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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Psychology. August, 1991, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

M.A., Psychology. August, 1989, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

B.S., Psychology. May, 1986, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana.

B.S., Marketing. May, 1986, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Dean. Sul Ross State University, College of Arts and Sciences, February, 2015-present.

Interim Dean. Sul Ross State University, College of Arts and Sciences, November, 2013-August, 2014.

Department Chair. Sul Ross State University, Department of Behavioral & Social Sciences, August, 2006-February 2015.

Professor of Psychology. Sul Ross State University, Department of Behavioral & Social Sciences, August, 2004-present.

Adjunct Faculty. University of Rijeka, Department of Psychology, May, 2004-June 2004, May, 2005-June 2005, May, 2006-June, 2006, May 2007-June 2007, and May 2008-June 2008.

Fulbright Lecturer in Psychology. The University of Rijeka, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Psychology, September, 2002-June, 2003.

Associate Professor of Psychology. Sul Ross State University, Department of Behavioral & Social Sciences, August, 1998-August 2004.

Director of Institutional Effectiveness. Sul Ross State University, March, 1996-August, 1998.

Assistant Professor of Psychology. Sul Ross State University, Department of Behavioral & Social Sciences, September, 1992-August, 1998.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology. University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Department of Psychology, August, 1991-July, 1992.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Psychological Association, 1991-present
American Psychological Association-Division of the Teaching of Psychology, 1992-pres.
Association for the Development of the Person Centered Approach, 2000-present
The Center for the Studies of the Person, 2015-present
Member of International Advisory Board, The Center for the Studies of the Person, 2015-present.
The International Society of Political Psychology, 2003-present
Psi Chi, The National Honor Society for Psychology, 1997-present
The Society for Personality and Social Psychology, 1992-present
Texas Association of College Teachers, 1994-present
World Association for Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies and Counseling, 2016-present.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND LISTINGS:

Selected as a Fulbright Award Recipient to be a Lecturer in Psychology, University of Rijeka, Croatia, 2002-2003.

PUBLICATIONS:

Judd, C. M., and Downing, J. W. (1995). Stereotypic accuracy in judgments of the political positions of groups and individuals. Pages 65-89 *In*: M. Lodge and K. M. McGraw (eds.), *Political Judgment: Structure and Process*. University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, MI.

Downing, J. W., Judd, C. M., & Brauer, M. (1992). Effects of repeated attitude expressions on response latency and extremity. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 63:17-29.

Judd, C. M., Drake, R. A., Downing, J. W., & Krosnick, J. A. (1991). Some dynamic properties of attitude structure: Context induced response facilitation and polarization. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 60:193-202.

Judd, C. M., and Downing, J. W. (1990). Political expertise and the development of attitude consistency. *Social Cognition*, 8:104-124.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

Downing, J.W. "Using Empathy and the Core Conditions to Address a Social Conflict: A Response to the Concealed Carry on Campus Law in Texas". Carl Rogers Conference, January 2016, San Diego, CA.

Downing, J.W. "The Person-Centered Approach Goes to University: Student-Centered Teaching in Two Cultures, Far West Texas and Coastal Croatia". Carl Rogers Conference, January 2015, San Diego, CA.

Downing, J. W., Escallon, A., Motschnig, R., & M. dos Santos, A. Carl Rogers in the classroom: University-Level education and the person-centered approach (PCA). Presentation at the 2014 Carl Rogers Birthday Conference Sponsored by the Center for the Studies of the Person, San Diego, California, January 2014.

Downing, J. W., Escallon, A., Motschnig, R., & M. dos Santos, A. Carl Rogers in the classroom: University-Level education and the PCA – part 2: Focus on encounter groups. Presentation at the 2014 Carl Rogers Birthday Conference Sponsored by the Center for the Studies of the Person, San Diego, California, January 2014.

Downing, J. W. From a burr under the saddle to a flower in the desert: Anti-Authoritarianism in political psychology and higher education. Presentation at the 2013 Arts and Sciences Spring Lecture at Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, April, 2013

Downing, J. W. The basic encounter group in person-centered education: Brief and longer-term encounter groups and their use at the university level. Presentation at the meeting of the Association for the Development of the Person-Centered Approach, Rochester, New York, June, 2010.

Downing, J. W. Person-Centered education at the university level in two cultures: Far West Texas and Croatia. Presentation at the meeting of the Association for the Development of the Person-Centered Approach, New York, New York, July, 2007.

Downing, J. W. Investigating attitude consistency and structure: Problems and solutions in measurement. Presentation at the 15th Psychology Days Conference at the University of Zadar, Zadar, Croatia, May, 2006.

Downing, J. W. & Bockes, T. C. Right-Wing authoritarianism in West Texas: Initial observations. Presentation at the meeting of the Southwestern Psychological Association, San Antonio, Texas, May, 1996.

Downing, J. W. Accuracy of Initial political impressions. Paper presented at the meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois, May, 1992.

PUBLIC SERVICE:

Interviewed for BBC-4 radio documentary entitled, "Gunning for Education", October 2016

Participated in Birth2Work Parenting Program Piloted in Alpine Community, January-April, 2016.

Interviewed on KRTS-Marfa Public Radio's "Talk at Ten Program" in a program entitled,

"Sul Ross Professor Examines Freedom and Dignity", 2014.

Worked as a Volunteer During High School Football Games to Fundraise for AHS Band. 2009-2010.

Monthly Volunteer for Alpine Community Food Bank, 2009-2012.

Member, Kiwanis Club of Alpine, 1992-2010, Treasurer, 1994-1996, President, 1998.

Member, Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend Board of Directors, 1997-1999.

Presented parenting class program at Alpine Montessori entitled "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk", Fall 1998.

Presented program at Big Bend Hospice entitled "Interpersonal Communication", Fall 1997.

Helped Friends of the Alpine Public Library begin their "Free Film Series" that screens unique and important motion pictures, 1998.