

AMBER HARRIS, PhD, NCSP

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EDUCATION

University of Louisiana at Monroe
May 2008 Specialist in School Psychologist
May 2007 Masters of Science in School Psychology
May 2005 Bachelor's in Psychology/Minor in Biology

Texas Tech University
August 2022-Doctorate in Educational Psychology (School Psychology Track)

EXPERIENCE

Louisiana State University Shreveport ♦ One University Place, Shreveport, La 71115

Assistant Professor August 2024– Present

Teach undergraduate and graduate level classes for Department of Psychology, Core faculty in LSUS School Psychology Program

University of Louisiana at Monroe ♦ 700 University Ave, Monroe, La 71209

Assistant Professor August 2021– July 2024

Teach undergraduate and graduate level classes for Department of Psychology and the Masters in Psychometrics programs

Nicholls State University ♦ 220 Polk Hall, PO Box 2053, Thibodaux, La 70310

Adjunct Faculty January 2020– August 2023

Teach undergraduate and graduate level classes for Department of Psychology

Healthpoint Center, LLC ♦ 1818 Avenue of America, Monroe, La 71201

School Psychologist July 2016– December 2021

Autism evaluator/Case coordinator; Pediatric Case Evaluator

Propel Education, LLC ♦ PO Box 371, Calhoun, La 71225

Educational Consultant/Co-Owner July 2017– Present

Provider of professional development and resources to aid in PBIS implementation
Developed a Behavioral MTSS Implementation Guide now used in 13 Louisiana districts and Houston ISD

Lincoln Parish Pupil Appraisal ♦ 1428 Arlington St. Ruston, La 71270

PBIS District Coordinator/School Psychologist July 2011 – July 2021

PBIS District Coordinator

Psychological evaluator of preschool evaluation team

Evaluation coordinator at Choudrant High School

Evaluation co-coordinator at three additional schools

Interventionist for behavioral and academic interventions

Social skills instructor/Executive skills coach

ADOS-2 trained evaluator

Bienville Parish Office of Special Services ♦ 2019 Locust St. Arcadia La 71001

School Psychologist July 2007 – June 2011

Evaluation coordinator of Castor and Saline High School

Evaluation co-coordinator at six additional schools
Autism evaluation coordinator for all schools
Co-coordinator for preschool evaluation team
Developed district Response to Intervention Guidelines
Served as PBIS District Facilitator

SKILLS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Regularly provides professional development to teachers and administrators on a multitude of subjects, such as classroom management, PBIS implementation, behavioral interventions, and professional advocacy
- ◆ Trained in the consultative model for assisting teachers with collecting and analyzing data, making data-based decisions, and designing and implementing academic and behavioral interventions
- ◆ ADOS-2 Trained and very knowledgeable in a multitude of Autism assessments and interventions
- ◆ Greatly experienced in intelligence testing and interpretation, as well as executive functioning measures, academic testing, behavioral measures, and developmental assessments
- ◆ As PBIS District Coordinator in Lincoln Parish, overseen significant drop in use of suspensions and improvement in school climate and culture
- ◆ Oversees leadership development for newly appointed officers of the Louisiana School Psychological Association
- ◆ Received LSPA Member of the Year Award 2014 and 2018
- ◆ Received LSPA Presidential Service Award 2017
- ◆ Received National Association of School Psychologists President's Award for Exceptional Service 2020
- ◆ Completed NASP Public Policy Institute 2018
- ◆ PREPaRE Certified school crisis trainer

AFFILIATIONS & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Autism Society of North Louisiana, Co-Founder and President, 2019 – 2021
- ◆ Autism Society of North Louisiana, Immediate Past President, 2022-2023
- ◆ National Association of School Psychologist Board of Directors, 2021 - 2024
- ◆ National Association of School Psychologist Louisiana State Delegate 2017-2023
- ◆ Member of the National Association of School Psychologists Practice Model Committee 2019-Present
- ◆ Co-Chair Critical Shortage Task Force for LSPA 2017-2020
- ◆ Member of the LSPA Government Relations Committee, representing the organization at the state and federal level 2017-Present

- ◆ President of the Louisiana School Psychological Association 2016
- ◆ Created the Children's Services Committee and served as first Chair 2014-2015
- ◆ Regional Representative of LSPA 2015
- ◆ Ancillary Certification in School Psychology-La. Dept. of Education
- ◆ Ancillary Certification for Supervisor of Psychological Services-La Dept. of Education
- ◆ Nationally Certified School Psychologist-National Association of School Psychologist
- ◆ Appointed to Interagency Coordinated Council for Early Steps by Governor John Bel Edwards 2016-17
- ◆ Served on the Advisory Council for LSU Health Sciences Center K-12 Initiatives 2016
- ◆ Trainer for the PBIS Region 8 Consortium, 2010-Present
- ◆ Served on the State PBIS Leadership Team, 2018-2020
- ◆ Served on the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs Advisory Council as Education subcommittee co-chair, 2020-21
- ◆ Anna Sewell Fellowship Recipient through the ULM Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 2022-23

