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**EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

- 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
- 1991      *State of Florida Department of Corrections,* Basic Recruit Certificate:  
Correction/Probation Officer - 395 hours July - September 1991

**ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

- 2020-present    *Professor and Campus Chair,* Psychology, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee
- 2019-2020      *Professor and Chair,* Psychology, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee
- 2011-2019      *Associate Professor and Chair,* Psychology, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee
- 2004-2011      *Assistant Professor,* Psychology, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee
- 2003-2004      *Visiting Assistant Professor,* Psychology, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee
- 8/01 – 5/03     *Visiting Assistant Professor,* Psychology, University of South Florida Tampa
- 5/91– 8/93      *Correctional/Probation Officer,* State of Florida Department of Corrections.  
Duties: Managing a caseload of approximately 100 felony offenders and subsequently supervising a sex-offender caseload.

**PUBLICATIONS** (Bold indicates student author)

- Ruva, C.L. (In Press). Pre-trial publicity's effects on jurors' and judges' decisions. In M. K. Miller, L. A. Yelder, J. A. Cantone, & M. Huss (Eds.), *Cambridge handbook of the psychology of legal decision-making*. Cambridge University Press.
- Ruva, C. L., **Smith, K. D., & Sykes, E. C.** (2023). Gender, generations, and guilt: Defendant gender and age affect jurors' decisions and perceptions in an intimate partner homicide trial. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605231191227>
- Jones, A. M. & Ruva, C. L. (2023). Implicit and ingrained: Reducing unconscious bias among jurors. In E. Verona & B. Fox (Eds.), *Routledge handbook of evidence-based criminal justice practices*. Routledge. <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8911-786X>
- Ruva, C. L., & **Sykes, E. C.** (2023). With theater, you have to be ready for anything: University response, expert testimony, and sample influence jurors' decisions and counterfactual endorsement in a crime control theater case. *Psychology, Crime & Law*, 29 (5), 488-513. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1068316X.2022.2027947>
- Ruva, C.L., **Sykes, E. C., Smith, K. D., Deaton, L. R., & Erdem, S.** (2022). Battling bias: Can two implicit bias remedies reduce juror racial bias? *Psychology, Crime & Law*. Advance online publication. <https://10.1080/1068316X.2022.2115494>
- Ruva, C. L., **Diaz Ortega, S.E., & O'Grady, K.A.** (2022). What drives a Jury's Deliberations? The influence of pretrial publicity and jury composition on deliberation slant and content. *Psychology, Public Policy, & Law*, 28(1), 32-52. <https://doi.org/10.1037/law0000310>
- Jones, A.M., **Wong, K., Meyers, C.N., & Ruva, C.L.** (2022). Trial by tabloid: Can implicit bias education reduce pretrial publicity bias? *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 49(2), 259-278. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548211026956>
- Ruva C. L., & Coy, A. (2020). Your bias is rubbing off on me: The impact of pretrial publicity and jury composition on guilt decisions, trial evidence interpretation, and impression formation. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 26 (1), 22-35. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1037/law0000220>
- Hudak, E. M.,** Edwards, J. D., Andel, R., Lister, J. J., McEvoy, C. L., Ruva, C. L., & **Peronto, C. L.** (2019). The comparative effects of two cognitive interventions among older adults residing in retirement communities. *Journal of Cognitive Enhancement*, 3 (4), 349-358. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41465-019-00125-8>
- Ruva, C. L. (2018). From the headlines to the jury room: An examination of the impact of pretrial publicity on jurors and juries. In M. K. Miller and B. H. Bornstein (Eds.). *Advances in Psychology and Law*. (Vol. 3, pp. 1-39). New York, NY: Springer. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-75859-6\\_1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-75859-6_1)
- Ruva, C. L., & **Guenther, C. C.** (2017). Keep your bias to yourself: How deliberating with differently biased others affects mock-jurors' guilt decisions, perceptions of the defendant, memories, and evidence interpretation. *Law and Human Behavior*, 41(5), 478-493. <https://doi.org/10.1037/lhb0000256>
- Ruva, C. L. (2016). The impact of pretrial publicity and need for cognition on mock-jurors' decisions and deliberation behavior. *International Journal of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences*, 6(1): 20-31 <https://10.5923/j.ijpbs.20160601.04>

