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**Current Position:** Professor of Psychology, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA

**Employment History**

Mansfield University

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| Full Professor      | 2019-present |
| Associate Professor | 2010-2019    |
| Assistant Professor | 2005-2010    |

**Education**

**D. C. J.**

**Expected Spring 2023**

Doctor of Criminal Justice  
California University of Pennsylvania

**M.A.**

**December 2020**

Criminal Justice Studies: Applied Criminology  
California University of Pennsylvania

**Ph.D.**

**August 2005**

Life-Span Developmental Psychology  
West Virginia University

**M.A.**

**December 2002**

Life-Span Developmental Psychology  
West Virginia University

**B.A.**

**May 2000**

Psychology  
Waynesburg College (University), *summa cum laude*  
Minor: Philosophy

**Teaching Experience***Undergraduate**Course Instructor, Department of Psychology, Mansfield University*

- Cognition & Memory with Lab
- Forensic Psychology (online and in-classroom)
- Child Forensic Psychology
- Psychology of Family Relations
- Research Methods I (online and in-classroom)
- Research Methods II
- Senior Seminar
- Learning and Cognition with Lab
- Life-Span Development (Online and in-classroom)
- First Year Seminar: Understanding Paranormal Experiences
- Child Psychology (online only)
- Adolescent Psychology (online and in-classroom)
- Adult Development and Aging
- Introduction to General Psychology (Online and in-classroom)
- Psychological Disorders
- Survey Research Methods
- Death and Dying
- Experimental I: Learning with Lab

*Department of Psychology, West Virginia University (Graduate Teaching Assistant)*

Research Methods in Psychology, Course Instructor  
 Research Methods in Psychology, Lab Instructor  
 Applying to Graduate School, Course Instructor  
 Introduction to Human Development, Course Instructor  
 Introduction to Psychology, Course Instructor

*Graduate-level Teaching Experience**Department of Psychology, Waynesburg College*

Lifespan Development Online/Hybrid, Course Facilitator,  
 Instructor (Fall 2004)

**Research Interests**

## Forensic Psychology

- Wrongful Convictions
  - Factors that contribute to wrongful convictions
  - Investigative strategies to reduce wrongful convictions

- Memory and suggestibility across the lifespan
  - Individual differences in suggestibility across the lifespan
  - Cognitive factors such as developmental level of children and age-related memory differences
  
- Violent Criminal Behavior, Psychopathology, and Punishment
  - Developmental precursors to criminal behavior
  - Personality difference among psychopaths, violent psychopaths, and healthy controls
  - Personality differences in ability to withstand solitary confinement
  - Identifying mental state and malingering among violent criminals

### Research Experience

#### **Mansfield University**

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| 1/20 – 5/20   | <p><b>Examining Demographic Differences in the Use of Prosocial Programs in Maximum Security Prisons</b><br/>         Faculty Supervisor for Brittany Reynolds,<br/>         Independent Study</p>                                      |
| 8/18 – 12/18  | <p><b>The Influence of Childhood Threat and Deprivation on College Student Adjustment</b><br/>         Faculty Supervisor for Cassidy Colton, Independent Study</p>                                                                     |
| 1/18 – 5/18   | <p><b>Opioid Stigmatization Influences Sentencing Decisions Among Mock Jurors</b><br/>         Faculty Supervisor for Drew Mitchell, Independent Study</p>                                                                              |
| 08/16 – 5/17  | <p><b>Are Criminals Inevitably Subject to the Lie Bias?</b><br/>         Faculty Supervisor for Katlynn McDaniels,<br/>         Independent Study</p>                                                                                   |
| 08/15 – 12/15 | <p><b>The Influence of Victim Impact Statements For and Against Capital Punishment on Mock Jurors' Sentencing Recommendations</b><br/>         Faculty Supervisor for research conducted by members of the Psychology Research Club</p> |

