

LAWRENCE D. COHN, Ph.D.
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Washington University (St. Louis, MO)
Psychology
B.A. Boston University (Boston, MA)
Psychology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2015 - Present **Professor and Area Head**, Graduate Program in Health Psychology,
Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso
2011 – 2015 **Professor and Associate Dean for Research**,
College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at El Paso
2003 – 2016 **Adjunct Professor of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences**,
University of Texas School of Public Health at Houston
2008 - 2011 **Professor, Assist. Chair, & Director**, Graduate Programs in Psychology
Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso
2007 – 2008 **Professor and Director**, Graduate Programs in Psychology,
Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso
2004 – 2007 **Professor and Area Head**, Doctoral Program in Health Psychology,
Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso
2002 - 2003 **Interim Chair**, Department of Psychology
University of Texas at El Paso
2001-2002 **Visiting Professor**, Department of Psychology
Leiden University, The Netherlands
1995-2002 **Associate Professor**, Department of Psychology,
University of Texas at El Paso
1989-1995 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology,
University of Texas at El Paso
1987-1989 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology,
Washington University (St. Louis)
1985-1987 **Postdoctoral Fellow**,
Graduate Program in Health Psychology,
Department of Psychiatry, University of California, San Francisco

HONORS

1985-1987 John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Postdoctoral Fellow
University of California, San Francisco
1999 Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award
College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at El Paso
2002 Nominated, Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award
University of Texas

FUNDED GRANTS

- 2011- 2016 **Co-Sub-Project Director** (with J. Amastae): Using Language Samples to Identify Adults at Risk for Drug Use Escalation. National Institute of Drug Abuse [Grant Number: 1R24DA029989-01; Dr. Edward Castaneda, PI, Vulnerability Issues in Drug Abuse (VIDA)].
- 2005-2006 **Principal Investigator:** Evaluating DWI Interventions that target El Paso Youth. Center for Border Health Research, Paso del Norte Health Foundation. \$74,445.
- 1999-2000 **Principal Investigator:** Safety Belt Intervention in Border Communities. Texas Department of Transportation. \$130,160.
- 1998-1999 **Principal Investigator:** A Community-Wide Intervention to Increase Seatbelt Use Among Hispanic Children and Adults Living in a Border Community. Texas Department of Transportation. \$235,502.
- 1998-2002 **Program Director:** Career Opportunities in Research (COR) Training. National Institute of Mental Health, \$445,557.
- 1996-1997 **Principal Investigator:** Development of a Program to Encourage Safety Feature Usage for the Texas Border Communities. Texas Department of Transportation, \$82,059.
- 1990-1993 **Principal Investigator:** Perceived Susceptibility to Harm During Adolescence. National Institute of Mental Health, \$157,741.

GRANTS UNDER REVIEW

Title: “Phase II of BUILDing SCHOLARS”. Proposal submitted to the National Institutes of Health. Role: Principal Investigator (of a team of 8 PI’s). Amount: \$17,941,149. Proposed funding period: July 1 2019- June 30, 2024. National Institutes of Health.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Ad Hoc Reviewer: Health Psychology; Developmental Psychology; Journal of Adolescent Health; Journal of Pediatrics; Journal of Early Adolescence; Journal of Research in Personality; Journal of Personality Assessment; Journal of Social Behavior and Personality; Psychological Reports/Perceptual and Motor Skills; Sex Roles; Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology; Systematic Reviews; Preventive Medicine; Preventive Medicine Reports; Family Practice; Revista Mexicana de Psicología; Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Communication
- External Reviewer Psychology Undergraduate Program
College of Arts and Sciences,
Texas A & M, Corpus Christi, Texas, April 2006
- Killam Research Fellowship
Canada Council for the Arts, Ottawa, Ontario, September 2006

