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Brief VITA

TEACHING AWARDS

Nominated for the University-Wide Undergraduate Teaching Award (2008, 2009)
Nominated for the Council of Fellows Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award (2000, 2002, 2005, 2008)
Recipient of Teaching Award granted by student government (Spring 2004)

SELECTED ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- Nixon, C. L., & Werner, N. E. (2010). Reducing adolescents' involvement with relational aggression: evaluating the effectiveness of the Creating A Safe School (CASS) Intervention. *Psychology in the Schools*, in press.
- Coleman, P. K., Maxey, C. D., Spence, M., & Nixon, C. (2008). [Printed journal will be released early 2009.] Predictors and correlates of abortion in the fragile families and well-being study: Paternal behavior, substance use, and partner violence. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*. <<http://www.springerlink.com/content/k6q73h0225t75113/fulltext.html>>
- Nixon, C., Mansfield, P., & Thoms, M. (2008). Effectiveness of antismoking public service announcements on children's intent to smoke. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, 22(4), 496–503.
- Mansfield, P., Nixon, C., & Thoms, M. (2006). An exploratory analysis of the relationship between consumer socialization agents and children's consumption of tobacco. *Journal of College Teaching & Learning*, 3(1), 23–28.
- Werner, N. & Nixon, C. (2005). Normative beliefs and relational aggression: An investigation of the cognitive bases of adolescent aggressive behavior. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 34(3), 229–243.
- Nixon, C. & Watson, A. C. (2001). Family experiences and early emotion understanding. *Merrill-Palmer Quarterly*, 47(2), 300–322.
- Watson, A. C., Nixon, C., Wilson, A., & Capage, L. (1999). Social interaction skills and theory of mind in young children. *Developmental Psychology*, 35(2), 386–391.
- Nixon, C. & Cummings, E. M. (1999). Sibling disability and children's reactivity to conflicts involving family members. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 13(2), 274–285.

BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

- Dellasega, C. & Nixon, C. (2003). *Girl wars: 12 strategies that will end female bullying*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster.
- Nixon, C. (2007). What is relational aggression? In R. T. Tauber (Ed.), *Classroom management: Sound theory and effective practice* (4th ed., pp. 339–342). Portsmouth, NH: Greenwood. [Contributing author in Chapter 14, Bullying, pp. 333–345].

Foreword

Nixon, C. (2008). Foreword. In T. Ludwig, *Trouble Talk* (2 pp.). Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press. [Invited to write the foreword to this children's book addressing relational aggression].

BOOK REVIEWS

Nixon, C. (2008). Conducted a book review for Matlin's *Psychology of Women*, Thomson/Wadsworth Publishers.

Nixon, C. (2006). Conducted a book review for Santrock's *Child Development* text, McGraw-Hill Publishers.

SELECTED PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Nixon, C., Keifer, E., Sansone, E., & Hoffman, M. (2007, Spring). Forgiveness, negative emotional processes, and relational aggression: An exploratory study. *American Psychological Society National Convention*, Washington, DC, co-presenter.

Nixon, C. (2007, Spring). The science behind relational aggression: Research and strategies. Invited keynote for *Penn State's Conference on Bullying*, Penn State, College of Medicine, Milton Hershey Medical Center, Harrisburg, PA.

Nixon, C. & Baird, M. (2006, Spring). Protective factors and relational aggression. *American Psychological Society National Convention*, New York, NY, co-presenter.

Crane, J., Haase, E., Kazmerski, V., & Nixon, C. (2006, Spring). Familial socialization influences on relational aggression. *American Psychological Society National Convention*, New York, NY, co-presenter.

Mansfield, P., Nixon, C., & Thoms, M. (2005, Summer). An exploratory analysis of the relationship between consumer socialization agents and children's consumption of tobacco. Paper presented at the European Applied Business Research Conference, Island of Santorini, Greece, co-presenter.

Nixon, C., Kerschner, J., & Baird, M. (2004, Spring). Applying basic aggression research to the school context. *Human Development Conference*, Washington, DC, co-presenter.

Nixon, C. (2004, Spring). Covert aggression and children's adjustment. *Safe Schools Conference*, Columbus, OH, presenter.

SELECTED SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

(2008, Fall). Relational aggression: Health risks and protective factors. *Annual Peer Aggression Conference*, Chicago, IL, invited keynote speaker.

(2008, Summer). Navigating the turbulent waters of adolescence: What do we need to know? *Mount Vernon's Educator's Conference*, Mount Vernon, WA, invited keynote speaker.

(2007, Summer). Addressing relational aggression in the schools. *The Panhandle Area Educational Consortium*, Chipley, FL, invited speaker.

(2007, Summer). Integrating effective strategies to address relational aggression in the school context.

