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EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Psychology (2011 – present)
Associate Professor of Psychology (2006 – 2011)
The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ

Associate Professor of Psychology (2003 – 2006)
Assistant Professor of Psychology (1998 – 2003)
Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA

EDUCATION

PhD in Social/Developmental Psychology (May, 1998)
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

MA in Psychology (May, 1995)
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

BA in Psychology (May, 1993)
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Judgment and decision making – Examination of how cognitive limitations and biases affect judgments and decisions, and the implications of these findings.

Sports analytics – Statistical models of momentum effects, win probability, and decision aids for specific in-game situations.

Taxometrics – Development and application of data-analytic procedures to distinguish categorical and continuous variables.

Modern and robust statistical methods – Study and use of resampling plans, effect size measures, confidence interval construction, and meta-analytic methods.

Scholarly impact – Evaluation of citation-based indices and other measures to quantify the influence of research published by individuals, journals, or programs.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The College of New Jersey (2006 – present)

- FSP121: The Price of Everything (First Seminar Program)
- FSP161: Prosperity and Rational Optimism (First Seminar Program)
- Psy096: Orientation to Psychology
- Psy203: Design and Statistical Analysis (formerly titled Design and Analysis)
- Psy299: Research Seminar in Decision Making
- Psy299: Research Seminar in External Validity
- Psy299: Research Seminar in Meta-Analysis
- Psy299: Research Seminar in Scholarly Impact
- Psy299: Research Seminar in Sports Momentum
- Psy362: Judgment and Decision Making
- Psy373: Critical Thinking about Mental Health Practice
- Psy373: Science and Pseudoscience in Clinical Psychology
- Psy376: Seminar in Behavioral Economics
- Psy385: Seminar in Applied Psychology (previously offered as Psy374, I/O Seminar)
- Psy470: Senior Seminar in Behavioral Economics
- Psy470: Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice Reform
- Psy470: Senior Seminar in Decision-Making Algorithms
- Psy470: Senior Seminar in Judgment and Decision Making
- Psy470: Senior Seminar in Rational Optimism

Elizabethtown College (1998 – 2006)

- FS100: Psychology of Judgment and Decision Making (Freshman Seminar)
- FS100H: Science and Social Institutions (Honors First-Year Seminar)
- Psy105: General Psychology
- Psy213: Research Methods
- Psy218: Psychological Statistics
- Psy213: Research Methods & Statistics I
- Psy218: Research Methods & Statistics II
- Psy333: Tests and Measurements
- Psy372: Critical Thinking about Mental Health Practice
- Psy435: Research in Social Psychology

Brandeis University (1993 – 1998)

- Psy112: Psychology of Judgment and Decision Making (1996)
- Psy51a: Psychological Statistics (1997)
- Psychology of Decision Making (*Brandeis Summer Odyssey* program, 1997, 1998)
- Teaching Assistant for a total of 17 courses (1993 – 1998)
- Invited speaker at Teaching Assistant Orientation (1995, 1996, 1997)
- Quantitative Skills Consultant to the Student Support Services Program (1995 – 1997)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

The College of New Jersey

Sabbatical (Fall, 2024)

- Awarded sabbatical leave to work on a meta-analysis of accuracy in polygraph testing.

Sabbatical (Fall, 2013)

- Awarded sabbatical leave to work on a book project dealing with behavioral economics.

Support of Scholarly Activity (SOSA; 2007 – 2026)

- Awarded a 2-year alternative assignment of a reduced teaching load to enhance my research program on:
 - Replacing lie detection with a test for guilty knowledge (2024 – 2026)
 - Reducing bias and noise in judgments and decisions (2022 – 2024)
 - Developing statistical models for situational sports decision making (2020 – 2022)
 - Empirical guidelines for taxometric analysis (2018 – 2020)
 - Reducing subjectivity in taxometric analysis (2016 – 2018)
 - Policy implications of behavioral economics (2014 – 2016)
 - Applications of quantitative indices (2012 – 2014)
 - Citation-based indices of scholarly impact (2010 – 2012)
 - Quantitative methods in psychological research (2007 – 2010)*
- * This was a sustained (3-year) SOSA award

Mini-Grant (2007, 2017)

- Received \$350 (2007) and \$1,000 (2017) in internal funding to support student research collaboration (provided by the TCNJ Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences).

Military Suicide Research Consortium, Tallahassee, FL

Consultant (2013 – 9/20/2015)

- Worked with Drs. Jill Holm-Denoma (PI) and Tracy Witte on “A Taxometric Investigation of Suicide Risk among Military Personnel”; total funding of \$139,620.

