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Education

PH.D. | 2018 | UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

Psychology: Consciousness and Society

- Dissertation: Grant, A. S. (2018). Beyond buffering: An empirical investigation of the interconnective self-construal as a mediator in existential death anxiety (2018-48576-011). ProQuest Information & Learning.

M.A. | 2011 | UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

Humanistic Psychology

B.A. | 2006 | WARREN WILSON COLLEGE

Psychology

Honors, Awards, and Grants

ALUMNI FUND AWARD | 2022 | PRESCOTT COLLEGE

Monetary award to fund an international research project exploring the growing Care Farming movement in Europe.

HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGY AWARD | 2011 | UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

Nominated by faculty to receive scholarship in recognition of accomplishment in the field of humanistic psychology.

Academic/Teaching Interests

- Critical Psychology
- Compassion and Altruism
- Buddhist Psychology
- Transpersonal/Ecopsychology
- Existential Psychology
- Prejudice, Stereotyping, and Prosocial Behaviors
- Self/Subjectivity
- Consciousness
- Queer/Sex/Gender/Sexuality/Feminist Theory

Teaching and Leadership Positions

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR – BA PSYCHOLOGY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

| 2022-PRESENT | PRESCOTT COLLEGE

- Oversee curriculum and assessment
- Maintain curriculum maps, learning outcomes, and concordance tables
- Hire/oversee teaching faculty

- Advise students
- Collaborate with fellow program directors
- Evaluate/adjust program to meet licensure, institutional, and student needs

GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR – MA CRITICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND HUMAN SERVICES

| 2019-PRESENT | PRESCOTT COLLEGE

- Oversee curriculum and assessment
- Maintain curriculum maps, learning outcomes, and concordance tables
- Hire/oversee teaching faculty
- Advise students
- Collaborate with fellow program directors
- Evaluate/adjust program to meet licensure, institutional, and student needs
- Lead developer of program starting Spring 2019; conducted market research and worked with team of faculty and staff to launch program in Spring 2020.

FACULTY | 2018-PRESENT | PRESCOTT COLLEGE

Sample of Courses Taught (mix of face-to-face and online courses):

- Undergraduate
 - Doing Good: Compassion and Sustainable Caring
 - Sexuality and Sexual Outlaws
 - Care Farming
 - Psychology of Consumerism
 - F-Word: Feminism, Women, and Social Change
 - Interpersonal Communication
 - Transpersonal Psychology
 - Positive Psychology and Social Engagement
 - Ecopsychology
 - Introduction to Psychology
- Graduate
 - Critical Theoretical and Historical Foundations of Psychology
 - Doing Good: Compassion and Sustainable Caring
 - Psychology of Consumerism
 - Capstone

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT | 2015-2018 | UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

- Introduction to Psychology (face-to-face and online formats)

Institutional Service (Committees and Workgroups)

- Faculty Compensation and Workload Evaluation Taskforce – Summer 23
- Courshedog End-User Testing Workgroup – Summer 23
- Faculty Trustee (Elected Prescott College Board of Trustees Faculty Representative) – Summer 23 – present
- Racial Justice and Inclusion Committee – Spring 2023 – present
- Graduate Colloquium Committee – Fall 2022 – present
- Undergraduate Steering Committee – Fall 2022 – present
- Graduate Steering Committee – Spring 2019 – present

- Academic Council – Fall 2019 – present
- Faculty Evaluation Committee Member (Keith Cross)—Spring 2022
- LMS Canvas Steering Committee – Spring 2022 – Fall 2022
- Faculty Search Committee for Psychology and Human Development Faculty – Spring 2022
- Faculty Evaluation Committee Member (Cecil Goodman)—Spring 2021
- Faculty Evaluation Committee Member (Vicky Young)—Spring 2020
- Budget Super-Committee—Spring – Summer 2020
- Graduate Program Collaboration Subcommittee – Spring 2020 – Fall 2022
- Graduate Research Curriculum Sub-Subcommittee – Spring 2020 - Fall 2020
- Core Curriculum Workgroup – Fall 2018, Spring 2020 – Fall 2022
- Faculty Search Committee for MSCP (Counseling) Associate Faculty – Spring 2020
- Faculty Search Committee for Interdisciplinary Faculty – Fall 2019
- Faculty Search Committee for Psychology and Human Development Associate Faculty – Fall 2019
- Degree Plan Committee – Fall 2019 – 2022

