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#### **EDUCATION**

2000-2006 Graduate School of Psychology

Fuller Theological Seminary

Pasadena, California

M. A. Psychology

M.A. – Psychology, 2002 M.A. – Theology, 2005

Ph.D. – Clinical Psychology 2006

1996-2000 Brown University

Providence, Rhode Island

B.A. - Psychology, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, and With Honors

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

8/2010- **Associate Professor** Present

8/2007- Assistant Professor

8/2010 Point Loma Nazarene University

San Diego, California

- Full-time undergraduate professorship position. Duties include: 12 units of teaching per semester; advising undergraduate research projects
- Courses taught: Psychology of Personal Development; General Psychology; Clinical and Community Interventions; Moral Psychology and Cultural Values; and Research Methods and Design (I & II).
- Extracurricular contributions: member (former Chair) of the Institutional Review Board (2009-present); member of the Institute Planning Group (2013); host professor for Teachers Noticing Teachers (TNT; 2013); member of the Summer School Task Force (2012-2013); conducted clinical assessments of pastoral candidates for the Nazarene Church at Ministerial Candidate Weekend (2012); NSO Faculty Panel Member (2012, 2010); faculty representative at the Network 9 event (2012, 2011); provided training for covenant group leaders on interpersonal issues particular to small-groups (2011, 2010, 2009, 2008); faculty advisor for the Society for the Integration of Psychology and Theology (2008-10); university representative at a regional Council for Undergraduate Research conference (2008); participant in the Science and Theology Reading Group (2007-2010).

11/2005- Research Consultant

5/2007 Fuller Graduate School of Psychology Pasadena, California

- Part-time position consisting of consultation on statistical and methodological issues for the "Fuller Youth Initiative" grant.
- Involved mentoring graduate student on the design and completion of her master's thesis and the design of her doctoral dissertation.

 2002 2006
 Fuller Graduate School of Psychology Pasadena, California

• Courses included:

"Divorced and Reconstituted Families"
Professor: James Furrow, Ph.D.

"Lifespan Development"

Professors: Pamela Ebstyne King, Ph.D., Jack Balswick, Ph.D.

"Intermediate Research Methods"

Professor: Christopher Leucht, Ph.D.

#### PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- Leffel, G. M., Oakes Mueller, R. A., Curlin, F. A., & Yoon, J. D. (2014). Relevance of the rationalist—intuitionist debate for ethics and professionalism in medical education. *Advances in Health Sciences Education*, 20, 1371-1383.
- King, P. E., Oakes Mueller, R. A, & Furrow, J. (2013). Cultural and contextual issues in exemplar research. In M. K. Matsuba, P. E. King, & K. C. Bronk (Eds.), Exemplar methods and research: Strategies for investigation. *New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development*, 142, 41–58
- King, P. E., & Oakes Mueller, R. A. (2005). Cultural and contextual issues in exemplar research. *New Directions for Child & Adolescent Development*.
- Mueller, R. A. & King, P. E. (2006). Parental influence on adolescent religiosity. In E. Dowling & G. Scarlett (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Religious and Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence*. Thousand Oaks: Sage. 365-366.
- King, P. E., Dowling, E. M., Mueller, R. A., White, K., Schultz, W., Osborn, P., Dickenson, E., Bobek, D. L., Lerner, R. M., Benson, P. L., & Scales, P. C. (2005). Thriving in adolescence: The voices of youth-serving practitioners, parents, and early and late adolescents. *Journal of Early Adolescence*, 25, 94-112.
- King, P. E., Schultz, W., Mueller, R. A., Dowling, E. M., Osborne, P., Dickenson, E., & Lerner, R. M. (2005). Positive Youth Development (PYD): Is there a nomological network of concepts used in the developmental literature? *Applied Developmental Science*, *9*(4), 215-227.
- King, P. E., & Mueller, R. A. (2004). Parents' influence on adolescent religiousness: Spiritual modeling and spiritual capital. *Marriage and family: A Christian journal*, 6(3), 413-425.
- Krueger, J., & Mueller, R. A. (2002). Unskilled, unaware, or both? The better-than-average heuristic and statistical regression predict errors in estimates of own performance. *Journal of Personality & Social Psychology*, 82(2), 180-188.

