ROBERT J. CRAMER

Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF EMPIRICAL INTEREST

Hate crimes/violence, Five-Factor Model, witness testimony, jury decision making, suicide risk.

AREAS OF CLINICAL INTEREST

Depression, suicide, violence/victims, LGB issues, emerging adults, witness preparation, jury selection.

EDUCATION

University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, AL (Attended 8/04 – present)

Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology 7/2010 (Specialization: Psychology-law)

Dissertation: Witness Self-Efficacy: Development and Validation of the Construct (defended 5/2009)

M.A. in Psychology 5/06 (Specialization: Clinical Psychology)

Thesis: Juror Personality and Expert Witness Confidence as Predictors of Expert Witness Credibility and Sentencing Outcomes (defended 2/2006)

Loyola University Maryland (Formerly Loyola College in Maryland) - Baltimore, MD

Attended 9/00 – 5/04 (Summa Cum Laude)

B.A. in Psychology May 2004 (Specializations: Education, Forensic)

EMPLOYMENT

7/10 – present Sam Houston State University, Department of Clinical Psychology (APA Accredited): Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology (Core Doctoral Faculty Member)

6/09 – 6/10 University of California San Francisco Department of Psychiatry (San Francisco,

California): Clinical Psychology Pre-Doctoral Intern

Supervisor: Dale McNiel, Ph.D.

Year-long APA accredited clinical internship based out of Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute with rotations in Psychological/Neuropsychological Assessment Clinic, Partial Hospitalization Program, Adult Psychiatry Clinic, Moffitt-Long Emergency Department, and Adult Inpatient Program.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit Honor Society): 2002 – present

American Psychological Association (graduate student member): 2004 – present

American Psychology-Law Society (graduate student member): 2004 – present

American Society of Trial Consultants (student member): 2004 – 2008

Phi Beta Kappa: Spring, 2003 - present

Psi Chi (Psychology National Honors Society): 2002 – present Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues: 2005 – 2007

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

University of Alabama Graduate Student Association Research and Travel Award: Spring, 2009 (\$600)

American Academy of Forensic Psychology Dissertation Grant: Spring, 2008 (\$300)

University of Alabama Graduate Student Association Research and Travel Award: Spring, 2008 (\$600)

University of Alabama Graduate Student Association Research and Travel Award: Summer, 2007 (\$216)

National Science Foundation/Australian Academy of Science East Asian and Pacific Summer Institute (EAPSI; Award no. OISE-0714111): Spring, 2007 (\$7,500)

University of Alabama Graduate School Research and Travel Award: Spring, 2007 (\$650)

American Psychology-Law Society Diversity Research Grant: Spring, 2006 (\$1,000)

University of Alabama Graduate School Research and Travel Award: Spring, 2006 (\$350)

American Psychology-Law Society Grant-in-aide: Spring, 2005 (\$250)
University of Alabama Graduate Student Association Research and Travel Award: Spring, 2005 (\$500)
American Society of Trial Consultants Research Grant: Spring, 2005 (\$350)
Humanities Kolvenbach Summer Research Grant (Loyola College): Summer, 2004 (\$3,500)
Psi Chi Summer Research Grant 2003: Summer, 2003 (\$2,500)

AWARDS

Paul Siegel Teaching Award (University of Alabama Department of Psychology): Fall, 2008 University of Alabama Psychology Department Outstanding Thesis Award: Fall, 2006 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Honorable Mention: Spring, 2006 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Honorable Mention: Spring, 2005