REFERENCES

Flint Smith, Retired-Ouachita Parish Pupil Appraisal Coordinator, 318-381-5113
Alice Higginbotham, President of LEDA, Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician, 318-548-3431
Jamie Raborn, President of LSPA, Nationally Certified School Psychologist, 318-792-7461
Kristen Mardis, Speech/Language Pathologist & President Elect, Autism Society of North Louisiana, 318-614-7549

PRESENTATIONS

- *Act 136 Classroom Management Training*, PBIS District 8 Regional Training, August 2017
- *PBIS Tier II & III Strategies*, PBIS District 8 Regional Training, August 2017
- *PBIS Tier II & III Strategies*, PBIS District 8 Regional Training, August 2018
- *Creating TFI Aligned Tier III BIPs*, PBIS District 8 Regional Training, October 2018
- *PBIS Universal Level Training*, PBIS District 8 Regional Training, December 2018
- *Act 136 Classroom Management Training*, PBIS District 8 Regional Training, November 2018
- *Multitiered Implementation of PBIS*, Morehouse Parish Schools, August 2018
- *Self-Determination in IEP Collaboration*, Lincoln Parish Schools, August 2018
- *PBIS 2.0*, LSPA Conference, November 2018
- *PBIS Tier II & III Strategies*, LSPA Conference 2018
- *PBIS Aligned with the TFI & the School Psychologist's Role in Implementation*, LSPA Conference, November 2019
- *Implementing the NASP Practice Model*, LSPA Conference, November 2019
- *PREPaRE Workshop 1*, Sponsored by LSPA, November 2019
- *The Practice Model & Education During COVID-19*, Nicholls State University Alumna & Student Collaborative, October 2020
- *The Internet is Forever: Oversharing and Other Cyber Pitfalls for School Psychologists*, NASP Conference, February 2020
- *Act 136 Classroom Management Training*, Lincoln Parish Schools, February 2020
- *PREPaRE Workshop 1*, Richland Parish Schools, June 2021

- *PREPaRE Workshop 2*, Richland Parish Schools, August 2021
- *LSPA Regional Roundtable (Regions 7&8)*, LSPA Conference, November 2021
- *The Internet is Forever: Oversharing and Other Cyber Pitfalls for School Psychologists*, LSPA Conference, November 2021
- *Doing it All: Aligning the School Psychologist's Work Tasks with Practice Domains*, LSPA Conference, November 2021
- *Special Considerations in School Crisis Planning for Students with Special Needs*, Arkansas State University, April 2022
- *Special Considerations for a Post-COVID World*, LDOE Pupil Appraisal Summit, August 2022
- *Putting the I in IEP*, TASP Summer Conference, June 2022
- *Putting the I in IEP*, KAPS Fall Conference, September 2022
- *Best Practices in Autism Assessment*, KAPS Fall Conference, September 2022
- *Putting the I in IEP*, LSPA Fall Conference, November 2022
- *The Internet is Forever: Social Media Use and Collaboration for School Psychologists*, KAPS Fall Conference, September 2022
- *The Internet is Forever: Social Media Use and Collaboration for School Psychologists*, WVSPA Fall Conference, October 2022
- *Putting the I in IEP*, Minnesota School Psychology Association Midwinter Conference, January 2023
- *Working with Parents through a Tiered Approach*, Minnesota School Psychology Association Midwinter Conference, January 2023
- *Putting the I in IEP*, NASP Convention, February 2023
- *The NASP Practice Model Resource Exchange for Graduate Educators*, NASP Convention, February 2023
- *Working Smarter: Overcome Barriers and Implement the 6 Organizational Principles*, NASP Convention, February 2023
- Keynote: *Best Practices in Autism Assessment*, Utah Association for School Psychologists Annual Convention, October 2023
- *The Internet is Forever: Social Media Use, Technology, and Collaboration for School Psychologists*, Minnesota School Psychology Association Midwinter Conference, January 2024
- Keynote: *Best Practices in Autism Assessment*, Mississippi Association for School Psychologists Annual Convention, March 2024
- *Comparison of Clinical vs. Educational Evaluations*, Louisiana Association of Medical Psychologists, April 2024
- *Collaboration between Clinical and Education Providers*, Louisiana Association of Medical Psychologists, April 2024
- *Next Steps: Supporting Transitions for Students with Disabilities*, KAPS Fall Conference, September 2024
- *Working with Parents through a Tiered Approach*, KAPS Fall Conference, September 2024
- Keynote: *Collaboration, Technology, AI, Oh My! Remaining Ethical in an Ever Changing World*, South Carolina Association for School Psychologists, October 2024
- *Next Steps: Supporting Transitions for Students with Disabilities*, South Carolina Association for School Psychologists, October 2024
- *Working with Parents through a Tiered Approach*, South Carolina Association for School Psychologists, October 2024
- *Collaboration, Technology, AI, Oh My! Remaining Ethical in an Ever Changing World*, Louisiana School Psychological Association Conference, November 2024
- *Expanding the Pipeline of School Psychologists*, Louisiana School Psychological Association Conference, November 2024
- *Artificial Intelligence Ethics for Mental & Behavioral Health Providers*, LSUS Continuing Education Mental Health Provider Summit, December 2024