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Catherine Borshuk, Ph.D. (*Carleton University, 2000*). Office: DW 2155. Phone: 574-520-4122. Associate Professor. Social Psychologist. IUSB faculty member since 2000. Research interests are social identity theory and intergroup relations, migration and acculturation, and psychology of women.

Dé Bryant, Ph.D. (*Michigan State University, 1990*). Office: DW 2157. Phone: 574-520-4447. Professor & Director of the Social Action Project. Community Psychologist. IUSB faculty member since 1990. Research objectives are "to develop and replicate models for community building and empowerment; to create psychological assessment tools sensitive to differences caused by race, gender, and class inequities; and to establish a university-community partnership to bring about social change." Other interests: international service-learning, qualitative research methodologies, diversity as social justice.

Daniel DeBrule, M.A. (*University of Southern Mississippi, 2004; Ph.D. expected 2008*). Office: DW 2169. Phone: 574-520-4119. Acting Assistant Professor. Doctoral Candidate in Clinical Psychology. IUSB faculty member since 2007. Research interests include traumatic experience and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD; exposure-based writing interventions, posttraumatic growth), mood disorder and creativity. Future research efforts will also examine the writing paradigm (developed by Pennbaker) and innovative writing interventions in the context of stress, mood, and psychophysiological variables in addition to trauma/PTSD.

Ginger DeBrule, M.A., M.S. (*University of Southern Mississippi, 2005; Ph.D. expected 2008*). Office: DW 2171. Phone: 574-520-4285. Visiting Lecturer. Doctoral Candidate in Clinical Psychology. IUSB faculty member since 2007 (visiting). Research interests include impact of childhood abuse on optimism/pessimism, MMPI factor analysis, and inpatient mental health.

Frank Fujita, Ph.D. (*University of Illinois, 1994*). Office: DW 2161. Phone: 574-520-5593. Professor of Psychology and Director of the IU South Bend Honors Program. Social/Personality Psychologist. IUSB faculty member since 1994. Research interests include social comparison, emotion, subjective well-being, and social desirability.

Richard W. Hubbard, Ph.D. (*University of Notre Dame, 1979*). Office: DW 2129. Phone: 574-520-4512. Associate Professor. Clinical Psychologist. IUSB faculty member since 1991. Research interests include health psychology, pain management, risk factor reduction and ethnic differences, and mental health and aging, especially alcohol and aging.

Kevin Ladd, Ph.D. (*University of Denver, 2000*). Office: DW 2159. Phone: 574-520-5505. Associate Professor. Social Psychologist. IUSB faculty member since 2001. Research interests include the interface of science & religion, prayer, wisdom, music, ritual, health, coping, prejudice, psychometrics, physiology, neuroimaging, synesthesia, spiritual transformation, character development, personality, clergy & congregational performance/satisfaction, magic.

John L. McIntosh, Ph.D. (*University of Notre Dame, 1980*). Office: DW3300G. Phone: 574-520-4343. Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and Professor of Psychology. Developmental Psychologist, Geropsychologist and Suicidologist. IUSB faculty member since 1979. Research interests include suicide, gerontology, and developmental psychology, survivors of suicide, bereavement.

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Gwendolyn Mettetal, Ph.D. (*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1982*). Office: DW 2127. Phone: 574-520-4507. Chair and Professor of Psychology (College of Liberal Arts & Sciences) and Professor of Education (School of Education). Developmental Psychologist. IUSB faculty member since 1989 (Psychology since 2005). Research interests include faculty development issues such as tenure and promotion, and encouraging the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Kathy Ritchie, Ph.D. (*University of Texas at Austin, 1992*). Office: DW 2135. Phone: 574-520-4889. Associate Professor. Developmental Psychologist. IUSB faculty member since 1992. Research interests include maternal behaviors and cognitions during discipline episodes; learning and development of parental attitudes and schemas; intergenerational transmission of parental attitudes and schemas; and links between parenting and religiosity.

Dennis Rodriguez, Ph.D. (*University of South Carolina, 2004*). Office: DW 2131. Phone: 574-520-4396. Assistant Professor. Experimental Psychologist. IUSB faculty member since 2004. Research interests include cognition and neuroscience; the neural bases of attention and attention disorders (attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder - ADHD); attachment styles and coping styles.

Carolyn Schult, Ph.D. (*University of Michigan, 1996*). Office: DW 2133. Phone: 574-520-4118. Associate Professor. Developmental Psychologist. IUSB faculty member since 1997. Research interests include cognitive development of preschoolers; children's understandings of beliefs, intentions, and desires; children's representational abilities; and language acquisition.

Laura Talcott, M.A. (*Indiana University South Bend, 2001*). Office: DW2137 (Psych Lab office: DW2108A). Office Phone: 574-520-4326 (Psych Lab Office Phone: 574-520-4269). Lecturer & Psychology Laboratory Coordinator. IUSB faculty member since 2001 (staff member since 1995). Research interests include childhood cognitive development, particularly theory of mind.

Michelle Verges, Ph.D. (*University of Georgia, 2005*). Office: DW 2167. Phone: 574-520-4593. Assistant Professor. Cognitive Psychologist. IUSB faculty member since 2005. Research interests include: knowledge representation, social and semantic categorization; affective processing; environmentalism.