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## Education

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS, Richardson, Texas

### Ph.D. in Psychological Sciences

2009

Dissertation: "*Development of Infant-Directed-Speech Categorization: Effects of Facial-Vocal Synchrony*"

Advisor: Dr. Melanie Spence • Completed: Fall 2009

Qualifying Thesis: "*Faces and Categorizing Infant-Directed Speech*"

Advisor: Dr. Melanie Spence • Completed: Fall 2006

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, College Station, Texas

### B.S. in Psychology, *cum laude*

2002

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## Professional Experience

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

Richardson, Texas

### Assistant Professor of Instruction • Department of Psychology

2021 - present

### Lecturer • Department of Psychology

2020-2021

- Prepared and delivered engaging, lectures for diverse, undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in Lifespan Development, Cognitive Development, Infancy, Introduction to Psychology, and Research Methods courses.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Atlanta, Georgia

### Part-Time Instructor • Department of Psychology

2016- 2019

### Visiting Lecturer • Department of Psychology

2013 - 2015

- Prepared and delivered engaging lectures for diverse, undergraduate students enrolled in both traditional and hybrid sections of the following courses: Introduction to Psychology, Developmental Psychology; Advanced Research Design and Analysis
- Worked with fellow faculty members on research investigating teaching methods. Projects included comparing traditional and hybrid sections, and the effectiveness of online adaptive learning programs.

NEVADA STATE UNIVERSITY

Henderson, Nevada

### Online Instructor • Department of Psychology

2016-2017

- Prepared and designed an online course, including video lectures, for diverse, undergraduate students enrolled in Perception.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

Gainesville, Georgia

### Part-Time Instructor • Department of Psychology

2013

- Prepared and delivered engaging lectures for undergraduate students enrolled in Lifespan Development.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY - EAST BAY

Hayward, California

### Lecturer • Department of Psychology

2012

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- Prepared and delivered engaging lectures for diverse, undergraduate students enrolled in Developmental Psychology and Methods of Investigation in Psychology.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS  
Richardson, Texas

**Lecturer I • School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences**

2010

- Prepared and delivered engaging lectures for diverse, graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in Experimental Projects, Research Design and Analysis, and a graduate course on the Developing Child: Infants and Toddlers.

**Lab Manager • Infant Learning Project (Melanie Spence)**

2004 – 2009

- Coordinated research projects with infants, including:
  - Infant-directed speech categorization
  - Facial affect categorization
  - Audio-visual speech perception
  - Other-race effect

**Teaching Assistant • School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences**

2004 – 2008

- Assisted faculty and lecturers in various courses as assigned by the Dean of Graduate Studies of the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences.

**Pre-doctoral Teaching Associate • School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences**

2008

- Prepared and delivered engaging lectures for undergraduate students enrolled in Statistics for Psychology.

ADAPT OF TEXAS  
Dallas, Texas

2002 – 2004

**Community Support Specialist**

- Provided community based skills training, service coordination, and treatment planning as a qualified mental health professional for 20-40 low-income adults with severe mental illness and low GAF scores.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
College Station, Texas

**Research Supervisor / Assistant • Infant Cognition Lab (Teresa Wilcox)**

2001 – 2002

- Conducted and supervised research investigating infants' development of object knowledge.

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## Teaching Experience

**Introduction to Psychology:** Traditional large-lecture format, hybrid and online courses for sections of 100+ undergraduates from diverse majors.

**Developmental Psychology:** Traditional, hybrid and online courses: 2000-level lifespan development; 4000-level child development; Infancy (upper-division undergraduate); Cognitive Development (upper-division undergraduate); Infants and Toddlers (Graduate course)

**Perception:** Upper division online undergraduate course.

**Research Methods:** Traditional, hybrid and online courses: Introductory and advanced courses for undergraduates including a senior level experimental projects course.

**Statistics:** Traditional, hybrid and online courses: introductory and advanced courses for undergraduates and graduate students

**Online video lectures (2014 - 2019) are available at:** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHWccRUr\\_yd9rh0ZAfM8CyQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHWccRUr_yd9rh0ZAfM8CyQ)

As of 2/2023: 7.16K followers; Most watched (Factorial Design) lecture has 102K views.

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## Grants and Awards

**Redecker Fellowship in Child Studies • Initial Recipient**, in recognition for an outstanding graduate student in the Psychological Sciences program, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, 2008

**International Society on Infant Studies Student Travel Award, 2008**

**Office of Graduate Studies Student Travel Award, University of Texas at Dallas, 2008**

**Dissertation Support Grant, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences - University of Texas at Dallas, 2008**

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## **Professional Membership**

**Society for the Teaching of Psychology**

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## **Professional Service**

**Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism (Psychology Standing Committee) • Member**  
Subcommittees: Comet Cupboard Food Drive, Book/Movie/Podcast Club

**School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences Undergraduate Scholarship Committee • Member**

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## **Development and Workshops**

2023 **Effective Teaching Practices: Designing Learner-Centered and Equitable Courses**  
University of Texas at Dallas, Cohort C - Association of College and University Educators  
• Module Badges earned or submitted: Aligning Learning Experiences with Course Outcomes; Creating Equity with Checklists and Rubrics; Developing Equitable Grading Practices

2022 **Life and Work Balance in Academia**  
Faculty Mentoring Workshop, The University of Texas at Dallas

**Effective Teaching Practices: Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Learning Environment**  
University of Texas at Dallas, Cohort C - Association of College and University Educators  
• Module Badges earned: Leading the First Day of Class; Promoting a Civil Learning Environment; Ensuring Equitable Access to Learning; Helping Students Persist in Their Studies; Embracing Diversity in Your Classroom; Checking for Student Understanding; Providing Useful Feedback

