

Curriculum Vitae

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Licensure

Location: Licensed Psychologist, State of California
Initially licensed: 2005
License number: PSY 20263
Expiration Date: May 31, 2023

Location: Licensed Psychologist with Health Service Provider Designation,
State of Tennessee
Initially licensed: 2007
License number: P2777
Expiration Date: May 31, 2023

Location: Licensed Psychologist, State of Georgia
Initially licensed: 2009
License number: PSY003274
Expiration Date: December 31, 2022

Location: Licensed Psychologist, State of Nevada
Initially licensed: 2021
License number: PY0990
Expiration Date: December 31, 2022

Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology in multiple states under the authority of PSYPACT in PSYPACT participating states

Locations: When I am in GA, NV, or TN I can perform telepsychology in AZ, CO, DE, DC, IL, MO, NE, NH, NC, OK, PA, TX, UT, VA

Initial Approval: 2021
Expiration Date: April 1, 2022

Certification

Sex Therapist – American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists. Granted 2015, certification current

Gottman Method Therapist – The Gottman Institute. Granted 2020, certification current

Education

Institution: The University of Alabama
Dates of Attendance: August 1996- August 2001
Degree Earned: Ph.D.
Area of Study: Clinical Psychology (Child Concentration)

Institution: University of Chicago Medical Center
Dates of Attendance: July 2000- June 2001
Degree Earned: Pre-doctoral Internship (APA Approved)
Area of Study: Clinical Psychology (Child Specialization)

Institution: The University of Alabama
Dates of Attendance: August 1996- July 1999
Degree Earned: M.A.
Area of Study: Clinical Psychology (Child Concentration)

Institution: Pepperdine University
Graduate School of Education and Psychology
Dates of Attendance: August 1993- April 1996
Degree Earned: M.A.
Area of Study: Clinical Psychology (Emphasis in Marriage Family Therapy)

Institution: University of California, Santa Barbara
Dates of Attendance: September 1989- June 1993
Degree Earned: B.A.
Area of Study: Psychology & Black Studies (Double Major)

Postgraduate Training

Institution: Vanderbilt University
Dates of Attendance: July 2006- September 2008
Area of Study: Family Contexts and Interventions Research Training Program

Institution: University of Washington and Child Study and Treatment Ctr
Dates of Attendance: July 2001- August 2002
Area of Study: Juvenile Forensic Psychology and Adolescent Inpatient Tx
(Research and Clinical Training)

Domestic Violence Training:

In Compliance with California Rules of Court Rule 5.230
12 Hours 2019
4 Hours Annual Update 2020
4 Hours Annual Update 2021

Custody Evaluation Training:

In Compliance with California Rules of Court Rule 5.225
54.5 Hours 2010 – 2019
26 Hours Annual Update 2020
5 Hours Annual Update 2021 (to date)

Training in Evaluation of Child Sexual Abuse:

In Compliance with California Family Code 3110.5
7 Hours 2019

Training in High Conflict Parenting Interventions:

28 hours 2019-2020

Employment History

Institution: Morehouse School of Medicine
Position: Assistant Professor, Clinical – Series III
Dates of Employment: 2013-2014

Position: Assistant Professor, Research – Series II
Master of Public Health Program
Dates of Employment: 2011-2013

Position: Instructor, Research – Series II
Dates of Employment: 2010- 2011

Position: Research Associate
Dates of Employment: 2008- 2010
Institution: Pepperdine University
Graduate School of Education and Psychology

Position: Assistant Professor of Psychology (Tenure Track)
Dates of Employment: 2002- 2007

Honors and Awards

2013 Morehouse School of Medicine Master of Public Health
Student-Initiated Teaching Award for Outstanding Service and
Dedication

2013 Morehouse School of Medicine Master of Public Health
Graduating Class Teaching Award

2013 Participant, Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Early
Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar
(competitive application process)

2012-2014 Recipient of Loan Repayment Program Grant Award in Health
Disparities Research, NIH

2012-2013 Research Mentee, Emory Center for Injury Control Mentoring
Program.
Mentor: Debra Houry, MD Emory University

2012-2013 Member of Inaugural Class, Georgia Psychological Association
Leadership Training Program

2012 Morehouse School of Medicine Master of Public Health
Student-Initiated Teaching Award for Outstanding Service and
Dedication

2012 Morehouse School of Medicine Master of Public Health
Graduating Class Teaching Award

2009-2011 Recipient of Loan Repayment Program Grant Award in Health
Disparities Research, NIH