## LAY PUBLICATIONS.

Oakes Mueller, R. A. (March 15, 2011) Developing compassionate youth: Creating environments to grow Christ-like habits. *Nazarene Compassionate Ministries*.

<a href="http://ncm.org/news/articles/developing\_compassionate\_youth/">http://ncm.org/news/articles/developing\_compassionate\_youth/</a> Originally written for publication on Youth Ministry Academy, a ministry of Nazarene Youth International

# PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Carlson, K.J., Russell, K.N., Leffel, G.M., & Oakes Mueller, R.A. (2016, April).
  - Good Physician (3 of 3): Contamination Narratives Predict Physician Generosity, Mindfulness, and Life Meaning. Poster session presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Long Beach, CA.
- Flint, D.D., Ahmand, M., Leffel, G.M., & Oakes Mueller, R.A. (2016, April). *Good Physician 1 of 3): Redemptive Life Narratives Predict Growth In Generosity.* Poster session presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Long Beach, CA.
- Flint, D. & Oakes Mueller, R.A. (2016, March).

  Good Physician (Part 2 of 2): Redemptive Narratives and Their Relationship to Physician

*Virtues*. Paper presented at the 2016 Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology Conference held at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA.

- Frankot, M., Donason, A., & Oakes Mueller, R.A. (2016, April). *The Effect of Mortality Salience on Moral Competence*. Poster session presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Long Beach, CA.
- Frankot, M. & Oakes Mueller, R.A. (2016, March).

  The Effects of Mortality Salience on Moral Competence: Can Being Mindful of One's Own Death Encourage Wesleyan Social Ethics? Paper presented at the 2016 Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology Conference held at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA.
- Russell, K., Carlson, K., Oakes Mueller, R.A. & Leffel, G.M. (2016, March).

  Good Physician (Part 1 of 2): Positive/Negative Supervisor Feedback Predicts Physician Virtue

  Growth. Paper presented at the 2016 Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology
  Conference held at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA
- Russell, K.N., Carlson, K.J., Leffel, G.M., & Oakes Mueller, R.A. (2016, April). *Good Physician (2 of 3): Contamination Narratives Predict Medical Student Neuroticism and Change in Burnout.* Poster session presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Long Beach, CA.
- Carlson, K.J., Russell, K.N., Oakes Mueller, R.A., & Leffel, G.M. (2015, April). *Good Physician (1): Neuroticism and Supervisory Interactions Predict Physician Burnout.*Poster session presented at the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Russell, K.N., Carlson, K.J., Leffel, G.M., & Oakes Mueller, R.A. (2015, April). *Good Physician (2): Positive/Negative Supervisor Feedback Predicts Physician Virtue Growth.*Poster session presented at the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Oakes Mueller, R. A., Leffel, M., Roth, V., Messier, M., Farinelli, A., & Galli Young, M. (2014, April). Good Physician (2 of 2): Neuroticism/Burnout Inhibit Growth in Generosity. Poster session presented at the 94th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR.
- Roth, V., Messier, M., Farinelli, A., Galli Young, M., Oakes Mueller, R.A., & Leffel, M. (2014, April). *Good Physician (1 of 2): Moral Elevation Predicts Virtue Development.* Poster session presented at the 94th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR.

