






## Meet our Full-time Teaching Faculty in the SMSU Psychology Program!

Faculty	Academic Training	Courses/Research Interests
 <p><b>Dr. Bill Pavot</b></p>	<p>Ph.D., Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1991</p> <p>M.A., Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1988</p> <p>B.A., Psychology, Purdue University, 1986</p>	<p><b>COURSES:</b> Psychology of Personality, Abnormal Psychology, Motivation and Emotion, Biopsychology, Positive Psychology</p> <p><b>RESEARCH INTERESTS:</b> Positive Psychology, Subjective Well-Being, The Assessment of Life Satisfaction, Personality Trait Models  <a href="mailto:Bill.Pavot@smsu.edu">Bill.Pavot@smsu.edu</a></p>
 <p><b>Dr. Corey Butler</b></p>	<p>Ph.D., Personality and Social Psychology, University of Maine, 1994</p> <p>B.A., Psychology, Knox College, 1989</p>	<p><b>COURSES:</b> General Psychology, Research Methods in the Behavioral Sciences, Social Psychology, Group Dynamics, Attitudes and Persuasion, History and Systems of Psychology</p> <p><b>RESEARCH INTERESTS:</b> Groups, social networks, and sense of belonging; Social rejection and rejection sensitivity; Authoritarianism, personality, and ideology; Social cognition and physical appearance stereotypes  <a href="mailto:Corey.butler@smsu.edu">Corey.butler@smsu.edu</a></p>
 <p><b>Dr. Christine Olson</b></p>	<p>Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, Arizona State University, 1994</p> <p>M.S., Counseling and Student Personnel Administration, Kansas State University, 1987</p> <p>B.A., Psychology, Bethany College-KS, 1985</p>	<p><b>COURSES:</b> General Psychology, Psychology Seminar (Career Development/ Professions in Psychology), Applied Psychology, Counseling and Psychotherapy, Cross Cultural Psychology, Health Psychology, Mental Health Topics, and Advanced Applied Psychology (internship)</p> <p><b>RESEARCH INTERESTS:</b> Motivation and efficacy for civic engagement; eating disorders prevention/treatment; cross-cultural competency  <a href="mailto:Christine.Olson@smsu.edu">Christine.Olson@smsu.edu</a></p>
 <p><b>Dr. Scott Peterson</b></p>	<p>Ph.D., Experimental Psychology, Georgia Institute of Technology, 1999</p> <p>M.S., Experimental Psychology, Georgia Institute of Technology, 1997</p> <p>M.S., Computer Sciences, Purdue University, 1987</p> <p>B.S., Computer Science/Mathematics, Moorhead State University, 1985</p>	<p><b>COURSES:</b> Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences, Child and Adolescent Development, Developmental Psychology, Advanced Experimental: Sensation and Perception, Advanced Experimental: Learning and Memory</p> <p><b>RESEARCH INTERESTS:</b> Visual attention and implicit learning; Memory processes; Technology use and interpersonal relationships; Development of attitudes toward science; Assessment of civic engagement attitudes and behaviors  <a href="mailto:Scott.Peterson@smsu.edu">Scott.Peterson@smsu.edu</a></p>
 <p><b>Dr. Benjamin Anderson</b></p>	<p>Ph.D., Cognitive Psychology/Neuroscience, Washington University in St. Louis, 2011</p> <p>M.A., Cognitive Psychology/Neuroscience, Washington University in St. Louis, 2009</p> <p>B.A., Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2001</p>	<p><b>COURSES:</b> General Psychology, College Now Psychology, Biological Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Research Methods, Aging and Memory, Special topics in psychology</p> <p><b>RESEARCH INTERESTS:</b> Cognitive aging, memory training &amp; rehabilitation, task switching in attention and memory, automatic vs. controlled memory processing.  <a href="mailto:Benjamin.anderson1@smsu.edu">Benjamin.anderson1@smsu.edu</a></p>

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## Why SMSU Psychology Program?

- Well-trained, committed faculty (all hold doctorates in their respective areas of study)
- Good foundation for pursuing entry level position in psychology related field and/or graduate studies
- Career development/professions in psychology course that helps early on with planning for B.A. entry level position and/or graduate studies
- Many opportunities for applied learning through volunteering, internships, and service-learning experiences
- Opportunities for research throughout program of student (active involvement in the SMSU Annual Undergraduate Research Conference)
- Small classroom size helps with building strong student-faculty relationships
- Faculty actively involved with broader campus, community and region
- Good track record for helping majors go on for graduate studies
- Active student clubs

### SERVICE and CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

-Both Psychology Club and Psi Chi are active with service in the community and on campus! (food drives, wellness events, campus clean-up days, mental health education outreach, for example)

-Check out MustangsVolunteer, a great online resource for individual students and clubs to learn about area opportunities for service! [www.smsu.edu/volunteer](http://www.smsu.edu/volunteer)

-We encourage you to join other students in attending annual professions in psychology panel presentations, presenting in the SMSU Undergraduate Research Conference, and attending one or more psychology related conferences. Just a few examples of regular career development opportunities!

### Interested in staying in touch?

- Email faculty and/or students
- Friend the Psychology Club Facebook site
- Let us know if you would like to stay in touch via text, Twitter, etc.
- Join us for a service activity!

## Courses for students just getting started with psychology\*

*\*May be good for high school students as these require General Psychology as a prerequisite OR do not have any prerequisites:*

- General Psychology
- Psychology Seminar (Careers in Psychology)
- Psychology of Adjustment
- Attitudes and Persuasion
- Health Psychology
- Statistics + Lab
- Child Development
- Applied Psychology
- Death, Dying and Bereavement
- Mental Health Topics (e.g. eating disorders, depression)
- Positive Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Personality
- Group Dynamics
- Developmental Psychology
- Behavioral Management

### Paying for courses (need for loan)?

Keep these financial aid tips in mind:

- 1) Need to be admitted to SMSU as full-time degree seeking student to be eligible for financial aid
- 2) If you have NOT completed the FAFSA, you will need to complete this so you may be reviewed for eligibility.

**Be sure to contact the SMSU Financial Aid Office for more information!**

[www.smsu.edu/campuslife/financialaid/](http://www.smsu.edu/campuslife/financialaid/)

### Possible areas of study in psychology:

- Sports Psychology
  - Counseling/Clinical Psychology
  - Biological Psychology
  - Health Psychology
  - Forensic Psychology
  - Military Psychology
  - Social Psychology
  - School Counseling
  - Industrial/Org Psychology
  - Trauma Psychology
  - Behavioral Analysis
- ... and many more!



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