2009-2010 Research Mentee, African American Mental Health Research Scientist
Consortium Grant Mentoring Program.
Mentor: Stephanie Jones, Ph.D. Harvard University

- 2009 Research Scholar, NIH Summer Institute on Community-based Participatory Research Targeting the Medically Underserved
- 2008 Research Scholar, NIDA-sponsored Addiction Research Training Institute held at Morehouse School of Medicine
- 2004 Summer Fellow, Visiting Scholars Fellowship Program Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey
- 2000 Student Government Association Research and Travel Funds Grant University of Alabama
- 1996-1998 Fellow, Future Faculty Fellowship University of Alabama
- 1993 Pan Hellenic Council Award
Grade Point Average and Outstanding Volunteer Work
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 1993 Educational Opportunity Program Award
Exceptional Academic Achievement
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 1991 Educational Opportunity Program Award
Exceptional Academic Achievement
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 1991 Dean's List of Scholastic Excellence (Spring)
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 1991 Dean's List of Scholastic Excellence (Winter)
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 1990 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated
Scholastic Excellence Scholarship
- 1989 T.M. Durr Memorial Scholarship
St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA

Professional Societies

Member, American Psychological Association

Member, American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists

Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Member, Society for Police and Criminal Psychology

Associate Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law Section

Associate Member, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

Professional Service

Extramural

2006-2011 Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology
 Editorial Board Member

2006-2014 Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology
 Ad Hoc Reviewer

Morehouse School of Medicine University Service

2010-2012 Co-Chair, Research Centers In Minority Institutions Translational Research
 Network: Community Engagement Cluster

2011-2014 Member, Research Centers In Minority Institutions Translational
 Research Network: Protocol Review Committee

2012-2013 Member, Committee on Ethics and Professionalism

2013-2015 Member, Internal Review Board (IRB)

Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology

2002-2003 Member, Psychology Department Internal Review Board

2002-2003 Member, Psychology Department Diversity Committee

2002-2006 Member, University Faculty of Color Council

2002-2006 Member, Psychology Department Colloquium Committee

2003-2004 Member, Psychology Faculty Search Committee

2003-2004 Chair, Psychology Clinic Research Committee

2003-2004	Member, GSEP Rank, Tenure, and Promotion Committee
2003-2005	Member, Psychology Steering Committee
2003-2006	Member, Graduate School of Education and Psychology Diversity Council
2003-2006	Member, Pepperdine University Graduate and Professional Schools IRB
2004-2006	Member, Psychology Clinic Research Committee
2005-2006	Member, Psychology Faculty Search Committee

Community Service Activities

2021 – Present	Volunteer Dispute Resolution Mediator, Centinela Youth Services Victim Offender Restitution Program
2020 – Present	Practicum Supervisor for Graduate Student in Doctoral Counseling Psychology program (Tennessee State University)
2020 – Present	Supervisor Certification Committee Member, American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists
2015 – 2018	Practicum Site for Graduate Students in Marriage Family Therapy Master's programs and Psychology Doctoral programs (Mercer School of Medicine, Argosy University, Georgia State University)
2011 – 2015	Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
2013 – 2014	National Board Member, Mental Health in the African American Community, Inc.
1992-Present	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Organizational Boards

2013 – 2015	Vice-Chair, Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Board of Directors
2021 – Present	Member at Large, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Tau Beta Omega Chapter Executive Board

2021 – Present Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, California Chapter
Board of Directors

Teaching Activities

Spring 2019 Adjunct Assistant Professor
University of Southern California, Master of Family Therapy Program
Los Angeles, CA
Course: EDUC 635 Psychotherapy with Children and Adolescents

Summer 2018 Adjunct Assistant Professor
University of Southern California, Master of Family Therapy Program
Los Angeles, CA
Course: EDUC 644 Practicum in Counseling

Summer 2016 Adjunct Assistant Professor
Mercer School of Medicine, Clinical Medical Psychology Program
Atlanta, GA
Course: Medical Family Therapy

2013-2014 Assistant Professor
Co-Instructor
Morehouse School of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine Program
Atlanta, GA
Courses: MED 1509 Community Health

2011-2013 Assistant Professor
Course Director & Instructor
Morehouse School of Medicine, Master of Public Health Program
Atlanta, GA
Courses: MPH504 Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health
(Fall Semester 2011 & 2012)
MPH506 Research Methods
(Spring Semester 2012 & 2013)