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- 08/12 – 05/13      **The Influence of Attachment on Jealousy and Mate Retention Tactics**  
Faculty Supervisor for Erin Ratliff, Independent Study
- 01/12 – 05/12      **Positive Mood Predicts Lower Levels of Suggestibility**  
Faculty Supervisor for Samantha Macnamara, Honors Independent Research Study
- 08/11 – 05/12      **An Analysis of False Memory and Suggestibility on Eyewitness Testimony**  
Faculty Supervisor for Stephen Jackson, Independent Study
- 08/10 – 05/11      **An Investigation of Successful Aging**  
Faculty Supervisor for Amanda Longey, Independent Study
- 08/09 – 05/10      **Resilience Among Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse**  
Faculty Supervisor for Ronda Girardi, Independent Study
- 08/09 – 12/09      **Racial Bias Among Rural Police Officers**  
Faculty Supervisor for Emily Pica, Independent Study
- 09/08 – 12/08      **The Relationship Between Leadership Training and Conflict Resolution**  
Faculty Supervisor for Thomas Walker, Independent Study
- 01/08 – 08/08      **Coping with Poverty in Tioga County**  
Poverty Task Force Research Report, in collaboration with the Tioga County Partnership for Community Health
- 09/07 – 05/08      **Psychosocial Factors Affecting College-Age Students' Suggestibility**  
Faculty Supervisor for Jake Penvose, Independent Study
- 10/07 – 05/08      **Does Separation from Cell Phones Interfere with A Student's Ability to Attend to and Process Information?**  
Funded through Mansfield University's Alternate Work Assignment Grant

- 08/06 – 12/07      **The Influence of Intentionality of Crime and Stimulus Ambiguity on Mock Jurors' Ratings of Culpability and Sentencing**  
Faculty Supervisor for Allison Simpson,  
Independent Study
- 6/06 – 03/07      **Social and Cognitive Factors Affecting Eyewitness Memory for Specific Details**  
Faculty Supervisor for Joyce Farley, Independent  
Study
- 1/06 – 5/06      **The Influence of Intentionality of Crime on Racial Bias of a Juror**  
Faculty Supervisor for Charm Smith, Independent  
Study

**West Virginia University**

- 10/03 – 8/05      **Dissertation:** *An Assessment of Eyewitness Accuracy: The Integration of Suggestibility and Eyewitness Identification*  
Chair: Matthew H. Scullin, PhD
- 6/03 – 5/05      *Memory for Everyday Events in Elementary School Age Children*  
Supervisor: Matthew H. Scullin, Ph.D.
- 6/02 – 6/03      *Preschoolers Memory and Suggestibility*  
Supervisor: Matthew H. Scullin, Ph.D.
- 7/01 – 7/02      *College Students' Reaction to 9-11: Changes in Religiosity and Personal Control*  
Supervisor: Stanley H. Cohen, Ph.D.
- 1/01 – 05/02      **Master's Thesis Research**  
*Relationships Among Spirituality, Cognitive Processing, And Personal Control*  
Chair: Stanley H. Cohen, Ph.D.

**Presentations at Professional Meetings**

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- Wentzel, R. N., McFillin, K., & **Verno, K. B.** (2020, November). Predictors of decisions about life-sustaining treatment: A research proposal. Presentation delivered at the 11th Annual Northeast Regional Undergraduate Research Conference, Zoom.
- Colton, K., & **Verno, K. B.** (2019, May). Deprivation and threat in childhood uniquely predict internalizing and externalizing behaviors. Poster presented at the 2019 meeting of the American Psychological Society, Washington, DC.
- Sechrist, G. B., **Verno, K. B.**, & Mayo, N. M. (2018, October). Women in Academic Leadership: Barriers and Bias. Presentation delivered at the PASSHE Women's Consortium Conference, Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, PA.
- Copp, T., Lee, A., Carrigan, E. Kline, M., & **Verno, K.** (2017, March). The effects of stereotypes on the formation of social relationships. Poster presented at the 2017 meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Mitchell, D., Johnson, D., McCurry, A., Calogero, K., & **Verno, K.** (2016, October). *Test anxiety and test feedback: How feedback on exams influences performance among different levels of anxiety.* Poster presented at the Pennsylvania Psychology State System Conference, Slippery Rock, PA.
- Sutton, S., Rounds, T., McDaniels, K., & **Verno, K.** (2016, March). The influence of positive and negative victim impact statements on juror decision making. Poster presented at the 2016 Eastern Psychological Association's Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- Ratliff, E., & **Verno, K. B.** (2014, November). *The influence of attachment style and perceived sexual attraction on mate retention tactics.* Poster presented at the Northeast Regional Undergraduate Research Conference, Keene, NH.
- Jackson, S. A., & **Verno, K. B.** (2013). An analysis of false memories and suggestibility on eyewitness testimony. Poster presented at the 2012 Eastern Psychological Association's Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- Verno, K. B.** , & Murray, J. D. (2013). Classroom climate, experiential learning, and academic rigor. Paper presented at symposium on "Teaching of Thanatology: Art and Science" at Eastern Psychological Association conference in New York, NY.
- Pica, E. & **Verno, K. B.** (2011). Racial biases among rural police officers. Poster session presented at the 2012 Eastern Psychological Association's Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA
- Verno, K. B.** (2009, March). *Cell phone separation anxiety.* Poster session presented at the 2009 Eastern Psychological Association's Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA.

