

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

Mt. Holyoke College, 1959-1961

Occidental College. 1961-63; A.B. in Psychology, 1963

Brandeis University, 1963-67; Ph.D. in Psychology, Feb. 1968

FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT:

Assistant Professor, Wheaton College, Norton, MA. 9/67-6/69

Assistant Professor, State University College, Buffalo, NY 9/69-6/71

Assistant Professor, Richard Stockton College, Pomona, NJ 9/74-9/77

Associate Professor, Professor, Richard Stockton College, Pomona NJ 9/77-2/81

Professor of Psychology, Richard Stockton College, Pomona, NJ 2/81-present

COLLEGE SERVICE:

College Examiner, 1972-74

Coordinator of Psychology Program, 1978-80, 1990-92

Chair, Affirmative Action Task Force, 1980-81

Organizer and first Moderator, Women's Caucus, 1980-81

Chair, Academic Vice-Presidential Search Committee, 1982-83

Moderator, Women's Caucus, 1988-89

Co-chair, Premedical Committee, 1988-89

SOBL Faculty Review and other committees, various years

Chair, Committee on Ethics in Scholarship and Research (now Institutional Review Board), 1990-92, 1996-2000; member 1991-95

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Consulting reader, Infants and Young Children, 1992-

Editor, The Phoenix (NJAIMH Quarterly Newsletter), 1994-1999; Editor,

Nurture Notes (NJAIMH Newsletter), 2000-2001.

Vice President, New Jersey Association for Infant Mental Health, 1996-2000

President, New Jersey Association for Infant Mental Health, 2000-

Member, Prevention and Early Intervention Committee, New Jersey Community Mental Health Board, 2000-

Consulting editor, Scientific Review of Mental Health Practice, 2002-

Member, New Jersey Better Baby Care Campaign Advisory Committee, 2002-

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COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Board of Directors, Treehouse Preschool, 1972-74
 President and Secretary of Atlantic County New School at various times
 from 1978-1991
 Consultant and workshop leader, Stockton Child Care Center, 1985-
 Workshop leader, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), 2001-

PUBLICATIONS:

- Lester, G., & Morant, R. (1967). Sound localization during labyrinthian stimulation. Proceedings of the 75th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, 1, 19-20.
- Lester, G. (1968). The case for efferent change during prism adaptation. Journal of Psychology, 68, 9-13.
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- Lester, G. (1969). Disconfirmation of an hypothesis about the Mueller-Lyer illusion. Perceptual and Motor Skills, 29, 369-370.
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- Lester, G. (1971). Subjects' assumptions and scores on the rod-and-frame test. Perceptual and Motor Skills, 32, 205-206.
- Lester, G., & Lester, D. (1971). Suicide: The gamble with death. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall.
- Lester, D., & Lester, G. (1975). Crime of passion: Murder and the murderer. Chicago: Nelson-Hall.
- Lester, G., & Rando, H. (1975). No correlation between rod-and-frame and visual normalization scores. Perceptual and Motor Skills, 40, 846.

