

Dr. Richard Henry Morley

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

- **University of Texas, Austin, TX**
Ph.D. Graduate in Educational Psychology:
Specialization: Human Development, Culture, and Learning Science
Subspecialization: Quantitative Methods
Conferred May 2012
- **Texas State University, San Marcos, TX**
Masters of Science in Healthcare Human Resources
Conferred May 2004
- **University of Texas Pan American, Edinburg, TX**
Bachelors of Science in Corrections
Conferred December 2000

Grants:

- **Research Enhancement Grant:** *NIH Blueprint: Human Connectome Project Data Analysis: The Link Between Brain Networks and Known Predictors of Violence.* Paul Jantz and I were awarded 16,000 Dollars for equipment and training.

Awards:

- **College Achievement Award** for Scholarly/Creative Activity from the Office of the President at Texas State University Fall 2015
- **Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release** awarded by the Texas State Faculty Senate for the Fall 2016

Fellowships:

- **South Texas Graduate Fellowship**

Awarded: Fall 2005 at the University of Texas at Austin

Research Interests:

My research focuses on the influence of mindful self-awareness and mindful self-compassion on neurological and psychological predictors of emotional regulation, impulsivity, antisocial behavior, and self-awareness.

Dissertation Topic:

Cerebello-Striatal Connectivity and Implicit Learning in Autism Spectrum Disorders: My dissertation investigated the link between abnormal brain connectivity, implicit learning, and Autism Spectrum Disorder. This task was accomplished using functional connectivity Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI) to compare connectivity difference in three regions with known anatomic connections and a modified Non-Motor Serial Reaction Task to compare implicit learning performance. I found that the participants diagnosed with autism displayed greater functional connectivity and performance differences on the implicit learning task.

Published Manuscript:

Morley, R. H. (2015). Violent criminality and self-compassion. *Aggression and Violent Behavior, 24*, 226-240. 5-year impact factor of 3.059.

Morley, R. H., Terranova, V., Cunningham, S., & Kraft, G. (2016). Self-compassion and predictors of criminality. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma, 25*(5), 503-517**These authors contributed equally to this work.*

Morley, R. H., Terranova, V., Cunningham, S., & Vaughn, T. (2016). The Role that Self-Compassion and Self-Control play in Hostility provoked from a Negative Life Event. *The International Journal of Indian Psychology, 3*(2), 125-141

Completed Manuscripts:

Morley, R.H. (2016). The effect of self-compassion on impulsivity provoked by a reduction in self-esteem. Under Review

Morley, R.H. (2016). The intersection of Self-Control Theory, Self-Awareness Theory, and Mindfulness. Under Review

Jantz, P., & Morley, R.H. (2016). Violence and neural networks. Under Review

Morley, R.H. (2016). The Impact of Self-compassion and Self-awareness on Criminal Impulsivity

Papers in Progress:

Morley, R.H., Jantz, P., Reiko, & Graham. (2016) The role of the Salience Network in perceptions of hostility and aggression

Morley, R.H., Jantz, P., & Fulton, C. (2016) The role of Mindfulness in Brain Networks associated with Violence

Projects in Progress:

Loving Kindness Meditation, Autonomic Response, and Exposure to Violence: this project is a cross disciplinary experiment investigating the use loving kindness as a means to buffer against changes in the autonomic nervous system associated with exposure to violence. This project is currently in the data collecting stage.

The intersection of views of Afrocentrism, Masculinity, Self-Compassion, and Narcissism: This is a project led by Dr. Matthew Taylor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The purpose of this project is to look at a several questions concerning the issues related to self-concept, Masculinity, and perceptions of Afrocentrism. This project has been approved to collect data at the University of Missouri and is awaiting approval to collect data at Texas State.

Brain Networks and violence: This interdepartmental project involves a gold mine of data acquired from the human connectome project. Collaborators from Texas State University include the Department of Psychology, School Psychology, and Criminal Justice. Currently we have 500 brains stored in the University Supercomputer. We are also seeking collaborators at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. The goal of this project is to understand the role that the

executive control network, the salience network, and Default Mode Network play in violence.

