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Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) | Clinical Psychology

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Dr. Metzger holds a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology (Cognitive) from the University of North Dakota, with additional training at The Institute of Child Development (Minnesota) and the Lineberger Cancer Center (North Carolina). He has a broad experience in basic memory research as well as applications in health, education, and the legal system. He has supervised undergraduate and graduate theses, as well as dissertations, and regularly presents work with student collaborators at national and regional conferences. His current projects have examined the impact of disguises on the recognition of people you know, and the changes in attention that arise from the mere presence of your cell phone. He also has experience in the management and analysis of big archival datasets, currently mining data from the Longitudinal Study of Child Abuse and Neglect (LONGSCAN).



AREAS OF FOCUS

- Context and Cognition
- Psychology and Law
- Teaching of Psychology

CURRENT RESEARCH

Examining the factors that impact cognitive performance in the legal system, including the effect of disguises and the presence of cell phones on the accuracy of eyewitness testimony.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Simmons, N., Burney, S., Webb, O. Mehiel, N, Ross, D. & Metzger, R.L. (2020) *Did you have your phone out when you witnessed the crime?* Changes in lineup identification depend on cellphone location. Paper presented at American Psychology and Law Society, March, 2020.

Ross, D., Metzger, R.L., Sinclair, H. Swanson, S., Warren, A. Silver, C. Pica, E. & Eggenberger, A. (2019). *Who is that masked man?* The effect of different disguises on the recognition of familiar faces. Paper presented at American Psychology and Law Society, March, 2019.

Wilburn, H., Gershman, D., Staller, R. & Metzger, R. L. (2019). The mere presence effect #2: *No changes in Alpha Span as a result of phone condition.* Paper presented at the Southeastern Psychological Association, Jacksonville, FL, March, 2019. (PSI CHI Regional Research Award, 2019)

Dubowitz, H., Roesch, S., Metzger, R.L., Arria, A.M., Thompson, R. & English, D. (2019) Child Maltreatment, Relationship with Father, Peer Substance Use, and Adolescent Marijuana Use. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 28:3, 150-159.