Summary of Sabbatical Leave for Heather J. Smith, Spring 2013

Purpose for sabbatical leave

I spent the fall semester as a visiting scholar in the Psychology Department at the University of California, Berkeley. The purpose of my visit was to write manuscripts summarizing several different research projects. I spent my time at U.C. Berkeley working with a colleague to arrange a one day conference on intergroup relations and learning about the most recent empirical research within social psychology. I also spent time at S.S.U. working with a team of undergraduates on the design and data collection for two different social psychology experiments. I list specific accomplishments below:

Grant applications

National Institute of Mental Health AREA research grant, Understanding Everyday Physical Appearance Comparisons: Discrete Emotions, Health Behavior and Cross-Group Friendships. $362,781.00
Spencer Foundation, “No one wants to repeat freshman year”: Evaluating a Sophomore Year Transition Program. $ 48,776.00
CSU Student Success Program Competition, Sophomore Year Experience Program. $265,495.00

Publications


Manuscripts in preparation


1 Please note that the highlighted names are current and former Sonoma State University psychology majors.
Smith, H.J. & McKee, S. The Limits of Respect: Age Differences Moderate the Impact of Physician Behavior on Observers’ Attitudes.


Conference submissions


Goode, C. & Smith, H.J. Between a rock and an apology: Why leaders who forgive transgressions may still not receive support. Submitted to the 2014 annual meeting of Social Psychology and Personality, Austin, Texas.

Professional Service

Co-Chair, Groups Conference, Society for Experimental Social Psychology/Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Berkeley, California, September 2013

Guest editor (with Thomas Pettigrew) for special issue of Social Justice Research, to be published in 2014

Consulting editor for European Journal of Social Psychology, August 2012- August 2014


Department service

Wrote letters of recommendation for 21 SSU psychology majors and recent graduates.

Moved office from the second to the third floor.

Guest lectured for Psychology 250, Introduction to Psychology, and Psychology 328x, Cross-Cultural Psychology

Summary

It was an exciting and productive semester. It is amazing how much social psychological theories and methods have changed over the past six years. Social psychologists now frequently use data gathered by Facebook pages, mobile applications and Mechanical Turk. They are moving from traditional hypothesis confirmation testing to structural equation model and Bayesian statistics. In a few years, I will be teaching a completely different advanced statistics class in comparison to the class that I teach now. It also is clear that the research that I have done and hope to do with SSU undergraduates can contribute in very interesting ways to the larger field. I am extremely grateful for the time this leave gave me.