PUBLICATIONS

- Frietze, G. & **Cohn**, L.D. (2018). Texting and tombstone: impact of mortality salience on risky driving intentions. *Transportation Research Part F: Traffic Psychology and Behaviour*, 59, 1-11.
- Gutierrez, K.M., & **Cohn**, L.D. (2018). Perceived risk of emerging recreational drugs: impact of anecdotal and statistical evidence. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 48(3), 435-451.
- Cohn**, L.D. (2015). Loevinger, Jane (1918-2008). In *The Encyclopedia of Clinical Psychology*. Robin L. Cautin & Scott O. Lilienfeld (Eds), Publisher: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Cohn**, L.D., & Esparza del Villar, Ó. A. (2015). Fatalism and health behavior: a meta-analytic review (in English). *Colección Reportes Técnicos de Investigación* ISBN:978-607-7953-80-7 Serie ICESA, Vol. 26. ISBN: 978-607-520-145-0. Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, Ciudad Juárez, México www.uacj.mx/DGDCDC/SP/Documents/RTI/2015/ICSA/-Fatalism.pdf.
- Sporer, LS., & **Cohn**, LD (2011). Meta-analysis. In B. Rosenfeld & S. J. Penrod (Eds), *Research methods in forensic psychology*. New York: John Wiley & Sons.
- Lee, HS, & **Cohn**, LD (2010). Assessing coping strategies by analyzing expressive writing samples. *Stress and Health*, 26, 250-260.
- Cohn**, L.D., Cortes Vazquez, M.E., & Alvarez, A. (2009). Quantifying risk: verbal probability expressions in Spanish and English. *American Journal of Health Behavior*, 33 (3) 244-255.
- Cohn**, L.D., & Westenberg P.M. (2004). Intelligence and Maturity: Meta-analytic Evidence for the Incremental and Discriminant Validity of Loevinger's Measure of Ego Development. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 86, 760-772.
- Westenberg, P.M., Hauser, S.T. , & **Cohn**, L.D. (2004). Sentence completion measurement of psychosocial maturity. In M. Hilsenroth (Ed) *Comprehensive handbook of psychological assessment: Personality Assessment*, pp. 595-616. New York: John Wiley & Sons.
- Cohn**, L.D. & Becker, B.J. (2003). How meta-analysis increases statistical power. *Psychological Methods*, 8, 243-253.
- Cohn**, L.D., Hernandez, D., Byrd, T., & Cortes, M. (2002). A program to increase seatbelt use along the Texas-Mexico border. *American Journal of Public Health*, 92, 1918-1920.
- Parada, M., **Cohn**, L.D., Gonzalez, E., Byrd, T., & Cortes, M. (2001). The validity of self-reported seatbelt use: Hispanic and non-Hispanic drivers in El Paso. *Accident Analysis and Prevention*, 33, 139-143.
- Byrd, T., **Cohn**, L.D., Gonzalez, E., Parada, M., Hernandez, M., & Cortes, M. (1999). Seatbelt use and belief in destiny among Hispanic and non-Hispanic drivers. *Accident Analysis & Prevention*, 31, 63-65.
- Cohn**, L.D. (1998). Age trends in personality development: a quantitative review. In P.M. Westenberg, A. Blasi, & L.D. Cohn (Eds.) *Personality Development: Theoretical, Empirical, and Clinical Investigations of Loevinger's Conception of Ego Development*. New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum.

- Westenberg, P.M., Blasi, A., & **Cohn**, L.D. (1998). Introduction: contributions and controversies. In P.M. Westenberg, A. Blasi, & L.D. Cohn (Eds.), *Personality Development: Theoretical, Empirical, and Clinical Investigations of Loevinger's Conception of Ego Development*. New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum.
- Loevinger, J., & **Cohn**, L.D. (1998). Revision of the SCT: Creating Form 81. In J. Loevinger (Ed.) *Technical Foundations for Measuring Ego Development*. New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum.
- Westenberg, P.M., Blasi, A., & **Cohn**, L.D. (Eds.) (1998). *Personality Development: Theoretical, Empirical, and Clinical Investigations of Loevinger's Conception of Ego Development*. New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum.
- McClure-Martinez, K., & **Cohn**, L.D. (1996). Adolescent and adult mothers' perceptions of hazardous situations for their children. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 18, 227-231.
- Cohn**, L.D., Macfarlane, S., Yañez, C., & Imai, W. K. (1995). Risk perception: differences between adolescents and adults. *Health Psychology*, 14, 217-222.
- Cohn**, L.D., Schydlower, M., Foley, J., & Copeland, R. (1995). Adolescents' misinterpretation of health risk probability expressions. *Pediatrics*, 95, 713-716.
- Cohn**, L.D., & Adler, N.E. (1992). Female and male perceptions of ideal body shapes: Distorted views among Caucasian college students. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 16, 69-79.
- Millstein, S.M., Irwin, C.E., Adler, N.E., **Cohn**, L.D., Kegeles, S., & Dolcini, M. (1992). Health risk behaviors and health concerns among adolescents. *Pediatrics*, 3, 422-428.
- Cohn**, L.D. (1991). Sex differences in the course of personality development: A meta-analysis. *Psychological Bulletin*, 109, 252-266.
- Dolcini, M.M., **Cohn**, L.D., Adler, N.E., Millstein, S.M., Irwin, C.E., Kegeles, S.M., & Stone, G. (1989). Adolescent egocentrism and feelings of invulnerability: Are they related? *Journal of Early Adolescence*, 9, 409-418.
- Cohn**, L.D., Millstein, S.M., Irwin, C.E., Adler, N.E., Kegeles, S.M., & Stone, G. (1988). A comparison of two measures of egocentrism. *Journal of Personality Assessment*, 52, 212-22.
- Cohn**, L.D., Adler, N.E., Irwin, C.E., Millstein, S.M., Kegeles, S.M., & Stone, G. (1987). Body figure preferences in adolescent males and females. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 96, 270-276.
- Loevinger, J., **Cohn**, L.D., Bonneville, L., Redmore, C., Streich, D., & Sargent, M. (1985). Ego development in college. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 48, 947-962.