The impact of mindfulness on decision processing and performance related to the use of firearms in high stress situations. This project involves faculty from various departments across campus (including Social Work, Psychology, School Psychology, and Criminal Justice) and researchers from the ALERRT Center. The goal of this project is to investigate the role that the central and sympathetic nervous system plays in the decision making (including the variables such as reaction time and implicit bias) and performance of police officers and non-police to shoot and to investigate mindfulness an intervention to improve decision making and performance in high stress situations. This project will seek funding to acquire tools such as wireless EEG to implement in a virtual environment and an active shooter training. If successful, this project will be the first of its kind to measure the brain's response in real life simulations related to violence. This project will seek a variety of funding sources including the National Institute of Justice, the National Institute of Science, the Department of Defense, and potentially the National Institute of Health.

Papers Presented at Professional Organizations:

- Self Compassion and Predictors of Criminality in Violent Offenders
Presented at the Southwest Educational Research Association February 2010.
- The Relationship of Self-Compassion, Self-Esteem and Narcissism to Criminality in Adult Offenders: a Review of the Literature. Presented at the Teacher Educators for Children with Behavioral Disorders Conference November 2008.
- Siblings, Health, and Religion Symposium. Presented at the American Psychological Association Convention August 2006.

Professional Talks:

- Self-Compassion and Predictors of Antisocial Personality Disorder, Aggression, and Criminality Talk at Texas State University (Spring 2014)
- Mental Health and the Brain: a brief overview Talk at Texas State University (Spring 2014)
- Mindfulness Meditation and Health Talk at Texas State University (Spring 2015)

- Mindfulness Meditation and Health Talk at Texas State University (Fall 2015)
- Self-Compassion, Self-Awareness, and Violent Criminality Texas Probation Association Annual Conference (Spring 2016)
- Mindfulness Meditation and Health Talk at Texas State University (Fall 2016)

Community Services:

- **Chair** of Prisoner Reentry Roundtable of Travis County Evidence Based Practice Subcommittee. January 2007—January 2009.
- **Member of** Prisoner Reentry Roundtable of Travis County Employment Subcommittee. September 2005—October 2007.
- **Member** of The Common Experience Committee at Texas State University. May 2013—May 2014.

Theses

- Graduate Thesis Committee Member: Glowinski, Bernard D. (2015) The Sociological Norming of Members' Concepts of Violent Music
- Graduate Thesis Committee Member: Layton, Rachael M. (2016) Differentiating Successful Psychopaths from Non-Psychopathic Controls

Consultancies:

- **Program Evaluation** of the Yoga and Meditation Program at Travis County Correctional Complex. May 2014.

Teaching Honors:

- **Graduating Student Recognition** as a person who contributed to the Academic Career of Nathaniel L. Thompson 3/3/2010 Comment: *I wanted to thank you for all your guidance. If it wasn't for your sincere nature, as well as your astute knowledge, I would not have been here today. You drove me when the times became tough and urged me not to give up when it seemed like the easiest option. Thank you.*

- **Graduating Student Recognition** as a person who contributed to the Academic Career of Aaron Hoelscher 7/14/2010 Comment: *Thank you for the enjoyable learning experience that I received from you at Texas State. Your excellent teaching style made coming to class a privilege, not a requirement. I hope the best for your career and that you continue to enrich other students with knowledge.*
- **Graduating Student Recognition** as a person who contributed to the Academic Career of Danielle Dunnahoe 7/3/13 Comment: *I hate Stats, but having a good teacher makes a difference. Thank You!*

Professional Development Courses:

- University of Texas Statistics Seminar: Bayesian Methods May 2010.
- University of Texas Graduate School: Writing Research Proposals.
- University of Texas Statistics Seminar: Hierarchical Linear Modeling May 2012.
- University of Texas Statistics Seminar: Introduction to STATA May 2013.
- Texas State University National Institute of Health Grant Writing Seminar December 2015.