**PUBLICATIONS** (Continued; **Bold** indicates student author)

- Ruva, C. L., & **Guenther, C. C.** (2015). From the shadows into the light: How pretrial publicity and deliberation affect mock jurors' decisions, impressions, and memory. *Law and Human Behavior*, 39(3), 294-310. <https://doi.org/10.1037/lhb0000117>
- Otto, A.L., Penrod, S., Dexter, H., Ruva, C.L., Guenther, C.C., Yarbrough, A., Steblay, N.M., Fulero, S.M., & Jimenez-Lorente, B. (2014). Preliminary hearing. *Psychology*, 21(1), 45-67.
- Ruva, C. L., **Dickman, M. C., & Mayes, J. L.** (2014). Exposure to both positive and negative pretrial publicity reduces or eliminates mock-juror bias. *International Journal of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences*, 4 (1). 30-40. <https://10.5923/j.ijpbs.20140401.05>
- Edwards, J. D., Ruva, C. L., O'Brien, J. L., Haley, C. B., Lister, J. J. (2013). An examination of mediators of the transfer of cognition speed of processing training to everyday functional performance. *Psychology and Aging*, 28, 314-321. <https://10.1037/a0030474>
- Ruva, C. L. & **Hudak, E.** (2013). Pretrial publicity and juror age affect juror decision making. *Psychology, Crime, & Law*. 19, 179-202. <https://10.1080/1068316X.2011.616509>
- Ruva, C. L., **Mayes, J. L., Dickman, M.C., & McEvoy, C.** (2012). Timing and type of pretrial publicity affect jurors' decisions, predecisional distortion, and emotion. *International Journal of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences*, 2, 108-119. <https://10.5923/j.ijpbs.20140401.05>
- Ruva, C. L. & **LeVasseur, M. A.** (2012). Behind closed doors: The effect of pretrial publicity on jury deliberations. *Psychology, Crime and Law*, 18, 431-452. <https://10.1080/1068316X.2010.502120>
- Ruva, C.L. (2011). Pretrial publicity affects jury decision making. In Carla E. Wilhelm (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Cognitive Psychology*. Nova Science Publishers: Hauppauge, NY.
- Ruva, C. L., **Guenther, C. C., & Yarbrough, A.** (2011). Deciphering the effects of positive and negative PTP: Examining the roles of impression formation, emotion and predecisional distortion. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 38, 511-534. <https://10.1177/0093854811400823>
- Ruva, C.L. (2010). *How Pretrial publicity affects jury decision making*. Nova Science Publishers: Hauppauge, NY.
- Ruva, C.L. (2010). Pretrial publicity affects jury decision making. In F. Columbus (Ed.) *Perspectives on cognitive psychology*. Nova Science Publishers: Hauppauge, NY.
- Ruva, C. L. & McEvoy, C. (2008). Negative and positive pretrial publicity affect juror memory and decision making. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*, 14, 226-235. <https://10.1037/1076-898X.14.3.226>
- 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. <https://10.1002/acp.1254>

**PUBLICATIONS** (Continued; **Bold** indicates student author)

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.  
<https://10.1111/j.1559-1816.2004.tb02593.x>

**TECHNICAL REPORTS, PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS & MEDIA PUBLICATIONS**

Brief for Supreme Court of the United States, as Amici Curiae Supporting Respondents, *United States of America v. Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev*, (2021) (no. 20-443).

