

AMBER HARRIS, PhD,  
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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

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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

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- ◆ 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

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- 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