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- Bean, J., Morrin, M., Cloud, M. Mitchell, T., & **Verno, K. B.** (2009, March). *Exploring a meta-cognitive theory of instruction and learning*. Poster session presented at the 2009 Eastern Psychological Association's Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Loher, B., Craig, F. W., **Verno, K. B.**, & Keller, P. (2007, October). *Beginnings, endings, and things in-between: A Mansfield University update*. Workshop presented at Beginnings & Endings: Best Practices for Introducing and Bringing Closure to the Undergraduate Psychology Major, Atlanta, GA, October 2007.
- Verno, K. B.**, Farley, J. A., & Scullin, M. H. (2007, March). *Social and cognitive factors affecting eyewitness memory for specific details*. Poster session presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Scullin, M. H., & **Bonner, K.** (2006, March). *Predicting preschool-age children's inaccuracy in a cognitive interview*. Paper session presented at the 2006 American Psychology-Law Conference, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Bonner, K.**, Abramson, D., Ryan, R., & Scullin, M. H. (2005, April). *Age differences in yield and shift: Implications for total suggestibility*. Poster presented at the 2005 Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Bonner, K.**, & Scullin, M. H. (2004, March). *Cognitive developmental factors affecting the assessment of suggestibility in preschool children*. Paper presented at the annual American Psychology-Law conference, Scottsdale, AZ.
- Scullin, M. H., & **Bonner, K.** (2003, July). *Suggestibility, theory of mind, and executive functioning in preschool children*. Poster presented at the international meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Aberdeen, Scotland.
- Bonner, K.**, & Cohen, S. H. (2003, June). *Religiosity and personal control continue to change after 9-11*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Bonner, K.**, and Cohen, S. H. (2003, April). *Religiosity and personal control continue to change after 9-11*. Poster presented at the Research Horizons Conference, Morgantown, WV.
- Snyder, K. S., Pickard, J. K., Strough, J., & **Bonner, K.** (2002, November). *Cohort differences in masculinity and femininity*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.
- Bonner, K.**, & Cohen, S. H. (2002, June). *Religiosity and personal control differ before and after September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001*. Poster presented at the Research Horizons Conference, Morgantown, WV.

**Bonner, K.,** & Cohen, S. H. (2002, June). *Religiosity and personal control differ before and after September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Society's Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Bonner, K.,** Koven, L. P., & Patrick, J. H. (2001, October). *Daily religious experiences and depressive symptoms*. Paper presented at the West Virginia Conference on Aging: Aging Well in Rural Areas, Morgantown, WV.

## Publications

### Published Manuscripts

Pica, E. & **Verno, K. B.** (2011). Racial Biases Among Rural Police Officers. *Modern Psychological Studies, 17 (1)*, 80-91.

Pica E. & **Verno, K. B.** (2012). The Changing Nature of Friendships Over The Lifespan. *Modern Psychological Studies, 17 (2)*, 40-49.

Loher, B., **Verno, K. B.** , Craig, F. W., & Keller, P. (2010). Reading from the same page: Building an integrated curriculum. In D. S. Dunn, B. C. Beins, M. A. McCarthy, & G. W. Hill, IV (Eds.) *Best practices for beginnings and endings in the psychology major*. Oxford University Press.

**Bonner, K.,** Cohen, S. H., & Patrick, J. H. (2008). Relationships among spirituality, cognitive processing, and personal control. *Journal of Adult Development*.

Scullin, M. H., & **Bonner, K.** (2006). Cognitive developmental factors affecting the assessment of suggestibility in preschool children. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology, 93*, 120-138.