PUBLICATIONS

- **Cramer, R.J.**, Neal, T.M.S. DeCoster, J., & Brodsky, S.L. (In Press). Witness Self-Efficacy: Development and validation of the construct. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*.
- Brodsky, S.L., Griffin, M.P., & Cramer, R.J. (In Press). The Witness Credibility Scale: An outcome measure for expert witness research. *Behavioral Science & the Law*.
- Lerner, U., Brooks, K., McNiel, D.E., **Cramer, R.J.**, & Haller, E. (In Press). Coping with patient suicide: A curriculum for psychiatry residency training programs. *Academic Psychiatry*.
- McNiel, D.E., Hung, E.K., **Cramer, R.J.**, Hall, S.E., & Binder, R.L. (In Press) An approach to evaluating competency in assessment and management of violence risk. *Psychiatric Services*.
- **Cramer, R.J.**, Chandler, J.F., & Wakeman, E.E. (2010). Attribution of blame as a moderator of assigning the death penalty in sexual-orientation based crimes. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 25, 848-862.
- Brodsky, S.L., Neal, T.M.S., **Cramer, R.J.**, & Ziemke, M.H. (2009). Credibility in the courtroom: How likeable should an expert witness be? *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law*, *37*, 525-532.
- **Cramer, R.J.,** Adams, D.D., & Brodsky, S.L. (2009). Jury selection in a child sex abuse trials: A case analysis. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, *18*, 190-205.
- **Cramer, R.J.**, Brodsky, S.L., & DeCoster, J. (2009). Expert witness confidence and juror personality: Their impact on credibility and persuasion in the Courtroom. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*, 37, 63-74.
- **Cramer, R.J.**, Neal, T.M.S., & Brodsky, S.L. (2009). Self-efficacy and confidence: Theoretical distinctions and implications for trial consultation. *Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research*, *61*, 319-334.
- Prentice-Dunn, S., McMath, B.F., & Cramer, R.J. (2009). Protection motivation theory and stages of change in sun protective behavior. *Journal of Health Psychology*, 14, 297-305.
- Shealy, R.C., **Cramer, R.J.**, & Pirelli, G. (2009). Third party presence during criminal forensic evaluations: Psychologists' opinions, attitudes and practices. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 39(6), 561-569.
- Brodsky, S.L., & Cramer, R. J. (2008). Concerns about litigation: Conceptualizations, development, and measurement. *Journal of Psychiatry and Law*, *36*, 525-542.

- **Cramer, R.J.**, Golom, F.D., LoPresto, C.T., & Kirkley, S.M. (2008) Weighing the evidence: Empirical assessment and ethical implications of conversion therapy. *Ethics & Behavior*, 18(1), 93-114.
- **Cramer, R.J.**, Griffin, M.P., & Powers, D.V. (2008). A Five-Factor analysis of spirituality in young adults: Preliminary evidence. *Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion*, 19, 43-57.
- Greening, L., Stoppelbein, L., Fite, P., Dhossche, D., Erath, S., Brown, J., **Cramer, R.**, & Young, L. (2008). Pathways to suicidal behaviors in childhood. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, 38(1), 35-45.
- **Cramer, R.J.**, & Brodsky, S.L. (2007). Undue influence or ensuring rights?: Attorney presence during forensic psychology evaluations. *Ethics & Behavior*. 17(1), 51-60.
- **Cramer, R.J.**, & Prentice-Dunn, S. (2007). Caring for the whole person: Guidelines for advancing undergraduate mentorship. *College Student Journal*. *41*(*4*), 771-778.
- Powers, D.V., **Cramer, R.J.**, & Grubka, J.M. (2007). Spirituality, life stress, and affective well-being. *Journal of Psychology & Theology*. *35*(3), 235-243.
- **Cramer, R.J.**, & Jantz-Sell, T.R. (Winter 2003). An examination of personality traits among student leaders and non-leaders. *Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research*. *8*(4), 175-178.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- **Cramer, R.J.**, DeCoster, J., & Brodsky, S.L. (Under Review). Expert witness credibility as a mediator or juror sentencing recommendations. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*.
- **Cramer, R.J.**, Girvan, E.J., Titcomb, C., Neal, T.M.S., & Brodsky, S.L. (Under Review). Experts' confidence influences only extraverts: Informing the process of capital sentencing decisions. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*.
- **Cramer, R.J.**, Miller, S.L., DeCoster, J., & White, J. (Under Review). The Five-Factor Model and Axis-II features in violent and non-violent Australian criminal offenders. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.
- **Cramer, R.J.**, Wakeman, E.E., Chandler, J.F., Mohr, J.J., & Griffin, M.P. (Under Review). Hate crimes on trial: Judgments about violent crime against gay men. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*.
- Garza, M.J., **Cramer, R.J.**, & Pettit, J. (Under Review). Clarifying the role of Hispanic Stress: The impact of intra- and extra-familial stress on psychological symptoms among Hispanic immigrants. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION/PROCESS