PRESENTATIONS

- Cohn**, L.D., Adler, N.E., Irwin, C.E., Millstein, S.M., Kegeles, S. K., & Stone, G. Body figure dissatisfaction in adolescents. Society for Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA, 1986.
- Dolcini, P., **Cohn**, L.D., Adler, N.E., Irwin, C.E., Kegeles, S.M., Millstein, S., & Stone, G. Adolescent egocentrism and risk perception in young adolescents. Society for Adolescent Medicine, Seattle, WA, March 1987.
- Irwin, C.E., Millstein, S.M., Adler, N.E., Kegeles, S.M., **Cohn**, L.D., & Turner, R.

- Predictors of risk-taking behaviors in early adolescents. Society for Pediatric Research, Washington, DC, May 1988.
- Cohn**, L.D., Macfarlane, S., & Yañez, C. Unrealistic Optimism in Children and Adolescents. American Psychological Association, San Francisco, August 1991.
- Cohn**, L.D., Macfarlane, S., Yañez, C., & Imai, W. Perceived Susceptibility to Harm Among Adolescents and Adults. American Psychological Association, Washington, DC, August 1992.
- Cohn**, L.D., Macfarlane, S., Yañez, C., Imai, W., & Próspero, M. Adolescents' Misperceptions of Probability Expressions. Findings presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Psychological Society, Chicago, June 1993.
- Cohn**, L.D., Yañez, C., Macfarlane, S., & Imai, W. Unrealistic Optimism Among Adolescents and Their Parents. American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada, August 1993.
- Cohn**, L.D., & Yañez, C. Severity of Health Threats and Unrealistic Optimism. Biennial Meetings of the Society for Research on Adolescence. Boston, March 1996.
- Cohn** L.D. Age Trends in Personality Development: A Quantitative Review. Annual Meetings of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada, August 1996.
- Cohn**, L.D., Parada, M., & Gonzalez, E. Development of a Program to Encourage Safety Feature Usage for the Texas Border Communities. Research Management Committee Meetings/Texas Department of Transportation, Arlington, Texas, June 1997.
- Cohn**, L., Próspero, M., Revilla, V., & Alvarez, A. Quantifying Health Risk Probability Terms in Spanish and English. Second Biennial Conference on Minority Issues in Prevention. Tempe, AZ, February 1998.
- Gonzalez, E., **Cohn**, L., Byrd, T., Parada, M., Hernandez, M., & Cortes, M. Seatbelt Use and Belief in Destiny Among Hispanic and non-Hispanic Drivers. Second Biennial Conference on Minority Issues in Prevention, Tempe, AZ, February 1998.
- Cohn**, L.D. Ego Development and Adolescent Health Behaviors: A Proposed Link. Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA, February 1998.
- Cohn**, L.D. Symposium discussant: "What Ego Development Is and Is Not." Washington University, St. Louis, MO, March 1998.
- Cohn**, L.D. Presenter, Workshop on Adolescent Decision Making, National Research Council, Washington, D.C. January 1998.
- Parada, M., **Cohn**, L.D., Gonzales, E., Byrd, T., & Cortes, M. The validity of self-reported seat belt use: Hispanic and non-Hispanic drivers. Annual Meetings of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, November 1999.
- Cohn**, L.D., & Westenberg, P.M. The relationship between ego development and intelligence: a meta-analysis. Society for Research on Child Development, 2003 Biennial Meetings, April 24-27, Tampa, Florida.
- Cohn**, L.D. The relationship between intelligence, health behaviors, and Loevinger's measure of maturity (ego development). Society for Research on Adolescence, Tenth Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, March 11-14, 2004.
- Cohn**, L.D. Intoxication, Maturity and DWI Prevention: Bridging Basic and Applied Research. Department of Health Promotion, College of Health Sciences. University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX . October 2005.
- Cohn**, L.D., Witt, K., Carrillo, K., Barraza, A., Valenzuela, Y, & Jones, D. Evaluating DWI Interventions that Target El Paso Youth. Center for Border Health Research, El Paso, TX,

