

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1995 - 1997 **Ohio State University**, Columbus, OH
1999 - 2002 B.A. Music (major) Religious Studies (minor)

2001 **Institute for Parapsychology of the Rhine Research Center** Durham, NC
Summer Study Program in Parapsychology (completed with honors)

Professional Experience

2008 - Present Executive Director, Parapsychological Association
 www.parapsych.org
 Columbus, Ohio

2006 - Present Editor, Public Parapsychology
 www.publicparapsychology.org

1999 - Present Owner/Operator, Whitney & Ventola Music Studios
 www.whitneyandventola.com
 Columbus, Ohio

Undergraduate Research Experience

2003 Research Internship (under James Houran)
 Department of Psychiatry
 Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
 Springfield, Illinois

2000 - 2002 Undergraduate Research Assistant (under Caroline Palmer)
 Music Cognition Laboratory
 Department of Psychology, Ohio State University
 Columbus, Ohio

2001 - 2002 Undergraduate Research Assistant (under William Raymond)
 The Variation in Conversation Project
 Department of Linguistics, Ohio State University
 Columbus, Ohio

Grants and Scholarships

- 2007 Skeptiko Media Monitor Grant
Awarded for monitoring and improving the accuracy of information about parapsychology on the web in various ways.
- 2006 Parapsychological Association Research Endowment
Evaluating Photographic Anomalies: Examining the roles of photographic expertise, context, paranormal belief, and tolerance of ambiguity
(with Devin Terhune)
- 2003 Society for Scientific Exploration
Quantitative investigation of naturalistic anomalous experiences at target and control sites
(with Devin Terhune)
- 2001 Rhine Research Center / Institute for Parapsychology
Scholarship for attendance at the Rhine Research Center Summer Study Program

Academic Affiliations and Appointments

Center for Research on Consciousness and Anomalous Psychology, Lund University, Sweden (Associate)

Journal of Exceptional Experiences and Psychology (Review Board Member)

Mindfield: The Bulletin of the Parapsychological Association (Co-Editor)

Parapsychological Association (Professional Member and Book Award Committee Member)

Revista Académica Sobre Anomalías del Comportamiento [*Journal of Behavioral Anomalies*] (Scientific Advisory Board Member)

Society for Scientific Exploration (Full Member)

Journal Articles

Ventola, A., (2016). There is no gate: On the PA and the AAAS. *Mindfield: The Bulletin of the Parapsychological Association*, 8(3), 54-67.

Terhune, D.B., Ventola, A., & Houran, J. (2007). An analysis of contextual variables and the incidence of photographic anomalies at an alleged haunt and a control site. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 21, 99-120.

Conference Presentations

Ventola, A. (2017) *Ten reasons to celebrate the last ten years of parapsychological research*. Presentation given at the 60th Anniversary of the Parapsychological Association Celebration. 17 June, 2017. Columbus, Ohio.

- Ventola, A. (2016). *There is no gate: On the PA and the AAAS*. Paper presented at the 59th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association, 19-24 June, 2016. Boulder, Colorado.
- Ventola, A. (2009). *Context, individual differences, and media type in the evaluation of photographic anomalies*. Full paper presented at the 52nd Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association, 6-9 August, 2009. Seattle, Washington.
- Ventola, A. (2007). *Evaluating Photographic Anomalies: Examining the roles of photographic expertise, context, paranormal belief, and tolerance of ambiguity*. Research Brief presented at the 50th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association, 2-5 August, 2007. Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- Ventola, A. (2007). *Web logs and wikis: 21st century tools for public scholarship*. Workshop presented at the 50th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association, 2-5 August, 2007. Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- Ventola, A. (2002). *Anomalous Orbs: The New Face of Spirit Photography*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest American Academy of Religion. Chicago, IL.

Online Scholarly Contributions

- Williams, B., & Ventola, A. (2011). *Poltergeist phenomena: A primer on parapsychological research and perspectives*. Retrieved from:
<http://publicparapsychology.org/Public%20Parapsych/Poltergeist%20Phenomena%20Primer%20Final.pdf>
- Williams, B., Ventola, A., & Wilson, M. (2010). *Apparitional experiences: A primer on parapsychological research and perspectives*. Retrieved from:
<http://www.publicparapsychology.org/Public%20Parapsych/Apparitional%20Experiences%20Primer%20Final.pdf>
- Williams, B., Ventola, A., & Wilson, M. (2008). *Temperature in haunting experiences: A basic primer for paranormal enthusiasts*. Retrieved from: <http://www.publicparapsychology.org/HauntTempPrimer.pdf>
- Williams, B., Ventola, A., & Wilson, M. (2007). *Magnetic fields and haunting phenomena: A basic primer for paranormal enthusiasts*. Retrieved from:
<http://publicparapsychology.org/hauntingsandmagnetismprimer.pdf>

Book and Website Reviews

- Ventola, A. (2007). [Review of the books *Miracles: A parascientific inquiry into wondrous phenomena*, *The search for yesterday: A critical examination of the evidence for reincarnation*, and *Our psychic potentials*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration* (in press).
- Ventola, A. (2007). [Review of the books *A casebook of otherworldly music* and *A psychic study of the music of the spheres*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 21, 174-176.
- Ventola, A. (2006). [Review of the website www.anomalist.com]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 20, 346-347.
- Ventola, A. (2006). [Review of the book *The gift: ESP, the extraordinary experiences of ordinary people*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 20, 134-135.

Ventola, A. (2005). [Review of the book *The inner source: Exploring hypnosis*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 19, 268-269.

Ventola, A. (2004). [Review of the book *Unleashed: Of poltergeists and murder: The curious story of Tina Resch*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 18, 703-705.

Ventola, A. (2004). [Review of the book *Immortal remains: The evidence for life after death*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 18, 156-159.

Ventola, A. (2003). [Review of the book *Investigating the Paranormal*]. *Australian Journal of Parapsychology*, 3, 65-69.