

Bradley Interview:

How would you describe your area of study to your grandmother?

I try to help people help themselves in many different ways.

What is your primary motivation for persevering through graduate school?

1. Knowing that my education was making me a more well rounded practitioner.
2. The amount of personal growth that I have realized through my graduate education.
3. Knowing that if I did not my wife Desiree' would most likely force me to sleep outside for several weeks.
4. Knowing that my fellow students are experiencing the same kinds of challenges that I am.

Do you think there is any value in social networking with other graduate students in non-related fields?

Yes, I think there is value in it but most of the time it does not climb high enough on my priority list. I do think there is a lot of value in collaborating with other professions, specifically health care related fields in order to improve and coordinate patient care. I was able to do this in my work at the Free Clinic of The New River Valley and it was an excellent experience.

What is your favorite stress-reduction technique?

Favorite has to be fishing. Most effective has to be strength training. Sometimes fishing gets to be a little too competitive.

What is the last book you read strictly for pleasure and how long ago was it?

When I have time away from academic work I tend to find my way outside. It has been a long time since I read a book with no academic pressure to do so. I guess it would have been *The Stranger* by Albert Camus or a series of books that my brother Jonathan wrote entitled *The Fallen Trilogy*. I read those books shortly before I started the Psy.D. Program.

Please describe your most meaningful academic relationship.

While I have developed many great relationships with Psy.D and other non-Psy.D psychology faculty at Radford, I would have to say that the most meaningful has been with my advisor, Dr. Jim Werth. He has been a great model for how to be successful in many different roles. I still have no idea how he keeps up with it all!

What surprised you the most about graduate school?

The support of our faculty surprised me the most. They are a wonderful group of people that provide opportunities to be involved in a wide variety of projects and areas of research.

I would also say that it was quite surprising how close I became with some of my fellow students in the Psy.D. program. I feel very fortunate to be taking some very authentic and lifelong friendships

with me from my time at Radford.

If travel to Mars happens in your lifetime, would you want to be one of the scientists on board? If yes, what would you contribute to the mission?

No. There is enough beauty on this planet to keep me excited about life. There is so much that I want to see and do that a trip to Mars would seriously cut into my plans on earth. I'll take my chances with what is right in front of me. It would be a trip though!

What is your favorite comfort food and why? How often do you consume it?

I guess it would be my Mom's lasagna. It is comforting because it is always the same and I get to see my family anytime I eat it. I have successfully learned how to cook many of Mom's recipes but I have never tried to make her lasagna. I like it just the way it is.

If you hadn't been admitted to graduate school, what do you think you would be doing right now?

Well, I came to Radford for my Master's degree and then two years after earning that degree I started the Doctoral program. Not being accepted into the Master's program was almost a reality for me. For the first couple years of my undergraduate program I was so focused on playing football that I really wasn't as invested as I should have been in my education. Fortunately, Rebecca Loehrer and Tom Mullis gave me a chance. If I hadn't been accepted into the Psy.D program I would most likely be working in West Virginia and would now be a licensed psychologist. Because of the licensing laws in West Virginia you only need a Masters degree to be licensed as a psychologist. My career options would have been much more limited.

When do you expect to complete your degree?

I defended my dissertation in June of 2011. The only requirement left is that I successfully complete my internship placement at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. I start in July, 2011 and should be finished around the same time in 2012.