

CURRICULUM VITAE
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

PhD, Neuropsychology 1997 – University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
MSc, Neuropsychology 1991 – University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
BS, Psychology 1989 – University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts (*cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa)

FACULTY POSITIONS

Jan 2009 – Present **Professor of Behavioral Sciences**
St. George's University, School of Medicine, Grenada

May 2000 – Dec 2008 **Professor, Medical Psychology and Medical & Legal Ethics**
University of Sint Eustatius, School of Medicine, Caribbean Netherlands

Sept 1999 – April 2000 **Associate Professor, Medical Psychology and Medical & Legal Ethics**
University of Sint Eustatius, School of Medicine, Caribbean Netherlands

Aug 1997 – Aug 1999 **Assistant Professor, Medical Psychology and Medical & Legal Ethics**
Saba University, School of Medicine, Caribbean Netherlands

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Within the Dean's Office

July 2021 – Present	Associate Dean of Accreditation and Quality Assurance St. George's University, School of Medicine
July 2015 – June 2021	Assistant Dean of Basic Sciences St. George's University, School of Medicine
Oct 2011 – June 2015	Assistant Dean of Students Dean of Students Office St. George's University, School of Medicine
Feb 2002 – Jan 2009	Associate Dean of Basic Sciences University of Sint Eustatius, School of Medicine
May 2000 – Jan 2002	Assistant Dean of Basic Sciences University of Sint Eustatius, School of Medicine

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Within Departments

Jan 2023 – Present	Chair Department of Physiology, Neuroscience, and Behavioral Sciences St. George's University, School of Medicine
July 2019 – Dec 2022	Deputy Chair Department of Physiology, Neuroscience, and Behavioral Sciences St. George's University, School of Medicine
July 2017 – Dec 2022	Content Manager of Behavioral Sciences Discipline Basic Sciences Curriculum St. George's University, School of Medicine
Aug 2019 – Dec 2020	Co-Course Director Introduction to Psychopathology (PSYC411) St. George's University, School of Medicine
Jan 2009 – Dec 2018	Course Director Abnormal Psychology (PSYC302) St. George's University, School of Medicine
July 2017 – June 2018	Course Director Population Health & Ethics (PUBH302) St. George's University, School of Medicine

Jan – May, 2017	Course Director Psychopathology (PSYC807) Master of Arts in Clinical and Community Psychology Curriculum Graduate Studies Program, St. George’s University
July 2011 – June 2017	Co-Course Director Behavioral Sciences and Medicine (BEHS640) St. George’s University, School of Medicine
Dec. 2009 – June 2011	Deputy Course Director Behavioral Sciences and Medicine (BEHS640) St. George’s University, School of Medicine

AWARDS AND HONORS

– Provost Commendation for Instructional Excellence, SGU	Jan 22, 2026
– Excellence in Teaching Recognition, Dean of Basic Sciences Office, SGU	Fall 2025
– Excellence in Teaching Recognition, Dean of Basic Sciences Office, SGU	Spring 2025
– Excellence in Teaching Recognition, Dean of Basic Sciences Office, SGU	Fall 2024
– Excellence in Teaching Recognition, Dean of Basic Sciences Office, SGU	Spring 2024
– 15-Year Service Award Certificate	Spring 2024
– Excellence in Teaching Recognition, Dean of Basic Sciences Office, SGU	Fall 2023
– Excellence in Teaching Recognition, Dean of Basic Sciences Office, SGU	Spring 2023
– Excellence in Teaching Recognition, Dean of Basic Sciences Office, SGU	Fall 2022
– Excellence in Teaching Recognition, Dean of Basic Sciences Office, SGU	Spring 2022
– Excellence in Teaching Recognition, Dean of Basic Sciences Office, SGU	2021
– Excellence in Teaching Recognition, Dean of Basic Sciences Office, SGU	2020
– Excellence in Teaching Recognition, Dean of Basic Sciences Office, SGU	2019
– Excellence in Teaching Recognition, Dean of Basic Sciences Office, SGU	2018
– SGA Outstanding Faculty Award, SGU	Fall 2017
– SGA Outstanding Faculty Award, SGU	Spring 2017
– SGA Outstanding Faculty Award, SGU	Fall 2016
– SGA Outstanding Faculty Award , SGU	Spring 2016
– SGA Outstanding Faculty Award, SGU	Fall 2014
– SGA Faculty Appreciation Award, SGU	Spring 2011
– Board of Governors Plaque (“for a decade of outstanding & selfless service to the University of Sint Eustatius”)	2009
– Meritorious Service Medal, University of Sint Eustatius	2008
– U. Statia Medal of Merit (“for excellence in management and leadership”)	2007
– University of Sint Eustatius Founding Faculty Member Award	2007
– SGA President’s Best Teacher & Mentor Award (USESOM)	2005-06
– National Institutes of Health Intramural Research & Training Award	1995-96
– Arthur Benton Bursary Award	1995
– National Institutes of Health Intramural Research & Training Award	1994-95
– Smith-Kline Beecham Award	1994
– National Institutes of Health Intramural Research & Training Award	1993-94
– University of Victoria Fellowship	1992-93
– University of Victoria Fellowship	1991-92

