

W. Gabe Ganser

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Master of Arts, Psychology

May 2012

Emphasis: Pre-doctoral General Psychology
Northern Arizona University – Flagstaff, AZ

Thesis: Pursuing happiness with gratitude and kindness: An experimental intervention comparing cognitive and behavioral activities

Advisor: Dr. Meliksah Demir, Ph.D.

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

December 2007

Minor in Management

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, MN

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Thesis Research

February 2011 – May 2012

Department of Psychology, Northern Arizona University

Supervisor: Meliksah Demir, Ph.D.

- Original empirical research for Master's-level thesis
- Longitudinal experimental investigation of happiness-enhancing strategies
- Involved in all phases of research: literature review, writing, data collection, and analysis

Research Assistant

August 2011 – January 2012

Department of Psychology, Northern Arizona University

Supervisor: Ann Huffman, Ph.D.

- Graduate RA for Dr. Huffman's research on work-life issues
- Developed a study to address how religion influences career choice and perceptions of work
- Helped to create a questionnaire to address these issues

Research Assistant

April 2009 – March 2010

Educational Psychology Department, University of Wisconsin – Madison

Supervisor: B. Bradford Brown, Ph.D.

- Volunteer RA for Dr. Brown's research lab: The Peer Relations Study Group
- Assisted on three projects. Attended weekly lab meetings. Helped with data collection
- Checked data for accuracy and completeness and entered results into SPSS

Research Assistant

September 2007 – December 2007

Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Principal Investigator: Jeffrey A. Simpson, Ph.D.

- Undergraduate RA for Dr. Simpson's research lab: The Social Interaction Lab
- Conducted an extensive internet search of scholarly articles on Attachment Theory
- Provided feedback on setup and process of experiments to be run

PRESENTATIONS

Ganser, W. G. & Demir, M. (October 2011). *Be happy for me and I'll be happy too: The role of capitalization in the psychosocial well-being of emerging adults*. Poster presented at the 5th Conference on Emerging Adulthood, Providence, RI.

Ganser, W. G. & Demir, M. (April 2012). *Pursuing happiness with gratitude and kindness: An experimental intervention to increase happiness*. Paper presented at the graduate research competition at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Psychological Association, Oklahoma City, OK.

Huffman, A., Muse, L., Romanik, S., Berry, J., & **Ganser, W. G.** (April 2012). *Making a negative a positive: Furloughs, family benefits, and job satisfaction*. Poster presented at the 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, San Diego, CA.

AWARDS & HONORS

2 nd Place - Graduate Student Research Competition, SWPA	April 2012
Student Travel Award, Office of the Vice President for Research, NAU	Spring 2012
Student Travel Award, Graduate Student Government, NAU	Spring 2012
Nominated for the Sharon Borine Award for the Best Major Project in Psychology	Fall 2007
Dean's List: Fall 2004, Spring 2006, & Fall 2007	

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (<i>Student Member</i>)	April 2012
Southwestern Psychological Association (<i>Student Affiliate</i>)	November 2011
American Psychological Association of Graduate Students	November 2010
Psi Chi - the National Honor Society in Psychology	October 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant	January 2012 - May 2012
Department of Psychology, Northern Arizona University	
<i>Course: Research Methods in Psychology</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor for lab sessions aimed at helping students formulate and conduct a research study • Advised students on original research projects culminating in the Undergraduate Research Conference poster presentations • Assist students in the writing of an APA-style research report 	

Graduate Teaching Assistant

January 2012 – May 2012

Department of Psychology, Northern Arizona University

Course: Introduction to Statistics

- Lab instructor for psychology statistics course
- Gave weekly lectures and demonstrations on different methods of analysis in SPSS

Psychology Teaching Practicum

August 2011 – December 2011

Department of Psychology, Northern Arizona University

- Produced Teaching Portfolio: including teaching philosophy, lesson plan, and syllabus
- Lecturer on topic of best practices in the use of technology in the classroom

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2011 – December 2011

Department of Psychology, Northern Arizona University

Course: Introduction to Statistics

- Lab instructor for course
- Guest lectured on two occasions. Topics included *z-scores* and *ANOVA*

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2011 – December 2011

Department of Psychology, Northern Arizona University

Course: Social Psychology

- Wrote exams: Each exam included 50 multiple-choice questions
- Attended lecture twice a week throughout the semester

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2010 – May 2011

Department of Psychology, Northern Arizona University

Course: Developmental Psychology

- Graded online discussions, essay questions, and research projects of 140 students
- Proctored exams, created grading rubric for final project, and prepared course materials

WORK EXPERIENCE**IS Data Services Professional**

March 2010 – August 2010

Office of Admissions, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Worked extensively with Microsoft Excel and ISIS
- Performed course evaluation and equivalencies for UW-System universities and colleges
- Updated UW TIS and course guides

Human Resources Intern

May 2008 – August 2008

Office of the Dean – College of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota

- Provided assistance to the Administrative Professionals in Human Resources
- Reviewed and organized confidential financial documents
- Updated information on faculty and staff in the PeopleSoft database

Clerical/Administrative Support

January 2004 – January 2008

Pharmaceutics Department, University of Minnesota

- Assisted faculty members, postdocs, and visiting scientists throughout the department
- Completed a variety of projects while using a range of office equipment

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Computer Skills: Microsoft Office, PeopleSoft, EndNote, Equation Editor, BlackBoard Learn

Statistical Software: SPSS

CITI Human Subjects Training Courses: UW-Madison & Northern Arizona University

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Graduate

Intermediate Statistics

Multivariate Statistics

Techniques of Psychological Research

Cognitive Processes

Cognitive & Behavioral Neuroscience

Psychology of Learning

Psychology Teaching Practicum

Developmental Psychology

Undergraduate

Fundamentals of Management

Psychological Data Analysis

Research Lab in Psychology

Principles of Marketing

Research Methods & Statistics

Business Statistics