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EDUCATION

1990 Ph.D. Florida International University - Psychology

1981 M.S. University of Florida – Psychology/Neuroscience

1977 B.S. University of Florida - Biology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2001-current Professor, Psychology, Saint Thomas University, Miami, FL

Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in Psychology, conduct student advising, research, university and community service. Taught online and in-person courses: Statistics, Research Methods, Child Psychology, Neuroscience, Clinical/Counseling, Sensation & Perception, and others. Served on Masters and Doctoral and other faculty committees, built community partnerships, and successfully funded grants. Numerous academic publications, author of Psychology Today “Psychology Through Technology” blog since 2018, and author of several psychology books.

2018 – 2020 Chair, Biscayne College, Saint Thomas University, Miami, F: Supervised faculty and staff, managed enrollments, schedules, financials, assessment for on-campus and online program delivery across multiple disciplines.

2012 – 2022 Director of Psychology Programs, Saint Thomas University, Miami, FL: Coordinate faculty and students for the MA in Counseling, School, Mental Health and Marriage & Family Counseling programs, plus the undergraduate BA in Psychology, and BA in Psychology with Health Specialization programs. Hired visiting faculty, created assessments and measured student learning outcomes, monitored enrollments, schedules, and partnerships. Developed the Health Psychology specialization, and Online Master of Science programs, using Quality Matters™ instruction design.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

3/2000 – 7/2001 Director of Research, Family Central Inc. [Child Welfare] 840 SW 81 Ave, Lauderdale, FL

8/1/99 – 3/1/00 Project Director (grant) Nova Southeastern University, 3301 College Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL

1993 – 1999 Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

1990 – 1993 Research Fellow, Dept. Pediatrics, University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, FL

1990 – 1992 Instructor, Department of Psychology, Florida International University, Miami, FL

1988-1990 Researcher, Department of Neonatal Medicine, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Florida

1985-1989 Researcher and Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, Florida International University, Miami, FL

1981 - 1985 Professional Representative, Schering-Plough Pharmaceutical Corporation, Kenilworth, NJ

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Association for Psychological Science (APS)

Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA)

International Association for Play Therapy IAPT & Florida APT

Florida Association for Infant Mental Health (FAIMH)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Community-Based Research

Student Engagement Through Research

Human Development, Technology and Psychology

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

2001-2022 Journal Reviewer *Child Development, Developmental Psychology, Early Development and Parenting, Infants Behavior and Development, Parenting, Infant Mental Health Journal, Behavioral Development Bulletin, Ecological Psychology, Journal of Scientific Research Administration, Infant Care & Practice, Journal of Early Childhood Education*

2019 – 2022 Live Healthy – Miami Gardens, Advisory Board

2016-2018 Together for Children – Miami Task Force to Reduce Youth Violence

2014-2016 Feeding South Florida, Volunteer. All Saints Soup Kitchen, Oakland Park, FL – Volunteer.

2015-2016 Joint University Task Force, Violence Prevention (UM, FIU, MDC, FMU, STU)

2014-2016 Advisory Council, City of Miami Gardens “Live Healthy”

2012-2016 Advisory Board – North Dade Youth & Family Coalition

2008-2011 Governing Board – Youth Violence Prevention Service Partnership

2014-2015 Community Liaison – City of Miami Gardens

2014 Editorial Board - Florida Association for Service Learning in Teacher Education (FASITE)

2012-2014 Program Evaluator – Children’s Trust of Miami, Peace Education Foundation

2012 Program Evaluator– Children’s Trust of Miami, Arts for Learning

2012 Science Fair Judge - Dade County Public Schools.

2002-2010 Saint Thomas University Psychology Club Advisor

2011-2012 Program Evaluation, United Way of Broward County, Success by 6 programs

1997 – 1999 Program Coordinator, Virginia Association for Play Therapy Conference

1994 – 1997 Rockingham Hospital Child Care Connection – Workshop Facilitator for Women's Health Focus

WEBLOG:

“Psychology Through Technology” – Psychology Today Blogs

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/psychology-through-technology>

PUBLICATIONS:

Pickens, Jeffrey (2021) Password for Your Mind – Vol. 2 Relationships & Social Networks “The User-Friendly Social Upgrade.” Amazon Books eBook ISBN-13 : 978-0998550244

Pickens, Jeffrey (2018) Password for Your Mind – The User-Friendly Personal Upgrade. Amazon Books eBook ASIN: B07H47CHRD Paper: ISBN-13: 978-0998550237