Professional Employment:

Senior Lecturer at the Department of Criminal Justice at Texas State University

From August 2008 to Present

- Instruct students in accordance to Texas State policies and procedures in basic statistics and Criminal Justice Research Methods.
- Prepare lectures in Statistics and Research Methods.

Internship Coordinator at the Department of Criminal Justice at Texas State University

From July 2014 to the Present

- Organize and Manage student applications and Direct the internship approval process.
- Counsel and Mentor students on career goals.
- Facilitate student internship placement.
- Advise students on job readiness skills.
- Evaluate students on job learning.

College Instructor at the University of Phoenix

From October 2007 to December 2010

- Instructed students in Psychology and Research accordance to campus policies and procedures.
- Advised students.
- Participated in professional development activities

Research Assistant at the University of Texas:

From September 2005 to May 2010

Participated on a research team with various professors at the University of Texas on various subjects including:

- Systemic Responsiveness and Juvenile Delinquency under Dr. Janay Sanders.
- Scale construction for the construct Reverence under Dr. Frank Richardson.
- Self-Compassion: the effects of mood induction on presentational anxiety under Dr Kristen Neff.
- The effects of social economic status and religiosity on siblings' health under Dr. Tony Falbo.
- The effects of functional MRI connectivity involving the cerebellum for persons diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder under Dr. Greg Allen.

Placement Specialist at Goodwill Industries of Central Texas

January 2005 to November 2007

- Assessed, Trained, and Advised individuals with barriers to employment.
- Conducted mock interviews.
- Conducted training in life management skills and job readiness.
- Recruited candidates for the Jobsource Program at job fairs.
- Managed and implemented grants with different government agencies.
- Organized community events.
- Presented public presentations on the programs of Goodwill.
- Screened applicants for HR recruiter and other Goodwill programs.
- Referred applicants to other programs in the community.

Reader at Harcourt, San Antonio, Texas

From May 2004 to December 2004

- Graded standardize test and collect data on new tests.

Detention Officer at Hays Count Juvenile Detention, San Marcos, Texas

From October 2003 to May 2004

- Supervised confined minors.
- Conducted searches.
- Assessed risk factors and created reports.
- Monitored the activities of detainees.

Parole Officer at Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Austin, Texas
From March 2001 to December 2002

- Supervised released parolees in the community, Monitored parolees' home life, and Document activities of parolees.
- Assessed risk of recidivism.
- Investigated parole violations, Presented evidence in parole hearings, and Made recommendations to the Parole Board.
- Worked with victims and family of victims.
- Served Subpoenas and Interviewed witnesses.
- Collaborated with government agencies including police, Attorney Generals Office, court system, and Child Protective Services.

Child Care Worker at South Texas Youth Ranch, Pharr, Texas
From August 1999 to October 2000

- Supervised at risk youth foster children, and court placed children in home facility.
- Monitored and documented youth activity.
- Assessed children for risk of harm to self or others.
- Implemented treatment plans.
- Delivered medication.
- Monitored family visits.
- Worked with court systems, Child Protective Services, local police and schools system, and facilitated group sessions.

Other Professional Activities:

- **Innovative Solutions:** Completed Contract with Texas Workforce Commission to prepare and place ex-offenders in employment February 2005-June 2005.
- **Community Career Expo:** Participated in Organizing this Job Fair May 2005, 2006, 2007.
- **Katrina Relief Job Fair:** September 2005.
- **Employment Connections:** Assisted in grant development and implementation to help individuals in low income areas get jobs with prestigious employers in the Austin area August 2005 to January 2006.

Additional Skills:

- Knowledge of Microsoft Office, Windows XP, and Macintosh.
- Knowledge of SPSS, STATA, AFNI, and Mplus.
- Program Evaluation.
- Designing training programs.

Interests:

- Meditation
- Shaolin Kung Fu
- Yoga