[https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/20/20-443/188719/20210827141929242\\_20-443bsacShirinBakhshayTarikaDaftaryKapurYaelDanieliAngelaJonesMargaretBullKoveraStevenDPenrodChristineLRuva.pdf.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/20/20-443/188719/20210827141929242_20-443bsacShirinBakhshayTarikaDaftaryKapurYaelDanieliAngelaJonesMargaretBullKoveraStevenDPenrodChristineLRuva.pdf.pdf)

Ruva, C.L. & Michaels, J. L. (2018). Course sharing: Professional Seminar and Research Methods – Mock IRB Committee Assignment. *Society for the Teaching of Psychology* (APA, Div. 2): *e-Book Series*. <https://teachpsych.org/ebooks/index.php>.

Ruva, C.L. (2018). Bias, pretrial publicity, and deliberation. *Excited Utterance – Evidence and Proof Podcast*. The host of this program is Edward Cheng, Professor of Law at Vanderbilt Law School: <https://excitedutterance.com/listen?offset=153051480028>

Kays, J. (2018). Bias by Design: A psychology researcher seeks to tease out how pretrial publicity impacts jurors. *USFSM Research Magazine*. <https://issuu.com/usfsarasota-manatee/docs/issuu2>

Ruva, C.L. (2017, August). The question of a fair trial vs. a free press. *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.  
<http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20170831/question-of-fair-trial-vs-free-press>

Ruva, C. L. (2015). Source Monitoring Test. *APA Psyc Tests Database*

Stammers et al. (2015). POSTnote: Cognitive biases in court. House of Parliament: Parliamentary Office of Science & Technology. \*Contributor to this brief.

<http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/POST-PN-0512>

**PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS IN REFEREED JOURNALS** (**Bold** indicates student author)

**Porter, A., Cruz, J. P., & Ruva, C. L.** (2013). *The CSI Effect: Expectation of Forensic Evidence and its Effects on Juror Verdicts* *Journal of Forensic Research*, 4 (4), (Published abstract).

**PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES**

(**Bold** indicates student)

**Sykes, E.C., & Ruva, C.L.** (August 2023). The age of guilt: The effects of defendant age, victim age and stereotype on juror decisions. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Conference (APA), Washington, DC. (**Refereed**).

Ruva, C.L., **Sykes, E.C., & Smith, K.D.** (March 2023). Victim race and victim-juror race congruence affect jurors' decisions and perceptions. Poster to be presented at the *International Conference for Psychological Science* (APS), Brussels, Belgium. (**Refereed**)

**PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (Continued)**  
(**Bold** indicates student)

**Smith, K.D., Aguilera Paez, M., Sykes, E.,** Ruva, C. L. (March 2023). Vicarious violence: Effects of media exposure to violence against people of color on emotionality. Data Blitz to be presented at the *American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA. (**Refereed**)

**Sykes, E., Smith, K.D.,** Ruva, C. L. (March 2023). Is congruence key? The effects of victim race and victim-juror race congruence in a spousal murder trial. Paper to be presented at the *American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA. (**Refereed**)

Ruva, C.L., **Sykes, E.C., & Smith, K.D.** (March 2022). Gender, generations, and guilt: Defendant age & gender affect juror verdicts, impressions, and emotion. Poster to be presented at the *American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), Denver, Co. (**Refereed**)

Ruva, C. L., **Diaz Ortega, S. E., & O’Grady, K. A.** (March 2020). The Influence of Pretrial Publicity and Jury Composition on the Slant and Content of Deliberations. *Paper to be presented at the American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), New Orleans, LA. (**Refereed**)

**O’Grady, K. A.,** Ruva, C. L., & **Diaz Ortega, S. E.** (March 2020). Are Your Discussions Unbiased? The Effects Of Pretrial Publicity, Jury Type, and NFC on Jurors’ Discussion Slant During Deliberations. *Poster to be presented at the American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), New Orleans, LA. (**Refereed**)

**Diaz-Ortega, S., DeWeerd, L. J., Zabell, S. A., &** Ruva, C. L. (March 2019). Freedom of the press or fair trial? Pretrial publicity’s influence on jury deliberation content. *Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), Portland, Oregon. (**Refereed**)

**Diaz-Ortega, S. E.,** Ruva, C. L., **DeWeerd, L. J., & Zabell, S. A.,** (March 2019). Jury decision making: Pretrial publicity influences jury decisions and the content of jury deliberations. *Poster presented at the International Convention of Psychological Science (ICPS)*, Paris, France. (**Refereed**)

