

## Curriculum Vitae

---

**Aaron J. Kivisto**

AREA OF INTEREST: Clinical Psychology

UNIVERSITY ADDRESS:  
209 Norcross Dr. #42F  
Knoxville, TN, 37923  
309 236-3625  
akivisto@utk.edu

PERMANENT ADDRESS:  
3309 14<sup>TH</sup> Avenue  
Rock Island, IL, 61201  
309 794-0015

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D. (in progress) in Clinical Psychology  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

M.S. in Clinical-Counseling Psychology  
(Thesis in progress)  
Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

B.A. with Honors in Psychology, Cum Laude (2004)  
Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois

### WORK EXPERIENCE:

**Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

August, 2006-present. Worked under the supervision of Drs. Todd Moore and Deborah Rhatigan in the Trauma, Violence, and Aggression Lab. Examined various aspects of violence and aggression across four research projects, including an examination of the temporal relationship between substance abuse and IPV through a longitudinal daily-diary study. In addition, we examined the role of masculine gender role stress on violence as well as the characteristic attributions one makes regarding their partners' behaviors and how this impacts the likelihood of responding aggressively.

**For Children's Sake**, Normal, Illinois

Intern Therapist; August, 2005-May, 2006. My 10-month supplemental practicum allowed me to work with children who witnessed domestic violence. Supplementing my internship at The Baby Fold, this experience allowed me to see additional clients under the supervision of Dr. Al House and Dr. Adeena Meyers. In addition to providing me the opportunity to work with additional clients, I was able to benefit from the additional supervision under these Illinois State University faculty members.

**The Baby Fold**, Normal, Illinois

Intern Therapist (1,000 hour practicum); May, 2005-May, 2006. Throughout my 12-month internship I conducted individual therapy with children of all ages involved in the foster-care system as well as biological parents, providing me with extensive knowledge of the child-welfare system. Additionally, I conducted family therapy sessions and led parenting classes for referred parents in the community. I also designed and implemented an educational workshop for parents of ADHD children.

**Chestnut Health Systems**, Bloomington, Illinois

Research Assistant (Graduate Assistantship); August, 2004-June, 2005. My research involved various aspects of employee assistance programs. Specifically, I wrote training manuals on implementing employee assistance programs for Chestnut Health System's affiliates in China. Additionally, I compiled data regarding the utilization of the employee assistance program and analyzed correlations with workman's compensation claims for a multinational company.

**Family Resources, Davenport, Iowa**

Residential Counselor; November, 2003-August 2004. Worked with 6-12 year old clients in the residential Anchorage House unit of the Annie Wittenmyer Complex. Implemented treatment plans devised by each client's case manager and therapist aimed at teaching basic social skills in addition to attending to client's individualized problems, which included ADHD, OCD, ODD, conduct disorder, and various emotional problems.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

Master's Thesis: *Social Information Processing as a Moderator of Trauma and Aggression* (in progress).

Temporal Relationship Between Substance Use and IPV

Gender Roles Study

College Student Relationship Study

Relationship Perceptions Study

Master's Thesis: *The Persistence of Cognition: An Explanation of Attention-Related Cognitive Tasks Through the Variables Effecting Behavior*

Honor's Research: *Motor Mimicry as an Affiliation-Seeking Coping Mechanism for Depression*

**ACADEMIC HONORS:**

Full tuition waiver; University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN  
Full tuition waiver; Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois  
Graduated Cum Laude; Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois  
Recipient of 2004 Geraldine Wallin Sickler Award; high honors in psychology dept.  
Awarded 2004 Transitions Conference scholarship; funded to attend conference  
Member Psi Chi-National Honor Society in Psychology

**PUBLICATIONS**

Cates, G.L., Dunne, M., Erkfritz, K.N., **Kivisto, A.**, Lee, N., & Wierzbicki, J. (2007). Differential effects of two spelling procedures on acquisition, maintenance and adaption to reading. *Journal of Behavioral Education, 16*, 70-81.

**RESEARCH AND MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

**Kivisto, A.**, Moore, T.M., Elkins, S.R., & Rhatigan, D.L. *Social information processing as a moderator of trauma and aggression.*

Elkins, S. R., Moore, T., & Kivisto, A. *The Temporal Relationship between Substance Use, Negative Affect, and Intimate Partner Violence.*

#### **POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

Rhatigan, D.L., Stewart, C., Elkins, S., **Kivisto, A.** & Moore, T.M. (2007 November). College student attributions regarding female versus male perpetrated intimate partner violence. Poster submitted for presentation at the 41<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, P.A.

#### **REVIEWING EXPERIENCE:**

*The Sociological Quarterly*

#### **REFERENCES:**

Todd Moore, Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Tennessee  
Research Advisor  
(865) 974-7881

Deborah Rhatigan, Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Tennessee  
Research Advisor

Alvin House, Professor / Coordinator of Clinical-Counseling Program, Illinois State University  
Practicum Supervisor: For Children's Sake  
(309) 438-8508

W. Joel Schneider, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Illinois State University  
Thesis Committee Member  
(309) 438-8410  
wjschne@ilstu.edu