National Institutes of Mental Health, Washington, DC

Co-Investigator (12/15/2003 – 11/30/2004; work continued through a no-cost extension)

- Worked with Drs. Ari Solomon (PI), Peter Lewinsohn, and John Seeley on “Taxometric analysis of unipolar depression,” #1 RO3 MH067961-01A1; total funding of \$62,091.

Elizabethtown College

Early Promotion (2003)

- Promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor one year ahead of the normal timeline.

Exceptional Performance Awards (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 – 2003)

- Citations and merit pay increases for teaching and scholarship.

Summer Research Grants (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002)

- Received \$5,000 in funding for summer research projects.

Faculty Grants (2000, 2001, 2004)

- Received \$400, \$300, and \$350, respectively, to support research with students.

National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, Washington, DC

Research Grantee (1996 – 1998)

- Received \$13,750 in funding for research conducted in collaboration with the Suffolk County (MA) District Attorney's Office on decision making in child sexual abuse cases.

Brandeis University

University Prize Instructorship (1996)

- Winner of campus-wide competition, taught seminar on judgment and decision making.

Louis, Frances, and Jeffrey Sachar Fund (1996 – 1997)

- Received \$450 in funding to support dissertation research.

Verna Regan Teaching Assistantship Award (1997)

- Received annual award for outstanding performance as a teaching assistant in psychology.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

Reviewing

Peer-Reviewed Journals

- *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, Editorial Board (2005 – 2013)
- *Journal of Experimental Psychopathology*, Editorial Board (2011 – present)
- *Psychological Assessment*, Editorial Board (2008 – 2020)
- *Psychopathology Review*, Editorial Board (2013 – present)
- *Scientific Review of Mental Health Practice*, Associate Editor (2005 – 2012)
- *Scientific Review of Mental Health Practice*, Editorial Board (2003 – 2004)
- Provided reviews of approximately 410 manuscripts submitted to the following 95 journals:

Addiction

Advances in Health Science Education

Alcohol and Alcoholism

American J. of Psychology

Australian J. of Psychology

Applied Cognitive Psychology

Archives of General Psychiatry

Assessment

Australian J. of Psychology

Basic and Applied Social Psychology

Behavior Research Methods

Behavior Therapy

Behavior Research and Therapy

Bipolar Disorders

British J. of Clinical Psychology

British J. of Mathematical and Statistical Psychology

Child Development

Clinical Psychological Science

Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice

Cognitive Behaviour Therapy

Cognitive Therapy and Research

Comm. in Statistics – Simulation and Computation

Creativity Research Journal

Criminal Justice and Behavior

Current Directions in Psychological Science

Current Psychiatry Reviews

Depression and Anxiety

Development and Psychopathology

Dyslexia

Educational and Psychological Measurement

Emotion

European Journal of Pain

Group Processes and Intergroup Relations
International Gambling Studies
International J. of Forensic Mental Health
J. Abnormal Psychology
J. American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
J. Applied Statistics
J. Association for Information Science and Technology
J. Autism and Developmental Disorders
J. Child Psychology and Psychiatry
J. Classification
J. Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology
J. Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology
J. Consulting and Clinical Psychology
J. Criminal Justice
J. Educational and Behavioral Statistics
J. Experimental Education
J. Experimental Psychology: General
J. Gerontology: Psychological Sciences
J. Modern Applied Statistical Methods
J. Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders
J. Personality
J. Personality Assessment
J. Personality Disorders
J. Personality and Social Psychology
J. Psychiatric Research
J. Psychosomatic Research
J. Research in Personality
J. Sex Research
J. Social and Clinical Psychology
J. Sports Analytics
J. Statistical Software

J. Studies on Alcohol
Learning and Individual Differences
Measurement
Methodological Innovations
Methodology
Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development
Multivariate Behavioral Research
New Ideas in Psychology
Pediatric Allergy, Immunology, and Pulmonology
Personality and Individual Differences
Personality Disorders
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Perspectives on Psychological Science
PLOS One
PsyCH
Psychiatry Research
Psychological Assessment
Psychological Bulletin
Psychological Medicine
Psychological Methods
Psychological Reports
Psychological Review
Psychological Science
Psychology, Crime, and Law
Psychology of Religion and Spirituality
Psychology of Sport and Exercise
Psychometrika
Psychosomatic Medicine
Research on Child and Adolescent Psychopathology
Scientific Review of Mental Health Practice
Sexual Abuse
Theory and Psychology

Grant Review

- Served as member of National Institute of Mental Health grant review panels (2002, 2003)
- Served as external merit reviewer for National Science Foundation grants (2001, 2002, 2009)