- **Cramer, R.J.** Suicide risk in pre-sentence criminal offenders: An alternative view of the 'Cry of Pain' Model. Manuscript in Preparation.
- **Cramer, R.J.**, Chandler, J.F., Gorter, E.L., & Clark, J. Sexual orientation and racial hate crimes: perceptions, moderators and psycho-legal implications. Manuscript in Process.
- **Cramer, R.J.,** DeCoster, J., Powers, D.V., & White, J. Personality, stress, and emotional well-being: A test of the Stress Exposure Model in two samples. Manuscript in Process
- **Cramer, R.J.**, Garza, M.J., Pirelli, G., & White, J. Interpersonal and trait perspectives on suicide risk in criminal offenders. Manuscript in Preparation.

- Cramer, R.J., McNiel, D.E., Holley, S.R., Alvidrez, J., Shumway, M., & Boccelarri. Mental health outcomes and violent crime victimization: Does sexual orientation matter? Manuscript in Preparation.
- Cramer, R.J., & Miller, A.K. Personality-based cluster membership as a predictor of political attitudes. Manuscript in Process.
- Cramer, R.J., Nobles, M.R., & Gorter, E.L. Perceptions of Victim Blame Scale: A factor-analytic re conceptualization. Manuscript in Process.
- Garza, M.J., Cramer, R.J., Garnaat, S.L., & Pettit, J. Cultural manifestations of the Reasons for Living Inventory (RFLI) factor structure. Manuscript in Preparation.
- Holley, S.R., McNiel, D.E., & Cramer, R.J. Hostile attributions as a mediator of emotion regulation and aggressive behavior. Manuscript in Preparation.
- Kelly, J., Brodsky, S. L., Neal, T.M.S., & Cramer, R.J. Effect of military service and posttraumatic stress disorder on prosecutors' pre-trial offers and blameworthiness ratings. Manuscript in Preparation.
- McNiel, D.E., & Cramer, R.J. Development of s suicide competency assessment instrument. Manuscript in Preparation.
- Neal, T.M.S., Cramer, R.J., Ziemke, M.H., & Brodsky, S.L. Social Networking Sites in Jury Selection: Ethical and Social Dilemmas. Manuscript in Preparation.
- Patty, E.F., Cramer, R.J., Adams, D.D., & Brodsky, S.L.. The impact of defendant remorse on sentencing outcomes. Manuscript in Preparation.
- Patty, E.F., Cramer, R.J., & Brodsky, S.L. Emotion after the fact: Investigating similarities and differences between remorse and regret. Manuscript in Preparation.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- McNiel, D.E., Hung, E.K., Cramer, R.J., Hall, S.E., & Binder, R.L. (August, 2010). A method to evaluate violence risk assessment. Paper presented at the conference of the American Psychological Association in San Diego, California.
- Patty, E.F., Cramer, R.J., & Brodsky, S.L. (March, 2010). Similarities and differences between criminal defendant remorse and regret. Poster presented at the annual conferenceof the American Psychology-Law Society in Vancouver, Canada.
- Cramer, R.J., Miller, S.L., DeCoster, J., & White, J. (March, 2009). The Five-Factor Model as a predictor of treatment indicators in Australian criminal defendants. Paper presented at the conference of the American Psychology-Law Society in San Antonio, TX.
- Cramer, R.J., Neal, T.M.S., Patty, E.F., Kelly, J., Ziemke, M.H., & Brodsky, S.L. (March, 2009). The Witness Self-Efficacy Scale: Psychometrics and Implications for Witness Preparation. Paper presented at the conference of the American Psychology-Law Society in San Antonio, TX.
- Neal, T.M.S., Brodsky, S.L., Cramer, R.J., Ziemke, M.H. (March, 2009). Ethics and privacy in the use of social networking sites for jury selection. Paper presented at the conference of the American Psychology-Law Society in San Antonio, TX.
- Patty, E.F., Adams, D., Cramer, R.J., & Brodsky, S.L. (February, 2009). Remorse and resulting impact on sentencing decisions. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Alabama Psychological Association in New Orleans, LA.