**Bonner, K.,** Koven, L. P., and Patrick, J. H. (2003). Effects of religiosity and spirituality on prosocial behaviors. *Journal of Religious Gerontology, 14*, 189-205

Published simultaneously in:

**Bonner, K.,** Koven, L. P., and Patrick, J. H. (2003). Effects of religiosity and spirituality on prosocial behaviors. In S. H. McFadden, M. Brennan, & J. H. Patrick (Eds.), *New Directions in the Study of Late Life Religiousness and Spirituality*. (pp.189-205). Haworth Pastoral Press: Binghamton, NY.

### Manuscripts under Review

Colton, K. C., & **Verno, K. B.** (under review). Deprivation and threat uniquely predict college student adjustment. Submitted to *Modern Psychological Studies*.

### Scholarly Manuscripts in Preparation

**Verno, K. B.,** Sechrist, G. B., & Scullin, M. H. (in preparation). *Suggestibility as a predictor of facial identification accuracy.*

### Technical Reports

**Verno, K. B.** (2017). *Children's well-being, health, and socioeconomic status: A look at Tioga county and five surrounding counties in PA. A Secondary Data Analysis of the Annie E. Casey Foundation Data.*

**Verno, K. B.** (2017). *Fit for life: Preliminary report* (Research Report). Retrieved from Tioga county Partnership for Community Health website: <http://tiogapartnership.org/building-a-better-community-county-wide-survey-mini-reports/>

**Verno, K. B.** (2016). *Trash disposal and recycling* (Research Report). Retrieved from Tioga county Partnership for Community Health website: <http://tiogapartnership.org/building-a-better-community-county-wide-survey-mini-reports/>

**Verno, K. B.** (2016). *Available and affordable housing, available and affordable child care, and job opportunities* (Research Report). Retrieved from Tioga county Partnership for Community Health website: <http://tiogapartnership.org/building-a-better-community-county-wide-survey-mini-reports/>

**Verno, K. B.** (2016). *Community engagement: Outdoor activities and the arts, community support* (Research Report). Retrieved from Tioga county Partnership for Community Health website: <http://tiogapartnership.org/building-a-better-community-county-wide-survey-mini-reports/>

**Verno, K. B.** (2016). *Parks, recreation, and transportation* (Research Report). Retrieved from Tioga county Partnership for Community Health website: <http://tiogapartnership.org/building-a-better-community-county-wide-survey-mini-reports/>

**Verno, K. B.** (2016). *County & local government, law enforcement & safety, education & school officials* (Research Report). Retrieved from Tioga county Partnership for Community Health website: <http://tiogapartnership.org/building-a-better-community-county-wide-survey-mini-reports/>

**Verno, K. B.** (2016). *Community resources summary report* (Research Report). Retrieved from Tioga county Partnership for Community Health website: <http://tiogapartnership.org/building-a-better-community-county-wide-survey-mini-reports/>

### Guest Lectures

#### Invited Talks on Campus

Verno, K. (2016, 2017, 2018). *Understanding the tenure process*. Presentation given multiple times during University Days and occasionally during the semester for the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning.

Loher, B., & Verno, K. (2018). APSCUF membership for new hires. Presentation at University Days.

Mayo, N. M., & Verno, K. (2017). *Curriculum and committees*. Presentation at University Days and New Faculty Orientation.

#### Invited Talks Off-Campus

Verno, K. B. , & Mayo, N. M. (2016). *Community needs assessment*. Presentation to the Rotary Club of Wellsboro, PA.

**Verno, K. B.** (2008, October). Poverty task force report. Guest lecture for the Honors Program Lecture Series, sponsored by the MU Honors Program.

