

Eric Nelson

The Five Point Spread

- 4th Year Clinical Student in the PhD Program
- Research Fellow for Jeff Bjorck in the Religion & Coping Lab
- Working on completing his Master's Project on cyberpornography use among Christian college students.
- He can spear fish, like Tom Hanks in Castaway!
- Someday he will escape the grasp of the urban sprawl of Los Angeles.

MEETING ERIC...

Eric Nelson loves the beach. He loves surfing on it, spear fishing in it, sitting next to it, and some day he will found a psychology department that floats on top of ocean. But first he needs to finish his dissertation.

Growing up in Rancho Cucamonga with his parents and brother (who are amazing), he first retreated to the coast for his undergrad years at UC Santa Barbara. Now sitting in his lofted bed, staring at the

ceiling inches above him he dreams of a day at the beach, with a good (but light) breakfast in some urban-less space.

Eric Nelson will be working with Jeff "human cliff bar" Bjorck this coming year. This will be very good for him, full of good resources and advice, a dependable support good for the long haul, and occasionally, a lot to manage. And maybe he'll end up picking up hang gliding and improvisational piano on the side.

Someday, after dissertation, graduation, when everyone has discovered how, exactly Eric get's his hair to exactly the way it does, Eric will find a university to teach psychology at, dabble in a little research and clinical work, and be near the beach.

I hear UC Santa Barbara is quite nice in the spring! And so is Alaska...

REGARDING RESEARCH...

Since coming to Fuller, Eric has been studying pornography, particularly Christian consumption of pornography, causes for consumption, and what are religious preventative correlates to less likelihood of viewing pornography.

This was a research idea that originated out of a research interest he had his first year here. He will be working with Jeff Bjorck and is currently in

the middle of a fascinating study on cyberpornography use amongst Christian college students and its relationship to religious support, religious coping, and emotional functioning. After the first study is completed, a second follow-up will be done based off the results of the first. The first data set will be the basis of his master's project while the second will potentially become

the basis for his dissertation work. He helped to develop the survey and the project is currently in the midst of data collection.

Eric came to Fuller with experience as a research assistant for two different projects (one as lead) at UC Santa Barbara, where he completed his bachelor's in psychology as the most distinguished graduating senior in psychology in 2007.



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