- Ziemke, M.H., Brodsky, S.L., Neal, T.M.S., & Cramer, R.J. (March, 2009). Credibility in the Courtroom: How Likeable should an Expert Witness be? Paper presented at the conference of the American Psychology-Law Society in San Antonio, TX.
- Chandler, J.F., Cramer, R.J., & Wakeman, E.E. (March, 2008). Attribution of blame as a moderator of perceptions of hate crimes. Poster presented at the conference of the American Psychology-Law Society in Jacksonville, FL.
- Cramer, R.J., Adams, D.D., & Brodsky, S.L. (August, 2008). Jury selection in a child sex abuse trials: A case analysis. Poster presented at the conference of the American Psychological Association in Boston, MA.
- Cramer, R.J., Brodsky, S.L., DeCoster, J., & Neal, T.M.S. (March, 2008). Witness self-efficacy: Development and validation of the construct. Poster presented at the conference of the American Psychology-Law Society in Jacksonville, FL.
- Cramer, R.J., & White, J. (August, 2008). The Five-Factor Model in criminal defendants and civil litigants. Paper presented at the conference of the American Psychological Association in Boston, MA.
- Griffin, M.P., Brodsky, S.L., Larson, B., & Cramer, R.J. (March, 2008). The Witness Credibility Scale revisited: Studies of an outcome measure for expert witness research. Poster presented at the APLS Annual Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- Shealy, C., Cramer, R.J., & Pirelli, G. (March, 2008). Third party presence during criminal forensic evaluations: Psychologists' opinions, attitudes and practices. Poster presented at the conference of the American Psychology-Law Society in Jacksonville, FL.
- Chandler, J.F., Cramer, R.J., Prentice-Dunn, S., & Pitts, S. (March, 2007). The Brain Game! A demonstration of effective PowerPoint use in small group activity. Poster presented at the 19th annual Southeastern Conference on the Teaching of Psychology in Atlanta, GA.
- Cramer, R.J., Ford, H.L., Chandler, J.F., & Mohr, J.J. (August, 2007). Moderators of juror perceptions of hate crimes. Paper presented at the conference of the American Psychological Association in San Francisco, CA.
- Cramer, R.J. & Prentice-Dunn, S. (March, 2007). Caring for the whole person: Guidelines for advancing undergraduate mentorship. Poster presented at the Southeastern Conference of the Teaching of Psychology in Atlanta, GA.
- LoPresto, C.T., Cramer, R.J., Golom, F.D, & Kirkley, S.M. (August, 2007). Conversion therapy as an evidence based treatment. Poster presented at the conference of the American Psychological Association in San Francisco, CA.
- Cramer, R.J., Crough, D.G., Ellender, E., & Weitlauf, D.C. (August, 2006). Does victimization history predict interest in self-defense training? Poster presented at the conference of the American Psychological Association in New Orleans, LA.
- Cramer, R.J., & Stevens, J. (March, 2006). Predictors of expert witness credibility: Juror personality and expert witness confidence. Poster presented at the conference of the American Psychology-Law Society in St. Petersburg, FL.
- Cramer, R.J., Wakeman, E.E., Stevens, J., Griffin, M.P., Mohr, J.J., Brodsky, S.L., Chandler, J.F., & Larson, B.A. (August, 2006). Factors affecting juror perceptions of hate crimes. Paper presented at the conference of the American Psychological Association in New Orleans, LA.