- Ayres, K. A., Neher, A. R., Erbacci, G. A., Oakes Mueller, R. A., & Leffel, G. M. (2013, April). *Project on the Good Physician (Part 1 of 3): Evidence for the Construct Validity of a Virtue Model of Physician Caring*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Reno, NV.
- Shepherd, A. M., Dahill, J. A., Oakes Mueller, R. A., & Leffel, G. M. (2013, April). *Project on the Good Physician (Part 2 of 3): Caring Virtues and the "Moral Matrix" of Clinical Decision Making*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Reno, NV.
- Young, M. H., Drown, K. A., Oakes Mueller, R. A., & Leffel, G. M. (2013, April). *Project on the Good Physician (Part 3 of 3): Neuroticism and Burnout May Inhibit Expression of the Intuition to Care and of Caring Virtues.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Reno, NV.
- Hussey, J., & Oakes Mueller, R.A. (2012, April). *Distress and Empathy: The Relationship Between Emotion and Prosocial Behavior*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Wright, T., & Oakes Mueller, R.A. (2012, April). *Predicting Prosocial Behavior: Disgust as an Obstacle to Service*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Wright, T., & Oakes Mueller, R.A. (2012, April). *The Role of Disgust in Predicting Prosocial Behavior*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Oakes Mueller, R.A., Cardiel, D., Sparks, C., & Games, J. (2010, April). *Gratitude and its Specialized Role in Relational Generativity*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Cancun, Mexico.
- Rouse, R., Rice, B., & Oakes Mueller, R.A. (2010, April). *Attachment Style and Risky Sexual Behaviors: Mediating Role of Self-Esteem.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Cancun, Mexico.
- Oakes Mueller, R.A. (2010, March). *How Would You Recognize a Virtue If You Saw One? Virtue as a Moral Associative Network*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA.
- Oakes Mueller, R.A. & Sando, L. (2010, March). *Using exemplar methodologies to explore positive youth development: Opportunities and challenges.* Paper presented at the bi-annual meeting of the Society for Research in Adolescence, Philadelphia, PA.
- Tankersley, L. K., Oakes Mueller, R.A., & Leffel, G. M. (2009, March). The gratitude-generativity link in young adults: Does Gratitude, Induced through Emotion-Arousing Self-Reflection Exercises, Increase Social Skills and Promote Generativity? Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR.
- Mueller, R.A. (2008, March). *Generativity after virtue: A social intuitionist model (SIM) of moral motivation*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology, Duke University, Durham, NC.
- Whitehead, L. S., Mueller, R. A., & Furrow, J. L. (2006, March). Survey-primed and spontaneously generated perceptions of parents' values as predictors of adolescent prosocial value endorsement. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in

- Mueller, R. A. & Furrow, J. L. (2005, April). *Adolescent moral identity, moral reasoning, and prosocial behavior*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Atlanta, GA.
- King, P. E., Schultz, W., & Mueller, R. A. (2004, March). *The Thriving Indicators Project: The voices of the scholars, practitioners, youth and their parents.* Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.
- Mueller, R. A. & Furrow, J. L. (2003, April). *Moral identity and perception of shared parent-child values in prosocial adolescents*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Tampa, FL.
- Mueller, R. A. & Furrow, J. L. (2002, April). *Shared parent-child values and prosocial adolescent outcomes*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Adolescence, New Orleans, LA.

## PLNU STUDENT MENTORING

#### 2015-2016

Project on the Good Physician: Redemption and Contamination Narratives Predict Physician Virtues, Burnout, and Neuroticism.

- Katie Carlson (PLNU Psychology Alumnus)
- Katelyn Russell (Senior, Psychology)
- Daniel Flint (Junior, Psychology)
- Maha Ahmad (University of Chicago Alumnus)

The Effect of Mortality Salience on Moral Competence.

- Michelle Frankot (Senior, Psychology)
- Adam Donason (Senior, Psychology)

#### 2014-2015

Project on the Good Physician: Neuroticism and Supervisory Interactions Predict Physician Burnout. Positive/Negative Supervisor Feedback Predicts Physician Virtue Growth.

- Katie Carlson (Senior, Psychology)
- Katelyn Russell (Junior, Psychology)

#### 2013-2014

Project on the Good Physician: The Role of Mentoring and Elevation on Virtue Development.

- Arianna Farinelli (PLNU Psychology Alumnus)
- Mary Galli Young (PLNU Psychology Alumnus)
- Matthew Messier (Senior, Psychology)
- Victoria Roth (Senior, Psychology)

# 2012-2013

Project on the Good Physician: Evidence for the construct validity of a moral intuitionist model of virtuous caring.

- Kimberly A. Ayres (Junior, Psychology)
- Jansen O. Dahill (Senior, Psychology)
- Kara N. Drown (Senior, Psychology)
- Gina K. Erbacci (Senior, Psychology)
- Alexa R. Neher (Senior, Psychology)
- Abigail M. Shepherd (Senior, Psychology)
- Mary Galli Young (Senior, Psychology)

#### 2011-2012

Distress and Empathy: The Relationship Between Emotion and Prosocial Behavior.

• Jonathan Hussey (Senior, Psychology) – Presented as Honors Project

#### 2010-2012

The Elicitors and Effects of Disgust: Exploring the Reciprocal Relationship of Emotion and Prosocial Behavior.

• Tasha Wright (Junior/Senior, Psychology) – Presented as Honors Project

#### 2009-2010

Mimetic Virtue, Moral Emotions, and the Michelangelo Phenomenon.

