

Personal Statement for Tenured Faculty Review

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I believe my last TFR was in Spring, 2019, with activity (e.g., publication and citation counts) ending with the 2018 calendar year. In this statement, I will emphasize activity since that time.

Research and Scholarship

As in prior TFRs, broadly speaking my research focuses on psychosocial influences on physical health. A primary focus is on aspects of personality, emotional adjustment, and close relationships that influence risk of cardiovascular disease, as well as a variety of related conceptual and methodological issues. My work on psychosocial risk and resilience factors in CVD is guided by my adaptation of the interpersonal perspective in personality and clinical psychology. Notable developments in this line of work include a forthcoming chapter (Smith & Cundiff, in press), as well as several recent journal articles (e.g., Smith & Weihs, 2019, *Psychosomatic Medicine*; Smith et al., 2021, *Emotion*; Jordan & Smith, 2023, *International Journal of Psychophysiology*). My current methodologically-focused work addresses two distinct topics. My work on the conceptualization and measurement of vagally-mediated heart rate variability as an indicator of parasympathetic influences on health and well-being has resulted in several publications since my previous review (Cribbet, Smith et al., 2020, *Biological Psychology*; Diets-Lebehn, Smith et al., 2023, *International Journal of Psychophysiology*; Smith et al., 2020, *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*; Smith et al., 2020, *Biological Psychology*). My newest methodological work evaluates conceptual and analytic frameworks to assess the impact of statistical partialing on construct validity (Carlson, Smith et al., 2023, *Journal of Personality*; Smith et al., 2022, 2023, *Journal of Family Psychology*). In all of these areas, my students, colleagues, and I have multiple on-going projects and papers in preparation.

In terms of overall productivity in research and scholarship, in the five full calendar years since my last TFR (2019 – 2023) I have published 47 journal articles (22 of those are first authored or first-authored by a student under my supervision), three chapters and one co-authored text book.

A particularly important scholarly product during this period is my co-editorship (with Norman Anderson) of volume one of the *APA Handbook of Health Psychology* (Neil Schneiderman was the Editor-in-Chief of the three-volumes). We planned the volume and made initial invitations shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic, and the full *Handbook* has recently gone to press. I also have one sole-authored and one first-authored (with Norman Anderson) chapter in Volume 1.

A recent Google Scholar search indicates that my work continues to have an impact on the field. My current h-index is 101, and my publications have been cited nearly 40,000 times, with over 9,500 citations during the period of this review.

During this review period, I have been a co-investigator on one NIH grant (PI: Uchino) and a consultant on one (PI: Nick Perry). I have also been a mentor on an NSRA during the review period (Grove). I am currently developing an NIH application in collaboration with Dr. Jenny Cundiff, a previous PhD student who worked with me and who is now a tenured Associate Professor at the University of Alabama.

Teaching and Mentorship

In classroom teaching, since my last TFR my graduate classroom teaching has primarily been the first semester of the two-semester sequence *Foundations of Clinical Health Psychology*. Previously, I also regularly taught the first-year research methods class for graduate students in clinical psychology, a course I developed many years ago and taught regularly, but I was replaced without any prior consultation.

At the undergraduate level, I regularly teach an honors section of Introduction to Health Psychology, as well as a general section of Personality Theories.

If I am granted a sabbatical during the coming year, I plan to develop and advanced undergraduate and/or graduate seminar in interpersonal psychology, with specific applications to personality, clinical and health psychology.

During this review period, I supervised the successful completion of three PhDs (Grove, Deits-Lebehn, Parkhurst), and I am currently supervising two new graduate students (Marquez; Dollister, co-supervising with Diamond).

National and University of Utah Service

During this review period, I have served on the Early Career and Senior Scientific Awards Committees for the American Psychological Association, and as a member and chair of the Fellows Committee for the Society of Health Psychology (APA Division 38). I also currently serve on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Research in Personality*, *Health Psychology*, and the *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*. I review for several other journals (e.g., *Psychosomatic Medicine*, *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, *Journal of Personality*, *Personal Relationships*, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *Journal of Family Psychology*, *Psychophysiology*, *International Journal of Psychophysiology*, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *Perspectives in Psychological Science*). I also regularly serve as a reviewer for the annual program of the American Psychosomatic Society.

I also serve regularly as an outside reviewer for RPT cases at other universities, with 2 – 5 reviews per year being typical.

Locally, during the period of this review I have served at the University level on the UPTAC (2019 and currently) and the Distinguished Professors Selection Committee. At the college level, I have served on the RPT committee for several years during this review period. At the Department level during this review period, I have served on the Personnel Committee (previous years and currently) and the Professional Issues and Ethics Committee (currently).