- University of Victoria Fellowship 1990-91
- Phi Beta Kappa 1989
- Psi Chi (Psychology Dept. Honor Society) 1988
- Pacific Northwest Bell Scholarship 1988-89
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- Pacific Northwest Bell Scholarship 1986-87
- Pacific Northwest Bell Scholarship 1985-86
- Phi Eta Sigma (Freshman Honor Society) 1986
- Valedictorian 1985

COMMITTEE/ADVISORY WORK

St. George's University, School of Medicine (employed Jan 2009 to present)

Quality Assurance and Improvement (QAI) Oversight Group

- Chair (Jan 2022 to present)

Learning Environment Committee

- Chair (Aug 2021 to present)

Educational Resources Planning Group

- Chair (Aug 2021 to present)

Faculty Panel on Academic Professionalism

- Chair (Jan 2018 to present)

Institutional Review Board

- Member (Sept 2010 to present)

Curriculum Focus Groups

- Chair, Focus Group on Professionalism (Sept 2015 to 2019)
- Chair, Focus Group on LCME & CAAM Criteria (Sept 2015 to 2019)
- Member, Focus Group on End-of-Course Reports and Student Surveys (Sept 2015 to 2019)
- Member, Focus Group on Societal Problems, Cultural Competencies, Health Care Disparities, and Medical Ethics (Sept 2015 to 2019)

Judiciary Panel

- Member (Sept 2009 to Oct 2017)

Public Lecture Series Committee

- Member (Sept 2012 to May 2017)

Search Committees

- Chair, Instructor of Physiology (Fall 2019)
- Chair, Instructor of Behavioral Sciences (Spring 2019)
- Member, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences Search (Spring 2018)
- Chair, Psychological Services Center Search (Spring 2017)
- Member, Pharmacology Search (Fall 2016)
- Member, Behavioral Sciences Search (Spring 2016)

Course Review Team

- Pharmacology Course Review (Fall 2014)
- Parasitology, Micro, Immunology, and Nutrition (Fall 2011)

Subcommittee for Faculty Promotions

- Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 terms

University of Sint Eustatius, School of Medicine (employed Sept 1997 to Jan 2009)

- Executive Management Team (Sept 1999 to Jan 2009)
- Academic Advisory Committee (Sept 1999 to Jan 2009)
- Promotion & Tenure Committee (April 2008 to Jan 2009)
- Faculty Senate, Recording Secretary (Sept 1999 to May 2004; May 2008 to Jan 2009)
- Curriculum Committee, Member and Recording Secretary (Jan 2003 to Jan 2009)
- Departmental Committee, Chair and Recording Secretary (May 2002 to Jan 2009)
- New Student Orientation Program, Chair & Master of Ceremony (Sept 1999 to Jan 2009)
- Awards Ceremony Program, Chair & Master of Ceremony (Sept 1999 to Jan 2009)
- Ad Hoc Accreditation Committee (Sept 1999 to Jan 2009)
- Disciplinary Committee (Sept 1999 to June 2002)

Saba University, School of Medicine (employed July 1998 to Aug 1999)

- Executive Management Team (July 1998 to Aug 1999)
- Faculty Senate, Recording Secretary (Sept 1997 to Aug 1999)
- New Student Orientation Program, Chair & Master of Ceremony (May 1998 to Aug 1999)
- Disciplinary Committee (Sept 1997 to Aug 1999)

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Aug 1999 – July 2002	Psychologist for University of Sint Eustatius, School of Medicine
Aug 1997 – Aug 1999	Psychologist for Saba University, School of Medicine
July 1996 – July 1997	Pre-doctoral Internship in Clinical Psychology University of Arizona Health Sciences Center Completed at University Medical Center Tucson, AZ Rotations in Medical Psychology, Pediatric & Adult Neuropsychology, and Cognitive Rehabilitation
Sept 1993 – June 1996	Pre-doctoral Intramural Research & Training Award (IRTA) Fellowship Clinical Brain Disorders Branch NIMH, National Institutes of Health Bethesda, Maryland For research purposes, administered neuropsychological tests to patients with traumatic brain injury and schizophrenia Supervised by Dr K Berman
June 1993	Neuropsychological Assessment Victoria, British Columbia Psychometrician Private cases of Drs D Edgell, E Strauss, and R Graves