Dissertation, Theses, and Core Faculty Service

- Serving as Core Faculty for Marnee Weber, PC MAIS student, 2022 – present
- Serving as Dissertation Committee Member for Mathew Polsky, Erasmus University doctoral student, 2022 – present
- Serving as Dissertation Committee Member for James Snook, PC doctoral student, 2021 – present
- Serving as Core Faculty and Dissertation Chair for Jocelyn Pereira, PC doctoral student, 2020 – present
- Service as Core Faculty for Christopher Campbell, PC MAIS student, 2021 – 2023
- Served as Core Faculty for Hannah O’Wilder, PC MAIS student – 2020-2021
- Served as Core Faculty and Dissertation Chair for Sakenya McDonald, PC doctoral student, “Take Good Care: Examining the Impacts of Institutional Power on Self-Realization in Twice-Exceptional Girls of Color.” 2018 – 2022
- Collaborated with student, Sakenya McDonald, on conference presentation (2019) and publication (2020)
- Served as thesis Chair for Krista Ng, PC masters student “Holistic Approaches for Facilitating Healing for Sex Trafficking Survivor,” 2019

Research Experience

FIELD RESEARCH | 2022 | PRESCOTT COLLEGE

- Secured funding and developed plan for study of Care Farming across Europe
 - *Visited more than a dozen Care Farming sites across the UK, Germany, and Italy*
 - *Conducted interviews with program directors, service providers, clients, and volunteers*
 - *Participated in activities with other volunteers and clients*

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR | 2016-2018 | UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

- Conducted original empirical research in four experimental studies:
 - *Exploring the Effects of Mortality Salience on Transhuman Attitudes*
 - *Investigating the Role of Self in Terror Management Theory: Loss of Self*
 - *Investigating the Role of Self in Terror Management Theory: Dying to Save the Self*
 - *Does Interconnective Self-Construal Priming Decrease Death Anxiety and Islamophobia?*

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT | 2014-2015 | UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA, DR. ALAN POPE (ADVISOR)

- Assisted with theoretical research on several topics including consumerism, humanistic education, and Buddhist studies.

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT | 2009-2011 | UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA, NEUROSCIENCE LABORATORY, DR. DON RICE (ADVISOR)

- Engaged in original empirical research on the facilitation of empathy through music.
- Directed and oversaw undergraduate research assistants.
- Used a variety of sensory feedback equipment, including electroencephalograph (EEG), heart rate variability (HRV), galvanic skin response (GSC), and others.

Publications

ARTICLES

- Grant, S. (In press). The secret of care farming's growing success? Meaning, connection, and a good cup of tea. *Human Services Today*.
- Grant, S. (2022). Professional burnout is not your fault: Radical approaches for moving from empathic fatigue to compassion satisfaction. *Human Services Today*, 3(1).
<https://www.nationalhumanservices.org/human-services-today-magazine>
- Grant, A. S. (2022). Inviting our monsters to tea: Sexual difference, the monstrous feminine, and what might become. *Journal of Constructivist Psychology*, 35(3), 1106–1110.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10720537.2021.1895011>.
- Grant, A. S. (2019). Will human potential carry us beyond human? A humanistic inquiry into transhumanism. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, 1–15. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022167819832385>

CHAPTERS

- Grant, A. S. (2018). “What exactly are we trying to accomplish? The role of desire in transhuman visions.” In C. Mercer & T. J. Trothen (Eds.), *Religion and Human Enhancement: Death, Values, and Morality*, New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

BOOKS

- Morris, B., O'Gwin, C., Grant, S., and McDonald, S. (2020). *Subjectivity in psychology in the era of social justice*, New York, NY: Routledge.

Presentations

- *How the Humanities Cultivate Wisdom in Psychology: The Problem of Certainty* (Presentation and Guided Discussion), APA Division 24 (Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology) Spring Conference, 2023
- *Celebrate Today to Keep the Despair at Bay* (Presentation and Guided Discussion), Prescott College Graduate Colloquium, 2023
- *Radical Approaches to Addressing Burnout* (Presentation and Guided Discussion), Prescott College Graduate Colloquium, 2022
- *Radical Approaches to Addressing Burnout* (Presentation and Guided Discussion), National Organization of Human Services Virtual Symposium, 2022