Pickens, Jeffrey (2017). *Password Personal Upgrade – Academic Ed.* LAD Publishing. ISBN: 978-0-9985502-1-3

Pickens, Jeffrey (2011). Community Based Participatory Research on Youth Violence Prevention. *Journal of Multidisciplinary Research. Vol. 3, Issue 3, 9 - 24.*

Pickens, J. (2010). Participatory Action Research to Reduce Youth Violence. *PHILICA.COM Article number 212.* [Available at http://www.philica.com/display_article.php?article_id=212]

Pickens, Jeffrey (2010). Challenges of Implementing the NIH Extramural Associate Research Development Award (EARDA) at a Minority-Serving University. *Journal of Research Administration, Vol. XII (3), 69-76.* [Available online at: <http://www.srainternational.org/sra03/uploadedfiles/journal/10/JRA-Vol-41-No-3.pdf>]

Pickens, Jeffrey (2009). Socioemotional Programme Promotes Positive Behaviour in Preschoolers. *Child Care & Practice, Vol 15(4), 261-270*

Pickens, J., Bachay, J. & Treadwell, L. (2009). University for Diversity: A Case Study. *Journal of College & Character, Volume X, No. 4, April 2009. Article 1 pp. 1-16.* [Available online at: <http://journals.naspa.org/jcc/vol10/iss4/>]

Pelaez, M., Field, T., Pickens, J.N. & Hart, S. (2008). Disengaged and authoritarian parenting behavior of depressed mothers with their toddlers. *Infant Behavior and Development, Volume 31, Issue 1, 145-148*

Pickens, J. (2006). Gender Roles and Cultural Traditions: How do they Change? Chapter in *Women Moving Forward, Vol. 2.* Edited by Raul Fernandez-Calienes and Judith Bachay. UK: Cambridge Scholars Press.