2002-2007 Assistant Professor of Psychology (Tenure Track)
Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology
Los Angeles, CA
Course Load: 24 units/year
Courses: PSY 601 Assessment of Intelligence
PSY 641 Clinical and Evaluation Research Methods
PSY 658 Individual and Family Development
PSY 662 Clinical Practicum
PSY 668 Clinical Interventions with Children and
Adolescents
PSYD795 Clinical Dissertation Supervision

- 1999-2000 Instructor
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
Department of Psychology
Courses: Abnormal Psychology (2 sections)
- 1999 Guest Lecturer: Intellectual and Personality Testing Graduate Course
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
Department of Psychology
Topic: Administering and Scoring the Rorschach Inkblot Test
- 1999 Guest Speaker, Residents' Conference: Common Problems in Pediatrics
Capstone Medical Center, Tuscaloosa, AL
Topic: Behavior Problems in School-aged Children
- 1998 Guest Speaker, Residents' Conference: Common Problems in Pediatrics
Capstone Medical Center, Tuscaloosa, AL
Topic: Behavior Problems in School-aged Children
- 1998 Instructor
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
Department of Psychology
Course: Introduction to Psychology (1 section)
- 1994 -1995 Substitute Teacher (K – 12)
Lynwood Unified School District, Lynwood, CA
- 1993- 1994 Elementary School Teacher (3rd Grade)
Roosevelt Elementary School, Lynwood Unified School District.
Lynwood, CA

Advising

Morehouse School of Medicine, Master of Public Health Program

- 2011-2013 Subject Matter Expert and Thesis Advisor for the Health Education/Health
Promotion Track
- 2011-2012 Committee Member, Monique Eppinger Thesis – Currently director at a
Community Based Organization
- 2012-2013 Committee Member, Amanda Catchings Thesis – Currently a Physician’s
Assistant Student at Emory University
- 2012-2013 Committee Member, Shelton Stribling Thesis – Currently employed at
CDC

2012-2013 Committee Chair, Christina Mason Thesis – Currently employed at Emory University

Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology

2004-2005 Committee Chair, Tamar Apelian Dissertation – Psychologist

2004-2005 Committee Chair, Monica Mejia Dissertation – Psychologist

Clinical Activities

2018-2020 Mentored Experience in the Conduct of Child Custody Evaluations:
Mentor – Mary Lund, PhD, Lund & Strachan
Santa Monica, CA

2018- 2020 Psychologist/Consultant at Shaffer Psychological Institute (Provide
Law Enforcement Psychological Assessment Services)
San Pedro, CA

2013-2014 Psychologist at Morehouse Healthcare
Atlanta, GA

2012-2018 Contract Psychologist for the Federal Aviation Administration (Tier 2
Psychological Evaluations of Air Traffic Controllers, Pre-Employment
Psychological Assessment)
Washington, DC

2009-2011 Psychologist and Clinical Director at Aaron Cohn Regional Juvenile
Detention Center. Columbus, GA

2007-Present Clinical and Forensic Evaluation Private Practices (Dr. Ellis performs
child custody, juvenile forensic, psychoeducational, developmental,
and employment related evaluations in her evaluation practice. She
performs psychotherapy and co-parent counseling with children,
adolescents, adults, couples, and families in her therapy practice):
Atlanta, GA, Torrance, CA, and Nashville, TN

2005-2006 Therapy and Clinical Evaluation Private Practice (Dr. Ellis performed
juvenile forensic, psychoeducational, and developmental evaluations
in her evaluation practice. She also provided psychotherapy with
children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families): Long Beach, CA

2004-2006 Volunteer Mental Health Education Provider through the
California Black Women’s Health Project (A nonprofit organization),
Los Angeles, CA