### Awards and Honors

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| December 2020 | Robert Hazelwood Award for Academic Excellence                                  |
| April 2020    | Outstanding Advisor Award (nominee)<br>Nominated by Brittany Reynolds           |
| April 2018    | PCSW Mentor Appreciation Award<br>Nominated by Andrea O'Dell                    |
| April 2017    | PCSW Mentor Appreciation Award<br>Nominated by Brittany Reynolds                |
| April 2016    | PCSW Mentor Appreciation Award<br>Nominated by Emily Hooker                     |
| January 2016  | Outstanding Award for Character, MU Service Recognition Ceremony                |
| April 2015    | Outstanding Senior Mentor<br>Nominated by Erin Ratliff, senior psychology major |
| April 2015    | PCSW Mentor Appreciation Award<br>Nominated by Erin Ratliff                     |

- April 2015 Outstanding Service Nomination, MU Service Recognition Ceremony
- November 2014 Honored by Mallory Christman, member of the Mansfield University Women's Field hockey team at the 22nd Annual Scholar Athlete Luncheon.
- April 2013 PCSW Mentor Appreciation Award  
Nominated by Christina Copp, senior psychology major
- April 2012 PCSW Mentor Appreciation Award  
Nominated by Cammy Stevens, senior psychology major
- November 2011 Honored by Jamie Twist, member of the Mansfield University Women's Field hockey team at the 19th Annual Scholar Athlete Luncheon.
- April 2011 Outstanding Senior Mentor  
Nominated by Amanda Longey, senior psychology major
- November 2011 Honored by Jamie Twist, member of the Mansfield University Women's Field hockey team at the 19th Annual Scholar Athlete Luncheon.
- April 2011 Outstanding Senior Mentor  
Nominated by Amanda Longey, senior psychology major
- April 2010 Outstanding Female Mentor  
Nominated by Jessica Lohmann, senior psychology major
- April 2009 Outstanding Female Mentor  
Nominated by Amanda Longey, junior psychology major
- November 2008 Honored by Katie Akins, member of the Mansfield University Women's Basketball team at the 16th Annual Scholar Athlete Luncheon.
- April 2008 Outstanding Senior Mentor  
Nominated by Corey Tarreto, senior psychology major
- March 2008 Nominated for the Provost's Award for Outstanding Academic Advising  
  
Nominated for the Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching in the First Year

- November 2006 Honored by Lyndi Kaiser, member of the Mansfield University Soccer Team at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholar Athlete Luncheon.
- April 2006 The President's Commission on the Status of Women's Mentor Appreciation Award  
Nominated by Kate Finnerty, senior psychology major
- November 2005 Honored by Stephanie Haulman, member of the Mansfield University Soccer Team at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholar Athlete Luncheon.
- October 2005 Honored by Brianna Deluca, member of the Mansfield University Field Hockey Team. Brianna invited me to be her guest as the team honored their favorite professors during a field hockey game.

### **Professional Activities**

University Service since Promotion to Associate (2010)

Currently serving on

- APSCUF Vice President (2020 – present)
- Sabbatical Committee (chair, 2018 – present)
- University Senate Secretary (2017 – 2019)
- University Senate Executive Committee (2017 – 2019)
- Academic Affairs Committee (2016 – 2019)
- APSCUF Membership Chair (2018 – 2020)
- IRB Committee (2010 – present)
- General Education Assessment Team (2018 – present)
- Red & Black Committee (2014 – present)
- Psychology Minor Advisor (2012 – present)
- Faculty Advisor to Alpha Sigma Tau (2010 – present)
- Faculty Advisor to College Democrats of America (in early phases) (2018 – present)

Previously served on

- University Tenure Committee (Chair) 2012-2016
- Library Advisory Committee (Chair) 2011-2017
- Administrative Affairs and Elections (Chair) 2008-2011
- Middle States Workgroup 6 (2010-2013)

### Participation in Departmental Committees

#### Currently serving on

- Psychology Research Group, Faculty Advisor (2015 – present)
- Department Evaluation Committee (chair) (2010 – present)
- Lifespan Concentration coordinator (2010 – present)
- Forensic Concentration coordinator (2016 – present)
- Student Quality Focus Group for Senior Seminar (2006 – present)
- Scholarship and Awards Committee (2007 – present)

#### Previously served on

- Psychology Search Committee (Nicolle Mayo) (2013)
- Research Symposium Co-coordinator (2006 – 2018)
- University Senate Representative for Psychology (various years)
- Human Development Minor Advisor (2011)

#### Development in New Courses/Programs

PSY 4441: Forensic Psychology

New Concentration in Forensic Psychology in the Psychology major

#### Leadership in Community Organizations Related to Discipline

Tioga County Partnership for Community Health, data analyst

Member, Tioga County Democrats

Member, Tioga County Indivisible (TCI)

References available upon request.