Ruva, C. L. (March 2019). Juror decision making: Effects of defendant age and sex on jurors’ verdicts, culpability judgements, and impressions of defendants and attorneys. *Poster presented at the International Convention of Psychological Science (ICPS)*, Paris, France. (**Refereed**)

Ruva, C. L. (2018, March,). Your bias is rubbing off on me: How deliberating with differently biased others influence jurors’ guilt decisions, interpretation of trial evidence, and impressions of defendants and victims. *Paper accepted to be presented at the American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), Memphis, TN. (**Refereed**)

Ruva, C.L. & Michaels, J. L. (2018, January). Course sharing: Professional Seminar and Research Methods – Mock IRB Committee Assignment. *Poster presented at the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology (NITOP) in St. Petersburg Florida.*

Ruva, C. L. & **Roberts, H.** (2018, March). What’s driving the decision? The effect of pretrial publicity and jury composition on the content of jury deliberations. *Paper accepted to be presented at the American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), Memphis, TN. (**Refereed**)

**PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (Continued)**  
(**Bold** indicates student)

- Diaz-Ortega, S., & Ruva, C.L.** (2017, November) Our Right to Bias? How Exposure to Pretrial Publicity Influences Gender Biases in Deliberations, Discussion of Trial Evidence and Judicial Instructions, and Verdicts. *Poster presented at the Meeting of the Society for Southeastern Social Psychologists (SSSP)*, Atlantic Beach, FL. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C. L., (2016, March). Keep Your Bias to Yourself: How Does Deliberating with Differently Biased Others Affect Jurors' Decisions, Memories, and Evidence Interpretation? Paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference (APA Div. 41), Atlanta, GA. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C. L., (2016, March). What Roles do Pretrial Publicity, Jury Composition, and Individual Characteristics Play in Jurors' Behavior and Decisions? Poster presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference (APA Div. 41), Atlanta, GA. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C. L., **Cimaszewski, F. A., & Adekanye, O.** (2015, March). Exploring the roles pretrial publicity, jury composition, and individual characteristics on juror deliberation behavior and decisions. Paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference (APA Div. 41), San Diego, CA. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C. L. (2014, July). How Do Jury Deliberations Affect Pretrial Publicity Bias? Symposium paper presented at the International Congress of Applied Psychology (Conference for the International Association of Applied Psychology), Paris, France. \*Symposium title: Media, Crime Perception and Judgment. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C. L., **Cimaszewski, F. A., & Cunningham, T.** (2014, March)). Exploring the roles of pretrial publicity and emotion on juror judgments in a criminal trial. Paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference (APA Div. 41), New Orleans, Louisiana. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C. L., **Cunningham, T. & Cimaszewski, F. A.** (2014, March). Deliberating with similarly versus dissimilarly biased individuals: Influence on jurors' decisions and impressions. Paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference (APA Div. 41), New Orleans, Louisiana. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C. L. (2013, October). Exploring What Goes on Behind Closed Doors: Pretrial Publicity and Jury Deliberations. Invited speaker/delegate paper presentation at the International Conference on Forensic Research and Technology, Las Vegas, NV. (**Refereed**)
- Porter, A., Cruz, J. P., & Ruva, C. L.** (2013, October). The CSI Effect: Expectation of Forensic Evidence and its Effects on Juror Verdicts. Poster presentation at the International Conference on Forensic Research and Technology, Las Vegas, NV. (**Refereed**)
- Alvarez-Ruiz, L. & Ruva, C. L.** (2013, October). Effects of Pretrial Publicity on Eyewitness Memory. Poster presentation at the International Conference on Forensic Research and Technology, Las Vegas, NV. (**Refereed**)

**PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (Continued)**  
(**Bold** indicates student)

- Ruva, C. L. (2013, March). The Influence of Different Types of Pretrial Publicity on Mock-Jurors' Decisions, Evidence Interpretation, and Emotions. Paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, Portland (APA Div. 41), Portland, Oregon. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C.L., **Worley, J. C., & Nieliwocki, M.** (2012, August). Pretrial publicity affects emotion, trial evidence interpretation, decisions, and victim credibility. Paper accepted and will be presented at the American Psychological Association Conference, Orlando, FL. (**Refereed**)
- Edwards, J. D., Ruva, C. L., Haley, C. B., & O'Brien, J. L., **Hudak, E. M.**, Lister, J. L. (April 2012). Divided attention gains mediate transfer of speed of processing training to everyday functioning. Paper submitted to be presented at the Cognitive Aging Conference, Atlanta, GA. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C.L., **Mayes, J. L., Dickman, M. C., & Worley, J. C.** (2012, March). Exposure to both positive and negative PTP can reduce or eliminate PTP bias and source memory errors. Symposium paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. (**Refereed**)
- Edwards, J. D., Ruva, C. L., Haley, C. B., & **Hudak, E. M.** (2011, September). Divided attention gains mediate transfer of speed of processing training to everyday functioning. Entertainment Software and Cognitive Neurotherapeutics Society Conference, San Francisco, CA. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C.L., **McGowan, A. M., Cirks, C. K., & Guenther, C. C.** (2011, March). The Impact of Pretrial Publicity and need for cognition on juror's decisions and deliberation behavior. American Psychology & Law Society *International Conference*, Miami, FL. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C.L., **Mayes, J. L., Dickman, M. C., & Guenther, C. C.** (2011, March). Timing and type of pretrial publicity affect jurors' decisions and predecisional distortion. American Psychology & Law Society *International Conference*, Miami, FL (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C.L. & **Hudak, E.M.** (2010, April). Pretrial publicity and juror age affect juror decision making. Paper presented at the Cognitive Aging Conference, Atlanta, GA. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C.L. & **Hudak, E.M.** (2010, March). Pretrial publicity and juror age affect juror decision making. Paper accepted to be presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, Vancouver, BC. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C. L., **Guenther, C. C., & Yarbrough, A.** (2010, March). The emotional decision maker: Jurors' emotional responses to pretrial publicity mediate their decisions. Paper accepted to be presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, Vancouver, BC. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C.L. & **Donaldson-Guenther, C.C.** (2009, March). Coding the effect of pretrial publicity on jury deliberations. Invited symposium paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, San Antonio, TX. (**Refereed**)
- Ruva, C.L., **LeVasseur, M.A., & Frei, A.M.** (2009, March). Behind closed doors: Pretrial publicity affects the nature and quality of mock-jury deliberations. Paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, San Antonio, TX. (**Refereed**)

**PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (Continued)**

- Donaldson-Guenther, C.C. & Ruva, C.L.** (2009, March). The effects of pretrial publicity on evidence evaluation: A story model framework. Paper presented at the American Psychology & Law Society Conference, San Antonio, TX. **(Refereed)**
- 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. **(Refereed)**
- 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. **(Refereed)**
- 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. **(Refereed)**
- Loftus, H.** & Ruva, C.L. (2007, March). Individual differences and their association with suggestibility and source monitoring errors. Paper presented at Off the Witness Stand: Using Psychology in the Practice of Justice, John Jay College, New York, NY. **(Refereed)**
- 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. **(Refereed)**
- 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. **(Refereed)**
- 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. **(Refereed)**
- Ruva, C. L. (2003, May). Does exposure to pretrial publicity affect juror's memory for trial facts? Paper presented at the American Psychological Society Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA. **(Refereed)**
- 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. **(Refereed)**
- 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. **(Refereed)**



**PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (Continued)**

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. **(Refereed)**

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. **(Refereed)**

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. **(Refereed)**

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. **(Refereed)**

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

**Journal & Grant Reviewer (Ad Hoc)**

1. Applied Cognitive Psychology
2. Behavioral Sciences and the Law
3. Communication Quarterly
4. Cambridge University Press
5. Communication Studies
6. Crime, Law, and Social Change
7. Criminal Justice & Behavior
8. Criminology & Public Policy
9. Journal of Applied Social Psychology
10. Journal of Experimental Psychology - Applied
11. Journal of Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology
12. Justice Quarterly
13. Law and Human Behavior
14. Legal and Criminological Psychology
15. NSF: Law & Social Science Program
16. Psychology, Crime, & Law
17. Psychiatry, Psychology, & Law

**Conference & Symposium Reviewer**

1. Reviewer for AP-LS conference submissions
2. Reviewer for APA conference for Div. 41 conference submissions
3. Reviewer & Judge for the Student Conferences at USF

**Jury Consulting and Expert Testimony**

- This work includes consulting on high-profile cases, writing reports for the court, and testifying in court as an expert witness regarding the impact of pretrial publicity on defendants' right to a fair trial guaranteed under the Sixth Amendment of the US Constitution. I have also consulted for other jury consultants in high-profile cases.

**Service to University, College, and Department (last 3 years)**

1. Campus Chair of Psychology (2020 – present)
2. Center for Justice Research & Policy - Leadership Team Member (2020-present):  
<https://www.usf.edu/arts-sciences/centers/cjrp/>
3. Psychology Executive Committee Member (2020 – present)
4. Annual Evaluation Committee Member (2020 – present)
5. CDP Graduate Program Task Force (2021)
6. USFSM Chair of Psychology (2008 - 2020)
7. Chair of the USFSM Tenure & Promotion Committee (2017-2018 & 2019-2020)
8. Member of the USFSM Tenure & Promotion Committee (2018-2019)
9. Chair of the College of Science & Mathematics Tenure & Promotion Committee (2016 – 2020)
10. Chair of the College of Science & Mathematics Annual Review Committee (2016-2020)
11. Chair Psychology Assessment Committee (2007 – 2019)
12. Member of Awards & Rewards Committee (2017 – 2019)

**RESEARCH SUPERVISION**

**Thesis and Dissertation Committees**

1. Elizabeth Sykes: Psychology Master's Thesis (Chair), University of South Florida
  - Dates of Service: May 2023 to present.
  - Title: "TBD"
2. Bailey Hall: Clinical Psychology Master's Thesis, University of South Florida
  - Dates of Service: February 2022 to present.
  - Edelyn Verona is the Chair of thesis committee.
  - Title: "The Effects of Psychopathy Trait Descriptions on Mock Juror Decision Making"
3. Natalie Gordon: Psychology Ph.D. candidate Psychology and Law at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
  - Date of Service: April 2019 – May 2021
  - Margaret Kovera is Chair this doctoral committee.
  - Title: "Increasing the Accuracy of Jurors' Self Reports of PTP Bias During *Voir Dire*"
4. Andrea Ranieri: Psychology (Cognitive, Neuro, & Social area) USF Tampa
  - Date of Service: April 2016 – May 2019 (successfully defended)
  - Sandy Schneider Chaired this doctoral committee
  - Dissertation Title: "Can too much (descriptive) information be a bad thing? The effects of a priori outcome information on choice preference"

**Thesis and Dissertation Committees (Continued)**

5. Lindsey Rhead: Psychology and Law Experimental Track Doctoral Student at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY)
  - Date of Service: November 2012 to July 2015
  - Margaret Kovera Chaired this doctoral committee
  - Dissertation Title: Juror Target Monitoring Errors in Multiple Defendant Trials
6. Stephanie Smith: Clinical Forensic Psychology, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
  - Date of Service: May 2010 to June 2014 (successfully defended)
  - Jim Iaccino Chaired this doctoral committee
  - Dissertation Title: Moral Disengagement and Jury Decision Making
7. Elizabeth Gagnon: Aging Studies, University of South Florida Tampa
  - Date of Service: September 2010 to July 2012 (successfully defended)
  - Jerri Edwards Chaired doctoral committee
  - Dissertation Title: The Effects of Cognitive Stimulation and Computerized Memory Training among Older Adults