- Dane Cardiel (Senior, Psychology)
- John Games (Senior, Psychology)
- Carrie Sparks (Senior, Psychology)

#### 2008-2009

Attachment Style and Risky Sexual Behavior: The Mediating Role of Contingent and Relation Based Self-Esteem.

- Brittany Rice (Senior, Psychology)
- Rebecca Rouse (Senior, Psychology)

Sexuality and Religiousness: Exploring the Beliefs and Practices Young Adults.

• Jenna Ross (Senior, Psychology)

The Gratitude-Generativity Link in Young Adults: Does Gratitude, Induced through Emotion-Arousing Self-Reflection Exercises, Increase Social Skills and Promote Generativity?

• Lisa Tankersley (Senior, Psychology)

# UNPUBLISHED PAPERS

**Manuscript in Preparation:** Leffel, G. M., Oakes Mueller, R. A., Ayres, K. A., Dahill, J. A., Drown, K. A., Erbacci, G. A., Neher, A. R., Shepherd, A. M., Young, M. H., Yoon, J. D., & Curlin, F. A. *Project on the Good Physician: Evidence for the construct validity of a moral intuitionist model of virtuous caring.* 

**Manuscript in Preparation:** Wright, N. E. & Oakes Mueller, R. A. *The Other Glass Floor: Disgust as a Barrier to Serving the Homeless*.

**Doctoral Dissertation:** Values and Identity in Prosocial and Delinquent Youth: The Contribution of Value Endorsement, Value Salience, and Moral Identity to Behavior, Fuller Theological Seminary, Co-Chairs: Linda Wagener, Ph.D. & James Furrow, Ph.D. (defended July, 2005)

Master's Thesis: Moral Identity and the Perception of Shared Parent-Child Values in Prosocial Adolescents, Fuller Theological Seminary, Advisor: Linda Wagener, Ph.D. (completed October, 2003)

#### HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

- John Stauffer Memorial Merit Fellowship 2005 Fuller Theological Seminary
- Dean's List 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 Fuller Theological Seminary
- Phi Beta Kappa, 2000 Brown University
- Magna Cum Laude, 2000 Brown University
- Graduation with Honors, 2000 Brown University
- Harold Schlosberg Memorial Premium in Psychology, 2000 Brown University (awarded for excellence in academic writing on Senior Honors Thesis)

#### ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- American Psychological Association
- Western Psychological Association (2008-2010, 2012-2016)
- Society for Research in Child Development (2003-2006)

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY

- Institute Planning Group (Summer, 2013) Participated in a task force to propose and request grant funds for a university center/institute in the area of practical engagement of Christian faith, science and culture
- IRB Committee Served as member (2009-2010; 2012-2013); and as Chair (2010-2012)
- Host Professor for Teachers Noticing Teachers (TNT; 2013)
- Served as chair for four faculty votes (Spring, 2013; Spring, 2012; Spring, 2010; Fall, 2009)
- Summer School Task Force (2012) Spearheaded data collection and analysis to inform recommendations for PLNU summer school recruiting and offerings
- Conducted clinical assessments of pastoral candidates for the Nazarene Church at Ministerial Candidate Weekend, organized by the PLNU Center for Pastoral Leadership (Fall, 2012)
- NSO Faculty Panel Member (Fall, 2012; Fall, 2010)
- Faculty Representative for Network 9 event, hosted by OSV (Spring, 2012; Spring, 2011)
- Invited speaker to provide instruction to covenant group leaders regarding the leadership and development of small-groups (Fall 2011; Fall 2010; Fall 2009; Fall 2008)
- Invited speaker at Gender Convocation for PSY 101 (Spring & Fall 2011; Spring & Fall 2010; Spring & Fall 2009; Spring & Fall 2008; Fall 2007)
- Faculty Sponsor for Society for the Integration of Psychology and Theology (2008-2010)
- Chaperoned students to a regional conference on Positive Psychology ("The Science of a Meaningful Life: Forgiveness and Mindsight" at UCLA in Fall 2009)
- Chaperoned multiple students each year to Fuller Theological Seminary's annual Integration Symposium (Spring 2013; Spring 2012; Spring 2011; Spring 2010; Spring 2009; Spring 2008)
- Participated multiple lunch-meetings with prospective professors for other departments in PLNU
- Chaperoned students to the annual conference of the Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology at Azusa Pacific University (Spring 2010) and at Duke University (Spring 2008)
- Attended Council for Undergraduate Research conference, and helped to develop plan for enhancing PLNU's faculty engagement of students in research (Spring 2008)

