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## Professional Experience

Associate Professor	Department of Psychology (2012 – Present) Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
Assistant Professor	Department of Psychology (2007-2012) Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Visiting Scholar	Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behavior (2010) Center for Cognition at Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands
Postdoctoral Fellow	Department of Psychology and Neuroscience (2006-2007) Western University, London, ON Canada

## Education

Ph.D. (2007), M.A. (2003)	University of Virginia Department of Psychology Advisors: Dennis Proffitt, William Epstein, Daniel Willingham
B.A. (2000)	Smith College Majors: Psychology, Computer Science Advisor: Jill de Villiers

## Research Grants

*The Effect of Action on Perception and Cognition.* (Witt is sole Pi). Funded by the **National Science Foundation** (September 2016-August 2019). Total amount awarded: \$354,603.

*The Impact of Behavior Potential on the Decision to Act.* (Witt, PI; Conner, co-PI). Funded by the **National Science Foundation** (July 2014-June 2017). Total amount awarded: \$300,000.

*Action's Effect on Perception.* (Witt is sole PI). Funded by the **National Science Foundation** (June 2010-May 2015). Total amount awarded: \$350,000.

### Research Interests

- Action-specific perception
- Perception of spatial layout
- Perception and action relationships
- Embodied perception, cognition, and education

### Awards

American Psychological Association's Distinguished Scientific Award for an Early Career Contribution to Psychology (2017)  
Association of Psychological Science's Janet Spence Award for Transformational Early Career Contributions (2015)  
Psychonomic Society's Steven Yantis Early Career Award (2014)  
James C. Naylor Award for Teaching Excellence in Psychology (2011)  
Nominated for Purdue's Teaching Academy (2012) –nomination not accepted on account of leaving Purdue shortly thereafter  
Gold medalist, US National Ultimate Frisbee team, World Games, Germany (2005)  
First Place (\$500), UVA Graduate Research Fair. Charlottesville, VA. (2002)  
Sigma Xi, International Honor Society for Scientific and Engineering Research (2000)  
Psi Chi, National Honors Society for Psychology (2000)  
Highest Honors, Senior Thesis, Smith College (2000)  
WISA Scholar-Athlete (1999-2000)

### Society Memberships

Vision Sciences Society  
Psychonomic Society (Fellow)  
Association for Psychological Science (Fellow)  
American Psychological Association (Member-at-Large for Division 3)  
AAAS

### Publications

Witt, J. K. (in press). A role for control in an action-specific effect on perception. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*.  
Tenhundfeld, N. T., & Witt, J. K. (in press). Distances on hills look farther than distances on flat ground: Evidence from converging measures. *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*.  
King, Z.R., Tenhundfeld, N. T., & Witt, J. K. (in press). What you see and what you are told: An action-specific effect that is unaffected by explicit feedback. *Psychological Research*.  
Witt, J. K. (in press). Action Potential Influences Spatial Perception: Evidence for Genuine Top-Down Effects on Perception. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*.

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- Witt, J. K. (in press). Spatial biases from action. In T. Hubbard (Ed.), *Spatial Biases*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
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- Better Batters See Balls as Bigger (December 15, 2005). *MSNBC; Yahoo News*.
- Is the Ball Big or Small? (December 15, 2005). *Toronto Globe and Mail*.
- Big News (December 16, 2005). *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.
- Batter Up (January 16, 2006). *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.
- Quiz (January 21, 2006). *Michael Feldman's Whad'Ya Know?* on NPR.
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Baseball players see the ball as way bigger than you do (October, 2016). *Science of Us at NYMag.com*.

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The secret(s) to better golf (July 8, 2008). *GolfDigest.com*.

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Making a "hole" lot of sense out of golfing (July 9, 2008). *Fox 23 News Albany*.

Golfers see the hole differently (July 9, 2008). *Los Angeles Times*.

Improve your golf game (July 11, 2008). *The Thunder 103.5*.

Size of hole a state of mind? (July 13, 2008). *Lafayette Journal & Courier*.

Are you feeling up to par? (July 20, 2008). *Toronto Sun*.

Athletes in the zone may see the world differently (August 5, 2008). *ABC News*.

Fields of study (August 11, 2008). *ESPN Magazine*.

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A kicker's perception of goal posts changes depending on success. (January 3, 2010). *Kansas City Star*.

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Tennis players' performance may affect how they perceive ball speed and net height (December 2, 2010). *LA Times*.

