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EDUCATION

- 2001 Doctor of Philosophy, Experimental Social Psychology
 Virginia Commonwealth University
- 1998 Master of Arts, Experimental Psychology
 Hollins University
- 1995 Bachelor of Science, Psychology
 University of Mary Washington

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2003-Present Assistant Professor → Associate Professor → Professor of Psychology
 James Madison University
- 2014-2015 Faculty Associate, Center for Faculty Innovation
 James Madison University
- 2002-2003 Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology
 University of Mary Washington
- 2001-2002 Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology
 University of Richmond

RECENT HONORS AND AWARDS (past 5 years)

- 2022 *General Education Distinguished Teacher Award* nominee
 James Madison University
- 2021 *College of Health and Behavioral Studies Distinguished Service Award*
 recipient
 James Madison University
- 2019 *Alger Faculty Endowment* nominee
 James Madison University
- 2019 *General Education Distinguished Teacher Award* nominee

James Madison University

2019 *College of Health and Behavioral Studies Educational Leave Award*
recipient
James Madison University

2018 *College of Health and Behavioral Studies Distinguished Service Award*
nominee
James Madison University

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Society for the Teaching of Psychology (Division 2 of the American Psychological Association)

Virginia Association for Psychological Science (formerly Virginia Psychological Association)

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RECENT PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (past 5 years)

* = former or current student author

Kerr, N.A. (2021). Teaching in a lonely world: Educating students about the nature of loneliness and promoting social connection in the classroom. *Teaching of Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00986283211043787>

Kerr, N. A., & Stanley, T.* (2021). Revisiting the social stigma of loneliness. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 171, 110482. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2020.110482>

RECENT PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS (past 5 years)

Kerr, N.A. (October 20-22, 2022). Social connection: An essential component of student and faculty success. [Paper accepted for presentation]. Society for the Teaching of Psychology's Annual Conference on Teaching, Pittsburg, PA, United States.

Brayton, E.*, LeHanka, C.*, Fike, K.*, Fisher, K., Callis, M.B.*, Cottrell, K.*, & Kerr, N.A. (April 1, 2022). *An intervention to reduce loneliness among college students* [Paper presentation]. Virginia Association for Psychological Science 2022 Convention, Staunton, VA, United States.

Kerr, N. A, Kurtz, J. L., Andreotta, D.*, Boylan, A.*, Brayton, E.*, Fike, K.*, Fisher, K.*, LeHanka, C.*, Lutz, C.*, Olivari, K.*, Owen, J.*, Trusty, N.*, & Williams, E.* (February 16-19, 2022). *Build Your Village: A pilot study of an intervention to reduce loneliness among college*

students. [Poster presentation]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2022 Convention, San Francisco, CA, United States.

Kerr, N. A. (2022, January 3-6). *Fighting the loneliness epidemic from the classroom*. National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology 2022 Conference, St. Petersburg Beach, FL, United States.

Kerr, N. A., & Kurtz, J. L. (2021, May 26-27). *Older adults' loneliness unaffected by a brief social psychological intervention*. [Poster presentation]. Association for Psychological Science 2021 Convention, Online.

Kerr, N. A., Stanley, T. B.*, Colyer, S. A.*, Cooper, K. H.*, & Reinert, O. T.* (2020, May 21-24). *Lonely people may face less stigma than they think*. [Poster presentation]. Association for Psychological Science 2020 Convention, Chicago, IL, United States. (Conference canceled)

Colyer, S. A.*, Cooper, K. H.*, Reinert, O. T.*, Elder, D.*, Rovder, A. L.* Kerr, N. A. (2020, April 19-21). *Is loneliness more stigmatized than anxiety and depression?* [Paper presentation]. Virginia Association for Psychological Science 2020 Convention, Charlottesville, VA, United States (Conference canceled)

Kerr, N. A. (2020, January 3-6). *The loneliness epidemic and its implications for teaching* [Participant idea exchange]. National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology 2020 Conference, St. Petersburg Beach, FL, United States.

Kerr, N. A., & Meixner, C. (2020, January 3-6). *Feeling alone in academia: Perceived social isolation among instructional faculty* [Poster presentation]. National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology 2020 Conference, St. Petersburg Beach, FL, United States.

Young, A.*, Schumacher, M.*, Lowe, S.*, Hosig, R.*, Elder, D.*, Colyer, S.*, Burns, P.*, Abramovitch, S.*, & Kerr, N. A. (2019, April 17-19). *Prevalence of loneliness at James Madison University* [Paper presentation]. Virginia Association for Psychological Science 2019 Convention, Newport News, VA, United States.

Abramovitch, S.*, Burns, P.*, Colyer, S.*, Elder, D.*, Farmer, R.*, Hosig, R.*, Lowe, S.*, Schumacher, M.*, Young, A.*, & Kerr, N. A. (2019, April 17-19). *Revising the social stigma of loneliness* [Paper presentation]. Virginia Association for Psychological Science 2019 Convention, Newport News, VA, United States.

Kerr, N.A., Schiffrin, H. H., Conway, J.L., & Perez, J.E.* (2019, January 3-6). *Teaching outside of the academy: The development and assessment of a parent education conference*. Poster presented at the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology, St. Petersburg Beach, FL.

RECENT PUBLIC TALKS (past 5 years)

Kerr, N.A. (2022, November). *Embracing Loneliness*. Invited talk for the McCain Whole Health Care Wellness Workshop.

Kurtz, J. L. & Kerr, N. A. (2021, March). *Build Your Village: A research-based program to increase students' social connectedness*. Invited talk for the Virginia Association of Independent Schools Winter Webinar series, virtual presentation.

Kerr, N.A., (2021, March). *Proven strategies to increase social connection and well-being...even during a pandemic*. Invited talk for JMU's Lifelong Learning Institute, virtual presentation.

Kerr, N.A., (2020, November). *The transformative power of social connection*. Invited talk at a chapter meeting of the American Association of University Women, virtual presentation.

Kerr, N. A., (2018, September). *The Loneliness epidemic*. Invited talk at The Parent Conference, Harrisonburg, VA.

RECENT ON-CAMPUS WORKSHOPS, ROUNDTABLES, AND PRESENTATIONS (past 5 years)

Kerr, N.A. (2021, April). *Proven strategies to increase social connection and well-being...even during a pandemic*. Presentation at the Balanced Dukes Conference.

Kerr, N.A. (2020, May). *The Loneliness epidemic and its implications for teaching*. Center for Faculty Innovation's May Symposium. (Conference canceled.)

Kerr, N.A. (2019, April). *The Loneliness epidemic*. Invited presentation at the Older Women's Wellness for Life Program of the Morrison Bruce Center.

Kerr, N.A. (2018, November). *Don't neglect your social health*. Invited presentation at the Women's Health and Wellness Program of the Morrison Bruce Center.

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Publications, posters, talks, grants, etc. prior to 2018

Grants

List of current and past courses taught

Service activities