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Clinical Research Faculty/Psychologist	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine The Kennedy Krieger Institute <i>Neurobehavioral Unit</i> <i>Pediatric Feeding Disorders Unit</i> Baltimore, Maryland	2000-2002
Instructor	Louisiana State University Department of Psychology Baton Rouge, LA	1997
Teaching Assistant	Louisiana State University Department of Psychology Baton Rouge, LA	1995-1997

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator	PlayAbility Scale Parents' Choice Foundation Timonium, MD	2012-present
Consultant Child Dev'l Expert	Parents' Choice Foundation Timonium, MD	2002-present
Consultant Child Dev'l Expert	PA & MD School Systems, Private Schools, Families, Legal System	2002-present
Consultant Child Dev'l Expert	ThinkTank Research Berkeley, CA	2008-2011
Co-Director	Sheppard Pratt Health System Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry <i>Adolescent Neuropsychiatry Unit</i> Baltimore, Maryland	2002-2004
Post-doctoral Fellow	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine The Kennedy Krieger Institute <i>Department of Pediatrics and Behavioral Psychology</i> Baltimore, Maryland	1999-2000
Pre-doctoral Intern	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine The Kennedy Krieger Institute <i>Department of Pediatrics and</i> <i>Department of Behavioral Psychology</i> Baltimore, Maryland	1998-1999

Associate to a Psychologist IV Pinecrest Developmental Center
Pineville, Louisiana 1995-1998

Research Assistant Metro Health Services 1997-1998
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Acting Educational Psychologist Louisiana School for the Deaf
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 1995

Intern Earl K. Long Hospital
Department of Pediatrics
*ADHD Clinic, Behavior Clinic,
Child & Adolescent Outpatient Clinic*
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 1995-1998

Intern Psychological Services Center
Child & Adolescent Outpatient Clinic
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 1994-1998

Research Assistant Pennington Biomedical Research Center
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 1994-1995

Therapist & Teaching Assistant Harvard University-Ruggles Street Center
Cambr 1993-1994

Undergraduate Clinical Internship Supervisor:

- 2018 K. Martin, Eastern Lancaster County School District (1 hr/bi-monthly)
B. Goins, Domestic Violence, Philadelphia, PA (1hr/bi-monthly)
- 2015 M. Halback, Hershey Medical Center, Autism Clinic (1hr/bi-monthly)
- 2009 J. Daly, Applied Behavior Analysis Internship (1 hr/week)
- 2008 L. Russell, Social Skills Summer Program (10 hrs/week)*
B. Taylor, Social Skills Summer Program (10 hrs/week)*
R. Alexander, Social Skills Summer Program (10hrs/week)*
*= supervised onsite at preschool 10 hrs/week during summer program
D. Green, Lancaster Youth Intervention Center (1 hr/week)
- 2007 N. Jordan, Hershey Medical Center, Eating Disorders Unit (1hr/week)
- 2003 M. Dembough, Towson University, Sheppard Pratt Psychiatric Hospital (2 hr/wk)
K. Housenecht, Frostburg State University, Sheppard Pratt Psychiatric Hospital
M. Kaplan, Towson University, Sheppard Pratt Psychiatric Hospital (2hrs/week)
K. Shoemaker, Towson University, Sheppard Pratt Psychiatric Hospital (2 hr/week)

Clinical Internship Supervisor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine:

- 2000 J. Leak, Loyola College

Pre-Doctoral Internship Supervisor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine (APA accredited internship site):

- 2002 S. Bethke, Auburn University
L. McIntyre, University of California at Northridge
- 2001 P. Giralami, West Virginia University

Post-Doctoral Fellowship Supervisor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine (APA accredited fellowship site):

- 2002 P. Giralami, West Virginia University

SCHOLARSHIP

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Offices Held:

- 2012 Co-Chair, PASSHE Psychology Conference
- 2001-2003 Treasurer, Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis

Board Memberships:

- 2008-Present Advisory Board Member, Aarons Acres Board of Directors
2014-Present Secretary, Aarons Acres Board of Directors
2014-Present Chair of the Program Evaluation Committee, Aarons Acres
- 2006-2010 Vice President, Pet Guardians Board of Directors
- 2002-2006 Advisory Board Member, The Millennium School
- 2002-2006 Advisory Board Member, MD Asperger Advocacy & Support Group
- 2001-2003 Treasurer, Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis

Professional Societies Membership:

2012- Present Eastern Psychological Association
2014-2016 National Association for School Psychologists
2009-2011 Pennsylvania Association of Behavior Analysis
1999-2011 Maryland Association of Behavior Analysis
2004-2010 Pennsylvania Psychological Association
1999-2006

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Rush, K.S., Mortenson, B.P., & Birch, S.E. (under review). The inadvertent effects of PECS on verbal communication of children with autism spectrum disorder. *Advances in Neurodevelopmental Disorders*.