**Popular Media Reports Regarding Witt (2011) in Current Directions in Psychological Science**

The US Open and the vagaries of spatial perception (June 16, 2011).  
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In the hole! Golfing in the mind's eye (June 15, 2011). *PsychologicalScience.org*

**Popular Media Reports Regarding Witt et al., (2012) in *Psychological Science***

Head Games: How visual illusions improve sports performance. (March 15, 2012).

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Illusions may improve athletic performance (March 15, 2012). *PsychCentral.*

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Changing the apparent size of the hole messes with golfers' putting (March 19, 2012). *Arstechnica.com.*

How perception can boost performance (March 28, 2012). *New York Times.*

Can you think your way to that hole-in-one? (April 18, 2012). Live interview on *NPR: Morning Edition.*

**Popular Media Reports Regarding Witt & Brockmole (2012) in *JEP:HPP***

Gun activists have a new craze – and it's *more* dangerous than you think (December 18, 2013). *Salon.com.*

Florida teen's slaying spotlights phantom gun effect (March 20, 2012). *Chicago Tribune.*

Holding a gun may make you think others are as well (March 21, 2012). *The Daily Star.*

Holding a gun influences you to think others are armed (March 21, 2012). *Forbes.*

Context for Fla. Shooting? Study finds holding gun makes you likely to think others have guns (March 21, 2012). *The Washington Post.*

Trayvon Martin Case: Study shows holding gun makes you think others are too. (March 20, 2012). *Huffington Post.*

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Holding a gun may make you think others are too (March 20, 2012). *Wall Street Journal.*

Live interview (December 20, 2012). *KCOL Fox News Radio.*

Perception and action: Seeing guns that aren't there (December 21, 2012). *Psychology Today.*

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Gun activists have a new craze – and it's more dangerous than you think.

(December 18, 2013). *Salon.com*

Guns don't offer protection – whatever the National Rifle Association says.

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Guns and cheerleaders: How science gets manipulated for political agendas

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More firearms don't mean more protection (June 6, 2014). *CeaseFirePA.org*.

### **Popular Media Reports Regarding Sugovic, Turk, & Witt (2016) [or regarding Witt (2016) talk at AAAS]**

For obese people distances really do look further, study finds (February, 2016). *The Guardian*

Obese people 'can't just distances accurately' (February, 2016). *The Week*.

How fat people see the world differently: Being overweight makes distances look further away and hills harder to climb (February, 2016). *The DailyMail.Com*.

Obese 'see hills as steeper and objects being twice as far away as slimmer people' (February, 2016). *Express (home of the Daily and Sunday Express)*.

For the obese, objects are closer than they appear (February, 2016). *Newser*.

Obese people live in altered reality where they can't judge distances accurately, scientists say (February, 2016). *The Telegraph*.

The more you weigh, the further distances appear (February, 2016).

Fat people judge distances to be TWICE as long as healthy people claim scientists (February, 2016). *The Mirror*.

Distance is lard to judge for fat people explains new research (February, 2016). *The Sun*.

Distances look further to obese people, say scientists (February, 2016). *ITV*.

Hills look steeper if you're overweight (February, 2016). *Australian Women's Weekly*.

Hills look bigger to fat people (February, 2016). *The Sunday Times (UK)*.

The more you weigh, the further distances appear (February, 2016). *The Tribune (India)*.

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Scientists reckon that obese people aren't very good at judging distances (February, 2016). *Irish Examiner; BreakingNews.IE (Ireland)*,

Obesity affects perception of distance, research finds (February, 2016). *The Irish Times*.

Fat chance of obese people judging the right distance, say scientists (February, 2016). *South Wales Guardian; Times of Malta.com; Express and Star; Belfast Telegraph, AOL.Com (UK)*.

Here's why obese & over weight people do not like exercises like running (February, 2016). *TheHealthSite.com*.

Brains of obese people see distances differently (February, 2016). *The Scotsman*.

Ball really looks bigger to better hitters (February, 2016). *60-second science, Scientific American*.

How your size affects how you experience the world (April 3, 2016). *Psychology Today*.

Overweight people judge distances to be further than they really are (June 24, 2016). *Science of Us at New York Magazine*.

Your momma is so fat, her depth perception is widely inaccurate (February 18, 2016). Joke performed by Stephen Colbert on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert.

