Currriculum Vitae

Mary M. True, Ph.D

Professor of Psychology, Saint Mary’s College of California

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**Education**

* Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Developmental Psychology, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, California. Dissertation Title: Mother-Infant Attachment and Communication Among the Dogon of Mali. Chair of Dissertation Committee, Mary Main, Ph.D. (1994).
* Masters of Arts in Developmental Psychology, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California. Behavioral Sciences Graduate Student Award. (1986).
* Masters of Theological Studies, Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, California, (1978).
* Bachelor of Arts in History, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude with Honors in History. (1974).

**Teaching Experience**

* Professor - Department of Psychology, St. Mary's College of California, Moraga, California. (1996 – present. Promoted to Associate Professor, 2000, promoted to Professor, 2005).
* Supervisor of Research - Ph.D. Program in Psychology, Wright Institute, Berkeley, California (1994 - 1995).
* Graduate Student Instructor - Department of Psychology, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, California (1987 - 1992).
* Instructor - Department of Psychology, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California (1986 – 1989; 1994-1995).

**Selected Awards**

* Engaged Faculty Award – Catholic Institute of Lasallian Social Action, Saint Mary's College of California (2015).
* Alumni-Faculty Research Award - Saint Mary's College of California (2007)
* Science-Religion Course Award, Templeton Foundation. (1997).
* National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Predoctoral Research Award. (1991).
* Research Award, Institute of Human Development, University of California at Berkeley (1990).

**Publications**

* Neto, R. & True, M. (2011). *The development and treatment of impulsivity.* Psi Vol. 42;1, 134-141.
* Pisani, L., True, M. & Oumar, F. (2005). *La relation entre la croissance de l'enfant l"attachement entre l'enfant et la mere, et le temps de reponse maternelle ausignal de le'enfant chez les Dogons du Mali*, Devenir, Vol. 17, 4, 287-302.
* True, M., Pisani,, L. and Oumar, F. (2001). *Mother-infant attachment among the Dogon of Mali*, Child Development, Vol. 72, 1451-1466.
* True, Mary. (1993). Infant-Mother Attachment: Part I: Developing a Secure Mother-Infant Attachment"." Human Relations 19.5.

**In preparation for submission**

* *Another pathway to infant disorganization: Insights from an African dataset.* True, M., Pisani, L. Lyon, S. & Oumar, F.
* *Decreassing college student's physiological stress during final exams: An experimental study*. Hutson, M., & True, M. In preparation for submission to Frontiers, 2017.

**Scientific Impact**

*Mother-infant attachment among the Dogon of Mali*, published in Child Development, cited in over 135 scientific publications, books, and textbooks

in 8 languages. In Handbook of Attachment, (3rd edition) the Dogon study is described as a seminal study in field of cross cultural research in attachment.

**Peer-reviewed presentations**

* *Rhythmic motion and music decreases student's physiological stress during college* *final exams: An experimental study*. Hutson, M., & True, M. (2016). Annual conference of the Western Psychological Association. Long Beach, CA.
* *Maternal Delight, viewed by the infant, linked to attachment security: Findings from West Africa*. True, M., Mariman, J., Oumar, F., & Pisani, L. (2006)). The Fifteenth International Conference on Infant Studies: Kyoto, Japan.
* *Infant-mother attachment among the Dogon of Mali: Findings on the universal and culturally specific dimensions of infant attachment and the relationship between infant undernutrition and maternal underresponsiveness*. True, M., Pisani, L., Oumar, F., & Padilla, J. (2004)). Congress of the Association of Infant and Child Psychiatrists; Berlin, Germany.
* *Another pathway to infant disorganization: Insights from an African dataset.* True, M., Pisani, L. Lyon, S. & Oumar, F. (2003). Biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development; Tampa, Florida.
* *Individual differences in infant-mother attachment among the Dogon of Mali: Observations in three contexts.*  True, M., Pisani, L., & Oumar, F. (2002). Congress of the World Association of Infant Mental Health; Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
* *Maternal Behaviors related to disorganized infant attachment in West Africa.* True, M., Pisani, L.,, Oumar, F. & Rowland-Smith, R. (1998). Annual Conference of the Western Psychological Association; Albuquerque, New Mexico.
* *"Psychology and Religion: Friends or Foes"*. True, M. (1997). Advanced Workshop on Science and Religion, sponsored by the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences; Berkeley, California.
* *Infant undernutrition and maternal responsivity in West Africa.*  True, M., Pisani, L., Diakite, C. & Oumar, F. (1996). The Annual Conference of the Western Psychological Association, San Jose, California.
* *Maternal Holding and Security of Attachment in Western Africa"*. True, M., Lyon, S, Oumar, F & Pisani, L. (1995). Biennial Meeting, Society for Research in Child Development, Indianiapolis, Indiana.
* *Does Urbanization Change Mother-Infant Interaction in West Africa?* True, M. Pisani, & Oumar, F. (1994). International Conference of Infant Behavioral Studies, Paris, France.
* *Infant-Mother Attachment and Communication in Rural West Africa.*  True, M., Piasani, L. & Oumar, F (1993). Biennial Meeting, Society for Research in Child Development, New Orleans, Louisiania.
* *Quality of Mother-Infant Interaction and Infant Health: A Pilot Study from Niger, West Africa*. True, M. (1990). Symposium on Infant Malnutrition, Institute for Research in Public Health, Mali and the Instituto de Psicologia del CNR, Rome, Italy.

**Invited Presentations and Trainings**

* *Attachment Theory Across Cultures*. Early Childhood Mental Health: The George Miller Lecture Series. Workshop for professionals in field of infant mental health (September 2013).
* *Adapting Evidence-based Models to Needs of Diverse Populations*. Harris Early Childhood Mental Health Training Program Conclave. (April 2013).

**Selected Service**

* \*Presidential Search Committee, Faculty Representative. Saint Mary’s College. (2013).
* Board Member, Seven Hills School, Walnut Creeek, CA. (2008-2011).
* \*Rank and Tenure Committee. Saint Mary’s College. (2011-2014).
* Faculty Advisor, Jump Start Program/Catholic Institute Lasallian Social Action. (Jumpstart trains and places Saint Mary’s students as literacy aides in Head Start Programs. (2006 - Present).
* \*Core Curriculum Task Force. Saint Mary’s College. (2006-2009).
* \*Educational Policies Board, Saint Mary’s College. (2003 - 2007).
* Program Review Committee. Saint Mary’s College. (2003-2007). Chair: 2006-2007.
* Ad hoc Senate Committee on School of Extended Education. (2002 - 2003).
* Rank and Tenure subcommittee of the Faculty Senate. Saint Mary’s College.  
  (2001 - 2002).
* WASC Accreditation Steering Committee and co-chair of Standard 4 Committee, Saint Mary’s College. (2001 - 2003).
* \*Faculty Senate. Saint Mary’s College. (1998 - 2001).

\* Elected Faculty Positions.