- Pickens, J. (2006). Perception of Social Invariants. *PHILICA.COM Observation number 28*. [Available online at: http://www.philica.com/display_observation.php?observation_id=28]
- Pickens, J. (2006). To Boldly Go: Star Trek Superheroes in Psychotherapy. In. L. Rubin (Ed.) *Superheroes in Psychotherapy*. NY: Springer-Verlag Pub Date: 12/2006 ISBN: 0826102697
- Hernandez-Rief, M; Field, T.; Diego, M; Vera, Y. & Pickens, J. (2005). Happy Faces are Habituated More Slowly by Infants of Depressed Mothers. *Infant Behavior & Development*, 29, 131-135
- Pickens, J. (2005). Perceptions and Attitudes of Individuals. *Organizational Behavior in Health Care* (Editor: N. Borkowski). NY: Jones & Barlett Publishing. "Book of the Year Awards: The Most Valuable Texts of 2005, as chosen by AJN's panel of judges." *AJN, American Journal of Nursing: Volume 106(1) January 2006 pp 51-57*.
- Pickens, J. & Stewart, A. (2003) Marschak Interaction Method for evaluation of parent child play. *International Association of Play Therapy. Association for Play Therapy Newsletter*, Vol. 22(1), 2
- Goodman, C. & Pickens, J. (2001). Self-Blame and Self-Esteem in College-Aged Children from Divorced Families. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, Vol. 34 (3/4), 119-136.
- Pickens, J., Field, T. & Nawrocki, T. (2001) Frontal EEG asymmetry in response to emotional vignettes in preschool age children, *International Journal of Behavioral Development*, Vol. 25(2), 105 – 112
- Pickens, J. (2001). Listening to customers and staff: What business can learn. 21C-On-Line: the 21st Century On-line Magazine [<http://www.miami-dade-online.com/Pickens-Listening.htm>]
- Pickens, J. (2000). Child Care: Access, Affordability and Quality. 21C-On-Line: the 21st Century On-line Magazine [<http://www.21c-online.com/child-care.htm>]
- Field, T., Pickens, J., Prodromidis, M., Malphurs, J., Fox, N., Bendell, D., Yando, R., Schanberg, S. & Kuhn, C. (2000). Targeting adolescent mothers with depressive symptoms for early intervention. *Adolescence*, 35(138), 381-414.
- Field, T., Martinez, A., Nawrocki, T., Pickens, J., Fox, N. & Schanberg, S. (1998). Music shifts frontal EEG in depressed adolescents. *Adolescence*, 33(129), 129-116.
- Field, T., Scafidi, F., Pickens, J., Prodromidis, M. Pelaez-Nogueras, M, Torquati, J., Wilcox, H., Malphurs, J., Schanberg, S. & Kuhn, C. (1998). Polydrug using adolescent mothers and their infants receiving early intervention. *Adolescence*, 33(129), 117-143.
- Field, T., Pickens, J., Fox, N., Gonzalez, J. & Nawrocki, T. (1998). Facial expression and EEG responses to happy and sad faces/voices by 3-month-old infants of depressed mothers. *British Journal of Dev. Psychology*, 16(4), 485-494.
- Jones, N., Field, T., Davalos, M. & Pickens, J. (1997). EEG stability in infants and children of depressed mothers. *Child Psychiatry and Human Development*, 28(2), 59-70.
- Field, T., Davalos, M. & Pickens, J. (1997). Brain electrical activity stability in infants/children of depressed mothers. *Child Psychiatry and Human Development*, 28, 58-70.
- Bahrack, L. E.; Hernandez-Reif, M. & Pickens, J. (1997). The effect of retrieval cues on visual preferences and memory in infancy: Evidence for a four-phase attention function. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 67(1) 1-20.
- Hossain, Z., Field, T., Malphurs, J., delValle, C. & Pickens, J. (1997). Fathers' caregiving in low income African-American and Hispanic-American families. *Early Development and Parenting*, 6(2), 73-82.
- Pickens, J. & Bahrack, L. (1997). Do infants perceive invariant tempo and rhythm in auditory-visual events? *Infant Behavior & Development*, 20(3), 349-357.
- Lundy, B. Field, T., Cigales, M., Cuadra, A. & Pickens, J. (1997). Vocal and facial matching in infants of mothers with depressive symptoms. *Infant Mental Health Journal*, 18 (3), 265-73.
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- Raag, T., Malphurs, J., Field, T., Pelaez-Nogueras, M., Pickens, J., Martinez, A., Bendell, D. & Yando, R., (1997). Moderately dysphoric mothers behave more positively with their infants and completing the BDI. *Infant Mental Health Journal*, 18, 394-405.
- Malphurs, J., Field, T., Larrain, C.M., Pickens, J., Pelaez-Nogueras, M., Yando, R. & Bendell, D. (1996). Altering withdrawn & intrusive interaction behaviors of depressed mothers. *Infant Mental Health Jour*, 17(2), 152-160.
- Pelaez, M., Field, T., Hossain, Z. & Pickens, J. (1996). Depressed mothers' touching increases infant affect & attention in still-face interactions. *Child Development*, 67(4), 1780-1792.

- Field, T., Lang, C., Martinez, A., Yando, R., Pickens, J. & Bendell, D. (1996). Preschool follow-up of infants of dysphoric mothers. *J. of Clinical Child Psychology*, 25(3), 272-279.
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- Field, T., Ironson, G., Pickens, J., Nawrocki, T., Fox, N., Scafidi, F., Burman, I., & Schanberg, S. (1996). Massage therapy reduces anxiety and enhances EEG pattern of alertness and math computations. *International Journal of Neuroscience*, 86, 197-205.
- Malphurs, J., Raag, T., Field, T., Pickens, J. & Pelaez, M. (1996). Touch by intrusive and withdrawn mothers w/ depressive symptoms. *Early Development & Parenting*, 5(2),111-115.
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- Martinez, A. Field, T., Pickens, J., Raag, T., Yando, R, Bendell, D. & Blaney, P. (1996). Mothers' perceptions of infants labeled depressed. *Early Development & Parenting*, 5(1), 15-22
- Field, T., Pickens, J., Fox, N., Nawrocki, T. & Gonzalez, J. (1995). Vagal tone in infants of depressed mothers. *Development and Psychopathology*, 7(2), 227-231.
- Pickens, J., Field, T., Prodromidis, M., Pelaez-Nogueras, M. & Hossain, Z. (1995). Posttraumatic stress, depression and social support among college students after Hurricane Andrew. *Journal of College Student Dev.*, 36 (2), 152-161.
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- Pickens, J. & Bahrack, L.E. (1995). Infants' discrimination of bimodal events on the basis of rhythm and tempo. *British Journal of Developmental Psychology*, 13(3), 223-236.
- Bahrack, L.E. & Pickens, J. (1995). Infants' memory for object motion across a period of three months: Implications for a four-phase attention function. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 59(3), 343-371.
- Pickens, J. and Field, T. (1995). Facial expressions and Vagal Tone of infants of depressed and non-depressed mothers. *Early Development and Parenting*, 4 (2), 83-89.
- Pickens, J., Field, T., Nawrocki, T., Martinez, A., Soutullo, D. & Gonzalez, J. (1994). Fullterm and preterm infants' perception of face-voice synchrony. *Infant Behavior & Development*, 17(4), 447-455.
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- Pickens, J. (1994). Perception of auditory-visual distance relations by 5-month-old infants. *Developmental Psychology*, 30(4), 537-544.
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- Pickens, J. & Field, T. (1994). Facial expressivity in infants of depressed mothers. *Dev. Psychology*, 29(6), 986-988.
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- Pickens, J. & Field, T. (1993). Attention-getting vs. imitation effects on depressed mother-infant interactions. *Infant Mental Health Journal*, 14(3), 171-181.
- Bahrack, L.E. & Pickens, J. (1988). Classification of English and Spanish language passages by infants. *Infant Behavior and Development*, 11, 277-296.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- Pickens, J (2014, Nov.). The Mind-Computer Analogy and Personal Growth. Humanities and Technology Conference, Miami, FL, 2014.