- *Make Way for Humans: Practical Approaches to Avoid Dehumanizing Theoretical Dogma in the Classroom* (Panel Chair and Presenter), APA Convention, 2022
- *Compassion and Sustainable Caring* (Presentation and Guided Discussion), Prescott College Counseling Colloquium, 2022
- *Beyond Denial and Despair: Exploring Compassion Practices for Working with Adverse Climate Change Reactions* (Presentation and Guided Discussion), Prescott College Graduate Colloquium, 2021
- *Theory and Praxis in Diverse Institutional and Sociocultural Contexts* (Panel Chair and Presenter), APA Division 24 (Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology) Midwinter Conference, 2020
- *Calling out Classroom Call-Outs* (Presentation and Guided Discussion), APA Division 24 Midwinter Conference, 2020
- *Addressing the Empty Self: Toward Socially-Just Subjectivities* (Paper), APA Division 24 Midwinter Conference, 2019
- *Engineering Immortality: Exploring the Effects of Mortality Salience on Transhuman Attitudes* (Paper), APA Division 24 Midwinter Conference, 2018.
- *The Role of Psychology in the Emerging Transhuman Subject* (Paper), APA Division 24 Midwinter Conference, 2017
- *Desire Be Our Guide: A Buddhist Critique of Desire and Aversion in the Transhuman Movement* (Paper), APA Division 36 Midyear Conference, 2017
- *Using Qualtrics in Experimental Research* (Guest Lecture), University of West Georgia, 2017
- *On Progress: A Psychological Inquiry into the Making of the Future* (Poster), APA Annual Convention, Division 32, 2016
- *Spiritual, Religious, and Psychological Implications of Transhuman Technologies* (Directed Discussion), APA Annual Convention: Division 36 Hospitality Suite, 2016
- *Will Human Potential Carry Us Beyond Being Human? A Humanistic Inquiry into Transhuman Pursuits* (Paper), Duquesne/University of West Georgia Human Science Symposium, 2016
- *Self as Worldview: A Buddhist Perspective on the Problem of Terror Management* (Poster), APA Division 36 Midyear Conference, 2016
- *Trying Not to Die – An Existential Exploration of Radical Life Extension Technologies* (Paper), University of West Georgia Student Psychology Annual Research Conference, 2015
- *The Science of Consumption: Modern Implications of an Ancient Reward System* (Paper), University of West Georgia Student Psychology Annual Research Conference, 2011.
- *Relationships Between Cognitive Flexibility, Mindfulness, And Meditation* (Paper), Carolinas Undergraduate Psychology Conference, 2006.

Professional Development Trainings and Events

- Completed 5-week “Power and Responsibility: Doing Philosophy with Superheroes” course through SmithsonianX (in collaboration with HarvardX; 2023)
- Citi Training - Social & Behavioral Research - Basic/Refresher (2022)
- Completed 4-week “Religious Literacy: Traditions and Scriptures” course through HarvardX (2022)
- Cognitive-Based Compassion Training 8-Week Course (2021; offered through Emory University’s Center for Contemplative Science and Compassion-Based Ethics)
- Critically Conscious, Community-Responsive Curriculum Design and Pedagogy Workshop (2020; hosted by Prescott College)
- HyFlex and Online Teaching Workshop (2020; hosted by Prescott College)
- Institute on Block Plan and Intensive Teaching & Learning (2020; hosted by Colorado College)

- Academics for Black Survival and Wellness Week (2020; week-long workshop; hosted by Academics for Black Survival and Wellness)
- Social, Emotional, and Ethical Learning Session (2020; hosted by Center for Contemplative Science and Compassion-Based Ethics)
- Citi Training - Social & Behavioral Research - Basic/Refresher (2019)

Other

- Associate Editor for Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology (emphasis on Queer Theory/Issues). (2023 – present).
- Review Editor on the Editorial Board of Cultural Psychology (specialty section of *Frontiers in Psychology*; 2021-present).
- Interviewed for Mad in America Podcast, Ingle, M. (Host). (2022, January 12). Sebastienne Grant – Critical Psychology for a Better Society (Audio podcast episode]. In *Mad in America: Rethinking Mental Health*. Mad in America.
<https://www.madinamerica.com/2022/01/critical-psychology-better-society-interview-sebastienne-grant/>
- Interviewed for National Organization of Human Services Roundtable, Gilbert, K. (Host). (2021, December 13). Self, Service, & Societal Well Being with Dr. Sebastienne Grant, Ph.D [Video podcast episode]. In *NOHS Roundtable*. NOHS Organization. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_5sB-IbIJcg
- Featured in Course Hero's Best Lessons Series, Donovan, D. (2019, May 19). *7 Ways to Cultivate Compassion in the Classroom—Faculty Club*.
<https://www.coursehero.com/faculty-club/classroom-tips/amanda-sebastienne-grant/>