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**EDUCATION**

- 2001        **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA.** Tampa, FL  
Degree: Ph.D.  
Major: Cognitive Psychology  
Minor: Law and Communication  
Dissertation: “Effects of Collaboration and Pretrial Publicity on Juror Bias and Source Monitoring Errors” (Co-chairs: Judith B. Bryant, Ph.D. & Cathy McEvoy, Ph.D.)
- 1997        **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA.** Tampa, FL  
Degree: M.A.  
Major: Cognitive Psychology  
Thesis: “The Impact of Age, Speech Style, and Question Form on Perceptions of Witness Credibility and Trial Outcome” (Chair: Judith B. Bryant, Ph.D.)
- 1990        **UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA,** Tampa, FL  
Degree: B.A.  
Major: Psychology

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 8/04 – present    **Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee Regional Campus, Sarasota, FL.
- 8/03–5/04        **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida, Sarasota, FL.
- 10/01-5/03        **Member of the Psychology Department’s IRB Committee**, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.  
Duties: Conduct scientific reviews of IRB proposals from Psychology faculty and students.
- 8/01–5/03        **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)**

- 1/00 – 5/01     ***Graduate Research Assistant***, Alcohol And Substance Use Research Institute, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.  
Duties: To work on Project ADVANCE: a multiple-year federally funded study involving college student drinking. My duties included the following: assisting in the hiring of lab personnel; supervising undergraduate and graduate research assistants; modifying the intervention methods, procedures, and stimulus materials from the original male oriented version to a female oriented one; data analysis; evaluation of the program intervention; modifying the program to increase participation and attendance across sessions as well as effectiveness of intervention; attending weekly research meetings.  
Supervisors: Drs. Mark S. Goldman, Francis Del Boca, Jack Darkes, and Jane Noll.
- 9/94 - 1/00     ***Teaching Assistant***, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.  
Duties: I had complete responsibility for the following activities: syllabus preparation; lecture development and presentation; exam development, administration, and grading; development of projects, papers, demonstrations, and activities.
- 5/91– 8/93     ***Correctional/Probation Officer***, State of Florida Department of Corrections.  
Duties: Managing a caseload of approximately 100 felony offenders. From April 1992 - July 1992, I supervised a sex offender caseload, which subsequently was made into a Correctional/Probation Officer III position.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Association for Psychological Science
- American Psychological Association
- American Psychology – Law Society
- Psychonomic Society

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

- Provost's Teaching Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Student, March 2000.
- Provost's Commendation for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Student, April 1999.
- Eve Levine Graduate Student Teaching Award, April 1999.
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Tampa, December 1990.
- Elected as a member of Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society, February 1990.
- Dean's List every semester while attending the University of Tampa, January 1989 – December 1990.

**PUBLICATIONS/ MANUSCRIPTS**

Ruva, C.L. Pretrial publicity affects jury decision making. In F. Columbus (Ed.) *Perspectives on cognitive psychology*. Invited chapter currently under revision for Nova Science Publishers: Hauppauge, NY.

Ruva, C. L. & LeVasseur, M. A. (2009). Behind closed doors? The effect of pretrial publicity on jury deliberations. *Manuscript under review (revise and resubmit) for JEP: Applied*.

Ruva, C. L. & McEvoy, C. (2008). Negative and positive pretrial publicity affect juror memory and decision making. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*, 14 (3), 226-235.

Ruva, C. L., McEvoy, C., & Bryant, J. B. (2007). Effects of pretrial publicity and collaboration on juror bias and source monitoring errors. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 21, 45-67.

Ruva, C. L. & Bryant, J. B. (2004). The impact of age, speech style, and question form on perceptions of witness credibility and trial outcome. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 34, 1919-1944.

**PAPERS DELIVERED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

Ruva, C. L. & LeVasseur, M. A. (2008, May). Behind closed doors: A content analysis of the mock-jury deliberation process, Paper presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.

Ruva, C. L. & LeVasseur, M. A. (2008, March). Observing jury interaction: pretrial publicity affects the qualitative nature of mock-jury deliberations, Paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, Jacksonville, FL.

Ruva, C. L. (2007, May). Pretrial publicity affects memory for and interpretation of trial evidence. Paper presented at Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, Washington, DC.

Ruva, C.L. (2006, November). Pretrial publicity and collaboration affect juror memory and decision making. Paper to be presented at the Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, Houston, TX.

Ruva, C.L. (2006, March). Eyewitness Memory: What judges and attorneys need to know. Presentation delivered at the Inns of Court, Tampa, FL.

Ruva, C.L. (2005, May). Pretrial publicity and length of delay effect juror memory and decision making. Paper presented at the American Psychological Society Annual Convention, Los Angeles, CA.