- Pickens, J & Vargas, M. (2013, April). Peace Works Curriculum Effects on Elementary School Children's Behavioral Ratings. St. Thomas Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- Cetin, G., Pickens, J. & Moise, R. (2011, Feb.). Turkish American Cultural Cohesion Scale: Implications for Multi-Cultural Counseling. Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education Privileging Indigenous Voices: the Wisdom of Generations. Feb 25 – 26, 2011
- Pickens, J., Cetin, G. & Moise, R. (2010, Aug.). A University-Community Alliance for Social Justice: Participatory Action research to Reduce Youth Violence. Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA August 13-14, 2010
- Pickens, J., Cetin, G. & Moise, R. (2010, May). Community Based Participatory Research on Youth Violence Prevention. Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science – APS, Boston, MA May 27-30, 2010
- Pickens, J. (2008) Challenges of Implementing the NIH Extramural Associate Research Development Award (EARDA) at a Minority Serving University. Symposium Annual Meeting of the Society of Research Administrators International Baltimore, Md. Oct. 9, 2008
- Pickens, J. (2008, Feb.) Introduction to the Marschak Interaction Method: A Structured Play Assessment & Intervention. Presented at the Florida Association for Play Therapy (FAPT) conference: Coronado Resort & Conference Center, Orlando Fl. Feb 8-10, 2008
- Pickens, J. (2007, May). Evaluation of the Peace Education Foundation abuse/violence prevention training programs for preschool teachers and parents. Florida Association of Infant Mental Health Annual "Building Our Future" Conference, May 17-18, 2007 Bahia Mar Resort, Ft. Lauderdale Beach, Florida. 2007
- Pickens, J; Moreno, M. & Torres, I. (2006). Multicultural evaluation of the Peace Education Foundation violence prevention training program for teachers and parents of preschool age children. Florida Association of Infant Mental Health Annual "Building Our Future" Conference, May 10-12, 2006 Hyatt Sarasota, Sarasota, FL. 2006
- Pickens, J.; Bachay, J. & Treadwell, L. (2006, Oct.). University for Diversity: Faculty Initiatives and Student Outcomes. Symposium Title: Strengthening Diversity Through Community and Civic Engagement. annual conference of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities [CUMU]. Coral Gables, Florida. October 21-24, 2006
- Pickens, J. (2006, Dec.). The University for Diversity: A Case Study. Roundtable Conference Annual Conference of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Commission on Colleges. Orlando, Florida Dec. 11-14, 2007
- Bachay, J.; Pickens, J. & Lovett, R. (2005, Feb). Creating Curricular Change: Building Cultural Competency into Psychology, Criminal Justice and a Wide-Range of Other College Courses. 22nd Annual Winter Roundtable, Teachers College, Columbia University.
- Cingel, P. & Pickens, J (2004, Dec.) The Use of Electronic Portfolios to Motivate Students and Enhance Learning Commission on Colleges / Southern Associate of Colleges (SACS) Atlanta, December 4 – 7, 2004.
- Pickens, J. & Cingel, P. (2004). Use of Electronic Portfolio by College Students. 15th Int'l. Conference on College Teaching and Learning, Jacksonville, Florida March 29 – April 2, 2004
- Pickens, J. (2004) Use of Service Learning to develop community alliances. Workshop presented in collaboration with the North Miami Alliance and Governor's Mentoring Initiative. National Service-Learning Conference, Orlando Florida March 24 – 31, 2004.
- Pickens, J. (2003). Affirming Diversity: A Multicultural approach to the teaching of Introductory Psychology. Presented at the 13th international conference on the teaching of Psychology, Atlanta, GA, April 2003.
- Pickens, J. & Blackwell, E. (2002, Sept.). Service learning in special and elementary education: A community training model. Presented at the CHESP Inaugural Florida Institute on Service Learning in Teacher Education, Tampa, Florida.
- Pickens, J. & Cingel, P. (2002, April). Technology Service Learning: Student Teachers Learn Computer Assisted Elementary Education" paper accepted for presentation at the 13th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, Jacksonville, Florida, April 9- 11, 2002
- Stewart, A.L. & Pickens, J. (1999, Oct.). Measuring the quality of parent-child interactions: A new tool for play therapists. Annual Meeting of the Association for Play Therapy, October 9 - 11, Baltimore, MD.
- Sydnor, B. & Pickens, J. (1999, May). Patterns of mother-infant touch during play and stillface conditions. Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science, May 26-28, 1999, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.