- 2001- 2002 Juvenile Forensic Psychology and Adolescent Inpatient Treatment
Post-doctoral Fellow
University of Washington Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral
Sciences/Child Study and Treatment Center, Seattle, WA
Supervisors: Ivan Kruh, Ph.D. and Leah Landis, Ph.D.
- 2000-2001 Psychology Intern
University of Chicago Hospitals
Chicago, IL (APA Approved)
Pediatric Neuropsychology Service Supervisors: Carola Fuchs,
Ph.D. and Scott Hunter, Ph.D. **Center for Cognitive Therapy
Supervisors:** Greg Rogers, Ph.D., Mark Reinecke, Ph.D., and Robin
Weill, Ph.D. **Corrections/Forensic Treatment and Research
Supervisors:** Cynthia Catari, Psy.D. and James Janik, Psy.D. **ASAP
Clinic Supervisors:** Kate Keenan, Ph.D. and Scott Hunter, Ph.D.
- 1999- 2000 School-Based Outpatient Services Therapist
University of Alabama Brewer-Porch Children's Center
Tuscaloosa, AL **Supervisor:** James Collier, Ph.D.
- 1998-1999 Psychology Clinic Evaluator and Teaching Assistant
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
Supervisors: Jean Spruill, Ph.D. and Paul Frick, Ph.D.
- 1998- 1999 Advanced Family Therapy Practicum
Capstone Medical Center, Psychiatry Suite
Tuscaloosa, AL
Supervisor: Nancy Ruben, Psy.D.
- 1998- 1999 Psychology Consultant-High Risk Clinic
Capstone Medical Center
Tuscaloosa, AL
Supervisor: Laura Klinger, Ph.D.
- 1998-1999 Case Coordinator, Psychotherapist, and Social Skills Group Leader
Specialized Psychotherapy and Assessment Practicum, Pervasive
Developmental Disorders Clinic
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, AL
Supervisor: Laura Klinger, Ph.D.
- 1998-1999 Advanced Therapy Practicum
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, AL
Supervisor: Laura Klinger, Ph.D.

- 1998-1998 Pediatric Consultant
Capstone Medical Center
Tuscaloosa, AL
Supervisor: Paul Frick, Ph.D.
- 1997-1999 Case Coordinator and Psychometrician Alabama School-aged
Assessment Service
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, AL
Supervisor: Paul J. Frick, Ph.D.
- 1997-1998 Basic Therapy Practicum
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, AL
Supervisors: Vonceil Smith, Ph.D., Stan Brodsky, Ph.D., and
James Calvert, Ph.D.
- 1997 Classroom Evaluator
Pickens County Head Start Program, AL
Supervisor: James Calvert, Ph.D.
- 1995-1996 MFCC Trainee Internship
Dupree Counseling Services
Los Angeles, CA
Supervisor: L. Gorman Walker, Ph.D.
- 1994- 1995 Volunteer Counselor
Bryson Avenue Elementary School
South Gate, CA
Bryson Avenue Elementary School, South Gate, CA
Supervisor: Gloria Steiner, M.F.C.C.

Journal Articles

- Lindsey, M.A., Romanelli, M., **Ellis, M.L.**, Barker, E.D., Boxmeyer, C.L., & Lochman, J.E. (2019). The Influence of Treatment Engagement on Positive Outcomes in the Context of a School-Based Intervention for Students with Externalizing Behavior Problems. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, 47, 1437-1454.
- Ellis, M.L.**, Lindsey, M., Baker, T., Lochman, J.E., & Boxmeyer, C. (2013). Predictors of Engagement in a School-Based Family Preventive Intervention for Youth Experiencing Behavioral Difficulties. *Prevention Science*.14, 457-467.
- Ellis, M.L.**, Weiss, B., Han, S., & Gallop, R. (2010). The Influence of Parental Factors on Therapist Adherence in MST Therapy. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, 38, 857-868.

- Ellis, M.L.**, Weiss, B., & Lochman, J.E. (2009). Executive functions in children: Associations with aggressive behavior and appraisal processing. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, *37*, 945-956.
- Kruh, I.P., Sullivan, L., **Ellis, M.**, Lexcen, F., & McClellan, J. (2006). Juvenile Competence to Stand Trial: A Historical and Empirical Analysis of a Juvenile Forensic Evaluation Service. *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health*, *5*, 109-123.
- Harding, N., **Ellis, M.**, Eldridge, K., Sanchez, M., & Rowe, D. (2005). A Christian School with a Commitment to Diversity: Oxymoron or What You Would Expect? *International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations*, *4*.
- Loney, B.R., Frick, P.J, Clements, C., **Ellis, M.L.**, & Kerlin, K. (2003). Callous-unemotional traits, impulsivity, and emotional processing in adolescents with antisocial behavior problems. *Journal of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology*, *32*, 66-80.
- Lochman, J.E., Curry, J.F., Dane, H., & **Ellis, M.** (2001). The anger coping program: An empirically-supported treatment for aggressive children. *Residential Treatment for Children and Youth*, *18* (3), 63-73. This article was reprinted in S. I. Pfeiffer & L.A. Reddy (Eds.), (2001) *Innovative Mental Health Interventions for Children: Programs That Work* (pp.63-73). New York: Haworth Press.
- Barry, C. T., Frick, P. J., DeShazo, T. M., McCoy, M., **Ellis, M.**, & Loney, B. R. (2000) The importance of callous-unemotional traits for extending the concept of psychopathy to children. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*. *109*, 335-340.
- Frick, P. J. & Ellis, **M. L.** (1999). Callous-unemotional traits and subtypes of conduct disorder. *Clinical Child and Family Psychology Review*, *2*, 149-168.
- Frick, P.J., Lilienfeld, S.O., **Ellis, M.**, Loney, B., & Silverthorn, P. (1999). The association between anxiety and psychopathy dimensions in children. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*. *27*, 383-392.
- McCoy, M.G., Frick, P.J., Loney, B.R., & **Ellis, M.L.** (1999). The potential mediating role of parenting practices in the development of conduct problems in a clinic-referred sample. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, *8*, 477-494.
- Loney, B.R., Frick, P.J., & **Ellis, M.L.** (1998). Intelligence, callous-unemotional traits, and antisocial behavior. *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment*, *20*, 231 - 247.

