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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. 2008 University of Texas at El Paso – El Paso, Texas
Psychology
Dissertation: “Processing facial similarity: Utilizing denotative and connotative information to understand facial similarity judgments.”
- M.A. 2004 Ball State University – Muncie, Indiana
Cognitive and Social Processes
Thesis: “Eyewitness identification rates in showups as a function of role of presenter.”
- B.A. 1999 Roger Williams University - Bristol, Rhode Island
Major: **Psychology** Minor: **Biology**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2008 – present Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Florida International University, Miami FL
- 2005 – 2007 Assistant Instructor, Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso TX
- 2006 – 2007 Eyewitness Evidence Educator, El Paso Police Department – Crimes Against Persons Unit, El Paso, TX
- 2004 – 2005 Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- 2006 – 2007 University of Texas at El Paso Graduate School Cotton Memorial Scholarship
- 2006 American Psychology-Law Society Student Travel Award Recipient
- 2004 – 2008 University of Texas at El Paso Graduate School Excellence Award
- 2003 – 2004 Ball State University Student Travel Award Recipient

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

- 2006 – 2007 Research Assistant – *Promoting Health Parity Among Mexican-American Women* (NIH/NCMHD Grant No. 5 R24MD00520-03) under the direction of Osvaldo Morera, Ph.D., University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso TX
- 2005 – 2008 Research Assistant –Center for Law and Human Behavior under the direction of Harmon Hosch, Ph.D., University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso TX
- 2004 – 2008 Research Assistant –Eyewitness Identification Research Laboratory under the direction of Roy Malpass, Ph.D., University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso TX
- 2002 – 2004 Research Assistant –Processing conversational utterances through grant from National Science Foundation under the direction of Thomas Holtgraves, Ph.D., Ball State University, Muncie IN

- AREAS OF INTEREST:**
1. Eyewitness memory and identification procedures.
 2. Facial processing.
 3. Legal authoritarianism and juror decision-making.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Malpass, R. S., Ross, S. J., Meissner, C. A., & Marcon, J. L. (in press). The need for expert psychological testimony on eyewitness identification. In B. L. Cutler (Ed.), *Expert testimony on the psychology of eyewitness identification*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- Thompson, S. E., Dempsey, H. J., Ross, S., & Anguiano, E. (2009). Health promotion through representational advocacy: Perceptions of cervical cancer and screening among low-income Hispanic women on the U.S. Mexico border. *The Health Education Monograph Series*, 26(1), 7-14.
- Ross, S. J., & Malpass, R. S. (2008). Moving forward: Response to “Studying eyewitness identifications in the field”. *Law and Human Behavior*, 32(1), 16-21.
- Holtgraves, T. M., Ross, S. J., Weywadt, C.R., & Han, T. L. (2007). Perceiving artificial social agents. *Computers in Human Behavior*, 23(5), 2163-2174.
- Pickel, K. L., Ross, S. J., & Truelove, R. S. (2006). Do weapons automatically capture attention? *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 20, 871-893.
- 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.

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

- Ross, S. J., & Malpass, R. S. “Field studies of eyewitness identification: A review of past field evaluations and directions for future research.”

- Ross, S. J. "Evaluating the 'suggestiveness' of showups: Going beyond the 'lack of protection' aspect."
- Ross, S. J. "A re-examination of the authoritarianism-verdict association: Is the reliability of legal authoritarianism measures influencing the strength of the association?"
- Ross, S. J. "Examining the role of language of report on the factor structure of the Revised Legal Attitudes Questionnaire."
- Ross, S. J., Morera, O. F., & Hosch, H. M. "Determining the factor structure of the Revised Legal Attitudes Questionnaire."
- Ross, S. J. & Tafoya, M. R. "Are jurors influenced by the subliminal presentation of emotionally-valenced words?"
- Malpass, R. S., Ross, S. J., Topp, L. D., & Susa, K. J. "Developing a face domain with known suspect-filler similarities."

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- Schwartz, S., Wright, S., & Ross, S. J. (2009, March). Evaluating the structural similarity of lineups generated using multiple construction techniques. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Ross, S. J., Malpass, R. S., & Topp, L. D. (2009, March). The importance of context and stimulus sampling in mockwitness tasks: Perceptual similarity may not be enough. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Wright, S., Schwartz, S., & Ross, S. J. (2009, March). Influence of description quality and case attributes on the likelihood of suspect nomination or arrest. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Thompson, S., Ross, S., Dempsey, H., & Anguiano, E. (2008, September). Perceptions of cervical cancer and screening among low income Hispanic women on the U.S.-Mexico border. Poster presented at the U.S./Mexico Binational Health Research Conference, El Paso, TX.
- Ochoa, C., Hosch, H. M., Jolly, K. W., & Ross, S. J. (2008, August). Facial morphing and the availability heuristic in alibi evaluations by jurors. Poster presented at the 116th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Malpass, R. S., & Ross, S. J. (2008, June). Implications of existing field and archival studies for field study design. Presented at the meeting of the Eyewitness Identification Study Group, National Institute of Justice, Washington, D.C.
- Thompson, S., Ross, S., Dempsey, H., & Anguiano, E. (2008, May). Perceptions of cervical cancer and screening among low income Hispanic women on the U.S.-Mexico border. Poster presented at the Society for Public Health Education Midyear Scientific Conference, Chicago, IL.
- DeLeon, D., Muñoz, A., Malpass, R. S., Topp, L. D., & Ross, S. J. (2008, March). Use of morphed faces in criminal investigations. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Jacksonville, FL.