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### **Miscellaneous**

Dress drama debunked: The explanation behind the blue, black or white, gold dress (March 5, 2015). Interview for *The Collegian*.

### **Invited Colloquia**

University of Colorado-Boulder (2016)

TEDxCSU (2016)

University of Waterloo (2015)

Smith College (2015)

Yale University (2015)

Georgia Institute of Technology (2015)

University of Wyoming (2015)

Pre-conference on Embodiment in Social and Personality Psychology @ SPSP (2013)

North Dakota State University (2013)

Duke University (2012)  
 Vanderbilt University's Vision Research Seminar Series (2012)  
 University of Colorado-Colorado Springs (2012)  
 Georgetown University's workshop on Reality and Perceptual Illusions in Cognitive Science (2012)  
 Indiana University (2012)  
 Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment (L.O.V.E.), Niagara Falls, ON (2012)  
 Denison University (2011)  
 Universität Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany (2010)  
 Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland (2010)  
 Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Netherlands (2010)  
 Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia, Genova, Italy (2010)  
 University of Notre Dame (2010)  
 Brown University (2009)  
 University of Cincinnati (2009)  
 Illinois State University (2009)  
 Midwest Psychology Association (MPA) annual meeting. Chicago, IL (2009)  
 Arizona State University (2009)  
 University of Chicago (2008)  
 DePauw University (2008)  
 Lake Forest College (2008)  
 Indiana University (2008)  
 Purdue University (2007)  
 University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario (2006)  
 Vanderbilt University (2006)  
 Rutgers University (2004)  
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### **Published Conference Presentations**

Tenhundfeld, N. L., & Witt, J. K. (2015). The effects of interoceptive attunement on action-specific perception. *Visual Cognition*, *23*(7), 837-840.  
 Sugovic, M., & Witt, J. K. (2011). Perception in obesity: Does physical or perceived body size affect perceived distance? *Visual Cognition*, *19*(10), 1323-1325.  
 Claxton, L. J., Witt, J. K., Ryu, J. H., & Haddad, J. M. (2011, June). Anticipation in the dorsal stream. *Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology*, *33*, S63-S64.  
 Claxton, L. J., Witt, J. K., Haddad, J. M., Ryu, J. H., Ponto, K. (2010, June). The dorsal stream anticipates future actions. *Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology*, *32*, S71.

### **Conference Presentations**

Witt, J. K. (2016). *Action biases spatial perception*. Invited talk presented at the annual meeting of American Psychological Association, Denver, CO.

- Janzen, M., Tenhundfeld, N., & Witt, J. (2016). That's so far! Experienced hikers also overestimate distances on a hill. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, St Petes Beach, FL.
- Tenhundfeld, N., & Witt, J. (2016). *Three's company: Energetics' effect on perception as shown with blind walking, visual matching, and verbal estimates*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, St Petes Beach, FL.
- King, Z., & Witt, J. (2016). Contextualizing action-specific effects: How much influence does action information have on perceived speed? Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, St Petes Beach, FL.
- Witt, J. K. (2016). *Bodily action shapes perception*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of AAAS, Washington, DC.
- Witt, J. K. (2016). *Visual illusions in athletes: When does the baseball look as big as a grapefruit?* Talk presented at AAAS Family Science Days.
- Witt, J.K., King, Z.R., & Tenhundfeld, N.L. (2015). *Losing Control in Action-Specific Effects: Evidence for Bayesian Integration*. Talk presented at Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Witt, J. K., Conner, B., Tenhundfeld, N., & Parnes, J. (2015). *Gun-embodiment biases on object perception are unaffected by prior experience*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, St Petes Beach, FL.
- King, Z., Tenhundfeld, N. , & Witt, J. K. (2015). *An action-specific perception effect that withstands feedback*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, St Petes Beach, FL.
- Tenhundfeld, N., & Witt, J. K. (2015). *Perceptual distortions of distance on a hill depend on interceptive awareness*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, St Petes Beach, FL.
- Witt, J. K. (2014). *Integrating action-based and visual information: A Bayesian model of action-specific effects on spatial perception*. Talk presented at Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA.
- Tenhundfeld, N., & Witt, J. K. (2014). *Informed perception: Catching ability changes perceived size of ball*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, St Petes Beach, FL.
- Witt, J. K. (2014). *Bayesian theory of action-specific effects suggests integration of visual- and action-based information*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, St Petes Beach, FL.
- Taylor, J. E. T., & Witt, J. K. (2013). *Altered vision for stimuli on the hands: How the hands assist the guidance of attention*. Poster presented at OPAM annual meeting in Toronto, ON, Canada
- Taylor, J. E. T., & Witt, J. K. (2013). *Exploring the body boundary: How visual attention treats stimuli on the hands*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, Naples, FL.
- Sugovic, M., & Witt, J. K. (2013). *Perceived hill slant and obesity: Perception does not care about how you feel*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, Naples, FL.

