



**VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
FINALIST CANDIDATE**

**Kristin McCombs**

**Campus Visit Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

See the candidate's public presentation via Zoom  
at 8 a.m. CT Wednesday, June 22:  
<https://mayvillestate.zoom.us/j/99321183419>



- Ph.D. Educational Psychology/Instructional Technology, Kent State University
- M.A. Research Methods in Psychology in Education, University of Pittsburgh
- B.A. Psychology and History, Wheeling Jesuit University

Dr. McCombs served as the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Wheeling University (WV) from August to December 2021. She was selected for service in this leadership role before returning to her position as chair of the Department of Social Sciences. Dr. McCombs also has held a position at West Liberty University as the Instructional Designer, primarily for online master's programs.

See Dr. McCombs' application vitae on the pages that follow.

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# KRISTIN MCCOMBS, PH.D.

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D in Educational Psychology/Instructional Technology, Kent State University
- MA in Research Methods in Psychology in Education, University of Pittsburgh
- BA in Psychology and History, Wheeling Jesuit University

## LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS

- Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Chair, Social Sciences
- Chair, Assessment Committee
- Chair, Curriculum Committee
- Member, Teaching and Learning Task Force
- Member, Institutional Review Board
- Member, Distance Education Committee
- SPSS/SAS
- IPEDS Keyholder
- Disability Services
- Career Services
- Student Success Center/Advising/Retention
- Faculty Training
- SEVIS Representative
- Undergraduate and graduate teaching
- Quality Matters training
- FERPA training

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### **Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, August 2021- December 2021**

#### **Wheeling University** – Wheeling, West Virginia

- Managed full time (28) and part-time (75) faculty
- Led assessment compliance and assisted departmental accreditation at undergraduate and graduate levels
- Worked with campus leaders to implement curricular changes in accordance to the strategic plan by creating new certificates, concentrations, and programs
- Improved retention strategies by creating a Student Success Seminar and assisting in the revitalization of a campus-wide retention committee
- Evaluated instructional effectiveness and made improvements to align with program goals
- Conducted faculty development sessions

### **Chair, Social Sciences, August 2020-present**

#### **Wheeling University** – Wheeling, West Virginia

- Program lead for psychology, criminal justice, Masters in Organizational Leadership
- Created new certificate pathways for chemical dependency and behavioral health and counseling
- Serve as research and internship mentor for undergraduates
- Coordinate volunteer and outreach opportunities for psychology club/Psi Chi members
- Assist students in obtaining grant funding for research projects

### **Assistant Professor of Psychology, August 2019-August 2020**

**Wheeling University**– Wheeling, West Virginia

- Taught a variety of face to face and online courses as the only full-time faculty member in the department
- Served as primary advisor for psychology majors, Psi Chi, and psychology club
- Participated as a member of the university Curriculum Committee, Health Pre-Professional Advisory Committee, COVID-19 Reopening Task Force, CARES Act Committee, and Teaching and Learning Task Force

### **Instructional Designer, January 2018-August 2019**

**West Liberty University**, West Liberty, West Virginia

- Served as primary designer for the online MBA program and online MS Zoo Science program
- Trained faculty in accordance with Quality Matters and instructional design principles
- Provided technical and instructional support to students and faculty needing assistance with the Learning Management System

### **Cadre Faculty Development Instructor, Summer 2016**

**University of Louisville**– School of Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky

- Taught instructional technologies to professors and assistant professors of military science
- Provided on the spot curriculum updates to address the needs of the groups of students
- Provided dynamic instruction through long class sessions (9-3) that rotated groups of students daily

## **PUBLICATIONS**

McCombs, K. (2020). Gender difference in STEM collaborative gaming. Chapter accepted for Game based learning across the disciplines. Springer.

Beziat, T., & McCombs, K., Burke, B., & Byrom, J. (2016). Are female STEM majors academic risk takers? Critical Research on Sexism and Racism in STEM Fields, 144-152.

Raudenbush, B., Kolks, J., McCombs, K., & Hamilton-Cotter, A. (2011). Effects of Wii tennis game play on pain threshold and tolerance during a cold pressor task. North American Journal of Psychology, 13(3), 491-500.

