

RHONDA S. FAILEY

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

SPECIALIST DEGREE

Specialist in School Psychology May 1999
Louisiana State University Shreveport
Thesis: "A Comparison of Attitudes and Expectations About Autism Between Parents and Regular and Special Education Teachers."

MASTER'S DEGREE May 1998
Louisiana State University Shreveport
Specialty Area: Psychology
Master's Project: "Effect of a Brief Presentation on Changing Inaccurate Knowledge and Perceptions About Autism."

BACHELOR'S DEGREE May 1996
Louisiana State University Shreveport
Major: Psychology

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1999 - Present **Instructor of Psychology**, Louisiana State University Shreveport.
Courses taught: Psychology 100, Learning Strategies for College Success, Psychology 152, Introductory Psychology, Psychology 208, Adolescent Psychology, Psychology 317, Elementary Experimental Psychology, Psychology 422, Physiological Psychology.
- 1998-1999 **Adjunct Instructor** (LSUS). Psychology 100. Learning Strategies for College Success.
- 1998-1999 **Caddo Parish Pupil Appraisal Services**, Shreveport, LA.
Performing a 1,225 hour internship as a provisional school psychologist. Ancillary certificate number: AN 005165, State Department of Education, Louisiana. Duties: Educational and intellectual assessment, counseling, consultation, behavioral intervention, teacher inservices, parent contacts.

**ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIPS**

Louisiana School Psychological Association, 1996 - Present
National Association of School Psychologists, 1996 - Present
Caddo-Bossier Association for Retarded Citizens,
1992 - Present
Board of Directors, 1992 - 1998
Autism Society of America, 1989 - Present
Louisiana State Autism Chapter, 1989 - Present
Northwest Louisiana State Autism Chapter, 1989 - Present
Secretary, 1991 -1992
Arc of the United States, 1989 - Present

**VOLUNTEER
ACTIVITIES**

Caddo Foundation for Exceptional Children, 1992 - 1993,
Present
Caddo Parish Special Education Advisory Council, 1995 - 1998
Chairperson, 1996 - 1997
Vice Chairperson, 1997 - 1998
Captain Shreve High School PTA, 1997 - 2000
Committee Chairman, 1997 - 1998
Families Helping Families of Northwest Louisiana,
1998 - 1999
President, 1998 - 1999
LSUS Multicultural Affairs Committee, 1997 - 1998
LSUS Psychology Club, 1994 - 1996
Treasurer, 1995 - 1996
Region VII Interagency Coordinating Council, 1989 - 1992
Secretary, 1990 - 1991
Chairperson, 1991 - 1992
University Elementary School PTA, 1989 - 1999
Committee Chairman, 1989 - 1990
Recording Secretary, 1990 - 1991
2nd Vice President, 1991 - 1992
Corresponding Secretary, 1992 - 1993
President, 1993 - 1994 and 1996 - 1997
Treasurer, 1994 - 1996
Parliamentarian, 1997 - 1998
By-Laws Committee Chairman, 1998 - 1999
Youree Drive Middle School PTA, 1994 - 1997
Committee Chairman, 1994 - 1997

Captain Shreve High School PTA, 1997 - Present
Committee Chairman, 1999-2000

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2002 Professor of the Year, LSUS
- 2002 Who's Who Among American Teachers
- 2001 Professor of the Year, LSUS
- 2001 Advisor of the Year, Student Organization Council, LSUS
- 1999 Psi Chi (National Honor Society in Psychology)
- 1999 Academic Award, Specialist in School Psychology
- 1998 Kappa Delta Pi (International Honor Society in Education)
- 1997 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges
- 1997 W. L. Bergeron Memorial Scholarship, Louisiana School Psychological Association
- 1997 Louisiana State PTA Honorary Life Membership Award
- 1995 Phi Kappa Phi (National Honor Society)
- 1995 Louisiana State PTA Member Scroll Award

PUBLICATIONS

- Failey, R. S. (1993, June-July). Parents As Partners. ASHA, 35, 33.
- Failey, R. S. (1995). The Individual Education Plan. In Communication Skill Builders. Rockville, MD: Psychological Corporation.
- Failey, R. S. (1995). The Partnership of Parents and Clinicians. In Communication Skill Builders. Rockville, MD: Psychological Corporation.