- DeBellis, J., Pickens, J. & Stewart, A.L. (1999, May). Gender differences and similarities in parent-child play. Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science, May 26-28, 1999, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.
- Goodman, C. & Pickens, J. (1999, May). Self-blame and self-esteem in children of divorced families. Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science, May 26-28, 1999, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.
- LeBlanc, M. R., Pickens, J. & Stewart, A. L. (1999, May). Parenting stress and socioeconomic status as predictors of parent-child interaction quality. Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science, May 26-28, 1999, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.
- Detta, J. & Pickens, J. (1998, May). The relationship between parenting style and social competency in preschool children. Annual Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science, May 27-30, George Mason University, Washington D.C.
- Marold, J. & Pickens, J. (1998, April). Relationship between parent modeling, participation in a youth organization, and prosocial behaviors in children. 12th National Conference on Undergraduate Research, April 23-25, 1998. Salisbury, Maryland.
- Bhandari, R. & Pickens, J. (1997, May). Cross-Cultural Differences in Parenting. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Society, May 20-25, Washington D.C.
- Fergus, E.L. & Pickens, J. (1997, May). Touch During Mother-Infant Interactions: The Effects of Parenting Stress, Depression and Anxiety. 75th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science, Virginia Polytechnic University, Blacksburg VA May 20- 23, 1997.
- Floam, J.M. & Pickens (1997, May). An Analysis of Non-Verbal Behavior during Parent-Child Play Interactions. 75th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science, Virginia Polytechnic University, Blacksburg VA May 20-23, 1997.
- Harris, C. and Pickens, J. (1997, May). The Effects of CD-ROM vs. Text-Based Instruction on Recall and Comprehension in Young Children. 75th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science, Virginia Polytechnic University, Blacksburg VA May 20-23, 1997.
- Pickens, J. (1997, March). Symposium: Cross Cultural Issues in Parenting (Chair). Presentation: Methodological Issues in the Cross-Cultural Study of Parenting Attitudes. Society for Research in Child Development, March 1997, Washington DC.
- Pickens, J., Stewart, A.L. & McKay, J. (1997, March) Analysis of Parent-Child Interaction Behavior during the Marschak Interaction Method. Society for Research in Child Development, March 1997, Washington DC.
- Bhandari, R. & Pickens, J. (1996, May). American versus African differences in maternal perceptions of children's physical vs. emotional well-being. 74th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond VA May 21-23, 1996.
- Pickens, J. & Wallack, C. (1996, May). Teachers' and children's responses to Computer Assisted Instruction. 74th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond VA May 21-23, 1996.
- Pickens, J., Hansen, R., Rieppi, R., & Quale, C. (1996, April). Relationship between observations of mother-infant interactions and maternal ratings of infant temperament and parenting stress. Int'l. Conference on Infant Studies, Providence, RI, April, 1996.
- Pickens, J., Rieppi, R., Quale, C. & Hansen, R., (1996, April). Effects of a still-face and singing condition on mother-infant interactions. biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Providence, RI, April, 1996.
- Heiges, K. & Pickens, J. (1995, May). Mothers' use of informational and social resources predicts parenting stress. 73rd Annual Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science, VMI, Lexington, VA May 23-26, 1995.
- Sebrell, K. & Pickens, J. (1995, May). Effects of teacher touch cues on children with ADHD/ED. 73rd Annual Meeting of Virginia Academy of Science, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA May 23-26, 1995.
- Mckay, J.M., Anderson, K.R. & Pickens, J. (1995, July). Stress, SES and Gender Effects on Parent-Child Interaction Behaviors. Meetings of the American Psychological Society, 7th conference, NY June 29 -July 2 1995.
- Pickens, J. (1994, Aug.). Stress, support and depression in college students following Hurricane Andrew. Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association. Los Angeles, California, Aug. 11 - 16 1994.
- Pickens, J. (1994, June). Lower Vagal tone in infants of depressed mothers. Paper presented at the Meeting of the International Society for infant Studies, June 2-5, Paris, France.
- Scharf, V. L., Pickens, J. & Sundre, D. (1994, May). A meta-analysis of infant novelty responses to representations of the human face. 72nd Meeting of Virginia Academy of Science, May 17-19, 1994, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