McCombs, K., Raudenbush, B., Bova, A., & Sappington, M. (2011). Effects of peppermint scent administration on cognitive video game performance. North American Journal of Psychology, 13(3), 383-390.

Raudenbush, B., Koon, J., Cessna, T., & McCombs, K. (2009). Effects of playing video games on pain response during a cold pressor task. Perceptual and Motor Skills, 108(2), 439-448.

## **RECENT GRANT PROPOSALS**

Yarwood, M. (2022). The mental and emotional effects of injuries on collegiate athletes in Appalachia. NCAA Collegiate Research Grant. (submission in progress)

Thomas, E. (2020). The effects of work environment on perceptions of science, technology, engineering, and math. WV NASA Space Grant for undergraduate students. (\$1000)

McCombs, K., Grubler, K., Abraham, C., Emmerth, M. (2020). The impacts of a multi-dimensional youth mentoring program in Appalachia on mental and physical wellness. (\$170,000, unfunded).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

McCombs, K. (May, 2020). Collaboration by design: The effects of gender on performance from a psychosocial perspective. (Conference cancelled) Association for Psychological Sciences conference, Chicago, IL.

McCombs, K. (May, 2019). Challenges inspiring girls in STEM: Lessons from an educational psychology perspective. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Sciences conference, Washington, DC.

Beziat, T. & McCombs, K. (March 2016). Differences between social and academic risk taking in female STEM majors. Poster presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference, New York, NY.

McCombs, K., & Beziat, T. (September 2015). Are female STEM majors social and academic risk takers? Paper presented at the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association, Boise, ID.

Beziat, T. & McCombs, K. (February 2015). Are female STEM majors academic risk takers? Presented at the Eastern Educational Research Association annual conference, Sarasota, FL.

McCombs, K., & Raudenbush, B. (August 2014). The effects of artificial sweeteners on pain threshold and tolerance. Presented at the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior Conference, Seattle, WA.

McCombs, K., Raudenbush, B. & Sappington, M. (September 2012). Effects of artificial sweeteners on pain threshold and tolerance and mood. Presented at the Society for Psychophysiological Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Kolks, J., McCombs, K., Hamilton-Cotter, A., & Raudenbush, B. (March 2012). Effects of Nintendo Wii Tennis video game play on pain distraction. Presentation at the annual conference of the Eastern Psychological Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

Beziat, T. & McCombs, K. (March 2012). STEM students versus non-STEM students and academic risk taking. Presentation at the annual conference of the Eastern Psychological Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

McCombs, K., Raudenbush, B. & Sappington, M. (April 2011). Effects of artificial sweeteners on pain threshold and tolerance. Presented at the Association for Chemical Reception Sciences Conference, Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Sappington, M., McCombs, K., Bova, A. & Raudenbush, B. (April 2011). Effects of peppermint scent administration on cognitive video game performance: A physiological explanation. Presented at the Association for Chemical Reception Sciences Conference, Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Beziat, T. & McCombs, K. (March 2011). Differences in academic risk taking in STEM and non-STEM education students. Presentation at the Educational Research Exchange, Youngstown, OH.

McCombs, K. & Newlon, C. (March 2011). An examination of the influence of serious video game play on body language. Presented at the Educational Research Exchange Annual Conference, Youngstown, OH.

Bova, A., McCombs, K., Raudenbush, B. & Sappington, M. (March 2011). Augmenting cognitive performance through scent administration during Wii video game play. Presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

McCombs, K., Bova, A., Sappington, M. & Raudenbush, B. (September 2010). Augmenting cognitive performance through scent administration during Wii video game play. Presented at the Society for Psychophysiological Research Conference, Portland, Oregon.

Kolks, J., Hamilton-Cotter, L., McCombs, K. & Raudenbush, B. (September 2010). Effects of Wii Tennis play on pain distraction. Presented at the Society for Psychophysiological Research Conference, Portland, Oregon.