PRESENTATIONS

- National:**
- 04/2001 *Attitudes Toward and Expectations of Children with Autism Reported by Parents and School Psychologists*. National Association of School Psychologists, 33rd Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. Stanley, P.D. & Failey, R.S.
- 03/30/00 *A Comparison of Attitudes and Expectations About Autism*. National Association of School Psychologists, 32nd Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA. Stanley, P.D., Failey, R.S., Dai, Y., & Robbins, J.
- 04/05/99 *Assessment of Children with Autism*. National Association of School Psychologists, 31st Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV. Failey, R.S.
- 04/17/98 *A Comparison Between Parents and Teachers of Attitudes and Expectations About Autism*. National Association of School

Psychologists, 30th Annual Convention, Orlando, Florida. Failey, R.S., Stanley, P.D., & Dai, Y.

Regional:

- 11/2000 *Comparison of Attitudes Toward and Expectations of Children with Autism Reported by Two Psychologist Groups.* Louisiana School Psychological Association, 21st Annual Convention, Baton Rouge, LA.
- 05/2000 *Understanding Adolescent Behavior: Knowledge, Skills and Interventions.* Juvenile Justice Training Project, 2-day session for medical/mental health providers, Swanson correctional facility, Monroe, LA.
- 04/2000 *Understanding Adolescent Behavior: Knowledge, Skills and Interventions.* Juvenile Justice Training Project, 2-day session for educators, Bridge City correctional unit, New Orleans, LA.
- 11/04/98 *Autism: How Much Do Parents and Teachers Know?* Louisiana School Psychological Association, 19th Annual Convention, Lafayette, LA.
- 10/31/97 *What You Really Need to Know About the Individual With Autism.* Louisiana Pupil Appraisal Conference, Alexandria, LA.
- 01/31/97 *Autism In Young Children.* Louisiana Region VII Early Childhood Collaborative Conference, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana.
- 02/20/91 *Life With a Disabled Child.* Eleventh Annual State Super Conference on Special Education, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Local:

- 06/2001 *Stress and Burnout.* 12 hour series. Foster Parents of Northwest Louisiana, Bossier City, LA.
- 03/2001 *Stress and Burnout.* 12 hour series. Foster Parents of Northwest Louisiana, Minden, LA.
- 10/30/00 *Parenting an Autistic Child.* Child Life Conference, Shriners Hospital for Children, Shreveport, LA.
- 04/15/00 *The Autistic Child.* 12 hour series. Foster Parents of Northwest Louisiana, Minden, LA.
- 04/22/00
- 09/17/99 *Autism in the Family.* LSUMC School of Allied Health. Occupational Therapy graduate students.
- 08/16/99 *The Child with Autism.* The Arc of Caddo-Bossier. Staff and teachers.
- Oct., 98 *Living with the Autistic Child.* 12 hour series. Foster Parents of Northwest Louisiana, Bossier City, LA.
- 04/30/98 *Effect of a Brief Presentation on Changing Inaccurate*

- 04/07/98 ***Knowledge and Perceptions About Autism.*** LSUS, Masters Project: Faculty, Students, Invited Guests, Shreveport, LA.
- 03/31/98 ***Assessment of Children With Autism.*** LSUS, Faculty and Graduate Students, Shreveport, LA.
- 11/05/97 ***An Overview of Autism.*** LSUS, Faculty, Undergraduate and Graduate Students, Invited Guests. Shreveport, LA.
- 10/10/97 ***Classroom Strategies for Understanding and Managing the Problem Behaviors Exhibited by Children With Autism.*** LSUS, Faculty and Graduate Students, Shreveport, LA.
- 10/03/97 ***A Simulation of Sensory Experiences in the Autistic Child and Classroom Concerns and Behavioral Issues in Autism.*** Caddo Parish Pupil Appraisal Workshop, Shreveport, Louisiana.
- 03/15/97 ***Autism.*** Caddo Parish Pupil Appraisal Staff, Mini-Workshop, Shreveport, Louisiana.
- 10/30/96 ***The Autistic Child.*** LSUS, Faculty, Undergraduate and Graduate Students, Invited Guests. Shreveport, LA.
- 08/10/96 ***Autism and the Occupational Therapist.*** LSUMC School of Allied Health, Shreveport, Louisiana.
- 09/14/92 ***Autism in the Preschool Child.*** Caddo-Bossier Association for Retarded Citizens, Inservice for Early Interventionists, Shreveport, Louisiana.
- 09/15/92 ***Team-building and A Vision For Early Intervention Services.*** Louisiana Transdisciplinary Team Training in Family-Centered Services, Shreveport, Louisiana.
- 11/18/90 ***A Parental Perspective.*** Louisiana Transdisciplinary Team Training in Family-Centered Services, Shreveport, Louisiana.
- 10/12/90 ***The Role of the Occupational Therapist With the Family.*** LSUMC School of Allied Health, Shreveport, Louisiana.
- 10/12/90 ***Life With a Disabled Child.*** Seventh Annual Louisiana Mini-Conference North, Bossier City, Louisiana.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- March 26-27, 1998 **Autism '98**, Dallas, Texas. (12 hours)
 Presenters: Raun Melmed, M.D., Margaret Whelan, M.S.W.,
 Katherine Calouri, Ph.D., Zoe Mailloux, OTR,
 Max Wiznitzer, MD.
 Pervasive developmental disorders, Geneva model of early
 intervention, enhancing behavioral therapy, sensory
 integrative issues, practical approaches after assessment.
- December 11, 1997 **Social Skills Conference**, New Orleans, Louisiana. (6 hours)