- Davis, J. & Pickens, J. (1994, April) Locus of control, maternal depression effects on mothers' perceptions of infant temperament and mother-infant interaction behaviors. Paper presented at the Carolinas Psychology Conference, April 8-10 1994, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Pickens, J.N. (1993, Feb.). Preliminary findings from a study of stress, social support and depression in college students following Hurricane Andrew. Annual symposium on Stress and Coping. University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, Florida. February 1993.
- Pickens, J. & Field, T. (1992, August). Imitation and Attention- Getting Effects on Depressed Mother-Infant Interactions. Meeting of American Psychological Association, Wash., DC.
- Pickens, J., Nawrocki, T. & Soutullo, D. (1992, May). Audio-visual integration in preterm infants. Meeting of the International Society for Infant Studies, Miami Beach, Florida.
- Pickens, J. & Field, T. (1992, May). Facial affect and autonomic tone in infants of depressed mothers. Meeting of the International Society for Infant Studies, Miami Beach, Florida
- Yando, R., Lang, C. Pickens, J. & Field, T. (1992, May). Behavioral adjustment of preschoolers born to depressed mothers. Symposium on the Harvard Longitudinal Study of Mothers and Infants presented at the International Society for Infant Studies, Miami Beach, Florida.
- Pickens, J., Eisen, L. & Peruyera, G. (1991, April). Audio-visual matching by 4 1/2-month-old infants is facilitated by increasing temporal contrast or event duration. Presented at the annual Meetings of the American Psychological Society, Washington. DC.
- Pickens, J. (1991, Sept.). Intersensory perception in high-risk infants. Annual Pediatric Medical Research Conference, Mailman Center, University of Miami Medical School, Miami, Florida.
- Pickens, J. (1990, April). Infants' perception of auditory-visual distance relations. Presented at the International Conference on Infant Studies, Montreal, Canada.
- Bahrack, L.E. & Pickens, J. (1990, April). Reactivation of infant memory for object motion: Evidence for a 3-phase model of infant attention. Presented at the International Conference on Infant Studies, Montreal, Canada.
- Bahrack, L.E. & Pickens, J. (1989, April). Infant memory for object motion across a 1-month period as indexed by a familiarity preference. Presented at the Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Kansas City, Missouri.
- Pickens, J. (1989, March). Perception of intermodal relations by infants. Presented at the Florida State Universities Research Conference, Miami, Florida.
- Pickens, J. & Bahrack, L.E. (1988, April). Infants' perception of invariant rhythm and tempo. Proceedings of the International Conference on Infant Studies, Infant Behavior and Development (Special ICIS Issue), 11, 75.
- Bahrack, L.E., Pickens, J., Szuchman, L.T. & Ott, D.M. (1987, April). Classification of bimodal, naturalistic speech on the basis of language membership by five-month-olds. Presented at the Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD.
- Pickens, J. & Berg, W.K. (1980). Development of heart rate responses to tactile stimuli in rats. Presented at International Society for Developmental Psychobiology Meetings, Cincinnati Ohio, November 1980.
- Berg, W.K., Pickens, J. & VanDoren, J. (1980, Nov.). Parasympathetic control of cardiac orienting responses in 2- to 3-day-old rats. Presented at Meeting of the Intern'l Society for Developmental Psychobiology, Cincinnati Ohio. Nov. 1980.
- Berg, W.K., Pickens, J., Eggert, R. & Younge, B. (1979, Nov.). Heart rate responses to tactile and olfactory stimuli in infant rats. Presented at International Society for Developmental Psychobiology Meeting, Atlanta Georgia.

