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Education

Ph.D.	2000	Experimental Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
M.A.	1998	Experimental Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
B.A.	1994	Psychology, Beaver College, Glenside, PA

Appointments

2002–Present	Visiting Research Scientist, University of South Florida, Saint Petersburg, FL Research Associate, Center for Research in Behavioral Medicine and Health Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
2000-2002	Visiting Assistant Professor, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
1996–2000	Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
1996-2000	Research Assistant to Charles Spielberger, Center for Research in Behavioral Medicine and Health Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Honors and Awards

Outstanding teaching commendation, 1996-2000
Graduate academic scholarship, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 1994-2000
Dean's List, Beaver College, Glenside, PA 1992-1994

Extramural Funding

Martin Seligman Research Alliance Positive Psychology Microgrant, 2003 (\$2000)
NSF Perception, Action and Cognition: Curiosity and Information-seeking
(\$209,606; under review, submitted 7/15/2008)

Professional Memberships

Society for Personality Assessment
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (APA Division 8)
Evaluation, Measurement, and Statistics (APA Division 5)
Society for the Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity and the Arts (APA Division 10)

Publications

- Litman, J. A., & Lunsford, G. D. (in press). Frequency of use and impact of coping strategies assessed by the COPE inventory and their relationships to post-event health and well-being. *Journal of Health Psychology*.
- Litman, J.A. (in press). Curiosity and metacognition. Invited chapter in: C. B. Larson (Ed.) *Metacognition: New Research Developments*, Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers, Inc.
- Litman, J.A. (2008). Interest and deprivation dimensions of epistemic curiosity. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *44*, 1585–1595.
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- Pezzo, M.V., Litman, J.A., & Pezzo, S. P. (2006). On the distinction between yuppies and hippies: Individual differences in prediction biases for planning future tasks. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *41*, 1359-1371.
- Litman, J.A. (2005). Curiosity and the pleasures of learning: Wanting and liking new information. *Cognition and Emotion*, *19*, 793-814.
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- Litman, J.A. & Pezzo, M.V. (2005). Individual differences in attitudes towards gossip. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *38*, 963-180.
- Collins, R.P., Litman, J.A., & Spielberger, C.D. (2004). The measurement of perceptual curiosity. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *36*, 1127–1141.
- Litman, J.A., & Jimerson, T.L. (2004). The measurement of curiosity as a feeling-of-deprivation. *Journal of Personality Assessment*, *82*, 147-157.
- Litman, J.A., & Spielberger, C.D. (2003). Measuring epistemic curiosity and its diversive and specific components. *Journal of Personality Assessment*, *80*, 75-86.

Manuscripts Submitted or in Preparation

- Litman, J.A. (2009). Relationships between measures of I- and D-type curiosity, ambiguity tolerance, and need for closure: A test of the wanting-liking model of information seeking. Manuscript submitted for publication, University of South Florida, Tampa.
- Litman, J.A. & Lunsford, G.D. (2009). Incurious worry and uncertainty about potentially threatening information. Manuscript submitted for publication, University of South Florida, Tampa.
- Litman, J. A., Huang, C., & Chang, H. (2009). The development of a Chinese version of the Attitudes towards Gossip Scale. Manuscript submitted for publication, University of South Florida, Tampa.
- Litman, J.A. (2009). Curious and incurious information seeking. Manuscript in preparation, University of South Florida, Tampa.
- Litman, J. A., Boyer, S., Lunsford, G. D., & Pollack, L. (2009). Assessment of epistemological beliefs about the credibility of information-sources. Manuscript in preparation. University of South Florida, Tampa.
- Litman, J. A., & Kolinski, K. M. (2009) The measurement of epistemic curiosity at the workplace. Manuscript in preparation, University of South Florida, Tampa
- Pezzo, M.V., Pezzo, S. P., Richman, C. L., & Litman, J.A. (2009). The overestimation of minority group size. Manuscript in preparation. University of South Florida, Tampa.
- Spielberger, C.D., Litman, J.A., Collins, R.P., & Lunsford, G.D. (2009). The multidimensional curiosity inventory. Test form and manual in preparation, University of South Florida, Tampa.