October 25 2006.

- Cohn**, L.D. Evaluating DWI Interventions that Target High Risk Youth. Interdisciplinary Health Forum, University of Texas at El Paso, November 13, 2006.
- Lee, H.S., & **Cohn**, L.D. Assessing Language use and coping strategies in depressed and non-depressed college students. Third Annual Conference on Emerging Adulthood, Tucson, AZ, February 15 - 16, 2007.
- Cohn**, L.D. Invited presentation: Meta-analysis. Third Annual Short Course on Epidemiology and Biostatistics for OB/GYN Researchers. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso. March 23, 2007.
- Witt, K, Carrillo, K., & **Cohn** L. Do college students underestimate their drinking and driving? 2007 Annual Meetings of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, Washington, D.C., March 21- 24, 2007.
- Cohn**, L.D. The impact of psychological maturity on adolescent risk taking. Invited talk: Expert Meetings: Risks and opportunities in adolescent brain development. Leiden University, Netherlands, May 28- 29, 2007.
- Cohn**, L.D., & Esparza Del Villar, O.A. Fatalism and health behavior: A meta-analytic review. Findings presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine. Washington, D.C., April 27th, 2011.
- Frietze, G., & **Cohn**, L.D. Ebola, Risk Perception, and Magical Contagion Beliefs. Findings presented at the 9th Annual Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media, Atlanta, GA Aug 11-13 2015.
- Llanes, K.D., & **Cohn**, L.D. Exploring the impact of the sunk cost bias on health threatening behavior. Findings presented at the 9th Annual Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media, Atlanta, GA Aug 11-13 2015.
- Coffman, CF, Trimbath, M., Baeza Garcia, **Cohn**, L.D. Twitter Posts, Gist, and the Perceived Risk of Using a Novel Recreational Drug. Findings presented at the 9th Annual Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media, Atlanta, GA Aug 11-13 2015.
- Frietze, G, & **Cohn** LD. Factors That Influence the Perceived Risk of Driving Under the influence of Small Amounts of Marijuana and Alcohol (DUI-SAMA). 2018 National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media. Atlanta Georgia (September 11 – 13).
- Llanes, K., & **Cohn**, LD. The perceived danger of driving under the influence of small amounts of alcohol and marijuana combined (DUI-SAM). 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society of Judgment and Decision Making, New Orleans (November 17-19, accepted for presentation)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Since 1995)

Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 1301)

Life Cycle Development (PSYC 2310)

Advanced Topics in Developmental Psychology (PSYC 4311)

Seminar in Meta-Analysis (Graduate and Undergraduate course; PSYC 4343 & PSYC 6303)

Graduate Seminar in Developmental Psychology (Graduate course)

Graduate Proseminar II (PSYC 5405: team taught) (Graduate course)

Public Health and Community Interventions (Graduate course: PSYC 6352)

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Elizabeth Perez (in progress), Melissa de Roos (in progress), Gabriel Frieze (2018, **Chair**), Katherine Aguirre (2017, **Chair**), Brandt Smith (2016), Skye Woestehoff (2016), Kevin Gutierrez (2014, **Chair**); Jessica Shenberger (2014), Julie Blow (2014), Jose Cabriaes (2014), David Herring (2013), Linsa Jabeen (2013), Marisela Gutierrez (2013), Norma P. Fernandez (2010), Thomas Taylor (2010), Hyoung Lee (2010), Dirk de Heer (2009); Eugenia Gonzalez (2008, **Chair**), Kendra Witt (2008, **Chair**), Oscar Esparza (2008), Jessica Wildermuth (2008), Cathe Lester (2006, **Chair**), Chris Johnson (2006), Tanya Taylor (2006), Keli Holloway (2006), Azenett Garza (2004), Imelda Alcala (2003), Candace Rutt (2003), Anne Tubb, (2001), Jorge Ramirez (2000)

