THE FACULTY

There are fifteen faculty members in Psychology at CSU San Marcos who can serve as thesis advisers to graduate students. If you are a potential applicant you should read the following entries and decide if one or more lists research interests that match your own. Prior to submitting your application, it would be VERY wise to contact individual faculty members with whom you might like to do research.

Sara J. Bufferd, Ph.D. (Stony Brook University) (sbufferd@csusm.edu) Clinical psychology; developmental psychopathology; assessment of emotional and behavioral problems, temperament, psychosocial functioning, and stressors in young children; parenting behavior and emotion development; mood, anxiety, and personality disorders.


Nancy G. Caine, Ph.D. (University of California, Davis) (ncaine@csusm.edu) Comparative psychology; behavior of nonhuman primates; antipredator and sensory adaptations in marmosets.


Dustin P. Calvillo, Ph.D. (University of California, Santa Barbara) (dcalvill@csusm.edu) Higher-order cognition; judgment and decision making; reasoning; memory; psychology and the law.


Calvillo, D. P. (in press). Working memory and the memory distortion
component of hindsight bias. Memory.

Kimberly L. D'Anna-Hernandez, Ph.D. (University of Wisconsin Madison). (kdanna@csusm.edu). Behavioral neuroscience; maternal defense and care behavior in mice, human maternal psychosocial and biological stress systems (cortisol) in pregnancy and the role of acculturation on the mother-infant dyad in Mexican-American women.


Maureen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D. (University of California, Irvine) (mjfitzpa@csusm.edu) Lifespan developmental psychology; socioemotional development of infants and young children; emotional competence; parent-child interactions, including grandparent-grandchild relationships; gender development.


Gerardo M. González, Ph.D. (California School of Professional Psychology, Fresno) (ggonz@csusm.edu) Clinical psychology; multicultural mental health issues, computer-assisted psychological assessment, prevention/treatment of depression, and computer-assisted teaching tools.


Elisa J. Grant-Vallone, Ph.D. (Claremont Graduate University) (evallone@csusm.edu) Organizational psychology; work and family issues; work
environments and employee health and well-being.


Sharon B. Hamill, Ph.D. (University of California, Irvine) (shamill@csusm.edu) Developmental psychology; the impact of Alzheimer’s Disease on the family; multigenerational family relationships among middle-aged adults and adolescent children (i.e., the “sandwich” generation); the development of personal responsibility in adolescents and emerging adults.


Heike I.M. Mahler, Ph.D. (University of California, San Diego) (hmahler@csusm.edu) Health psychology and social psychology; coping with stressful medical procedures, psychosocial interventions to enhance health promotion efforts.


Spencer A. McWilliams, Ph.D. (University of Rochester) (smcwilli@csusm.edu) Constructivist approaches to personality and human knowledge, personal construct psychology, Buddhist psychology.


**Kim Pulvers, Ph.D., MPH** (University of Kansas) ([kpulvers@csusm.edu](mailto:kpulvers@csusm.edu)) Clinical psychology; disease prevention and health promotion; addiction and relapse prevention, particularly smoking cessation, weight management, and body image; positive psychology.


**P. Wesley Schultz, Ph.D.** (Claremont Graduate University) ([psch@csusm.edu](mailto:psch@csusm.edu)). Social psychology and statistics; applied social psychology, conservation psychology.


**Miriam W. Schustack, Ph.D.** (Carnegie-Mellon University) ([mschusta@csusm.edu](mailto:mschusta@csusm.edu)) Cognitive psychology; the development of literacy; reasoning and problem solving; cognition and personality.


**Marie D. Thomas, Ph.D.** (Fordham University) ([mthomas@csusm.edu](mailto:mthomas@csusm.edu)). Psychological measurement, statistics and research methodology; gender issues; scholarship of teaching; positive psychology.


**Keith A. Trujillo, Ph.D.** (University of California, Irvine) *(keith@csusm.edu)*
Pharmacology and toxicology; behavioral neuroscience and psychopharmacology with a focus on drugs of abuse, antidepressants and antipsychotics.