Research in Progress

- Litman, J. A. Curiosity about one's limits and abilities.
- Litman, J. A., & Boyer, S. Epistemic curiosity and epistemological beliefs: Information search and application in making a major consumer purchase.
- Litman, J. A., & Crowson, H. M. The development of an epistemic curiosity inventory.
- Litman, J. A., & Crowson, H. M. Curiosity and learning goals.
- Litman, J. A., & Eriksson, K. Curiosity and information seeking in the explore-and-collect game.
- Litman, J. A., Huang, J., & Chang, H. J. Attitudes towards gossip among Chinese businessmen.
- Litman, J. A., & Kolinski, K. M. Interaction of curiosity and task complexity on workplace seeking and problem solving.
- Litman, J. A., & Lunsford, G. D. I- and D-type epistemic curiosity, goal setting and academic achievement.

Research in Progress (continued)

Litman, J. A., Lunsford, G. D., & Spielberger, C. D. Factor structure of the multidimensional curiosity inventory.

Litman, J. A. & Jepma, M. Neural correlates of perceptual curiosity.

Litman, J. A., & Pezzo, M. V. The nature and assessment of morbid and lurid curiosity.

Litman, J. A., & Pezzo, M. V. Interpersonal curiosity and snooping behavior.

Litman, J. A., Stempel, G., & Pezzo, M.V. Attitudes towards gossip and belief in rumors.

Litman, J. A & Peker S. D. Positive and negative coping among Turkish patients.

Papers Presented

Pezzo, M.V., Litman, J.A., & Pezzo, S.P. (2006). Yuppies and hippies: Individual differences in the planning fallacy. Abstract and poster presented at 7th annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, January, 2006.

Musante, L. & Litman, J. A. (2002). Effects of relationship characteristics on perceptions of oral-genital contact. Abstract and poster presented at South Eastern Psychological Association conference, March 2003.

Litman J. A., Purvenas, R. & Gibala, C. (1995) The effect of musical genre on mood arousal and response rate. Paper and poster presented at the American Psychological Society conference, July 1995.

Litman J. A. & Weiss, H. (1994). Attitudes towards the disabled in queue intrusion. Paper and poster presented at Mullenberg College student psychology conference, May 1994.

Theses

Litman, J. A. (2000). Construct and predictive validity of measures of epistemic and perceptual curiosity. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, University of South Florida, Tampa.

Litman, J. A. (1999). Curiosity and information seeking. Unpublished major area paper, University of South Florida, Tampa.

Litman, J. A. (1998) Theory and assessment of epistemic curiosity: The development of an experimental epistemic curiosity scale. Unpublished master's thesis, University of South Florida, Tampa.

Governance and Service

- 2000-2002 Coordinator & Acting Chair, Undergraduate Psychology Program Committee, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2000-2002 Member, Executive Committee for the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2000-2002 Chair, Award Committee for the PAR and Deibler scholarship programs University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Ad hoc Review

- Cognition and Emotion*
- European Journal of Personality*
- Evolution and Human Behavior*
- Journal of Personality Assessment*
- Journal of Health Psychology*
- Learning and Instruction*
- Motivation and Emotion*
- Personality and Individual Differences*
- Personal Relationships*
- Social and Personality Psychology Compass*
- Reviewer of abstracts for 2005-2008 symposia, Division 5 of the APA

Courses Taught

- Cognitive Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Health Psychology
- Honors Course on Philosophy of Science
- Introductory Psychology
- Personality
- Motivation
- Psychology of Gender
- Research Methods
- Social Psychology
- Sport Psychology
- Tests and Measures

Research Interests

- Trait and State Curiosity
- Measurement of individual differences in personality and scale development
- Determinants of information seeking behavior
- Interactions between cognition, personality, and motivation & emotion
- Health psychology
- Positive psychology

References

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