THESIS COMMITTEES

Karla Llanes (In progress, **Chair**), Candice Coffman (in progress, **Chair**), Erica Juliana Cardoso (in progress), Melissa de Roos (2017), Reyna Puentes (2017), Landrau Cribbs (2018, **Co-Chair**), Justin Magee, (in progress), Gabriel Frieze (2017, **Chair**) Beatriz Suro Maldonado (2017, **Chair**); Sandra Oviedo Ramirez (2017), Steven Mueller (2018), Nazanin Heydarian (2015, **Co-Chair**), Katherine Aguirre (2013), Francisco Salgado-Garcia (2011), Moira Shaw, Kimberly Carrillo, John Saucedo, Celia Medrano, Natasha Naylor, Monica de la Torre (2006), Oscar Esparza (2005), Noah Clayton (2004), Amabillia Valenzuela (2002), James Burns (2001), Brenda Trinidad (1998), Christiana, Herber-Valdez (1998), Rebecca Escoto (1997), Michael Watson (1997), Kimberley, McClure-Martinez (1994, **Chair**), Holly Anne Cappello (1994), Cecilla Luna (1994), Mary Herrald (1993), Darlene Mayette (1990)

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES AND RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES (partial listing)

2015-2018 Interdisciplinary Research Building Committee
2015 ORSP Review Panel, Interdisciplinary Research Round VI
2014 ORSP Grant Proposal Review Panel, Grand Challenges Competition
2014-2016 Core Curriculum Assessment Team (Provost's Office)
2013 Search Committee, Associate Dean for Research, College of Education
2009-2012 Co-Chair, Provost's Core Curriculum Committee (evaluating the efficacy of UTEP's core curriculum, designing and implementing a cross-sectional and longitudinal assessment study)
2012 Member, Search Committee for Dean, College of Science
2012 Chair, Search Committee for Vice-President for Health and Biomedical Affairs
2008-2010 Tenure & Promotion Committee, College of Liberal Arts (Chair, 2009, 2010)
2006 -2007 Member, Provisional Program Task Force (START Program)
2006-2007 Member, Faculty Senate
2006-2007 Faculty Mentor, Faculty Mentoring Program for Women, National Science Foundation Advance Grant
2005-2006 Faculty Mentor, College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)
2002-2003 Member, Executive Council, Faculty Senate
2000-2001 Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Doctoral Program Development at UTEP, (convened by the Graduate Council & Faculty Senate)

- 2000-2001 Member, Entering Student Program Learning Communities Committee
- 1999-2001 Member, Graduate Council
- 1999-2001 Member, Liberal Arts Distinguished Achievement Awards Committee
(Chair, Spring 2000)
- 1997-2000 Member, University Student Welfare and Grievance Committee
(Chair, 1999-2000)
- 1996-2005 Member, University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
(Chair 2003 - 2005)
- 1996-1997 Member, Educational Renewal Committee, College of Liberal Arts
- 1996-1997 Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, College of Liberal Arts
- 1996 Member, Program Review Team, Undergraduate Program in Health Sciences
- 1996 Judge, UTEP Student Research EXPO
- 1994-1996 Member, Graduate Studies Committee, College of Liberal Arts
- 1994 Member, President's Advisory Committee for the Selection of the Director
of the University Library
- 1992-1995 Member, Advisory Committee, Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC)
Honors Undergraduate Program
- 1991-1994 Member, Faculty Senate Library Committee
(Chair, 1993-1994)

DEPARTMENTAL POSITIONS AND COMMITTEES (since 1995)

- Area Head, Doctoral Concentration in Health Psychology
- Graduate Program Director, Department of Psychology
- Search Committee for Department Chair
- Executive Committee
- Planning Committee
 - Merit Evaluation Committee
 - Graduate Program Committee (Chair, 2007-2010)
 - Policy and Curriculum Committee
 - Undergraduate Program Committee (Chair, 1995-1996)
 - Graduate Program Subcommittee on Evaluation, Field
Placements, and Assistantships (Chair, 1995-1996)
 - Graduate Program Committee (Psychology)