**Navigating Difficult Moments in Teaching Diversity and Social Justice**  
Center for Teaching and Learning, The University of Texas at Dallas

**Effective Teaching Practices: Promoting Active Learning**  
University of Texas at Dallas, Cohort C - Association of College and University Educators  
• Module Badges earned: Developing Effective Class Sessions and Lectures; Teaching Powerful Note-Taking Skills; Using Groups to Ensure Active Learning; Using the Active Learning Cycle; Planning Effective Class Discussions; Facilitating Engaging Class discussions

**Effective Teaching Practices: Designing Learner-Centered and Equitable Courses**  
University of Texas at Dallas, Cohort C - Association of College and University Educators  
• Module Badges earned: Ensuring Learner-Centered Outcomes; Designing Aligned Assessments and Assignments

2021 **Teach-In on Trans Recognition, Respect, and Rights in Higher Education**  
School of Arts and Humanities, The University of Texas at Dallas

**Menstrual Equity Teach-In**  
School of Arts and Humanities, The University of Texas at Dallas

**Annual Conference on Teaching**  
Society for the Teaching of Psychology, Division 2 of the American Psychological Association

**Understanding Implicit Bias in the Classroom - How Implicit Bias Impacts Teaching, Student Learning, and the Sense of Belonging**

Center for Teaching and Learning, The University of Texas at Dallas

**Safe Zone Ally Training**

Galerstein Gender Center, The University of Texas at Dallas

**Back to the future: Preparing Faculty, and Preparing Faculty to be Student-Ready, for the Return to Campus**

Center for Teaching and Learning, The University of Texas at Dallas

**Decolonizing Psychology Training Conference**

Teachers College, Columbia University

2020 **Is Higher Education Ready to (Really) Talk About Race?**

Center for Teaching and Learning, The University of Texas at Dallas

**Research Statement**

Broadly, I am fascinated by the cognitive abilities of infants and young children. In graduate school, I focused my interests on infant categorization. Specifically, my dissertation investigated the role of audio-visual synchrony on 4- and 6-month-old infants' abilities to categorize infant-directed speech. As a lecturer, I have turned my research efforts towards successful teaching methods. I was part of a research group that investigated learning objectives in both traditional and hybrid courses for an upper division research methods and statistics course. I was also on the team of Psychology instructors who participated in university-wide Gates Foundation grant looking at the effectiveness of online adaptive learning programs on student learning outcomes.

## Publications, Posters, and Presentations

- Goode, C. T., Lamoreaux, M., **Atchison, K. J.**, Jeffress, E. C., Lynch, H. L., & Sheehan, E. (2018). Quantitative Skills, Critical Thinking, and Writing Mechanics in Blended Versus Face-to-Face Versions of a Research Methods and Statistics Course. *Teaching of Psychology, 45*(2), 124–131. <https://doi-org.ezproxy.gsu.edu/10.1177/0098628318762873>
- Goode, C., Lamoreaux, M., Sheehan, E., **Atchison, K. K.**, Jeffers, E. & Lynch, H.L. (2017, January). *Quantitative Skills, Critical Thinking, and Writing Mechanics in Blended vs. Face-to-Face Course Sections*. Poster presented at the 39th Annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Atchison, K. K.** & Spence, M. J. (2010, March). *Development of Infant-Directed Speech Categorization: Effects of Facial-Vocal Synchrony*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the International Conference on Infant Studies, Baltimore, MD.
- Atchison, K. K.**, Spence, M. J., & Shepard, K. G. (2010, March). The Impact of Faces on Infants' Categorization of Infant-Directed Speech: Change from 4 to 6 Months. In C. H. Cashon (Chair), *Changes and Complexities in Face Processing during the Middle of the First Year*. Symposium to be conducted the International Conference on Infant Studies, Baltimore, MD.
- Atchison, K. K.**, Shepard, K. G., & Spence, M. J. (2009, October). *Categorization of Infant-Directed Speech: Processing Asynchronous Audio-Visual Speech*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Atchison, K. K.**, Spence, M. J., & Touchstone, E. W. (2009, April). *Categorization of Synchronous Infant-Directed Speech by 4- and 6-Month-Old Infants*. Poster to be presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.
- Atchison, K. K.**, Spence, M. J., & Touchstone, E. W. (2008, March). The impact of faces on infants' categorization of infant-directed speech. In M. Goldstein (Chair), *New functions of Infant-directed speech: Evidence from word learning and categorization*. Symposium conducted the International Conference on Infant Studies, Vancouver, BC.
- Atchison, K. K.**, Spence, M. J., & Touchstone, E. W. (2008, March). *Disruption of six-month-olds infant-directed speech categorization in the presence of faces*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the International Conference on Infant Studies, Vancouver, BC.
- Touchstone, E. W., Spence, M. J., & **Atchison, K. K.** (2008, March). *Infants' categorization of dynamic faces: Changes from 6 to 10 months*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the International Conference on Infant Studies, Vancouver, BC.
- Atchison, K. K.** & Spence, M. J. (2007, March). *Four-month-old infants' categorization of infant-directed speech when viewing female, male, and scrambled faces*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston, MA.
- Kuhlman-Atchison, K.** & Spence, M. J. (2006, April). *The influence of social context on 4-month-olds' categorization of infant-directed speech*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Human Development, Fort Worth, TX.
- Spence, M. J., **Atchison, K. J.**, Granado, E., & Soloksy, J. (2005, October). *A test of voice familiarity effects on 4-month-olds' categorization of infant-directed speech*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, San Diego, CA.