Edited Volumes and Book Chapters

- Ellis, M.L.** & Braithwaite, R.L. (2011). Using supplementary education to address health disparities. In H. Varenne, E. W. Gordon, & L. Lin (Eds.) *Educating Comprehensively:*

Varieties of Educational Experiences. Volume Three of the Perspectives on Comprehensive Education Series. Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press.

Ellis, M.L., Griffin, J. & Resnicow, K. (2009). Social Marketing, Media & Health. In R. L. Braithwaite, S. E. Taylor, & H.M. Treadwell (Eds.) *Health Issues in the Black Community 3rd Edition*. San Francisco, CA: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Asamen, J.K., **Ellis, M.L.**, Berry, & G.L. (Eds.) (2008). *Handbook of Child Development, Multiculturalism, and Media*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Ellis, M.L. (2008). Children and the principles of learning: Implications for multicultural development. In J.K. Asamen, M.L. Ellis, & G.L. Berry (Eds.) *Handbook of Child Development, Multiculturalism, and Media*, (pp. 17-32). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Lochman, J.E., Dane, H.E., Magee, T.N., **Ellis, M.**, Pardini, D.A., & Clanton, N.R. (2001). Disruptive Behavior Disorders: Assessment and Intervention. H. B. Vance & A. Pumariega (Eds) *Clinical assessment of child and adolescent behavior*. (pp. 231-262). New York, NY, US: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Presentations

Bloom, D.A., Boring, C.P., & **Ellis, M.L.** (2017, October). *What Are "Best Practices" To Use When A Concern of Child Sexual Abuse Appears In A Child Custody Case?* Panel presented at the Dekalb Bar Association, Family Law Section Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Eldridge, K., **Ellis, M.**, & Hall, S. (2005, October). *Bringing Research into MFT Practice*. Colloquium presented at the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Kansas City, Missouri.

Ellis, M. (2004, July). A Christian School with a Commitment to Diversity: Oxymoron or What You Would Expect? In *From Values to Action: Raising Faculty Consciousness of Diversity Issues at a Christian University*. Colloquium presented at The Fourth International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations, Los Angeles, CA.

Ellis, M.L., & Lochman, J.E. (2003, June). *Risk and Protective Factors Associated with Antisocial Behavior in Children*. Paper presented at the 9th Biennial Conference on Community Research and Action, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Sullivan Saari, L., **Ellis, M.L.**, & Kruh, I. (2002, March). *Juvenile Forensic Evaluations of Competency to Stand Trial: Factors Associated with Forensic Examiners' Opinions*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Austin, Texas.

Frick, P.J., Loney, B.R., **Ellis, M.**, & Wilson, D.L. (1999, November). *Anxiety, fearfulness, and antisocial behavior*. Paper presented as part of a symposium for the meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Toronto, Canada.