**PAPERS DELIVERED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (continued)**

Ruva, C. L. (2004, March). Leveling the playing field? The effect of positive versus negative PTP on trial outcome and source monitoring errors. Paper delivered at the American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, Scottsdale, AZ.

Ruva, C. L. (2003, May). Does exposure to pretrial publicity effect juror's memory for trial facts? Paper presented at the American Psychological Society Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.

Ruva, C. L., McEvoy, C. & Bryant, J. B. (2002, June). Effects of collaboration and pretrial publicity on juror bias and source monitoring errors. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gonzalez, L. P., Bryant, J. B. & Ruva, C. L. (1999, April). Perceptions of witness credibility as a function of witness age and language translation. Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Albuquerque, NM.

Ruva, C., & Bryant, J. B. (1998, July). Perceptions of witness credibility as a function of witness age, speech style, and question form. Paper presented at the XVth Meetings of the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development, Bern, Switzerland.

Ruva, C., & Bryant, J. B. (1998, March). The impact of age, speech style, and question form on perceptions of witness credibility and trial outcome. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Biennial Conference, Redondo Beach, CA.

Ruva, C., Bryant, J. B. & Brannick, M. (1996, March). Development of the Adults' General Beliefs about Children Scale for research on witness credibility. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Development, Birmingham, AL.

Ruva, C. (1995, December). How does attorney questioning techniques and witness speech affect both perceived credibility of child witnesses and trial outcomes? National Science Foundation Conference (Women and Science), Washington, DC.

## **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- 2008 Applied Cognitive Psychology ad hoc reviewer
- 2008 Journal of Applied Social Psychology ad hoc reviewer
- 2008 Applied Cognitive Psychology ad hoc reviewer
- 2008 JEP: Applied ad hoc reviewer
- 2008 NSF Grants ad hoc reviewer
- 2008 Pearson Allyn & Bacon ad hoc reviewer
- 2008 Search committee member for Psychology Instructor
- 2007-2008 Reviewer for AP-LS conference submissions
- 2006-2008 Reviewer and judge for Undergraduate Research Symposium at USF
- 2004 - present CAS internal awards reviewer
- 2004 to present Psychology departments course planning committee at USF
- 2001-2003 Member of the Psychology department's IRB committee

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

FITT Internal Award, awarded by the FITT committee on the Sarasota campus; summer 2007; \$500.

Undergraduate Research Grant for Supervisors of Undergraduate Research, awarded by the Office of Undergraduate Research at the University of South Florida; October 2006; \$600.

FITT Internal Award, awarded by the FITT committee on the Sarasota campus; spring 2006; \$500.

Faculty Research and Development Grant, awarded by the Faculty Development Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Florida; December 15, 2005; \$1,000.

Undergraduate Research Grant for Supervisors of Undergraduate Research. Awarded by the Office of Undergraduate Research at the University of South Florida; November 15, 2005; \$600.

## **RESEARCH SUPERVISION**

### Undergraduate

- Christina Donaldson-Guenther, Psychology Honors, "The Effects of Pretrial Publicity on Evidence Evaluation: A Story Model Framework"
- Vivian Lotts, Psychology Honors, "Do Personality Differences Matter? The Effects of Misinformation and Delay on Eyewitness Performance"
- Shermel Ward, Psychology Honors, "Improving Healthy Families America's Ability to Prevent Child Abuse in More Families throughout the United States"
- Kristy Fox, University Honors, "Adults' Perceptions of Children's Verbal Reports as a function of Age of Child and whether the Child is a Victim or a Witness"
- Holly Carvalho-Loftus, Senior Thesis, "Individual Differences and Their Association with Suggestibility and Source Memory Errors"

**COURSES TAUGHT**

- Applied Cognitive Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Child Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Directed Studies/Research
- Psychology Honors Supervision
- Learning
- Psychological Science II
- Psychology and Law
- Psychology of Language
- Perception
- Web sites for most courses can found be by visiting my homepage at the following address:  
<http://luna.cas.usf.edu/~ruva/index.htm>

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

- Center for Teaching Enhancement Workshop, USF, Creating a Teaching Portfolio, February 1999.
- University of South Florida Psychology Department Teaching Workshop, August 1996.
- University of South Florida Psychology Department Teaching Workshop, December 1995.
- University of South Florida Psychology Department Teaching Workshop, April 1995.
- Center for Teaching Enhancement Workshop, USF, Creativity in the Classroom & Classroom Participation, August 1994.
- University of South Florida Psychology Department Teaching Workshop, August 1994.
- Teaching Practicum Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, January – April 1994
- State of Florida Department of Corrections, Basic Recruit Certificate: Correction/Probation Officer - 395 hours July - September 1991