

Melissa Stephens
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Field</i>
American University Washington, DC	PhD	8/06 – present	Behavior, Cognition and Neuroscience
Dickinson College Carlisle, PA	Bachelor of Arts	8/00 – 8/04	Psychology

Honors and Awards

Gamma Sigma Alpha Greek Honor Fraternity, *Inducted Spring 2003*
Richard Wanner Award, *May 2003, in recognition and appreciation for outstanding
contributions during the Junior Year to the Dickinson College Department of Psychology*
Dean's List, *Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003*

Research Experience

Research Associate, Psychopharmacology Lab, American University, *2006 to present*

Advisor: Dr. Anthony L. Riley

Current Projects:

- *Relationship between schedule-induced polydipsia, conditioned taste aversion and conditioned place preference*
- *Opiate dependence in the F344 and LEW rat strains: Effects of naloxone-precipitated withdrawal*

Research Assistant and Special Volunteer

Section on Neural Gene Expression, Laboratory of Cellular and Molecular Regulation,
National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, *Summer 2003 and 2004-2005*

Advisor: Dr. W. Scott Young

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Psychology as a Natural Science (laboratory sections)

Department of Psychology, American University, Fall 2007

Teaching Assistant, Drugs and Behavior

Department of Psychology, American University, Spring 2007

Teaching Assistant, Psychology as a Natural Science (lecture section)
Department of Psychology, American University, Fall 2006

Teaching Assistant, Analysis of Psychological Data
Department of Psychology, Dickinson College, Spring 2003

Professional Affiliations

Society for Neurosciences
American Academy for the Advancement of Science

Poster Presentations

Stephens, M., & Meloni, A. (2003, January). *Did you see the pick of the week? Improving cashier performance at a grocery store.* Poster session presented at the 9th Bi-Annual Florida Association for Behavior Analysis' Organizational Behavior Management Conference, Clearwater, FL.

DiClemente, D., & Stephens, M. (2003, January). *Improving customer service at a grocery store.* Poster session presented at the 9th Bi-Annual Florida Association for Behavior Analysis' Organizational Behavior Management Conference, Clearwater, FL.

Barber, T., & Stephens, M. (2003, May). *A comparison of activity levels in Wistar, Spontaneously Hypertensive, and Wistar-Kyoto rats.* Poster session presented at the annual Eastern Psychological Association conference, Baltimore, MD.