

## CURRICULUM VITA

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### Education

S.U.N.Y. at Stony Brook, Ph.D., Developmental Psychology, 1979  
Saint Louis University, B.A., Psychology, 1972

### Honors and Awards

COAS Dean's Award for Research and Creativity, April 2007  
Indiana University Northwest grant-in-aid of Research, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 2000  
Indiana University Northwest Summer Faculty Fellowships, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1990  
Merrill-Palmer Small Grants Award, 1979  
Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid Award, 1976  
Phi Beta Kappa, 1972

### Professional Affiliations

Society for Research in Child Development  
Council of Undergraduate Departments of Psychology  
Association for Psychological Science

### Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, Developmental Psychology, Indiana University Northwest, 1980-1987.  
Associate Professor, 1987-Present  
Department Chair, August, 1998-December 2000; January 2009-present  
Courses Taught:

Introductory Psychology I & II; Childhood and Adolescence; Psychology of Adolescence; Methods of Experimental Psychology; Special Topics: Influence of Television on Children, Adolescent Psychology; Laboratory in Developmental Psychology.

Associate Dean, COAS 2003-2005; Interim Dean, July-August 2004

Posters and Presentations

Fischer, M. A. and Thomas, T. (2013). Priming preschoolers to share. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, May 23-26, Washington, D. C.

Thomas, T. and Fischer, M. A. (2013). Motivation of sharing in preschoolers: Togetherness or Reward? Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, May 4-7, Chicago, IL

Ziskin, M. Fischer, M.A. and Yebei, P.K. (2010). Working Students' Perceptions of Paying for College. Paper presented at conference "Working Students, Succeeding Students: Promoting the Success of Mobile Working Students in Northwest Indiana," Purdue University Calumet, Hammond IN, June 17, 2010.

Ziskin, M, Fischer, M. A., Torres, V., Player-Sanders, J. and Pellicciotti, B. (2009). Working students' perceptions of paying for college: Understanding the connections between financial aid and work. Paper presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Vancouver, BC, November 4-7.

Reynolds, P. Fischer, M.A., Pellicciotti, B., Singanallur, L., Daum-Barnett, N., Gross, J. Ziskin, M., Hernandez, E., & Rago, M. (2007) Mobile working students: A research-based collaborative approach to enhancing institutional and student success. Symposium presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Louisville, KY, November 8-10.

Fischer, M. A., Nelson, K. and Zinner, S. (2006, November). Predicting and increasing healthy eating and physical activity among adolescents. Paper presented at the 3rd Annual College of Arts and Sciences Research Conference, Indiana University Northwest.

Pellicciotti, M. B., Fischer, M. A., Excell, D. and McKinney, J. (2006, May). Working students on our campuses: A higher education collaboration to assess the impact of employment on the academic success of college students. Paper presented at The Association for Institutional Research 46th Annual Forum, Chicago, IL.

Fischer, M.A., Nelson, K. and Zinner, S. (2006, April). Decision-making pertaining to healthy eating and physical activity among adolescents in Northwest Indiana. Paper presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Excellence in Research and Creativity Conference, Indiana University Northwest.

Fischer, M. A. and Shrout, P. E. (2005, May) Children's Liking of Landscape Paintings in Relation to Perceptions of Prospect, Refuge, and Hazard. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Fischer, M.A. & Clements, R.C. (1999, June). Class Attendance, Study Habits, and Academic Performance in College: Perception and Reality. Poster presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Society, Denver, CO.

Fischer, M.A. (1986, May). The Effects of Television Commercials on Children's Beliefs and Attitudes About Toys. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Fischer, M.A. & Feldman, H. (1986, January). The Relationship Between Teaching Styles and Student Evaluations. Paper to accompany poster presentation at 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology, Gainesville, FL.

Fischer, M.A. (1983, May). Developmental Changes in Children's Susceptibility to Television Advertising. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Adelson, R. & Fischer, M.A. (1980, March). The Impact of Televised Messages on Children's Knowledge of Dental Health. Paper presented at the Annual Session of the American Association for Dental Research, Los Angeles, CA.

Fischer, M.A. & Liebert, R.M. (1978, April). Children's Comprehension and Imitation of a Televised Example of Prosocial Programming. Paper presented at the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Fischer, M.A. & Greenwood, P.M. (1978, February). Visual Field Effects in the Mental Rotation of Two Dimensional Figures. Paper presented at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Minneapolis, MN.

### Publications

Ziskin, M, Fischer, M. A., Torres, V., Player-Sanders, J. and Pellicciotti, B. (2014). Working students' perceptions of paying for college: Understanding the connections between financial aid and work. Review of Higher Education, 37(4), 429-467.

Fischer, M.A. and Shrout, P. E. (2006). Children's liking of landscape paintings as a function of their perceptions of prospect, refuge, and hazard. Environment and Behavior, 38(3), 373-393.

Fischer, M.A. (1985). A developmental study of preference for advertised toys. Psychology and Marketing, 2(1), 3-12.

Palmer, F.H., Semlear, T., & Fischer, M.A. (1982). One to One: The Harlem Study.

In M.J. Begab, H.D. Haywood, & H.L. Garber (Eds.), Prevention of Retarded Development in Psychosocially Disadvantaged Children. Baltimore, Md.: University Park Press.

Service (1999-2014)

Advisor's Council, Member, Fall 2012-present

General Education/Assessment Committee, Co-Chair, Fall 2005-Spring 2010; member Fall 2010-Fall 2012

IUN Human Subjects Committee, Chair, 1990 -2004, Fall 2010- July 2015; Co-Chair, 2004-Summer 2010

Blueprint for Student Attainment Group, Fall 2010-2012

Academic Core Retention Issues Group, Fall 2010-2013

Indiana Project on Academic Success Scholar, 2004-2009

Governing Board, Center for Sustainability Regional Vitality, 2005-2006

Co-Chair, AQIP Committee, 2001-2003

Search and Screen Committee, Director of Institutional Research 2004-2005, 2005- 2006

Associate Dean for Assessment, Division of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2000

Promotion committee for Cynthia O'Dell, 2000

A & S Promotion and Tenure Committee, 1998

Chair, IUN Assessment Committee, 1994-95, 1996-97, 1999-2003

Omicron Sigma Delta, 1985 –present