- Witt, J. K., & Sugovic, M. (2012). *Ballistic tools influence perceived speed; Evidence for action-specific effects from action-based measures*. Talk presented at Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.
- Witt, J. K., Taylor, J. E. T., Sugovic, M., & Wixted, J. (2012). *Signal detection theory cannot distinguish perception and response-based biases: Evidence from the Muller-Lyer illusion and application for action-specific effects*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society annual meeting, Naples, FL.
- Biggs, A., Brockmole, J., & Witt, J. (2012). *Armed and attentive: Holding a weapon can alter attentional priorities in scene viewing*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society annual meeting, Naples, FL.
- Sugovic, M., & Witt, J. K. (2012). *Step perception in older adults: The effect of support on perceived height*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society annual meeting, Naples, FL.
- Taylor, J. E. T., & Witt, J. K. (2012). *Vision for stimuli on the hands: Evidence for an attentional boundary*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society annual meeting, Naples, FL.
- Witt, J. K., & Sugovic, M. (2011). *Action-specific effects are immune to spiders*. Talk presented at Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, Wa.
- Witt, J. K., & Brockmole, J. R. (2011). *Action alters object identification: Wielding a gun creates a bias to see guns*. Talk presented at Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, Wa.
- Sugovic, M., & Witt, J. K. (2011). *Perception in obesity: Does physical or perceived body size affect perceived distance?* Talk presented at OPAM Annual Meeting, Seattle, Wa.
- Taylor, J. E. T., & Witt, J. K. (2011). *Altered attention for stimuli on the body versus near the body: Evidence for a new perceptual boundary*. Talk presented at OPAM Annual Meeting, Seattle, Wa.
- Witt, J. K., & Sugovic, M. (2011). *In critical situations, affordances still influence speed perception*. Paper presented at *International Conference on Perception and Action 16*, Ouro Preto, Brazil.
- Witt, J. K., Sugovic, M., & Taylor, J. E. T. (2011). *Perceiving the affordances for others influences speed perception*. Paper presented at *International Conference on Perception and Action 16*, Ouro Preto, Brazil.
- Witt, J. K., & Riley, M. (2011). *Getting in touch with your inner Gibson: Reconciling action-specific and ecological approaches*. Paper presented at *International Conference on Perception and Action 16*, Ouro Preto, Brazil.
- Sugovic, M., & Witt, J. K. (2011). *An older view on distance perception: Age affects perception of walkable extents*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society annual meeting, Naples, FL.
- Brockmole, J., & Witt, J. K. (2011). *Action alters object identification: Wielding a gun creates a bias to see guns*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society annual meeting, Naples, FL.

- Davoli, C., Brockmole, J., & Witt, J. K. (2011). *Compressing perceived distance through real and imagined tool use*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society annual meeting, Naples, FL.
- Witt, J. K., & Sugovic, M. (2010). *Performance influences the perception of speed*. Poster presented at Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Mo.
- Taylor, J. E. T., Witt, J. K., & Grimaldi, P. J. (2010). *Observing painted brushstrokes evokes involuntary motor simulation*. Poster presented at Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Mo.
- Witt, J. K. (2010). *Action-specific Perception*. Talk presented at Cognitive Science Society Annual Meeting as part of symposium on Prospective Perception, Portland, Or.
- Sugovic, M., & Witt, J.K. (2010). *Performance affects perception of ball speed in tennis*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society meeting, Naples, FL.
- Taylor, E.T., Sugovic, M., Witt, J.K. (2010). *When walls are no longer barriers: Perception of obstacle height in Parkour*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society meeting, Naples, FL.
- Witt, J. K., Kemmerer, D., & Culham, J. (2009). *A functional role for motor simulation in naming tools*. Poster presented at Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Taylor, E., & Witt, J. K. (2009). *Involuntary motor simulation in pianists: A behavioral study*. Poster presented at Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Miles, J. D., Witt, J. K., & Proctor, R. W. (2009). *Action plans produce separate Simon effects for picking up objects and transporting them*. Poster presented at Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Witt, J. K. (2009). *Action abilities influence perception of size and distance*. Talk presented at International Conference on Perception and Action (ICPA). Minneapolis, MN.
- Witt, J. K., & Dorsch, T. (2009). *Kicking to bigger uprights: Field goal kicking performance influences perceived size*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Naples, FL.
- Witt, J. K., & Proffitt, D. R. (2008). *Playing air guitar eliminates effect of ability on perceived distance*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Naples, FL.
- Culham, J. C., Witt, J. K., Valyear, K. F., Dutton, G. N., & Goodale, M. A. (2008). *Preserved processing of motion and dorsal stream functions in a patient with large bilateral lesions of occipitaltemporal cortex*. Talk presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Naples, FL.
- Goodale, M. A., et al. (2008). *Preserved motion processing and visuomotor control in a patient with large bilateral lesions of occipitotemporal cortex*. Talk presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Naples, FL.