Book Reviews

- Reviewed second edition of a critical thinking text for Wiley-Blackwell (2015)
- Reviewed first edition of a critical thinking text for W. H. Freeman/Worth/Macmillan (2014)
- Reviewed chapter of a statistics text for Worth (2012)
- Reviewed book proposal on psychological science under scrutiny for Wiley-Blackwell (2012)
- Reviewed book proposal on the measurement of attitudes for Elsevier (2010)
- Reviewed four chapters of a psychological testing text for Allyn & Bacon (2008)
- Reviewed chapter of an introductory psychology text for Allyn & Bacon (2007)
- Reviewed two chapters of a research methods text for Sage (2005)
- Reviewed an entry for the *Encyclopedia of Social Measurement* (2003)
- Reviewed two computerized data analysis texts for Erlbaum (2002)

- Reviewed two editions of a critical thinking text for Allyn & Bacon (1999, 2002)

The College of New Jersey

College-Level Service

- Committee on Faculty Affairs (2012 – 2013)
 - Subcommittees on Academic Speech and College Governance, Faculty Reassigned Time, and Recording of Lectures
- Faculty Senate (2009 – 2012)
 - Working Group on Support for Teaching/Scholarship (2009)
 - Mildred Dahne Award Committee (2011)
- Liberal Learning Program Council (2009 – 2012)
- Quantitative Reasoning Advisory Committee (2007 – 2011)
- Support of Scholarly Activities (SOSA) Committee (2008 – 2009)
 - Ad hoc reviewer for proposals submitted by SOSA Committee members (2010, 2011, 2012)

School-Level Service (Humanities and Social Sciences, formerly Culture and Society)

- Curriculum Committee (2008 – 2012; Chair, 2011 – 2012)
- Strategic Planning Subcommittee on Community and Community Outreach (2009)

Psychology Department Service

- Academic advising – number of advisees (psychology majors) has ranged as high as 53 students
- Academic Programs Committee (2006 – 2023; 2025 – 2026; Chair, 2008 – 2013)
- Adjunct Committee (2009 – 2010; 2014 – 2015; 2017 – 2018)
- Advisory Committee (2010 – 2012)
- Assessment Committee (2014 – 2017; 2021 – 2022)
- Colloquium Committee (2014 – 2017; 2019 – 2021; 2023 – 2024)
- Core Sequence Working Group (2023 – 2024)
- Department Resources Committee (2016 – 2017)
- EloPSY Application Review Committee (2025 – 2026)
- Ethics Committee (2017 – 2018; 2023 – 2024)
- Grievance Committee (alternate; 2010 – 2011, 2016 – 2017)
- Hiring Committee, Applied Cognitive Psychologist (2025)
- Hiring Committee, Psychologist (non-tenure track) (2014)
- Hiring Committee, Psychologist (area open) (2011 – 2012)
- Hiring Committee, Cognitive Psychologist (2008 – 2009)
- Hiring Committee, Social Psychologist (2007 – 2008)
- Hiring Committee, Counseling/Clinical Psychologist (2006 – 2007)
- Independent Study Committee (2014; 2017 – 2022)
- Methods Core Ad Hoc Committee (2023 – 2024)
- Mildred Dahne Award Committee (2016 – 2017)
- PIPER Committee (2016-2023; Coordinator 2016 – 2019)
- Promotions Committee (2012 – 2013; 2018 – 2019)
- Research Planning and Ethics Committee (2006 – 2016, 2019 – 2024; Chair, 2007 – 2010,

2015 – 2016, 2019 – 2024; Co-Chair 2010 – 2011)

Elizabethtown College

College-Level Service

- Academic Council (2002 – 2005; Chair and representative to Executive Council, 2003 – 2005)
- Core Program Committee (1999 – 2002)
- Dean of the Faculty Search Committee (2006)
- Instructional Resources and Technology Committee (2000)
- Teaching Evaluation Committee (2002)

Psychology Department Service

- Departmental Curriculum Revision/Course Revision and Integration (2000)
- Graduate School Advisor (1998 – 2005)
- Psychology Club Advisor (2002 – 2005)
- Research Participation Coordinator/IRB Proposal Reviewer (2000 – 2006)
- Webmaster (1998 – 2004)

PUBLICATIONS*

As of 12/30/2025, Google Scholar reports a total of 9,117 citations to my work and an *h* index of 46.