- Lester, G., Bierbrauer, B., Selfridge, B., & Gomeringer, D. (1976). Distractibility, intensity of reaction, and nonnutritive sucking. Psychological Reports, *39*, 1212-1214.
- Lester, G. (1977). Size constancy scaling and the apparent thickness of the shaft in the Mueller-Lyer illusion. Journal of General Psychology, *97*, 307-398.
- Mercer, J. (1979). Small people: How children develop and what you can do about it. Chicago: Nelson-Hall.
- Mercer, J. (1979). Personality development and the principle of reciprocal interweaving. Perceptual and Motor Skills, *48*, 186.
- Mercer, J. (1979). Guided observations in child development. Washington, D.C.: University Press of America.
- Mercer, J., & Russ, R. (1980). Variables affecting time between childbirth and the establishment of lactation. Journal of General Psychology, *102*, 155-156.
- Mercer, J., & McMurphy, C. (1985). A stereotyped following behavior in young children. Journal of General Psychology, *112*, 261-265.
- Mercer, J. (1991). To everything there is a season: Development in the context of the lifespan. Lanham, MD: University Press of America.
- Mercer, J., & Gonsalves, S. (1992). Parental experience during treatment of very small preterm infants: Implications for mourning and for parent-infant relationships. Illness, Crisis, and Loss, *2*, 70-73.
- Gonsalves, S., & Mercer, J. (1993). Physiological correlates of painful stimulation in preterm infants. Clinical Journal of Pain, *9*, 88-93.
- Mercer, J. (1998). Infant development: A multidisciplinary introduction. Belmont, CA: Brooks/Cole.
- Mercer, J. (1999). ‘Psychological parenting’ explained (letter). New Jersey Lawyer, July 12, 7.
- Mercer, J. (2000/2001). Letter. Zero to Three, *21*(3), 39.
- Mercer, J. (2001). Warning: Are you aware of “holding therapy?” (letter). Pediatrics, *107*, 1498.
- Mercer, J. (2001). “Attachment therapy” using deliberate restraint: An object lesson on the identification of unvalidated treatments. Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing, *14*(3), 105-114.
- Mercer, J. (2002). Surrogate motherhood. In N. Salkind (Ed.), Child Development (pp. 399). New York: Macmillan Reference USA.
- Mercer, J. (2002). Child psychotherapy involving physical restraint: Techniques used in four approaches. Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal, *19*(4), 303-314.
- Kennedy, S.S., Mercer, J., Mohr, W., & Huffine, C.W. (2002). Snake oil, ethics, and the First Amendment: What’s a profession to do? American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, *72*(1), 5-15.
- Mercer, J. (2002). Attachment therapy: A treatment without empirical support. Scientific Review of Mental Health Practice, *1*(2), 9-16.
- Mercer, J. (2002). The difficulties of double blinding (letter). Science, *297*, 2208.
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Mercer, J., & Rosa, L. (2002). Letter on Attachment Therapy. New Jersey School Psychologist, 24 (8), 16-18.

IN PRESS:

Mercer, J. (in press). Violent therapies: The rationale behind a potentially harmful child psychotherapy and its acceptance by parents. Scientific Review of Mental Health Practice.

Mercer, J., Sarner, L., & Rosa, L. (in press). Attachment therapy on trial: The torture and death of Candace Newmaker. Westport, CN: Praeger.

UNPUBLISHED/ IN PREPARATION:

Lester, G. (1968). Some investigations of the audiogyral illusion. Unpublished Ph.D. thesis, Brandeis University.

Mercer, J. (1993) The successful single parent. Unpublished book-length ms.

Mercer, J. The developing child in changing times: Infancy through adolescence (in preparation)

Invited comments on the New Jersey Children's Initiative proposal (March 10, 2000); with Gerard Costa and Elaine Herzog.

Invited comments on the U.S. Bright Futures children's mental health proposal (July 5, 2000); with Gerard Costa.

Mercer, J. (2000). Notes on Attachment Therapy: Relevant Research and Theory. Prepared for use by the prosecution in the trial of Connell Watkins, Colorado, April 2001.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS:

Various presentations on child development and parenting issues to parent groups and training workshops, including CASA.

"Law, policy, and attachment issues"; presentation at the Second Annual Conference on Attachment of the New Jersey Psychological Association. June 9, 2000, Newark, NJ.

"Custody changes and their effect on children's development"; presentation at New Jersey State Child Placement Advisory Council conference, April, 2001.

"Bad language: How the professions confuse each other with words," welcoming address at conference on Attachment, New Jersey Association for Infant Mental Health, Piscataway, NJ, April, 2002.

"That cranky, crying baby"; presentation at Coalition of Infant and Toddler Educators Conference on Health in Child Care, Princeton, NJ, May, 2002.

"Warning Signals: When parents consider unusual mental health treatments for their children"; presentation at Third Annual Multicultural Health Conference, Richard Stockton College, Pomona, NJ, Sept. 2002.

"Misuse and abuse of attachment theory"; keynote speech at 2002 Annual Meeting, New Jersey Association for Infant Mental Health, Piscataway, NJ, Nov. 2002.