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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. (2008) University of Texas at El Paso
El Paso, Texas
Specialization: Legal Psychology
Dissertation Title: *An evaluation of eyewitness decision making strategies for simultaneous and sequential lineups*
Research Advisor: Roy S. Malpass
- M.A. (2006) University of Texas at El Paso
El Paso, Texas
Specialization: Legal Psychology
Master's Thesis Title: *Exploring Composite Construction and Its Effects on Eyewitness Memory*
Research Advisor: Roy S. Malpass
- B.A. (2002) University of Regina
Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
Psychology (minor in Sociology)
Honours Thesis Title: *Phenomenal Characteristics in Memory and Guided Imagery*
Research Advisor: Katherine Arbuthnott

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2002-present: Assistant Instructor
Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso
- 2005- 2007 Instructor, SPSS workshop for Career Opportunities in Research (COR)
University of Texas at El Paso
- 2006 Instructor, Facial Composite Production Course
El Paso County Sheriff's Training Academy
El Paso, TX
- 2006 Intern, El Paso County Sheriff's Training Academy
(Vince Pokluda, Training Academy Director)
El Paso, TX
- 2002-2005: Teaching Assistant
Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso
- 2004 Developer and Instructor, SPSS workshop for undergraduate students
University of Texas at El Paso
- 2004 Invited speaker, Eyewitness Evidence Collection Procedures and Issues for visiting
law students from Chihuahua, Mexico

2001-2002 Teaching Assistant
Department of Psychology, University of Regina

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

2002-present: Research Assistant, Eyewitness Identification Research Laboratory
Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso

2001-2003 Research Assistant, Funded by the Social Sciences, Humanities and
Research Council (Principal Investigator: Katherine Arbuthnott).
Cognitive Psychology Lab, University of Regina

2001-2002 Research Assistant, Canadian Institute for Peace, Justice and Security
(Supervisor: Jeff Pfeifer, Ph.D., M. Leg. St.)
University of Regina

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Eyewitness accuracy, verbal and visual processes in face recall, use of various police procedures (lineup construction methodologies, facial composite production) and their influence on cognitive factors involved in lineup decision making tasks, eyewitness perceptions of recall and recognition (phenomenological characteristics, confidence).

PUBLICATIONS:

McQuiston-Surrett, D., & Topp, L. D. (in press). Externalizing visual images: Examining the accuracy of facial descriptions vs. facial composites as a function of the own-race bias. *Experimental Psychology*.

McQuiston-Surrett, D., Topp, L. D., & Malpass, R. S. (2006). Use of facial composite systems in U.S. law enforcement agencies. *Psychology, Crime and Law*, 12 (5), 505-517.

Malpass, R. S., Zimmerman, L. A., Meissner, C. A., Ross, S. J., Rigoni, M. E., Topp, L. D., Pruss, N., Tredoux, C. T., & Leyva, J. M. (2005). Eyewitness memory and identification. *The San Antonio Defender*, 7(1), 2-13.

Topp, L. D. (2004). Policing issues regarding multiculturalism in Canada. *The Canadian Journal of Police and Security Services: Practice, Policy and Management*, 1, 210-212.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Malpass, R. S., Tredoux, C. G., McQuiston-Surrett, D., Schreiber-Compo, N., MacLin, O. H., Zimmerman, L. A., & Topp, L. D. (in preparation). Study space analysis for policy development: Simultaneous vs. sequential lineups.

Topp, L. D., McQuiston-Surrett, D., & Malpass, R. S. (in preparation). *Assessing witness confusion: Are those who create and/or view a composite more likely to later confuse their composite with the target?*

Zimmerman, L. A., Topp, L. D., Luna, A., & Malpass, R. S. (in preparation). *Variations in facial descriptions across language and ethnicity.*

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Lineup construction procedures and their effects on eyewitness identification accuracy

Effects of lineup similarity structure on eyewitness accuracy and criterion placement

An examination of relative and absolute judgment decision making processes in eyewitness identification

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Topp, L. D., Malpass, R. S., & Meissner, C. A. (2008). *An evaluation of decision making strategies for simultaneous and sequential lineups*. Paper presented at the American Psychology- Law Society, Jacksonville, FL.

Topp, L. D., & Malpass, R. S. (2007). *Assessing witness confusion: Are those who create and/or view a composite more likely to later confuse their composite with the target?* Paper presented at the Society of Applied Research, Memory and Cognition, Lewiston, Maine.

Topp, L. D., Meissner, C. A., & Gronlund, S. D. (2007). *An evaluation of decision making strategies for simultaneous and sequential lineups*. Paper presented at the Society of Applied Research, Memory and Cognition, Lewiston, Maine.

Topp, L. D., Ross, S. J., Zimmerman, L. A., & Malpass, R. (2006). *The Illinois lineup study: An evaluation of sequential – double blind identification procedures*. Paper presented at the Dialogue Between Aggies and Miners, Las Cruces, NM.

Topp, L. D., Malpass, R. S. (2006). *An Examination of Composite Production and Repeatedly Viewing a Composite On Identification Accuracy*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.

Topp, L. D., McQuiston-Surrett, D., & Malpass, R. S. M. (2005) *Eyewitness perception of the composite construction task and their ability to identify the culprit*. Poster presented at the American Psychology-Law Society, La Jolla, CA.

McQuiston, D., & Topp, L. D. (2004) *Cross-Race Face Recall: Assessing the Role of Perceptual Expertise*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society, Phoenix, Arizona.

Topp, L. D., McQuiston, D. E., & Malpass, R. S. (2003, July). *Exploring composite production and its subsequent effects on eyewitness memory*. Poster presented at The Society for Applied Research, Memory and Cognition, Aberdeen.

Topp, L. D., Zimmerman, L. A, MacLin, O. H., & Malpass, R. S. (2003, July). *Implications of latency times and confidence ratings on eyewitness identification accuracy*. Poster presented at the Meetings of the American Psychology & Law Society, Edinburgh.

Arbuthnott, K. A., Topp, L. (2002, April). *Guided Imagery and Source Monitoring: The influence of conversation*. Poster presented at the Brain, Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences, Vancouver.

COURSES TAUGHT

Instructor, University of Texas at El Paso
Introduction to Psychology
Cognitive Psychology
Introduction to Statistics
Experimental Psychology Lab: Research Methods

Teaching Assistant Introductory Psychology Lab
University of Regina

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

UTEP Graduate School Dodson Fellowship (2008). (\$7500)

Excellence Award for Outstanding Achievement (2003 – 2007). UTEP Graduate School, El Paso Texas. (\$3,000)

American Psychology-Law Society / Annual Review Student Travel Award (\$250)

Minority Research Infrastructure Support Program (M-RISP). (2003, 2006) student grants program funded through NIMH M-RISP Grant No. 2 R24 MH47167-11. (\$900, \$500)

UTEP Student Government Association Travel Award (2002). Travel Award for the 4th Annual National Conference on Science and the Law , Miami, FL. (\$200)

Graduate School Research Grant (2003). UTEP Graduate School, El Paso, Texas. (\$800)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association
The Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition
American Psychology-Law Society

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