- Linkenauger, S. A., Witt, J. K., Bakdash, J. Z., Epstein, W., & Proffitt, D. R. (2008). *The effect of intention and bodily capabilities on the perception of size*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Naples, FL.
- Bakdash, J. Z., Linkenauger, S. A., Stefanucci, J. K., Witt, J. K., Banton, T., & Proffitt, D. R. (2008). *Perceived distance influences simulated walking time*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Naples, FL.
- Wolf, M., et al., (2008). *Perserved visual abilities following large bilateral lesions of the occipitaltemporal cortex*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Naples, FL.
- Witt, J. K. (2007). *Tool use and intention affect perceived distance*. Talk presented during symposium on Embodied Cognition and Perception at Psychonomics, Long Beach, CA.
- Witt, J. K., Linkenauger, S. A., Bakdash, J. Z., & Proffitt, D. R. (2007). *Golf performance makes the hole look as big as a bucket or as small as a dime*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Sarasota, FL.
- Linkenauger, S. A., Witt, J. K., Bakdash, J. Z., & Proffitt, D. R. (2007). *Handedness affects body schema*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Sarasota, FL.
- Witt, J. K., Proffitt, D. R., & Epstein, W. (2006). *Effects of Effort and Intention on Perception: The Locus of the Effect*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Sarasota, FL.
- Linkenauger, S. A., Witt, J. K., Stefanucci, J. K., & Proffitt, D. R. (2006). *Ease to grasp an object affects perceived distance*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Sarasota, FL.
- Riener, C. R., Witt, J. K., Augustyn, J. S., & Proffitt, D. R. (2006). *An influence of "warming up" on distance perception*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Sarasota, FL.
- Witt, J. K., Proffitt, D. R., & Epstein, W. (2005). *Seeing Into the Future: An Interaction Between Perception and Action*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Sarasota, FL.
- Riener, C. R., Witt, J. K., Stefanucci, J. K., & Proffitt, D. R. (2005). *Seeing Beyond the Target: An Effect of Environmental Context on Distance Perception*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Sarasota, FL.
- Schnall, S., Witt, J. K., Augustyn, J., Stefanucci, J. K., Proffitt, D. R., & Clore, G. (2005). *Invasion of Personal Space Influences Perception of Spatial Layout*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Sarasota, FL.
- Witt, J. K., & Willingham, D. T. (2005). *The role of action in implicit and explicit motor sequence learning*. Poster presented at the Society for Cognitive Neuroscience Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- Witt, J. K., & Proffitt, D. R. (2004). *Baseball and Perceived Size*. Talk presented at Psychonomics. Minneapolis, MN.