Rush, K.S., Golden, M.E., Mortenson, B.P., Albohn, D., & Horger, M. (2017) The effects of mindfulness and biofeedback program on the on- and off-task behaviors of students with emotional behavioral disorders. *Journal of Contemporary School Psychology, 21*, 347-357. DOI: 10.1007/s40688-017-0140-3

Rush, K., Mortenson, B., & Birch, S. (2010). Evaluation of Preference Assessment procedures for use with infants and toddlers. *International Journal of Behavioral Consultation and Therapy, 6*, 2-16.

Mortenson, B., **Rush, K.**, Webster, J., & Beck, T. (2008). Early-career-teachers' accuracy in predicting behavioral functioning: A pilot study of teachers skills.

Oktela, A. & Rush, K (2019). Perfectionism in school-

Garman, H., **Rush, K.**, & Koplitz, K. (2010). A comparison of two approaches for

Rush, K.S., Spencer, S., Mortenson, B.P., Harris, S., & Wilkins, J. (2003). The effects of picture communication on verbal responding for two individuals with developmental disabilities. Poster presentation at the 29th annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, San Francisco.

Kuhn, S.A., Hagopian, L.P., Long, E.S., **Rush, K.S.**, & DeLeon, I.G. (2003). Enhancing function-based interventions with the use of stimuli that compete with reinforcement maintaining problem behavior. Symposium presented at the 29th annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, San Francisco.

Wilke, A., **Rush, K.S.**, Boney, B., Hagopian, L.P. and Zamora, M. (2003). Use of response blocking to treat clothing destruction for a developmentally disabled individual with OCD. Poster presentation at the 29th annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, San Francisco.

Long, E.S., Hagopian, L.P., Lieving, G.A., & **Rush, K.S.** (2002). Alternative Reinforcement Schedule Effects. Symposium presented at the 28th annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Toronto.

Spencer, A., Cataldo, M., Eidman, S. & **Rush, K.** (2002). From Classroom to Session Room: Maintenance and Acquisition of Skills and Adaptive Behaviors in an Inpatient Setting for Individuals with Severe Behavior Disorders. Poster presented at the 28th annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Toronto.

Rush, K.S., Hagopian, L.P., & Lewin, A. (2001). Evaluating the concurrent and predictive validity of a duration-based preference assessment. Symposium presented at the 27th annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, New Orleans, LA.

Zamora, M.M., **Rush, K.S.**, and Harris, S. (2001). A response class hierarchy of language: A demonstration of the suppression of verbal communication during the use of a Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). Poster presented at the 4th annual convention of the Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis, Baltimore, MD.

Ruffin, G., Arnold, K., **Rush, K.S.**, and Hagopian, L.P. (2001). Targeting inappropriate social behavior using differential reinforcement. Poster presented at the 27th annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, New Orleans, LA.

Crocetti, D., Boney, B., **Rush, K.**, & Hagopian, L. (2001). Treatment of elopement maintained by automatic reinforcement using competing items. Poster presented at the 27th annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, New Orleans, LA.

Boney, B., Long, E., Crocetti, D., **Rush, K.**, & Hagopian, L. (2001). An analysis of a response class hierarchy. Poster presented at the 27th annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, New Orleans, LA

Hagopian, L., **Rush, K.**, Richman, D., Kurtz, P., Contrucci, S., & Crosland, K. (2000). Treating severe problem behavior using functional analysis-based levels systems. Symposium presented at the 108th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Kurtz, P.F., Huete, J.M., **Rush, K.S.**, Paclawskyj, T., & Chin, M. (2000). Applications of functional analysis methodology in the assessment of emerging self-injurious behavior in young children. Symposium presented at the 26th annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Washington, D.C.

