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## Research Impact

17,454

Total Citations

62

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Publications

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## Research Focus Areas

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## Publication Timeline

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## Education

Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology

University of Arizona, 1997

Dissertation: Calibration of Psychological Measures. Chair: Lee Sechrest, Ph.D.

M.S. in Exercise & Sport Sciences

University of Arizona, 1992

Thesis: The effects of cohesion and identifiability on social loafing.

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

University of Notre Dame, 1988

## Academic Positions

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Associate Professor

George Mason University | Department of Psychology

2008 – Present

Assistant Professor

George Mason University | Department of Psychology

2006 – 2008

Research Assistant Professor

University of Arizona | Department of Psychology, EGAD

2002 – 2006

Health Sciences Specialist

VA Puget Sound Health Care System | CESATE

1999 – 2001

Psychology Intern

University of Washington Medical School | Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

1998 – 1999

## Selected Publications

### Books

McKnight, P.E., McKnight, K.M., Sidani, S., & Figueredo, A.J. (2007). *Missing Data: A Gentle Introduction*. New York: Guilford Press.

3,200 citations

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

curiosity

Kashdan, T.B., McKnight, P.E., Kelso, K., Craig, L., & Gross, M. (2025). Enhancing curiosity with a wise intervention to improve political conversations and relationships. *Scientific Reports*.

12 citations

curiosity

Kashdan, T.B., McKnight, P.E., Kelso, K., Craig, L., Guenoun, B., & Naughton, C. (2025). Multiple dimensions of workplace curiosity: Evidence of generalizability in nine countries. *Personality and Individual Differences*.

8 citations

purpose

McKnight, P.E., Kashdan, T.B., MacKay, A., Kelso, K., & Gross, M. (2025). Purpose and happiness: A comparison. *Journal of Positive Psychology*.

5 citations

curiosity

Kashdan, T.B., Harrison, S.H., Polman, E., & Kark, R. (2024). Curiosity in organizations: Addressing adverse reactions, trade-offs, and multi-level dynamics. *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*, 129, 104274.

45 citations

curiosity

Kashdan, T.B., Disabato, D.J., Goodman, F.R., & McKnight, P.E. (2020). The Five-Dimensional Curiosity Scale Revised (5DCR): Briefer subscales while separating overt and covert social curiosity. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 157, 109836.

280 citations

curiosity

Kashdan, T.B., Goodman, F.R., Disabato, D.J., McKnight, P.E., Kelso, K., & Naughton, C. (2020). Curiosity has comprehensive benefits in the workplace. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 155, 109717.

195 citations

curiosity

Kashdan, T.B., Stikma, M.C., Disabato, D., McKnight, P.E., Bekier, J., Kaji, J., & Lazarus, R. (2018). The five-dimensional curiosity scale: Capturing the bandwidth of curiosity and identifying four unique subgroups of curious people. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 73, 130-149.

520 citations

purpose

Kashdan, T.B., & McKnight, P.E. (2013). Commitment to a purpose in life: An antidote to the suffering by individuals with social anxiety disorder. *Emotion*, 13, 1150-1159.

380 citations

intervention

Baer, J.S., Kivlahan, D.R., Blume, A., McKnight, P.E., & Marlatt, G.A. (2001). Brief intervention for heavy drinking college students: Four-year follow-up and natural history. *American Journal of Public Health*, 91, 1310-1316.

1,200 citations

methodology

Figueredo, A.J., McKnight, P.E., McKnight, K.M., & Sidani, S. (2000). Multivariate modeling of missing data within and across assessment waves. *Addiction*, 95, 361-380.

450 citations

measurement

Sechrest, L., McKnight, P., & McKnight, K. (1996). Calibration of measures for psychotherapy outcome studies. *American Psychologist*, 51, 1065-1071.

890 citations

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## Research Funding

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Distinguishing extraordinarily happy from psychologically flexible people

Koch Foundation | Co-Investigator

2016 – 2021

Prospective determination of neurobehavioral risk for emotion disorders

NIH R01 | Co-Investigator

2016 – 2021

Multidimensional Intervention in Osteoarthritis

NIAMS | Co-Investigator | \$2,630,000

2003 – 2007

Positive Mental Health and Outcomes in Osteoarthritis

Arthritis Foundation | Co-Investigator | \$313,500

2002 – 2006

## Teaching

### Graduate Courses

- **PSYC 611:** Statistics in Psychology
- **PSYC 612:** Multiple Regression
- **PSYC 860:** Advanced Quantitative Methods
- **PSYC 861:** Bayesian Statistics
- **PSYC 864:** Structural Equation Modeling

### Undergraduate Courses

- **PSYC 325:** Psychopathology
- **PSYC 405:** Mystery, Madness & Murder
- **PSYC 300:** Personality Theory

## Technical Skills

Statistical Software

R Python SAS Stan JAGS

SEM & IRT

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Programming

Python R SQL LaTeX Quarto

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