GRANTS

- Health Foundation of South Florida (2015-2020) "Living Healthy" Miami Gardens, City of Miami Gardens health grant. Advisory Council - Evaluation and research.
- The Children's Trust of Miami Dade – North Dade Youth and Family Service Partnership from 2013 – 2016, a \$3,000,000 grant over 3 years to support care coordination in Miami Gardens.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: North Dade Violence Prevention Research Center. 2010. \$440,000 over 2 years to research violence prevention programs in Miami Gardens FL.
- National Institute of Health (NIH) Extramural Associates Research Development Award (EARDA) Residency Training July 2007. [\$481,809 over 5 years]. J. Pickens (PD)

Miami Gardens / Opa Locka Youth Violence Prevention Coalition (2006-2010). Funded by the Miami Dade Children's Trust. Dr. Pickens is principal evaluation specialist for school and program assessment. Please contact Dr. Pickens for list of schools/providers.

Early Childhood Nurturing and Conflict Resolution (2004 – 2009). Grant: Peace Education Foundation and Arts-4-Learning funded by the Miami-Dade Children's Trust Continuation of ECNCR Program. Funded 2004 – 07 refunded 2008-09 [\$465,354 per year].

Miami Dade Community Action Agency grant for a Service Partnership for Miami Gardens, Opa Locka and North Dade for reducing teenage crime, truancy and substance abuse. January 2006

2006 St. Thomas University President's Diversity Research Grant – w/ J. Bachay and L. Treadwell research assessing diversity training/experiences in undergraduate courses.

2003 Faculty Mini-Grant Application Florida Campus Compact and Service-Learning Initiative
"Connecting Faculty Interest to Student Learning and Community Needs in North Dade"

1998 Small Grant: JMU Faculty Assistance Research Grant - (Awarded \$2000.00)

Topic: Analysis of parent-child interactions, Shenandoah Valley Human Development Clinic

1994 Small Grant: JMU Commission on Community and Curriculum Enhancement grant. (Awarded \$20000.00 3/14/94)

Topic: Computer Assisted Instruction in Children

1995 Small Grant: JMU Faculty Assistance Research Grant - (Awarded \$1000.00 Summer 1995)

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:

2001-2022 Saint Thomas University Institutional Review Board (IRB), Member

2019-2020 General Education Revision Committee

2016 Saint Thomas University – Barry University Task Force

2012-2017 Professional Development Committee, Chair

2016-17 Biscayne College Student Conference Travel Scholarship Committee

2012-2016 Community Outreach and Engagement Working Group

2011-2013 Provost's Grant Administration Council

2011 Biscayne College Dean's Search Committee

2011 Provost's Grant Directors Council

2011 Grants Management Team

2011 Chair, NIH/EARDA Research Development Advisory Council

2011 Faculty Forum: Rank, Compensation and Welfare Committee

2011 University PAC committee representative

2009 Scientific Research Administrators; Annual Symposium Review Panel

2007: Member, Provost's Committee on Service-Learning Policy

2007, 2008; Member, Academic Technology Committee / Technology Council

2007, 2008; Member, Institutional Review Board (IRB)

2005 – 2006 STU Faculty Forum Committee on Community Service and Service Learning

2006 – 2009 Member, Community Relations / Outreach Committee

2007 – 2009 National Institutes of Health / NICHD Scientific Review

2005 Columbia Teachers College Roundtable Forum on Diversity and Racism

2003. National Institutes of Health / USHHS Human Participant Protections for Research Teams Training

2003 Florida Campus Compact, CHESP 2nd Annual Florida Institute on Service Learning in Teacher Education,

2002 Florida Campus Compact, Florida Learn & Serve, and Florida CHESP Service Learning

2004 STU Faculty Forum Committee on Interdisciplinary Journal

2004 Chair, STU Academic Technology Subcommittee

2004-05 Chair, St. Thomas University Task Force on Student Advising (Chair, J. Conley)

2004-05 Strategic Long-Range Planning Committee (Chair, B. Robinson)