Perry, A., **Rush, K.**, & O

- Rush, K.S.**, Hagopian, L.P., & Perry, A.S. (1999). The eliciting effects of reinforcer removal in a functional analysis tangible condition. Poster presented at the 25th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Chicago, IL.
- Rush, K.S.**, Hagopian, L.P., Neidert, P.L., & Breen, L.E. (1999). A comparison of paired-choice and verbal choice preference assessments. Poster presented at the 25th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Chicago, IL.
- Hendrickson, D.J., **Rush, K.S.**, & Hagopian, L.P. (1998). A levels treatment package based on functional analysis. Poster presented at the 1st annual convention of the Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis, Baltimore, MD.
- Rush, K.S.**, & Roane, H.R. (1997). Functional Analysis Workshop: Training in analogue assessment. Workshop conducted at the annual convention of the American Association on Mental Retardation, Region V, New Orleans, LA.
- Rush, K.S.**, Roane, H.R., & Paclawskyj, T. (1997). Questions about Behavior Functioning (QABF): An instrument to assess functional properties of problem behaviors. Symposium at the American Association on Mental Retardation, Region V, New Orleans, LA.
- Mortenson, B.P. **Rush, K.S.** & Duhon, G. (1997). The use of weekly performance feedback to increase teacher implementation of an academic intervention. Poster presentation at the 23rd annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Chicago, IL.

PUBLISHED PRODUCT REVIEWS:

Reviews of toys, games, websites, software, and DVDS:

The reviews below were solicited

*Rush, K. (2016). Product Review: *O-Rings*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=34232&StepNum=1&award=aw
<http://www.incrementstudios.com/about>

Rush, K. (2015). Toy Review: *American Girl: Grace Doll and Book*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=33346&StepNum=1&award=aw

*Rush, K. (2014). Game Review: *Doodle Quest*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

<https://www.blueorangegames.com/index.php/games-reviews>
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=32509&StepNum=1&award=aw

Rush, K. (2014). Game Review: *Happy Birthday Game*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=32545&StepNum=1&award=aw

*Rush, K. (2014). Product Review: *Plush Craft Foxy Pillow*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=32536&StepNum=1&award=aw
https://issuu.com/orbfactory/docs/2014_parents_choice_fun_stuff_pc

Rush, K. (2014). Product Review: *Sugar Lulu Design Your Own Jewelry*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=32544&StepNum=1&award=aw

*Rush, K. (2014). Website Review: *ABCya*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=32348

This review has been republished twice by other websites and cited on Wikipedia:

2019: <https://www.atebits.com/abcya-com-review-best-educational-website-and-app-for-kids-2019/>

2019: <http://forupon.com/2019/04/20/abcya-com-educational-website-and-app-for-kids/>

2016: Wikipedia review of ABCya.com: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ABCya.com>: Rush, Ph. D, Karena. "*Parents' Choice Award : Website*". www.parents-choice.org. Retrieved 31 May 2016.

Rush, K. (2014). Website Review: *Disney Junior.com*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=32362&StepNum=1&award=aw

*Rush, K. (2013). Website Review: *ABCmouse.com Early Learning Academy*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=31793

Rush, K. (2013). Website Review: *Daily10 Digital Edition*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=31798&StepNum=1&award=aw

Rush, K. (2013). Website Review:

Rush, K. (2013). Game Review: *Touchy Feely*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=31575


Rush, K. (2012). Product Review: *American Girl Crafts Josefina Montoya Memory box Kit*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=30560

Rush, K. (2012). Game Review: *Herding Cats*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=30695

Rush, K. (2012). Toy Review: *FindIt! Starry Night*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=30679

*Rush, K. (2012). Toy Review: *Flapz*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=30620
<https://www.blueorangegames.com/index.php/games-reviews>

*Rush, K. (2012). Product Review: . Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=30476&StepNum=1&award=aw
<https://orbtoys.com/awards>

*Rush, K. (2012). Product Review: . Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

<https://orbtoys.com/awards>

Rush, K. (2012). Toy Review: *Rockboard Scooter*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=30674&StepNum=1

*Rush, K. (2012). Game Review: *Trappex*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=30613&StepNum=1&award=aw

*Rush, K. (2012). Toy Review: *Wooden Spoon* F5h 0092 0 612 79 reWu3rg2 0 612 79 reWu3rg2 0 612 79

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=29998&StepNum=1

Rush, K. (2011). Product Review: *Sparkling 3-D Paint Activity Set*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=30000&StepNum=1&award=aw

Rush, K. (2011). Toy Review: *Toobers & Zots Bend & Build Foamstruction Set*.

Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=29809&StepNum=1&award=aw

Rush, K. (2011). Website Review: *Disney Online Kerpoof! Studios Website*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=29714

Rush, K. (2011). Website Review: *The Parent Show*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=29713

Rush, K. (2011). Website Review: *PBS Parents*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=29712&StepNum=1&award=aw

*Rush, K. (2011). Game Review: *Jeepers Peepers Game*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=29297

Rush, K. (2011). Game Review: *Scabs and Guts Game*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=29332&StepNum=1

Rush, K. (2011). Product Review: *Scientific Explorer: My First Music Kit*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=29252&StepNum=1&award=aw

*Rush, K. (2011). Game Review: *Skippity: MindWare Game*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=29226&StepNum=1&award=aw

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=2921202&StepNum=1&award=aw

*Rush, K. (2011). Product Review:

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=29159&StepNum=1&award=aw

Rush, K. (2011). Toy Review: *FindIt Games: Veggie Tales*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=29435

Rush, K. (2010). Game Review: *Guess My Picture Game*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=28494&StepNum=1

Rush, K. (2010). Game Review: *Haba Giant Discovery Puzzles- Pony Stud*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=28555&StepNum=1&award=aw

Rush, K. (2010). Game Review: *Magic Labyrinth Game*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=28661

Rush, K. (2010). Game Review: *Mummies Treasure Game*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=28557

Rush, K. (2010). Toy Review: *Play-Doh Mega Fun Factory*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=28473

Rush, K. (2010). Toy Review: *Zylie the Bear*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=28355&award=xx&from=Amazon.com

Rush, K. (2010). Product Review: *Classic Wood Crafts*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=28589

*Rush, K. (2010). Product Review: *Corolle Lou*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=28490&StepNum=1&award=aw

*Rush, K. (2010). Product Review: *Fingerspelling Blocks*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=28486&StepNum=1&award=aw

<https://www.harriscomm.com/fingerspelling-blocks.html>

<https://www.audiopac.com>

http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=27865&StepNum=1&award=aw

Rush, K. (2009). DVD Review: Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=25947&award=xx&from=Nickelodeon

Rush, K. (2009). DVD Review: *Ready, Set, Go! Your Go-To Guide to Kindergarten Transition*. Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=25981&from=Indigo%20Productions,%20Inc

Rush, K. (2009). DVD Review: Parents' Choice Foundation: Parents' Choice Awards, Baltimore, MD.
http://archive.parentschoice.org/product.cfm?product_id=25946&StepNum=1&award=aw

SERVICE

PASSHE LEVEL

2012 Co-Chair PASSHE Psychology Conference
2010 Program Articulation Committee

UNIVERSITY LEVEL

2007-Present Institutional Review Board
Chair: 2012-2018
Co-Chair: 2018-present
Chair: Undergraduate and Master's Level Protocol Review Board
2019-present Counseling Center Working Group
2019-present First Year Seminar Task Force
2019-present Mentorship Advisory Committee
2019 Program Review Committee Learning Services Program
2015-2017 Supervision for licensure of non-licensed MU employee
2015 Committee Member for Faculty Development (Social Work: Girvin)
2012-2014 President's Advisory Leadership Council
2010-2012 Interdisciplinary Studies Task Force

DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL

2014-present Co-chair faculty development committee
2018-present Test Library Supervisor
2018-present Peer Mentor Faculty Supervisor
2004-present Department of Psychology Undergraduate Committee
2004-present Department of Psychology Graduate Committee
2004-present Department of Psychology Honors Committee
2019-present Clinical Search Committee
2018-2019 Clinical Search Committee
2017-2018 School Psychology Search Committee
2015-2016 Clinical Search Committee

2014-2015 Clinical Search Committee
2014 School Psychology Search Committee- FTTF
2013-2014 Clinical Search Committee
2012-2013 Experimental Search Committee
2012-2013 Chair: Clinical Search Committee
2011-2012 Chair: Clinical Search Committee
2010-2011 Co-chair: School Psychology Search Committee

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2008-present Board of Directors: Aarons Acres
Secretary of the Board
Chair of the Program Evaluation Committee
2002-present Consultant: Product Reviewer: Parents' Choice Awards
2006-2016 Clinical Supervisor: Project PRIDE & STARRS Summer programs
2014 Dallastown Area School District Mission and Strategic Plan Committee