Walters, G. D., & **Ruscio, J.** (2025). Summed vs. factor scores: A simulation study of estimation accuracy. *Manuscript submitted for publication.*

Ruscio, J., & Petrou, S. (2025). A meta-analysis of accuracy in polygraph testing: The Comparison Question Test versus the Guilty Knowledge Test. *Manuscript submitted for publication.*

Ruscio, J., & Abaci, J. (2024). From despair and helplessness to constructive problem-solving: Seeking information rather than letting it find you. In R. J. Sternberg & W. Niu (Eds.), *Critical Thinking Across Disciplines, Vol. 2* (pp. 155-180). Springer Nature.

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<https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550618792057>

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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psychres.2018.01.015>

Ruscio, J., & Carney, L. M., Dever, L., Pliskin, M., & Wang, S. B. (2018). Using the Comparison Curve Fit Index (CCFI) in taxometric analyses: Averaging curves, standard errors, and CCFI profiles. *Psychological Assessment*, 30(6), 744-754.
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INVITED TALKS, COLLOQUIA, AND WORKSHOPS

Ruscio, J. (2023, October). *What best protects the innocent: Lie detection or a test for guilty knowledge?* Colloquium to be presented at The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ.

Ruscio, J. (2021, March). *Decision making in sports: Challenging conventional wisdom with analytics*. Colloquium presented at The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ.

Ruscio, J. (2018, April). *Testing for momentum effects in sports: How to tease apart a causal influence from a cognitive illusion*. Colloquium presented at The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ.

Ruscio, J. (2014, March). *What They Imagine They Can Design: A story of difficult choices and new ways of thinking*. Brown bag lecture presented at The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ.

Ruscio, J. (2013, February). *Behavioral economics and the libertarian paternalism approach to policy*. Talk presented to the Philadelphia Association for Critical Thinking, Philadelphia, PA.

Ruscio, J. (2011, September). *Empirically supported guidelines for implementing the taxometric method*. Research talk presented to clinical psychology faculty and graduate students at the University of Delaware, Newark, DE.

Ruscio, J. (2010, September). *Assessing the scholarly impact of a psychologist*. Brown bag lecture presented at The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ.

Ruscio, J. (2010, May). *Embracing the challenges of applying psychological science*. APS-

STP Teaching Institute Distinguished Lecture at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.

Ruscio, J. (2009, September). *Categories and dimensions: Empirically determining how to conceptualize and measure variables most effectively*. Brown bag lecture presented at The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ.

Ruscio, J. (2008, April). *Evaluating the robustness of taxometric analysis using a refined technique for generating comparison data*. Colloquium presented at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Ruscio, J. (2008, April). *Using the taxometric method to differentiate taxonic and dimensional data: An introduction using a suite of R programs*. Workshop presented at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Ruscio, J. (2007, November). *Teasing apart categories and dimensions: Parallel analyses of simulated comparison data sets*. Colloquium presented at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ.

Ruscio, J. (2005, March). *Data analysis in the age of cheap computing power: Simple strategies for improving or replacing traditional statistical tests*. Invited talk presented in a seminar for social/developmental psychology faculty and graduate students at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.

Ruscio, J. (2004, October). *Taking advantage of teacher-scholar opportunities: Studying what we teach*. Elizabethtown College faculty discussion group, Elizabethtown, PA.

Ruscio, J. (2003, March). *Simulating comparison data for taxometric analysis*. Invited talk presented in a seminar for cognitive psychology faculty and graduate students at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Ruscio, J. (2003, January). *The science and pseudoscience of polygraph testing*. Elizabethtown College faculty forum, Elizabethtown, PA.

Ruscio, J. (2002, November). *The pitfalls of polygraph testing*. Invited talk presented to the Philadelphia Association for Critical Thinking, Philadelphia, PA.

Ruscio, J., & Ruscio, A. M. (2001, November). *Differentiating categories from dimensions: Using taxometric analysis to assess the structure of psychological constructs*. Advanced Methodology and Statistics Seminar presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Philadelphia, PA.

Ruscio, J. (2000, September). *Clinical judgment, irrationality, and the emptiness of holism*. Invited talk presented to the Free Thought Forum, Harrisburg, PA.

Ruscio, J. (1999, September). *Human judgment and student evaluation: A researcher's perspective on the teaching role*. Elizabethtown College faculty forum, Elizabethtown, PA.

Loyka, C. M., **Ruscio, J.** (2019, March). *Weighing people rather than food: Examining the external validity of eating behavior modification research*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Washington, DC.

Wang, S. B., & **Ruscio, J.** (2017, September). Differentiating categories and dimensions with the RTaxometrics package. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Denver, CO.

Witte, T. K., Holm-Denoma, J., Gauthier, J., Zuromski, K., & **Ruscio, J.** (2015, April). *A taxometric investigation of suicide risk*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Suicidology, Atlanta, Georgia.