- Presenters: Carol Gray, Tony Attwood, Ph.D.
Nature of social skills challenges faced by individuals with autism.
- April 25, 1997 **Are We Missing Something?**, Natchitoches, Louisiana.
Presenter: Polly Yarnall, M.ED. (6 hours)
Working with students with challenging behaviors.
- April 4-5, 1997 **Autism '97**, Dallas, Texas. (12 hours)
Presenters: Liz Anderson, Beth Fouse, Ph.D., Reed Martin, Esq., Gary Mesibov, M.D., Linda Hodgdon, Cathy Pratt, Ph.D.
Behavior management plans, assessment, TEACCH model, sensory dysfunction.
- February 21, 1997 **Traversing the Autistic Continuum: A Challenge to Speech-Language Pathologists**, Shreveport, Louisiana. (6 hours)
Presenter: Diane Twachtman-Cullen, Ph.D.
- December 6-7, 1996 **Enabling the More Challenged Individual with Autism**, Dallas, Texas. (12 hours)
Presenters: James Ball, Teresa-Sawyers-Moser, Jeffrey Markowitz, Diane Twachtman-Cullen, Ph.D., Martha Snell, Ph.D., Andrew Bondy, Ph.D., Max Wiznitzer, M.D., Reed Martin, Esq., Bernard Rimland, Ph.D.
- October 25-26, 1996 **Behavioral Education Strategies for Children with Autism/PDD**, Houston, Texas. (12 hours)
Presenters: O. Ivar Lovaas, Ph.D., Michael O'Dell, Esq., Bridget Taylor Psy.D., Edward C. Fenske Ed.S., Andrew Bondy, Ph.D., Gina Green, Ph.D., Jack Scott, Ph.D.
- September 27, 1996 **Mental Health and the Law: Regulations and Resources**, Shreveport, LA (4 hours)
Presenters: Sam Medica, Mike Smith, Bill Wilson, Wayne Stoddard, Lee Aronson, Esq., Robin Rogers, M.D., Peggy Shemwell, Erica Smith.
- May 17-18, 1996 **Autism '96**, Dallas, Texas. (12 hours)
Presenters: Jim Wilson, Marie Bristol, Ph.D., Gail Gillingham, Carol Gray, Diane Twachtman, Ph.D., Max Wiznitzer, M.D. Temple Grandin, Ph.D.
Behavior modification, social skills, evaluations, joint routine activities, teaching tips.
- April 12, 1996 **Identification and Treatment of Child Abuse**, Shreveport, LA (6 hours)
Presenter: Robert Geffner, Ph.D.
Identification, interviews, assessment, intervention, ethical issues, practical techniques for recovery.
- December 1-3, 1995 **Current Research in Autism/PDD Neurology and Treatment**, Houston, Texas. (12 hours)

Presenters: Lorna Jean King, OTR, Dr. Margaret Bauman, Stephen Edelson, Ph.D., Temple Grandin, Ph.D.

January 6-17, 1992 **Early Intervention Training Institute**, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, San Diego, California. (55 hours)
Co-sponsor: Louisiana State Department of Special Education.
Training interdisciplinary teams to work with handicapped infants, toddlers, and their families.