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Jenna Wierenga

The Five Point Spread

- 4th Year Clinical Student in PsyD Program
- Research Fellow to Katharine Meese Putman in the LAPD Program Evaluation Lab
- Is completing her dissertation, "Program Evaluation of the Los Angeles Police Department's Academy Training Program."
- Is married to a dentist!
- Hopes to work in a community health clinic



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MEETING JENNA...

Jenna Wierenga originally comes from a family of Van Klompenbergs, a family rich in history, heritage and good food. We know this because Van Klompenberg is such an interesting name it must be true.

Now comfortably a Wierenga, Jenna lives with her husband (an aspiring dental student at Loma Linda) in Pomona, squarely between the two

schools so that they share equally in the painful commute to and from campus.

To decompress from the long drive Jenna enjoys spending times with friends and family, enjoying a good cup of coffee and trying or learning something new. This could include applying her psychology training to organizations, teaching in the Christian college setting, being an excellent aunt to her

new niece, whistling while eating saltines and building the better mousetrap.

Originally from Michigan, Jenna enjoys living in California, but ultimately plans to return home to Michigan. There she will be reunited with friends and family, enjoy a good cup of coffee and work on that mousetrap.

REGARDING RESEARCH...

Jenna is very interested in the partnership between psychology and other disciplines and organizations. Her long term goal is to work in a clinical setting and use evaluative research to inform her practice.

She has been a research assistant in Dr. Kathy Putman's lab for two years and continues work now as a research fellow. She has participated in data entry across two databases, conducted interviews with Field Training Officers, as well

as transcribed and coded data being collected.

Working in a community-oriented lab and being part of the program evaluation of the LAPD Academy training curriculum has given her the opportunity to apply her training as a psychologist outside the bounds of therapy to the structure and change of organizations.

Before coming to Fuller, Jenna already began developing research experience as a re-

search assistant at Calvin College during her undergraduate studies where she graduated with a Bachelor's in Psychology.

When she is done with the program at Fuller she hopes to find work in a community mental health clinic. She also plans on continuing to be involved in consultation and program evaluation, especially within the church context, and perhaps teach classes at local Christian schools. And maybe miss California, just a little.

Recent Presentations

Arentsen, T. J., Perry, L. R., Gomez, M. E., & **Wierenga, J.**, Pannell, L., Putman, K. M., (2010, August). *Evaluating Policing Competence*. Poster presented at the 2010 APA Annual Convention in San Diego, CA.

Salo, S. P., Wasson, T., Gomez, M., Meier, A., **Wierenga, J.**, Pannell, L., Putman, K. M. (2010, August). *Field Evaluations of Police Officer Human Relations and Critical Thinking*. Poster presented at the 2010 APA Annual Convention in San Diego, CA.