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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (Projected) Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso (2010)
Specialization: Legal Psychology
Advisor: Christian A. Meissner, Ph.D.
The Role of Generation and Monitoring Processes in Governing the Paradoxical Effects of Retrieval on Memory for Faces
- M.A. Experimental Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso (2007)
Examining the Cross-race Effect in Face Recognition from a Temporal Perspective
- B.S. Psychology, Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2002)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Eyewitness Memory & Face Identification: My primary research focus is to better understand cognitive and social psychological processes that influence the recognition of human faces. This encompasses many facets of face recognition including why people are better at recognizing own-race faces in comparison to other-race faces (cross-race effect), as well as understanding why verbal descriptions of faces sometimes enhance (verbal facilitation effect) and at other times impair (verbal overshadowing effect) subsequent face recognition accuracy.

Decision-Making: As a secondary line of research I am interested in investigating factors that influence people's ability to make decisions. In particular, I am interested in how intuitive vs. deliberative processing influences deception detection performance and how choice-overload influences consumer satisfaction.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Statistical Methods (Primary Instructor, 2009)

Introduction to Psychology (Primary Instructor, 2008/2009)

Cognitive Psychology (Primary Instructor, 2008)

Milwaukee Pius XI High School, Milwaukee, WI (Psychology and American Government, 2002-2005; Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction certified secondary education teacher)

PUBLICATIONS

- Susa, K. J., Meissner, C. A., de Heer, H. (in press). Modeling the role of social-cognitive processes in the recognition of own- and other-race faces. *Social Cognition*.
- Marcon, J. L., Meissner, C. A., Frueh, M., Susa, K. J., & MacLin, O. H. (in press). Perceptual identification and the cross-race effect. *Visual Cognition*.
- Albrechtsen, J. S., Meissner, C. A., & Susa, K. J. (2009). Can intuition improve detection deception performance? *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 45*, 1052-1055.
- Marcon, J. L., Susa, K. J., & Meissner, C. A. (2009). Assessing the influence of recollection and familiarity in memory for own- vs. other-race faces. *Psychonomic Bulletin and Review, 16*, (1), 99-103.
- Malpass, R. S., Susa, K. J., & Meissner, C. A. (2008). Training of Eyewitnesses. In B. Cutler's (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology & Law* (pp.807-808). Sage publications.
- Meissner, C. A., Sporer, S. L., & Susa, K. J. (2008). A theoretical and meta-analytic review of the relationship between verbal descriptions and identification accuracy in memory for faces. *European Journal of Cognitive Psychology, 20*, 414-455.
- Susa, K. J., & Meissner, C. A. (2008). Eyewitness Descriptions. In B. Cutler's (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology & Law* (pp.285-287). Sage publications.

PRESENTATIONS

- Susa, K. J., Morera, O. F., Morales, R. (2009, November). *The effects of choice overload and individual differences on the enjoyment of decision-making*. Poster to be presented at Society for Judgment and Decision Making, Boston, MA.
- Susa, K. J., & Meissner, C. A. (2009, June). *Mediating factors of cross-race face recognition*. Paper presented at the XXXII Interamerican Congress of Psychology, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- Laub, C. E., Bornstein, B. H., Susa, K. J., Marcon, J. L., & Meissner, C. A. (2009, May). *The effect of instructions on the cross-race effect: Does the type of task matter?* Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Conference, Denver, CO.
- Morales, R., Susa, K. J., Diaz, M., Morera, O. F., (2009, April). *Suffering from comparison: Do fewer choices lead to greater consumer satisfaction?* Poster presented at Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science Conference, El Paso, TX.
- Aguilar, R., Horgan, A. J., Susa, K. J., Meissner, C. A. (2009, March). *What makes an alibi believable? Assessing true vs. false alibi statements*. Poster presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference, San Antonio, TX.