- Ross, S. J., Culhane, S. E., & Morera, O. F. (2008, March). Confirmatory factor analyses of the Legal Attitudes Questionnaire: Assessing validity within Anglo and Hispanic samples. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Jacksonville, FL.
- Ross, S. J., & Malpass, R. S. (2008, March). Improved methodological standards for field evaluations of eyewitness identification procedures. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Jacksonville, FL.
- Ross, S. J., & Pickel, K. L. (2007, July). Evaluating the 'suggestiveness' of showups: Going beyond the "lack of protection" aspect. Paper presented at the 3rd International Congress of Psychology and Law, Adelaide, AUS.
- Ross, S. J., Tafoya, M. R., & Hosch, H. M. (2007, July). The effects of distraction and priming on juror attitudes and judgments in a civil case. Paper presented at the 3rd International Congress of Psychology and Law, Adelaide, AUS.
- Ross, S. J., & Malpass, R. S. (2007, March). An evaluation of the field studies on eyewitness identification procedures: What do we know and what can we learn? Paper presented at the "Off the witness stand: Using psychology in the practice of justice" meeting, New York, NY.
- Ross, S. J., & Morera, O. F. (2007, March). Determining the factor structure of the Revised Legal Attitudes Questionnaire. Poster presented at the "Off the witness stand: Using psychology in the practice of justice" meeting, New York, NY.
- Maclin, O. H., Malpass, R. S., & Ross, S. J. (2006, March). Towards an ecological approach to examine the diagnosticity of sequential and simultaneous lineup procedures. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Pickel, K. L., Ross, S. J., & Truelove, R. S. (2006, March). Can eyewitnesses overcome the weapon focus effect?: A test of the automatic capture hypothesis. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Ross, S. J. & Malpass, R. S. (2006, March). Scale validation is not forever: An evaluation of legal authoritarianism measures within and across cultures. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Ross, S. J. & Malpass, R. S. (2006, March). The authoritarianism-verdict association post-Narby et al.": A meta-analytic review. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Tafoya, M. R., Leyva, J. M., Ross, S. J., & Hosch, H. M. (2006, March). Does the subliminal presentation of emotionally-valenced words during a multi-media closing argument influence juror's judgments? Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Ross, S. J. (2005, March). What is legal authoritarianism?: Reliability and convergent validity tests on all the legal authoritarianism measures. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, La Jolla, CA.
- Ross, S. J., Weywadt, C. R., Davidson, J. E., & Holtgraves, T. M. (2004, May). Memory for illocutionary force. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Chicago, IL.

- Weywadt, C. R., Ross, S. J., & Holtgraves, T. M. (2004, May). On-line speech act comprehension. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Chicago, IL.
- Byle, K. A., Ross, S. J., Weywadt, C. R., & Holtgraves, T. M. (2004, May). The production and perception of implicit performatives. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Chicago, IL.
- Ross, S. J., Pickel, K. L., & Truelove, R. S., (2004, April). Can eyewitnesses overcome the weapon focus effect? In C. Krause (Moderator), Higher-order cognition. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Ross, S. J., Weywadt, C. R., Carr, F. M., & Holtgraves, T., M. (2003, May). Perceiving artificial social agents. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Reina, J. M., Eason, H. A., Ross, S. J., Palombo, C. A., Giardiano, D. T., Bertuca, F, Dean, J. J., Noonan, M. C. Roy, A. D., Niedzinski, J. A., & Berman, G. L. (1999, April). The effects of word type manipulation on accuracy of free recall. In G. L. Berman & M. P. Toglia (Chairs), Applied psychological research: The influence of cognitive and social factors in accurate retention and mock-juror decision making. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Providence, RI.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Psychology-Law Society (Div. 41 of APA)
 Association for Psychological Science
 Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition
 Society for Personality and Social Psychology

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

2008 – present	American Psychology-Law Society Grants-in-Aid Committee
2008 – present	Ad hoc reviewer, <i>Law and Human Behavior</i>
2007 – 2008	Graduate student representative, University of Texas at El Paso Legal Psychology Ph.D. program committee
2004 – 2008	Ad hoc student reviewer, <i>Law and Human Behavior</i>
2003 – 2008	Association for Psychological Science Student Caucus campus representative
2003 - present	Program reviewer, meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Eyewitness Testimony (graduate level)
 Introduction to Psychology (undergraduate level)
 Research Methods (undergraduate level)
 Statistical Methods (undergraduate level)
 Social Psychology (undergraduate level)