

2009-2010
LVC PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT FACULTY
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

(June 1, 2009 - May 31, 2010)

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES

- **Ms. Jennifer Kitchens**, Adjunct Instructor, co-authored a paper titled “The Valued Living Questionnaire: Defining and Measuring Valued Action Within a Behavioral Framework.” She published this paper in *The Psychological Record* with her colleagues Dr. Kelly Wilson, Ms. Emily Sandoz, and Dr. Miguel Roberts.
- **Dr. Lou Laguna**, Associate Professor of Psychology, was the lead author on a paper titled “An Examination of Authoritarian Personality Traits among Police Officers: The Role of Experience.” He published this paper in *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology* with three LVC students.
- **Dr. Lou Manza**, Professor of Psychology, was the lead author on a paper titled “Exposure to Science is not Enough: The Influence of Classroom Experiences on Belief in Paranormal Phenomena.” He published the paper in *Teaching of Psychology* with LVC students Ms. Kerri Hilperts, Ms. Lauren Hindley, Ms. Christine Marco, Ms. Amanda Santana, and Ms. Michelle V. Hawk.
- **Dr. Kerrie Smedley**, Associate Professor of Psychology, co-authored a paper titled “Sex Differences in the Motivation and Mitigation of Jealousy-Induced Interrogations.” She published this paper in *Personality and Individual Differences* with her colleagues Dr. Barry Kuhle of the University of Scranton and Dr. David Schmitt of Bradley University.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **Dr. Michael Kitchens**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, presented a poster (titled “Identity vs. Regulatory capacity: Examining Two Explanations of Perseverance”) at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in Las Vegas, NV (January 2010) with LVC students Mr. Michael P. Fleming and Ms. Ashley M. Orndorff as co-authors. He also co-authored this poster that was presented by LVC students Ms. MaryKatherine Mitchell (lead author), Ms. Mariela Horna, and Ms. Anh Tran at the Challenges of the 21st Century Conference, where it won a “Best Poster Award.” Also, at the Challenges of the 21st Century Conference, he co-authored a poster presentation (titled “Do Self-Presentational Management Concerns Override the Consequences of Regulatory Depletion on Perseverance?”) with LVC students Ms. Ashley Collins (lead author), Mr. Michael Fleming, Ms. Tanisha Rine, and Ms. Kim Flanagan.
- **Dr. Lou Manza**, Professor of Psychology, co-authored three poster presentations at the Eastern Psychological Association meeting in Brooklyn, NY. LVC student Ms. Caitlin Douglass presented one of these co-authored posters (titled “Predicting Pseudoscientific Beliefs: The Impact of Age

and Personality Variables”) with LVC students Ms. Elizabeth Shaw, Ms. Kelly Minnix, Ms. Rebecca Schaffer, Ms. Ann. Marie. Crider, and Ms. Sarah. Semmelman. LVC student Ms. Whitney McClain presented a second one of these co-authored posters (titled “Pseudoscientific Beliefs and the Fundamental Attribution Error”) with LVC students Ms. Amanda Keith, Ms. Caitlin Douglass, Ms. Bethany Smith, and Ms. Christy Whiteley. LVC student Ms. Bethany Smith presented the third of these co-authored posters (titled “Essentialist Attitudes and Pseudoscientific Beliefs: Developmental Trends and Connections to Academic Performance”) with LVC students Ms. Sarah Molitoris and Ms. Samantha Leeper.

- **Dr. Michelle Niculescu**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was involved in two presentations at the Eastern Psychological Association meeting in Brooklyn, NY. She was the lead author on one conference poster (titled “The Involvement of the CNR1 Gene in Impulsivity and Stress Response”) with LVC students Ms. Kathryn J. Cerullo and Ms. Kristin M. Hess. She was the co-author of another conference poster (titled “Ethanol-induced behavioral activation and Sensitization in Mice: A Model of Craving”) with LVC students Ms. Elizabeth N. Turri (lead author), Ms. Amanda A. Motter, and Ms. Monica R. Ferenz.
- **Dr. Wayne Schmoyer**, adjunct instructor, made several professional presentations in 2009-2010. In June (2009), he presented “Advanced Relaxation Techniques” in Harrisburg, PA. In September (2009), he presented “Schizophrenia: Separating Fact from Fiction” in Harrisburg, PA. In October (2009), he presented “De-Escalation Training for persons with Autism” for Sharp Vision in Harrisburg, PA. In November (2009), he presented “Introduction to Traumatic Brain Injury” in Harrisburg, PA. In January (2010), he presented “Managing Your Anger” at the Giant Community Room in Linglestown, PA.

AWARDS / RECOGNITIONS

- **Dr. Michael Kitchens**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, 2010, won a “Best Poster Award” at the Challenges of the 21st Century Conference and was selected as part of the 2009 “Who’s Who in Collegiate Faculty”.
- **Dr. Wayne Schmoyer**, Adjunct Instructor, was promoted to Clinical Director of Riverside Associates, P.C., where he is in charge of outpatient psychotherapy services and front desk staff.

WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

- **Dr. Michael Kitchens**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, gave a talk (titled “Terror Management Theory”) as part of the LVC Faculty Colloquium Series, and he gave a talk (titled “Course Redesign of ‘Science of Emotion’”) as part of LVC’s Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning series. He also was a panel discussant on “Faculty-Undergraduate Research Collaboration” at the Challenges of the 21st Century Conference.
- **Dr. Lou Laguna**, Associate Professor of Psychology, was the keynote speaker at PA School Counselor’s Association Workshop, where he gave a talk (titled Single-Session Interventions – Maximizing the Benefits of Brief Therapeutic Encounters”).

- **Dr. Lou Manza**, Professor of Psychology, was a guest speaker to a senior-level Psychology class at Northern Lebanon High School, where he talked about parenting issues.

MASS MEDIA

- **Dr. Michael Kitchens**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was quoted in the popular media several times in 2009-2010. He commented on perceptions of control as a stress manager ("Lack of Control: Psychologist Ties Outbursts to Feelings of Helplessness," April 2009) in the *Patriot News*. He commented on the social networking site phenomenon ("Social Networking: Making Smart Connections," November 2009) in *Student Health 101 Magazine*. He commented on New Year's resolutions ("Goals for New Year Should be Challenging, but Realistic" by Lisa Schryver, January 2010) at the *stateman.com*.
- **Dr. Lou Manza**, Professor of Psychology, was quoted in the Associated Press ("Big Brother 11' to Address Chima's Expulsion," August 2009; "Whale Trainer's Death Jars Safe World of Adventure" March 2010), *The Mercury News*, ("Ready or not, here comes '2012'," November 2009), *The Daily Herald* (How did Oprah Woo Suburban Women?," November 2009), *QualityHealth.com* ("The Truth About Emotional Affairs," February 2010), *The Los Angeles Times* ("Host George Noory Brings Talk of the Supernatural Back to Earth," February 2010), the New York Daily News ("For Wealthy Celebs like Charlie Sheen, 'Prehab' May be the New Rehab---But Does it Work?," February 2010), and Insider Higher Ed ("Spring Break in a Disaster Zone," March 2010).