**RESEARCH SUPERVISION (Continued)**

**Undergraduate: Honors Thesis & Senior Research Projects Chaired**

1. Laura Enciso (April 2022 – April 2023) – *Committee Chair*. Title “How do Individual Differences Influence Juror Decision Making? A Review on the Impact of Juror Bias on Cases of Domestic and Sexual Violence”
2. Alana Fleischer (October 2018 – December 2019) – *Committee Chair*. Title “Juror Decision Making Regarding Intellectual Disability”
3. Alexis Mansfield (Fall 2018 – December 2019) – *Committee Chair*. Title “Counterfactual Thinking About Crime Control Theater: Jurors’ Decision Making in a Registered”
4. Stephanie Diaz-Ortega (January 2017 – April 2019) – *Faculty Mentor* of Senior Research Project. Title "Our Right to Bias? How Exposure to Pretrial Publicity Influences Gender Biases in Deliberations, Discussion of Trial Evidence and Judicial Instructions, and Verdicts"
5. Priscilla Augustine (January 2015 – May 2017) – *Committee Chair*. Title “What are the Causes of Wrongful Convictions? The Relative Impact of Different Types of Forensic Evidence.”
6. Taylor Hill (January 2015 – December 2016) – *Committee Chair*. Title “Gender Bias in Jury Decisions: A Review of Current Literature.”
7. Roberts, Haley (June 2014 – Present) – *Committee Chair*. Title “Who’s making the decision? Effects of Pretrial Publicity on Jury Deliberations.”
8. Oluwatosin S. Adekanye, Psychology Honors (January 2014 – May 2015) – *Committee Member*. Title “A Re-visitation of Stanovich and West’s Cars Paradigm Study of Myside Bias.”
9. Ashley Porter and Justo Cruz (spring and fall 2013) – *Committee Chair*. Title “The CSI Effect: Expectation of Forensic Evidence and its Effects on Juror Verdicts.”

### **Undergraduate: Honors Thesis & Senior Research Projects Chaired (Continued)**

10. Lorena Alvarez-Ruiz, Psychology Honors (fall 2012 - fall 2013) – *Committee Chair*. Title “Effects of Pretrial Publicity on Eyewitness Memory.”
11. Jami Worley, Senior Research Project (2010-2011) – *Committee Chair*. Title “The Importance of Trial Ambiguity: Understanding the Influence of Pretrial Publicity on Jurors’ Decisions and Emotions”
12. Mary Dickman, Psychology Honors (2010-2011) – *Committee Member*. Title “Attitudes toward Sexist Language and Epicene Reference”
13. Christina Donaldson-Guenther, Psychology Honors (2007-2008) – *Committee Chair*. Title “The Effects of Pretrial Publicity on Evidence Evaluation: A Story Model Framework”
14. Vivian Lotts, Psychology Honors (2006-2007). Differences Matter? The Effects of Misinformation and Delay on Eyewitness Performance”
15. Shermel Ward, Psychology Honors (2006-2007) – *Committee Chair*. Title “Improving Healthy Families America’s Ability to Prevent Child Abuse in More Families throughout the United States”
16. Holly Carvalho-Loftus, Senior Thesis (2005-2006) – *Committee Chair*. Title “Individual Differences and Their Association with Suggestibility and Source Memory Errors”

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

1. Applied Cognitive Psychology
2. Cognitive Psychology
3. Child Psychology
4. Developmental Psychology
5. Directed Study/Research (Undergraduate & Graduate)
6. Learning
7. Psychology Honors & Thesis Supervision
8. Psychology Applied to Law
9. Psychology of Language
10. Perception
11. Professional-Seminar: Applying Psychology to the Legal System (Capstone Course)
12. Research Methods

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & AWARDS**

- 2022 USF Faculty Outstanding Research Achievement Award:  
<https://www.usf.edu/research-innovation/news/2022/outstanding-research-achievement-awards.aspx>
- American Psychological Association
- American Psychology – Law Society (Div. 41 APA)
- Association for Psychological Science
- International Association of Applied Psychology
- Psychonomic Society