2003-04 Academic Technology Committee

2003-2004 Academic Long-Range Planning Committee

2003 St. Thomas University - Academic Organizational Restructuring and Leadership Taskforce

2003 Chair, STU Institutional Review Board / Research Ethics Committee
 2002 – 2005 Coordinator, Undergraduate Psychology Programs, Dept. of Social Sciences
 2002 Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Undergraduate Position in Psychology
 2002 - 2003 Member Building Design Committee Carnival Science & Technology Building
 2001 - 2004 Chair, STU Institutional Review Board for Research with Human Subjects
 2001 - 2004 Academic Technology Subcommittee, member
 2001- 2003 Faculty Forum, Social Committee, Chair
 2001 Nova Southeastern University, Academic Program Development Committee
 1999 Honors Program Presentation, James Madison Univ. - “Completing an Honor’s Thesis”
 1999 Honors Program Presentation, James Madison Univ. – “Formative and Summative
 1999 Evaluation of the James Madison University Honor Program”
 1998 - 1999 Virginia Academy of Science Chair, Psychology Division
 1998 - 99 Virginia Academy of Science, Executive Annual Planning Retreat.
 1997– 1999 JMU School of Psychology Professional Advisory Committee (PAC)
 1997 - 98 Program coordinator, Virginia Play Therapy Conference
 1997 - 1998 Search Committee - Research Methods/Statistics Position JMU
 1997 - 1999 School of Psychology - Professional Advisory and Evaluation Committee
 1998 - 1999 Virginia Academy of Science President - Psychology Division
 1996 - 1998 James Madison Univ. Faculty Senate - elected faculty senator for Psychology
 1996 - 1998 Teaching-Learning-Technology Roundtable College of Education and Psychology
 1995 - 1998 Honors Program Committee, Chair Subcommittee on Faculty Development
 1995 - 1997 Chair, Technology Task Force: JMU College of Education and Psychology
 1995 - 1999 Virginia Academy of Science Psychology Division Section Editor
 1994 - 1995 JMU General Master of Arts in Psychology Program Committee
 1994 - 1995 Chair, Department of Psychology, Professional Development Committee
 1994 - 1997 College of Education and Psychology College Research Coordinator - NCUR
 1994 - 1995 Department of Psychology Executive Committee
 1994 - 1997 APA Division 2 - Teaching of Psychology - Committee on Ethics in Teaching
 1994 Chair, SCHEV Learning in the New Academy, Richmond Virginia, 11/22/1994.
 1993 - 1994 Department of Psychology Counseling Program Committee
 1993 - 1999 Undergraduate Program Committee: B.A./B.S. Subcommittee JMU
 1993 - 1997 James Madison University Institutional Review Board
 1992 Coordinator, Conference Steering Committee, Int’l. Society for Infant Studies

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT (*online):

Introduction to Psychology*
 Child Psychology*
 Cognitive Psychology*
 Psychological Statistics*
 Research Methods
 Child Psychology*
 Adult Life-Span Development*
 Neuroscience/Physiological Psychology
 Intermediate Counseling Skills

Sensation and Perception*

Psychology of Learning
 Cognitive Psychology
 Cross-Cultural Psychology

GRADUATE COURSES:

Applied Research Methods (online)
 Psychology Proseminar (online)
 Life-Span Human Development
 Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods

AWARDS AND HONORS:

2021 STU Graduate Student Association – Teacher of the Year Award
2020 University Scholars Trainee to Quality Management - QM Quality Matters, Inc Rubric, Certification
2018 Psychology Today: Expert Recognition, Blog: Psychology Through Technology
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/psychology-through-technology>
2013 St. Thomas University, Outstanding Faculty Researcher Award
2011 St. Thomas University, Outstanding Faculty Researcher Award
2005 Marsha Hillman Harris Memorial Award –Miami Gardens Jaycees 6/17/2005
2000 "Madison Scholar" Outstanding Researcher College of Education and Psychology, JMU
1998 Who's Who Among Teachers in American Universities & Colleges
1995 JMU Summer Research Grant Award Topic: Mother-Infant Communication
1994 JMU Commission on Community Grant Topic: Computer Instruction with Children
1988, 1989 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges
1989 American Psychological Association - APA Dissertation Research Award
1988 President, Psychology Association Florida International University
1986 - 1988 Graduate Student Representative Department of Psychology, FIU
1985 - 1988 Florida International University, Full Tuition Scholarship Research Assistantship
1977 - 1980 University of Florida Center for Neurobiological Studies, Research Fellowship
1976, 1977 Dean's List for Academic Achievement, University of Florida
1974, 1975 Dean's List for Academic Achievement, University of Miami

References available by request