- Fenzel, L.M., & **Cramer, R.J.** (August, 2006). Evaluation of a summer developmental program for urban at-risk youth. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans.
- **Cramer, R.J.**, & Brodsky, S.L. (March, 2005). What different disciplines bring to concerns about litigation: Multiple scales, contrasting results. Presented as portion of Symposium at American Psychology Law Society in La Jolla, CA.
- Stoppelbein, L., Greening, L., East, A., Cramer, R.J., Young, L. & Dhossche, D. (August, 2005). The mediating effects of aggression, impulsivity, and depressive symptoms on children's risk for suicidal ideation. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association. Washington DC.
- Powers, D.V., **Cramer, R.J.**, & Grubka, J.M. (March, 2004). Spirituality, life stress, and affective Well being. Presented at the annual conference of APA Division 36 Psychology and Religion in Columbia, Maryland.
- Rezzetano, K.M., Grubka, J.M., **Cramer, R.J.**, Olden, R., & Mohr, J.J. (May, 2004). Young adults' romantic relationship forecasts and attachment styles: A thematic analysis. Presented at Psi Chi Conference at Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA.
- Stephan, S., Weist, M.D., Goldstein, J., Shaeffer, C., Brey, L., **Cramer, R.J.**, & Joyner, T. Brief, Evidence Based Interventions in Mental Health in School-Based Health Centers. (June, 2003). National Assembly on School-Based Health Care. Presented at conference in Reston, VA). Center for School Mental Health Assistance, University of Maryland School of Medicine. University of Maryland Baltimore County.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

6/09 – 6/10 University of California San Francisco Department of Psychiatry (San Francisco,

California): Clinical Psychology Fellow

Supervisor: Dale McNiel, Ph.D.

5/07 – 8/07 University of South Australia Forensic Research Group (Adelaide, Australia): National Science Foundation East Asia and Pacific Summer Institute Fellow

Supervisors: Jack White, Ph.D., Andrew Day, Ph.D.

8/04-5/09 University of Alabama Department of Psychology Witness Research Lab (Tuscaloosa,

Alabama): Graduate Research Assistant/Graduate Student Member

Supervisor: Stanley L. Brodsky, Ph.D.

6/03-5/04 Center for School Mental Health Assistance, University of Maryland School of Medicine

(Baltimore, Maryland): Research Assistant

Supervisor: Sharon Stephan, Ph.D.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

8/10 Legal and Criminological Psychology: Ad-hoc Reviewer 9/07 European Journal of Social Psychology: Ad-hoc Reviewer 10/06 European Journal of Social Psychology: Ad-hoc Reviewer 5/06 – 6/08 Law and Psychology Review: Consulting Editor 04/06 Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice: Ad-hoc Reviewer 11/05 Journal of Clinical Psychology: Ad-hoc Reviewer 4/05-4/06 Law and Psychology Review: Advisory Board Member

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Alabama (8/05 to 5/09)

PY101 Introductory Psychology (two sections)

PY 356 Experimental Psychology Lab (two sections)

PY 358 Abnormal Psychology (four sections)

PY 495 Undergraduate Teaching Internship (one section)

Sam Houston State University (8/10 to present)

PSY 431 Theories of Personality (one section)

PSY 882 Doctoral Practicum in Psychology (one section)

Note: Teaching evaluations available upon request

Invited Lectures:

Psychological Testing in Forensic Psychiatry Practice (UCSF Forensic Psychiatry Program) Successful Strategies for Testifying in Court (University of South Australia Forensic Psychology Master's

Program)

Suicide Awareness and Prevention (University of Alabama Undergraduate Program)

The Five-Factor Model and other Personality Theories (University of Alabama Undergraduate Program)

Self-Efficacy: Theory and Research (University of Alabama Undergraduate Program)

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

8/08 – 6/09 **Betty Shirley Clinic/University of Alabama Medical Center** (Tuscaloosa, Alabama):

Psychology Trainee

Supervisor: Nancy Rubin, Psy.D.

Community psychiatry clinic focused on provision of individual and family psychotherapy.

8/07 – 5/08 University of Alabama Department of Psychology (Tuscaloosa, Alabama): Peer Supervisor Supervisors: Forrest Scogin, Ph.D., Beth Dinoff, Ph.D.