- Meissner, C. A., Marcon, J. L., & Susa, K. J. (2008, October). *Evaluating the contributions of recollection and familiarity to the recognition of own- and other-race faces*. Paper presented at the Association for Research in Memory, Attention, Decision-making, Intelligence, Language, Learning, and Organization Conference, El Paso, TX.
- Susa, K. J., Diaz, M., & Morera, O. F. (2008, October). *Individual differences in consumer purchasing and satisfaction when people are offered limited vs. expanded choice*. Paper presented at the Second International Congress of Multidisciplinary Scientific Research, Ciudad Juárez, Mexico.
- Albrechtsen, J. S., Meissner, C. A., Horgan, A. J., Susa, K. J., & Kassin, S. M. (2008, March). *Are immediate judgments better at detecting deception than deliberative judgments?* Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- Laub, C. E., Bornstein, B. H., Susa, K. J., Marcon, J. L., & Meissner, C. A. (2008, March). *Instructing away the cross-race effect: Does timing matter?* Symposium Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- Marcon, J. L., Meissner, C. A., & Susa, K. J., Frueh, M., & MacLin, O. H. (2008, March). *Perceptual identification and the cross-race effect in a visual search task*. Symposium Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- Susa, K. J., Meissner, C. A., & de Heer, H. (2008, March). *Temporal mediators of cross-race face recognition*. Symposium Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- Susa, K. J. (2007, October). *Terrorism in our nation: How will U.S. citizens respond to an attack on our national icons?* Poster presented at the 2007 DHS Scholarship and Fellowship Orientation, Washington D.C.
- Susa, K. J. (2007, August). *Social psychological impact of terrorist attacks on national icons*. Homeland Security Institute, Arlington, VA.
- Albrechtsen, J. S., Meissner, C. A., Horgan, A. J., Susa, K. J., Kassin, S. M. (2007, July). *Thin slicing deceptive statements: Are intuitive processes more accurate at detecting deception than deliberative processes?* Paper presented at Society for Applied Research in Memory & Cognition Conference, Lewiston, ME.
- Marcon, J. L., Susa, K. J., & Meissner, C. A. (2007, July). *Social recognition memory and the cross-race effect: A dual process theory perspective*. Paper presented at Society for Applied Research in Memory & Cognition Conference, Lewiston, ME.
- Meissner, C. A., Sporer, S. L., & Susa, K. J. (2007, July). *A meta-analysis of the description identification relationship in memory for faces*. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Research in Memory & Cognition Conference, Lewiston, ME.

Susa, K. J. (2006, November). *Do I know you? An analysis of the Description – Identification relationship in memory for faces*. University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Psychology, El Paso, TX.

Susa, K. J., Sporer, S. L., & Meissner, C. A., (2006, November). *What have we learned since Neil v. Biggers (1972) about the description – identification accuracy relationship in eyewitness memory?* Poster presented at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Houston, TX.

Susa, K. J., Meissner, C. A., Sporer, S. L. & Köstler, J. (2006, April). *What have we learned since Neil v. Biggers (1972) about the description – identification accuracy relationship in eyewitness memory?* Paper presented at Dialogue of Aggies & Miners Conference, Las Cruces, NM.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006 – 2009 Research Fellow, Department of Homeland Security in collaboration with the University of Texas at El Paso

2006 – 2009 Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso

2007 Intern, Threats Division, Homeland Security Institute, Arlington, VA.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2006 - 2009 Department of Homeland Security Graduate Fellowship

2008 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (Top 10% of graduate class)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2009 Student Representative for UTEP Psychology & Law Faculty Committee

2008 – present UTEP Campus Representative for American Psychology & Law Society Student Section

2008 - present UTEP Psychology & Law Research Lab Coordinator

2008 – 2009 Department of Homeland Security Network Leadership Council

2008 Plenary Moderator, Department of Homeland Security S&T Panel Discussion

2006 - 2008 UTEP Graduate Student Campus Representative for American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association, Graduate Student Affiliate

Association for Psychological Science

American Psychology-Law Society (Div. 41 of APA)

Interamerican Society of Psychology

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