Eddy, K. T., Crosby, R. D., **Ruscio, J.**, Franko, D. L., Keshaviah, A., & Herzog, D. B. (2010, October). *Latent structure of DSM-IV-TR eating disorders*. Paper presented at the Eating Disorders Research Society Meeting, Boston, MA.

Ruscio, J., & Kaczetow, W. (2008, May). *A refined comparison data technique and the robustness of taxometric analysis*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.

Marcus, D. K., Poythress, N. G., Jr., & **Ruscio, J.** (2008, March). *Failure to replicate a pathological dissociative taxon in a large offender sample*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Jacksonville, FL.

Marcus, D. K., **Ruscio, J.**, Lilienfeld, S. O., & Hughes, K. T. (2007, August). *Converging evidence for the latent structure of Antisocial Personality Disorder*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Guay, J., **Ruscio, J.**, Daversa, M., Knight, R. A., & Hare, R. (2006, October). *A taxometric investigation of psychopathy in women*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, San Diego, CA.

Zammit, C., Schreiber, M., **Ruscio, J.**, & Lilienfeld, S. O. (2006, March). *Is more (expensive) better? Relations between funding and citation impact in psychological research*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Baltimore, MD.

Guay, J., **Ruscio, J.**, Knight, R. A., & Hare, R. (2005, November). *Hunting for snarks and taxons in psychopathy*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Zimmerman, E., & **Ruscio, J.** (2005, March). *Is intelligence related to choice of leisure activities?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, Massachusetts.

Guay, J., **Ruscio, J.**, Hare, R., & Knight, R. A. (2004, October). *The latent structure of psychopathy: When more is simply more*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, St. Louis, MO.

Ruscio, J. (2004, May). *Bootstrapping sampling distributions to quantify the fit of taxometric curves*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

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Craver-Lemley, C., **Ruscio, J.**, Spiegelhalder, C., & Murlatt, C. (2004, April). *Effects of music on preschool spatial performance*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Ruscio, J., Mills, J., & Skonieczki, S. (2004, April). *Forming impressions in semi-structured interviews: Does it take intelligence to recognize it in others?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Ruscio, A. M., **Ruscio, J.**, & Borkovec, T. D. (2002, November). *Latent structure of generalized anxiety disorder: I. Taxometric results in an analogue sample*. In N. Amir & B. Schmidt (Chairs), Taxometric approaches to psychopathology. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Reno, NV.

Ruscio, J. (2002, August). *Incremental validity of taxometric procedures: MAMBAC, MAXEIG, and L-Mode*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Ruscio, J. (2002, August). *Understanding and improving the reliability of psychodiagnosis: Sources of error*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

McCloskey, M. S., Coccaro, E. F., **Ruscio, J.**, & Berman, M. E. (2002, May). *A taxometric analysis of aggression: Implications for IED*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Adams, R. W., & **Ruscio, J.** (2002, March). *Proctoring tests and signing honor codes: An experimental analysis of their effectiveness as deterrents of academic cheating*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Ruscio, A. M., & **Ruscio, J.** (2001, June). *Should the BDI be used to classify groups? A taxometric study*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Ruscio, A. M., & **Ruscio, J.** (2001, June). *Taxometric evidence for continuity between normal stress reactions and PTSD*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Ruscio, J. (2001, June). *Simulating comparison data to help interpret the results of taxometric analyses*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Henrich, L., & **Ruscio, J.** (2001, April). *How do Democrats and Republicans differ? The inconsistency and unpredictability of political attitudes*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Stern, A. R., & **Ruscio, J.** (2001, April). *An evaluation of the consistency and accuracy of holistic judgment*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Sweney, L. A., & **Ruscio, J.** (2001, April). *The accuracy and confidence of judgments based on dreams and biographies*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Ruscio, J. (2000, August). *Applications of the coherent cut kinetics approach to taxometrics: A structure-based approach to psychological assessment*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Ruscio, J., & Ruscio, A. M. (2000, August). *The continuity of depression: A mixed-sex replication*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Ruscio, J., Guadalupe, J., & Hoyer, C. (2000, March). *What will the new millennium deliver? Overconfidence in predictions*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Baltimore, MD.

Ruscio, J., & Ruscio, A. M. (1999, August). *Taxometric evidence for the continuity of depression*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Ruscio, J. (1999, June). *Dichotomous indicator taxometric analyses: MAXCOV modifications and a consistency test*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Denver, CO.

Ruscio, J., Amabile, T. M., & Whitney, D. (1995, April). *Exploratory analysis of the creative process in problem solving*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Whitney, D., **Ruscio, J.**, Amabile, T. M., & Castle, M. (1995, April). *The effect of planning on creativity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

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