May – Aug, 1992

Advanced Clinical Practicum

Arbutus Society for Children, Victoria, B.C.
Pediatric neuropsychological assessment
Supervised by Drs M Joschko & D Edgell

Sept 1991 – May 1992

Advanced Neuropsychological Assessment

University of Victoria Neuropsychology Clinic
Adult and pediatric neuropsychological assessments

June 1991

Neuropsychological Assessment

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
Psychometrician
Private cases of Drs D Edgell and E Strauss

May – Aug, 1990

Clinical Practicum

Oregon State Hospital, Salem, OR
Neuropsychological assessment of geropsychiatric patients
Supervised by Dr C McCartney

SCHOLARLY REVIEWS

Content Reviewer for:

High Yield Behavioral Science (Fadem), 5th edition (2013)
Behavioral Science in Medicine (Fadem), 2nd edition (2012)

PUBLICATIONS

Gourovitch M.L., **Kirkby B.S.**, Goldberg T.E., Weinberger D.R., Gold J.M., Esposito G., Van Horn J.D., and Berman K.F. (2000). A comparison of rCBF patterns during phonological and semantic fluency. Neuropsychology, 14:353-360.

Esposito, G., **Kirkby, B.S.**, Van Horn, J.D., Ellmore, T.M., & Berman, K.F. (1999). Context-dependent, neural system-specific neurophysiological correlates of aging: Mapping PET correlates during cognitive activation. Brain, 122, 963-979.

Kirkby, B.S., Van Horn, J.D., Ostrem, J.L., Weinberger, D.R., & Berman, K.F. (1996). Cognitive activation during PET: A case study of monozygotic twins discordant for closed head injury. Neuropsychologia, 34(7), 689-697.

Ramsey, N.F., **Kirkby, B.S.**, van Gelderen, P., Berman, K.F., Duyn, J.H., Frank, J.A., Mattay, V.S., Van Horn, J.D., Esposito, G., Moonen, C.T.W. & Weinberger, D.R. (1996). Functional mapping of human sensorimotor cortex with 3D BOLD fMRI correlates highly with H₂¹⁵O PET rCBF. Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism, 16(5), 755-764.

Kirkby, B.S., Berman, K.F., & Weinberger, D.R. (1995). Neurodevelopment and Schizophrenia: The Contribution of Functional Brain Imaging. In J.L. Waddington and P.F. Buckley (Eds.), The Neurodevelopmental Hypothesis of Schizophrenia. R.G. Landes: Texas.

Graves, R. E. & **Jones, B.S.** (1992). Conscious visual awareness vs. non-conscious localization examined with normal subjects using possible analogues of blindsight and visual neglect. Cognitive Neuropsychology, 9(6), 487-508.

SELECTED SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS

Gold, J., Berman, K. **Kirkby, B.**, Van Horn, J., Esposito, G., Gourovitch, M., Goldberg, T., & Weinberger, D. (February, 1997). A PET study comparing verbal fluency and the Wisconsin Card Sorting Test. Paper to be presented at the 25th Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Orlando, Florida.

Esposito, G., **Kirkby, B.S.**, Van Horn, J.D., Weinberger, D.R., & Berman, K.F. (1996, November). PET evaluation of cognitively related neurophysiological sequelae accompanying incidental findings of microvascular ischemic disease in the elderly: Preliminary results. Abstracts of the Society for Neuroscience, 22, p. 676.

Kirkby, B.S., Van Horn, J.D., Esposito, G., Goldberg, T.E., Weinberger, D.R., & Berman, K.F. (1995). Long-term changes in rCBF following closed head injury: A PET study. Abstracts of the Society for Neuroscience, 21, p. 1924.

Kirkby, B.S., Esposito, G., Ostrem, J.L., Van Horn, J.D., Weinberger, D.R., & Berman, K.F. (1994). Normal aging and frontal lobe cerebral blood flow: A PET study. Proceedings of the 147th Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association (New Research), p. 65.

Kirkby, B.S., Ostrem, J.L., Van Horn, J.D., Weinberger, D.R., & Berman, K.F. (1994). Functional reorganization following closed head injury: A PET study of monozygotic twins. Abstracts of the Society for Neuroscience, 20, p. 355.