# **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- Fuller Symposium on the Integration of Faith and Psychology: "Speak to me that I may hear: Clinical work with Evangelicals in transition" by Marie Hoffman (February, 2013)
- Jungian Psychotherapy: Understanding the Jungian Worldview (June, 2012)
- Behavioral Economics, Impulsivity, & Health Decision Making (April, 2012)
- Burnout and Engagement in the Workplace (April, 2012)
- The Longevity Project: The 8-Decade Study of Staying Healthy and Living Long (April, 2012)
- International Immersion Learning in Higher Education (April, 2012)
- Cultural Competency: Necessity or Political Correctness? (April, 2012)
- An Introduction to Item Response Theory (April, 2012)
- Fuller Symposium on the Integration of Faith and Psychology: "Schizophrenia and Human Flourishing:

Science, Service, Community, and Church" (February, 2012)

- The Lucifer Effect: Understanding How Good People Turn Evil (June, 2011)
- Fuller Symposium on the Integration of Faith and Psychology: "Reflections on God and Mental Illness" by Stanley Hauerwas (February, 2011)
- Psychology, Mimetic Virtue, and Christian Ethics (March, 2010)
- Fuller Symposium on the Integration of Faith and Psychology: "Psychology Of, With and For the Poor" (February, 2010)
- Integral Psychology (December, 2009)
- The Biology, Sociology, and Psychology of Aging Well (December, 2009)
- The Science of a Meaningful Life: Forgiveness and Mindsight (October, 2009)
- The Neurorelational Framework: Understanding Behavior from the Cradle to the Cane (October, 2009)
- Desire, Conflict & Religion: Clinical Implications of Girardian Theory (October, 2009)
- Ethics and Character: A Jungian Perspective (May, 2009)
- Fuller Symposium on the Integration of Faith and Psychology: "The Pearls and the Perils: Practicing Psychology in Mission and Aid Settings" (February, 2009)
- Fuller Symposium on the Integration of Faith and Psychology: "Religion and Therapy: Future Directions" by Marsha Linehan (February, 2008)

# PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

# 9/2006- Post-Doctoral Resident

8/2007 Family Stress Center North Hills, California

Primary Supervisors: Diane Studna, Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist; Micah Orliss, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist

- Full-time clinical position in which I received advanced training in family therapy, individual and group therapy for children, supervision of clinicians, the forensic assessment of children's sexual exposure, and child and adolescent assessment.
- Supervised one "extern" level pre-doctoral student in her clinical work.

## 2005- **Pre-Doctoral Intern**

2006 VA Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center

Los Angeles, California

Primary Supervisors: Stephen Strack, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist; Susan Steinberg, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist; Herb Goldenberg, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist

• Full-time clinical position in which I received training and provided therapy in the following modalities: family and couples therapy, cognitive-behavioral therapy, cognitive restructuring therapy, time-limited dynamic psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, and group psychoeducation.

# 2000- Research Fellow

2005

Center for Research On Child and Adolescent Development

Fuller Theological Seminary

Pasadena, California

Supervisors: James Furrow, Ph.D.; Linda Wagener, Ph.D.; Pamela Ebstyne King, Ph.D.; Sofia Hererra, Ph.D.

• Part-time research position in which I aided in the literature review, design, implementation, data collection, analysis, and writing/presentation of multiple studies within the domains of Positive Youth Development, adolescent spiritual development, parent-child value transmission, and adolescent moral development.

• Provided mentoring in theory, empirical design, data analysis, and write-up/presentation to two graduate-level students.

# 2002- Student Supervisor

Fuller Psychological and Family Services

Pasadena, California

Supervisors: Steve Simpson, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist; and Timothy Kelly, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist

- Part-time clinical supervisory position in which I supervised the clinical work of 17 first-year clinical students as a part of their Clinical Foundations training, including video observation of clinical sessions, in the modality of client-centered therapy.
- Provided didactic instruction in various topics of professional development

# REFERENCES

2005

# Linda Wagener, Ph.D., Assistant Dean

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#### James Furrow, Ph.D.

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