- Ellis, M.L.**, Wilson, D.L., & Frick, P.J. (1999, August). *Evaluating the Sensation Seeking Scale for Children; Ethnic differences*. Poster accepted for the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, M.A.
- Lochman, J.E., Dane, H., **Ellis, M.**, Magee, T., & Pardini, D. (1999, July). *Evidence-based treatments for conduct disorders*. Address to The Niagara Conference on Evidence-based Treatments for Childhood Mental Health Problems, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada.
- Lochman, J.E., Dane, H., **Ellis, M.**, Magee, T., & Pardini, T. (July, 1999). *Problem-solving treatments for externalizing disorders*. Workshop presented at The Niagara Conference on Evidence-Based Treatments for Childhood Mental Health Problems, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada.
- Lochman, J.E., Pardini, D.A., Magee, T.N., **Ellis, M.**, & Dane, H. (1999, August). Aggressive and conduct disorders. In C. Lonigan (Chair), *Evidence-Based Treatments for Childhood Mental Health Problems: Update and Extension of the Section 1 Clinical Child Task Force*, Symposium presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Grooms, T.D., McCoy, M.G., Loney, B.R., Frick, P.J., & **Ellis, M.L.** (1998, August). *Psychopathic traits and inflated perceptions of social status in children*. Poster presentation at the 1998 APA conference in San Francisco, California.
- Loney, B.R., & Frick, P.J., **Ellis, M.L.**, & McCoy, M.G. (1998, March). *Intelligence, psychopathy, and antisocial behavior*. Paper presentation at the Southeastern Psychological Association Conference, Mobile, Alabama.
- Caputo, A.A., **Ellis, M.L.**, & Frick, P.J. (1998, March). *Psychopathy and peer delinquency*. Poster presentation at the Southeastern Psychological Association Conference, Mobile, Alabama.
- Ellis, M.L.**, Loney, B.R., & Frick, P.J. (1998, March). *Psychopathy and aggression: An exploration of differences in aggressive behavior in clinic-referred children with conduct problems*. Poster presentation at the Graduate Research Exposition, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Invited Presentations

- Ball, A.F., **Ellis, M.L.**, Ball, A. S. (2008, September) Invited Guest Speaker: Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Scholarship and Research

Funded Competitive Research Grants

Granting Agency: National Institutes on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
 Title of Grant: Morehouse School of Medicine Diversity Promoting Institutions' Drug Abuse Research Development Program Investigator Level Diversity Supplement
 PI to M-MIDARP: Ronald Braithwaite, Ph.D.
 Identifying Number: 1 R24 DA 021527 - 01 A2
 Dates of Award: 2009-2011
 Amount of Award: \$124,098 across two years
 Role: Principal Investigator of Diversity Supplement

Granting Agency: National Institutes on Mental Health
 Title of Grant: Family Contexts and Interventions Program- T32
 PI: Bahr Weiss, Ph.D.
 Identifying Number: T32-MH070329
 Dates of Award: 2006-2008
 Role: Research Fellow

Granting Agency: Pepperdine University GSEP Faculty Scholarship Award Program.
 Title of Grant: Pepperdine Applied Research Center
 PIs: Kathleen Eldridge, Mesha Ellis, & Susan Hall
 Dates of Award: 2003-2006
 Amount of Award: \$89,415.00 across three years
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Competitive Research Grant Applications Not Funded

Principal Investigator. *ATLANTA YOUTH AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM: A Collaborative Violence Prevention Project between Morehouse School of Medicine, Joseph Emerson Brown Middle School, and the Parents as Partners Academic Center.* Office of Public Health and Science, MP-YEP-12-001. Budget: \$1,200,000. Submission Date: June 2012.

Principal Investigator. *Developing a Health Literacy and Health Communication Program to Meet the Needs of African American Mothers and their Adolescent Children.* NIH R21. Budget: \$275,000. Submission Date: April 2012.

Investigator. *Assessing Health Literacy and Health Communication between African American Mothers and Daughters: Applying Community-Based Participatory Strategies.* RTRN: Research Centers in Minority Institutions Translational Research Network. Budget: \$50,000. Submission Date: May 2011.

Principal Investigator. *Understanding and Reducing Behavioral Health Risk in Juvenile Justice Involved Youth*. NIH: 2011 NIH Director's New Innovator Award Program, DP2. Budget: \$1,500,000. Submission Date: October 2010.

Additional Research Experience

- 1998 – 1999 Research Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
Supervisor: Andrew Reaves, Ph.D.
- 1996 - 1998 Research Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
Supervisor: Paul J. Frick, Ph.D.
- 1995 - 1996 Senior Research Associate, Biobehavioral Research Center, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, Los Angeles, CA
Supervisors: Hector Meyers, Ph.D. and Chinelo Haney
- 1994- 1996 Research Assistant, Graduate School of Education and Psychology, Pepperdine University, Culver City, CA
Supervisor: Joy Asamen, Ph.D.
- 1995 Research Associate, Biobehavioral Research Center, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, Los Angeles, CA
Supervisors: Hector Meyers, Ph.D. and Sylvia Williams, P.A.
- 1992 - 1993 Research Assistant, Department of Education, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
Supervisor: Michelle Wood