- Intermediate Unit (IU5) [Training for teachers and counselors in the Tri-state County], Edinboro, PA, invited speaker.
- (2007, Spring). Relational aggression, girls, and attitudes in the school setting. *Math Options Workshop for Area Teachers and Counselors*, Erie, PA, workshop presenter.
- (2006, Fall). Helping girls establish and maintain healthy relationships. *The Girl Scouts*, Casper, WY, invited keynote speaker.
- (2006, Summer). Female adolescent development and aggression. *California School Resource Officer's Association Conference*, San Diego, CA, invited keynote and workshop presenter.
- (2006, Spring). *Florida's Antibullying Conference*, Orlando, FL, invited keynote speaker.
- (2006, Spring). *Girls Matter Conference*, Detroit, MI, invited keynote speaker.
- (2005, Fall). Peering through the dark eyes of relational aggression. *National Anti-bullying Conference*, Atlanta, GA, invited keynote.
- (2005, Fall). Navigating the murky waters of adolescence & providing solutions for promoting positive peer relationships [2 workshops]. *National Ophelia Conference*, Tampa, FL, invited presenter.
- (2005, Fall). *The role of educators and nurses in addressing covert forms of aggression in Erie County*, Intermediate Unit, Edinboro, PA, invited speaker.
- (2005, Summer). *Relational aggression (RA) affects us all; What about YOU? Practical strategies for reducing RA*, Shawnee, OK, invited keynote speaker.
- (2005, Summer). The front line of relational aggression: Who sees it first? *2005 PSEA-DPS Annual Conference* [for school nurses], State College, PA, invited keynote.
- (2005, Summer). Addressing covert forms of peer aggression: What can counselors do? *National Guidance and Counseling Conference*, Orlando, FL, invited speaker.
- (2005, Spring). Covert aggression among adolescents: What does it look like? *Growing Girls for Greatness Conference*. Sponsored by the Child Welfare League of America, Scottsdale, AZ, workshop presenter.
- (2003, Summer). Understanding adolescent development. Tampa, FL, presenter.
- (2003, Summer). Program evaluation: Summative and formative evaluations in your community. Tampa, FL., invited presenter
- (2003, Spring). Relational aggression and adjustment. Santa Clara County Public Health Department, San Jose, CA, invited keynote presenter.
- (2003, Spring). Train the trainer workshop. National training session for CASS trainers [three workshops]: *Research and Relational Aggression, Program Evaluation, Moral Development and Aggression*, Chautauqua, NY, presenter.
- (2003, Spring). Aggression in the community. *Workshop for Educators*, Marietta, GA, invited presenter.

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS/PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- (2007–present). Serve as a developmental expert to an on-line educational Web site for parents, <www.imoms.com>
- (2008, Fall). Invited presenter for the Women’s Leadership Initiative in the Penn State College of Health and Human Development, *Relational Aggression and Older Adolescents*, State College, PA.
- (2008, Summer and 2006, Spring). Conducted trainings for senior management, creative team, and senior editors at *American Girl Corporate Headquarters*, Madison, WI.
- (2008, Spring). Practical strategies for counselors: Addressing relational aggression in the school context. *Westminster College’s Graduate Counseling Program*, New Wilmington, PA, invited keynote speaker.
- (2007, Fall). Addressing covert forms of aggression in and out of the classroom. *Westminster College’s Graduate Counseling Program*, New Wilmington, PA, invited speaker.
- (2007, Spring). The importance of screening for peer aggression. Lecture series for Case Western’s medical community associated with *Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital*, Cleveland, OH, invited speaker.
- (2006, Fall). Strategies to promote healthy adolescent development: A new look at constructive and destructive behaviors. The Barstow School, Kansas, MO, invited workshop presenter.
- (2006, Fall). Provided in-service for the staff at The Ophelia Project, *Strategies to promote healthy student development*, Saint Vincent Health Center, Erie, PA.
- (2006, Summer). Adolescent development and covert aggression. Bromley Brook Boarding School, Manchester, VT, invited keynote speaker.
- (2006, Spring). Staten Island School, Staten Island, NY, invited speaker.
- (2005, Fall). Invited speaker for the Jamestown School Board, *Promoting positive relationships; strategies for our schools*, Jamestown, NY.
- (2005, Summer). Domestic violence and relational aggression: What is the connection? *Domestic Violence and Educators Conference*, Providence, RI, invited keynote speaker.
- (2005, Spring). Served as a moderator for *Covert Aggression in the Workplace*. This was a community event coordinated by The Ophelia Project, designed for professionals in all areas of business, sponsored by Erie Insurance, Erie, PA.
- (2005, Spring). Practical solutions for unraveling the power of relational aggression. Garden City School District, Garden City, NY, invited speaker.
- (2004, Fall). Building character: Going beyond the “boy code.” Collaborative effort with St. George School, in Erie, PA, presenter.
- (2004, Fall). Strategies for addressing covert aggression in the schools. Workshop available to all educators locally and nationally, Erie, PA, presenter.
- (2004, Summer). Aggression training for teachers, staff, and counselors. Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua, NY.