Weekly therapy placement requiring supervision of 2nd year graduate students in basic therapy practicum.

6/07 – 8/07 White & Associates Psychologists (Adelaide, Australia): Psychological Assistant Supervisor: Jack White, Ph.D.

Assisted in a private forensic practice including clinical interviews, cataloguing archived research data, test administration, and teleconference forensic assessments.

1/07 – 5/07 University of Alabama Psychology Department Clinical Supervision Seminar (Tuscaloosa, Alabama): Peer Supervisor

Supervisor: Carl Clements, Ph.D.

One semester seminar featuring bi-weekly group meetings to discuss supervision theory and supervision of one 1st year clinical graduate student.

1/07 – 5/07 **Alabama Developmental Clinic** (Tuscaloosa, Alabama): Psychological Technician Supervisor: Jim Collier, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Community mental health center focused on assessment with a range of child and young adult clients.

9/06 – 1/07, 1/08 – 8/08 **Bryce Psychiatric Hospital** (Tuscaloosa, Alabama): Psychology Intern Supervisors: David Sandefer, Ph.D., and Ginny Scott, Psy.D.

Inpatient psychiatric hospital placement featuring psychological assessment, individual and group therapy on the general adult, adolescent, and behavioral rehabilitation units.

8/06 – 5/08 **University of Alabama Counseling Center** (Tuscaloosa, Alabama): Psychology Trainee Supervisors: Lee Keyes, Ph.D. and Kerry Luke, Psy.D.

• University counseling center placement centered on individual psychotherapy, community outreach on suicide and LGBT issues, and psychological assessment.

8/06 – 12/06 **Forensic Psychology/Trial Consultation Practicum** (Alabama): Trial Consultant/Assistant Supervisors: Stanley L. Brodsky, Ph.D. and Joel Sogol, J.D.

• Forensic placement featured provision of empirically-supported assistance with jury selection, witness preparation, and psychological evaluations.

4/06 – 9/08 **Security/Police Evaluations** (Tuscaloosa, Alabama): Evaluator/Graduate Student Coordinator Supervisor: Forrest Scogin, Ph.D.

 University clinic-based position requiring administration, scoring and composition of reports for fitness for duty evaluations of police officers, security staff, and dispatchers; also included supervision of new evaluators.

10/05 – 12/06 **Family Counseling Service, Inc.** (Tuscaloosa, Alabama): Co-therapist Supervisor: Alycia Brown, Ed.S.

 Community clinic position contracted by the Tuscaloosa Family Court to run court-mandated manualized group therapy and participate in court review procedures for children in need of supervision (CHINS).

8/05-12/05 **Pervasive Developmental Disorders Clinic** (Tuscaloosa, Alabama): Co-therapist Supervisor: Laura Klinger, Ph.D.

 University clinic position required designing and implementing group therapy social skills training modules for adults with autism.

7/05-5/06 **University of Alabama Psychology Clinic** (Tuscaloosa, Alabama): Graduate Student Therapist Supervisor: Lee Keyes, Ph.D.

University clinic conducting weekly intakes and providing individual psychotherapy.

5/05-5/09 **Stanley L. Brodsky, Ph.D. Forensic Psychology Practice** (Tuscaloosa, Alabama): Trial Consultation Assistant

Supervisor: Stanley L. Brodsky, Ph.D.

• Position in forensic private practice requiring assistance with jury selection and forensic evaluations.

5/05-7/05 **Coping Power/The University of Alabama** (Birmingham, Alabama): Interviewer/Research Assistant

Supervisor: John Lochman, Ph.D.

• Community intervention requiring parent and child interviews/assessments for an intervention with aggressive and conduct disordered youth.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2/07-5/09 **University of Alabama Statistics Consortium**: Graduate Student Consultant Reference: Jamie DeCoster, Ph.D.

 Provided volunteer online and in-person statistical consulting on research design, as well as univariate and multivariate statistics.

REFERENCES: Available upon request