assessment for service learning and a two-day workshop on outcome assessment for program improvement.

2001 Lilly-West Conference on Teaching: Three-day conference on innovative strategies to improve student learning outcomes.

2001 San Diego State University Spring Faculty Seminar: Monthly seminar class with other SDSU faculty to discuss and develop our own teaching skills. Sponsored by the San Diego State University Library and the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Information Technology Competence in the Classroom: Two-day workshop on developing novel and diverse strategies for including information technologies in classes. Sponsored by the San Diego State University Library and the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Developing Technology-Rich Instruction: Three-day workshop on enhancing pedagogy with cutting-edge technologies, including: WebCT, Breeze, and BreezeLive. Part of Radford University *Our Turn* workshops sponsored by the Faculty Development Center.

“Our Turn” Workshops: A variety of workshops attended during winter and summer 2005, winter 2006.

Professional Affiliations

Society for Experimental Social Psychology (SESP)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

Professional Service

Ad Hoc Reviewer – *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*
Ad Hoc Reviewer – *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*
Ad Hoc Reviewer – *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*
Ad Hoc Reviewer – *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*
Ad Hoc Reviewer – *Personality and Social Psychology Review*
Ad Hoc Reviewer – *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*
Ad Hoc Reviewer – *Personality and Individual Differences*

University Service

San Diego State University

Ad Hoc Committee on the Psychology Chair (2001). Responsible for developing recommendations regarding the future of the chair position in the department of psychology.

Screening Committee for the Psychology Chair (2002). San Diego State University.

Screening Committee for the Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning (2002).

Screening Committee for the Assistant Professor in Social Psychology (2001).

Graduate Admissions Committee (1999-2004). Responsible for identifying candidates for admission to San Diego State University's M.A. program in social psychology.

Radford University

Member – Space Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on Renovations in Russell Hall (2004-2005).

Member – Screening Committee for:

Assistant Professor in Developmental/Health Psychology (2004-2005).

Assistant Professor in Experimental Psychology (2007-2008).

Member – Committee on Psychology Participant Pool. (2004-present).

Coordinator – Participant Pool (2005-present).

Coordinator – Psychology Department Colloquium Series. (2005-present).

Coordinator – Experimental Area (2005-2007).

Presenter – Highlander Day Mock Classroom (2006, 2007)

Member – Commission on the Future of Radford University (2006-2007).

Task Force of Faculty Enhancement and Engagement
Strategic Plan Drafting Committee

Member – Honors Academy Transformation Committee (2006-present)

Member – Seed Grant Review Committee (2006-present)

Member - Provost's Ad Hoc Committee on Revising Radford's Peer Group. (2007). Developed strategies to help revise the peer group that SCHEV uses to determine faculty salary benchmarks.

Member - Provost's Ad Hoc Committee on Salary Equity (2007). Developed strategies to reduce egregious inversion and compression among faculty salaries.

Member - Provost's Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Workload (2007-present). Studying how to implement, evaluate, and reward faculty efforts.

Vice President – Radford University Faculty Senate (2007-2008).

References

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