McCombs, K. & Raudenbush, B. (May 2010). Effects of chocolate consumption on pain threshold and tolerance. Presented at the Conference of the American Psychological Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

Ingram, A., McCombs, K., Richards, C., & Wills, C. (April 2010). Learning of and through Online Collaboration. Presented at the Technology, Colleges, and Community Annual Online Conference.

McCombs, K., Bloom, J., Hunker, R., Wright, T. & Raudenbush, B. (March 2010). Differential effects of video game platform on mood, physiology, snacking behavior and caloric burn: Nintendo Wii vs. Microsoft X Box. Presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference, Brooklyn, New York.

Bonnette, S., McCombs, K., Stover, A., Winters, K. & Raudenbush, B. (March 2010). Effects of chocolate consumption on pain threshold and tolerance. Presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference, Brooklyn, New York.

McCombs, K., Stover, A., & Raudenbush, B. (July 2009). Effects of chocolate consumption on pain perception and pain tolerance. Presented at the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior Conference, Portland, Oregon.

Bonnette, S., McCombs, K., Stover, A., Winters, K., & Raudenbush, B. (October 2009). Effects of chocolate consumption on pain threshold and tolerance. Presented at the Society for Psychophysiological Research Conference, Berlin, Germany.

Bonnette, S., McCombs, K., Stover, A., Winters, K., & Raudenbush, B. (April 2009). Effects of chocolate consumption on pain threshold and tolerance. Presented at the Association for Chemical Reception Sciences Conference, Sarasota, Florida.

Hunker, R., Wright, T., McCombs, K., Bruno, L., Raudenbush, B., & Kolks, J. (April 2009). Increasing video game performance through the administration of peppermint scent: Application to Nintendo Wii Guitar Hero. Presented at the Association for Chemical Reception Sciences Conference, Sarasota, Florida.

Kolks, J., Wright, T., McCombs, K., Hunker, R., Bruno, L., & Raudenbush, B. (March 2009). Increasing video game performance through the administration of peppermint scent: Application to Nintendo Wii Guitar Hero. Presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

McCombs, K., Bloom, J., Hunker, R., Raudenbush, B., & Wright, T. (July 2008). Nintendo Wii vs. Microsoft X-Box: Differential effects on mood, physiology, snacking behavior, and caloric burn. Presented at the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior Conference, Paris, France.

Bloom, J., Hunker, R., McCombs, K., Wright, T., and Raudenbush, B. (October 2008). Effects of Video Game Play on Snacking Behavior and Caloric Burn: Nintendo Wii vs. Microsoft X-Box. Presented at the Society for Psychophysiological Research Conference, Austin, Texas.

Bloom, J., Hunker, R., McCombs, K., Wright, T., and Raudenbush, B. (July 2008). Effects of Video Game Play on Snacking Behavior and Caloric Burn: Nintendo Wii vs. Microsoft X-Box. Presented at the Association for Chemical Reception Sciences Conference, San Francisco, California.

Smith, J., Raudenbush, B., Cessna, T., & McCombs, K. (March 2007). Effects of sham intoxication on cognitive functioning and performance. Presented at the Conference of the Eastern Psychological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Cessna, T., Raudenbush, B., & McCombs, K. (March 2007). Effects of video game play types on pain threshold and tolerance. Presented at the Conference of the Eastern Psychological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Raudenbush, B., Smith, J., Cessna, T., Yahn, R., & McCombs, K. (July 2006). Effects of sham intoxication on cognitive functioning and performance. Presented at the Conference of the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior, Naples, Florida.

Smith, J., Raudenbush, B., Cessna, T., Yahn, R., & McCombs, K. (September 2005). Effects of sham intoxication on cognitive functioning and performance. Presented at the Conference of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Lisbon, Portugal.

Esgro, W., Raudenbush, B., Cessna, T., McCombs, K., Simcox, C., & Yahn, R. (September 2005). Effects of video game play types on pain threshold and tolerance. Presented at the Conference of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Lisbon, Portugal.

Smith, C. & McCombs, K. (June 2004). Development of the attitudes towards feminists scale. Presented at the National Association for Women in Catholic Higher Education Conference, Providence, RI.