- Witt, J. K., Proffitt, D. R., & Epstein, W. (2004). *Remapping of Near Space Influences Perceived Distance*. Poster presented at the Society for Cognitive Neuroscience Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Witt, J. K., Proffitt, D. R., & Epstein, W. (2003). *The role of effort and intention in distance perception*. Talk presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. Sarasota, FL.
- Witt, J. K., Proffitt, D. R., & Epstein, W. (2002). *Perceiving distance: The role of effort and intent*. Talk presented at Psychonomics. Kansas City, MO.
- Witt, J. K., & Proffitt, D. R. (2002). *Effort and intention influence distance perception*. Poster presented at the EBBS Workshop: Cognitive and Neural Mechanisms of Visuomotor Control. La Londe, France.
- Witt, J. K., Proffitt, D. R., & Epstein, W. (2002). *Effort and perception*. Talk presented at CSAIL. Hood River, OR.
- Witt, J. K., & Proffitt, D. R. (2002). *Effort and perception of near space*. Poster presented at CSAIL. Hood River, OR.
- Witt, J. K., Proffitt, D. R., & Epstein, W. (2002). *Effort and intention influence distance perception*. Poster presented at Third Annual Robert J. Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition. Charlottesville, VA. Awarded First Place Prize.
- Witt, J. K., & de Villiers, J.G. (2001). *Reading desires: Preschoolers' limitations*. Poster presented at SRCD. Minneapolis, MN.

## Professional Service and Outreach

### Associate Editor:

*Journal of Experimental Psychology:* (2015-2016)  
*Human Perception and Performance*

### Editorial Board/Consulting Editor:

*Psychological Science* (2011-present)  
*Journal of Experimental Psychology: General* (2011-2015)  
*JEP: Human Perception and Performance* (2011-2015)  
*Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics* (2015)  
*Collabra* (2015-present)  
*Frontiers in Cognition* (2011-present)  
*PLoS ONE* (2011-2013)

### Grant reviewer for the following agencies:

*National Science Foundation*  
*French National Research Agency (ANR)*



**Peer-Reviewer for**  
*Acta Psychologica*  
*Adaptive Behavior*  
*American Journal of Psychology*  
*Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*  
*Archives of Gerontology & Geriatrics*  
*Autism Research*  
*Behavior Research Methods*  
*British Journal of Psychology*  
*Child Development*  
*Cognition*  
*Cognitive Psychology*  
*Experimental Brain Research*  
*Experimental Psychology*  
*Frontiers in Cognition*  
*International Journal of Sport Psychology*  
*JEP: General*  
*JEP: Human Perception and Performance*  
*JEP: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*  
*Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*  
*Journal of Mind and Behavior*  
*Journal of Motor Behavior*  
*Journal of Neurophysiology*  
*Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Reviews*  
*Perception*  
*Perspectives on Psychological Sciences*  
*PLoS One*  
*Psychological Research*  
*Psychological Science*  
*Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*  
*Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*  
*Visual Cognition*

Executive Committee, Colorado State University, Department of Psychology (2015-present)

Department Colloquium Series organizer (2015-2016), Cognitive Area Colloquium Series organizer (2013-2014), Colorado State University

Speaker, Family Science Days, AAAS Annual Meeting (2016)

Speaker, Front Range Teen Science Café (2015)

Executive Committee, Purdue University, Department of Psychology (2011-2012)

Cognitive Area Colloquium Series organizer, Purdue University (2009-2012)

Faculty advisor for Men's and Women's Ultimate Frisbee teams and Men's Squash team at Purdue University (2008-2012)

Participation in "Science Research Course" at Jefferson High School, which pairs Purdue University faculty with local high school students for scientific collaborations (2007-2008)

Educational outreach about scientific research to 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Challenge Foundation Academy (December, 2009)

### **Teaching Experience**

PSY 252 – Mind, Brain, and Behavior, Colorado State University  
PSY 456 – Sensation and Perception, Colorado State University  
PSY 456H – Sensation and Perception Honors Section, Colorado State University  
PSY 456 – Sensation and Perception Laboratory (supervisor), CSU  
PSY 600D – Core Course on Sensation and Perception, Colorado State University  
PSY 692B/792B – Seminar on Perception and Action, Colorado State University  
PSY 310 - Sensory and Perceptual Processes, Purdue University  
PSY 310H – Honors Section for PSY 310 (focus on conducting research)  
PSY 200 – Cognitive Psychology, Purdue University  
PSY 628 – Perceptual Processes, Purdue University  
PSY 633 – Cognitive Seminar on Perception and Action, Purdue University

### **Teaching Interests**

- Introduction to Perception
- Introduction to Cognition
- Seminar: Theories of Perception
- Seminar: Perception and Action
- Seminar: Embodied Cognition

### **Students Advised**

Michael Tymoski (current)  
Marcos Janzen (current)  
Nathan Tenhundfeld (current)  
Zachary King (M.S., 2016)  
Mila Sugovic (Ph.D., 2013)  
Eric Taylor (Ph.D., 2013)