Gourovitch, M.L., **Kirkby, B.S.**, Gold, J., Esposito, G., Van Horn, J.D., Ostrem, J.L., Goldberg, T.E., Weinberger, D.R., & Berman, K.F. (1994). A comparison of Letter and Category Fluency: Cerebral Activation with Positron Emission Tomography. Abstracts of the Society for Neuroscience, 20, p. 6.

Graves, R.E. & **Kirkby, B.S.** (1994, February). Automatic Attentional System Compromised by Isoluminant Stimuli. Paper presented at the Twenty Second Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Cincinnati, OH.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Apr 15, 2024

CITI Program Course: Basic Sciences (Medical): Human Subjects Research: Certificate of Completion

Sept 20 – Nov 1, 2023

Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research
National Institutes of Health, Department of Bioethics
Via NIH videocast

- March 19-22, 2017 **Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP): Capacity Building Workshop**
The Courtyard, Marriott, Barbados
- Jan 19, 2011 **CAM Certificate of Course Completion**
Complementary and Alternative Medicine
Online Continuing Education Series by NIH's NCCAM:
"Ten Years of Research on Complementary and Alternative Medicine:
Promising Ideas from Outside the Mainstream."
- Oct 23, 2009 **Faculty Development Workshop: Certificate of Participation** (and Small
Group Spokesperson)
"Discipline Specific Teaching of Professionalism"
Workshop hosted by Dr Matthew Wynia, Director of the
Institute of Ethics at the American Medical Association
- Aug 25, 2009 **NIH Certificate of Completion**
"Protecting Human Research Participants"
NIH Office of Extramural Research Web-based training course (Cert.
#270863)
- Dec 2007 **On-Site Faculty Development Training**
"Team Based Learning Principles"
Two-part workshop presented to the faculty of the University of Sint
Eustatius, School of Medicine by Dr Aviad Haramati, Professor,
Department of Physiology & Biophysics and Medicine, Georgetown
University, School of Medicine
- July 2007 **IAMSE Conference Faculty Development Training**
"A Systematic Approach for Teaching Improvement"
and "Writing Effective Multiple Choice Questions" seminars
International Association of Medical Science Educators
(IAMSE) Conference, Cleveland, Ohio
- Oct 2005 **Hyperbaric Chamber Technician Certificate**
Training by the Antilles Institute for Hyperbaric and
Undersea Medicine, Sint Eustatius, Netherlands Antilles

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE & PRESENTATIONS

- Oct 2015 **Panelist for A Panel Discussion on Mental Illness on Grenada:**
"Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorders, and Schizophrenia: A General Overview"
Hosted by the Grenada Psychological Association
- Nov 2011 **Bioethics Grand Rounds Presenter**
"Stem Cells: From Funding Follies to Physician Fraud"
Open presentation given at St. George's University
- Nov 2010 **Bioethics Grand Rounds Presenter**
"Solving the Organ Donation Crisis: To Presume, Pay or ??".
Open presentation given at St. George's University
- Oct 2009 **Bioethics Grand Rounds Presenter**
"The Right to Die: The Legality of Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide and 'Pulling the Plug'"
Open presentation given at St. George's University
- Oct 2007 **Presenter of Faculty Development Workshop**
"Creation of High Quality Multiple Choice Questions"
Faculty presentation at the University of Sint Eustatius
- Fall 1996 **Guest Speaker** for Epilepsy Support Group Training Program:
"Group Dynamics and Psychological Issues Affecting Individuals with Chronic Neurologic Disease"
Epilepsy Society of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- Summer 1996 **Guest Speaker** at NIMH Clinical Brain Disorders Branch Meeting
"A PET Study of the Functional Neuroanatomy of Closed Head Injury"
NIMH, National Institutes of Health, Washington, D.C.
- Summer 1993 **Guest Speaker** at Parental Outreach Seminar,
"Neuropsychological Deficits Associated with Spina Bifida"
Arbutus Society for Children, Victoria, B.C., Canada
- Fall 1992 **Teaching Assistant**, Clinical Assessment Course
University of Victoria, B.C., Canada
- Fall 1991 & Fall 1992 **Teaching Assistant**, Topics in Neuropsychology Course
University of Victoria, B.C., Canada
- Fall 1989 – Fall 1993 **Teaching Assistant**, Human Neuropsychology Course
University of Victoria, B.C., Canada
- Fall 1989 & Spring 1990 **Teaching Assistant**, Physiological Psychology Course
University of Victoria, B.C., Canada