

SHORT CURRICULUM VITAE
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University education

MA(Hons) in Psychology, University of St Andrews 1980-1984
PhD in Psychology, University of Edinburgh 1989-1993

Career since graduation

Feb 2006 -	Senior Lecturer in Psychology, School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh
Oct 2004 – Feb 2006	Acting Head, Koestler Parapsychology Unit (KPU), University of Edinburgh (from Aug 2004) and Senior Research Fellow
Jun 1993 – Sep 2004	Research Fellow, Psychology, University of Edinburgh
Jun 1986 – May 1993	Research Associate, Psychology, University of Edinburgh and Part-time PhD, University of Edinburgh, 1989-1993

Major research interests

Investigating the psychology of paranormal belief and experience (e.g., the measurement and functions of paranormal belief; childhood factors associated with the development of paranormal belief); the effects of participant and experimenter beliefs on the outcome of parapsychological experiments; and the consequences upon health and well-being of visiting alleged psychic practitioners.

Grants held

Principal funding sources in the past have been the Bial Foundation (Portugal), the IGPP (Freiburg), and the Perrott-Warrick Fund (Cambridge). I currently hold two Bial Foundation Grants, one (with Alison Easter) for the project: "Paranormal healing, paranormal belief, and physical and psychological well-being", and one (with Dr Ian Tierney) for the project: "A test of the Model of Pragmatic Information using European cases of anomalous experiences".

Teaching

Undergraduate:

Since session 99/00 – Fourth year option in Parapsychology
Since session 06/07 – Second year course in Methodology and Statistics
Since session 06/07 – Third year module on Meta-Analysis
Since session 99/00 - Supervision of final year dissertations.

Postgraduate/MSc:

Principal supervisor to 5 students in progress, and a 6th completed; co-supervisor to 4 completed students, one in progress. While employed on short-term contracts (Jun 86-Feb 06) I did not take on principal supervision of PhD students.

Course convenor and lecturer on new MSc by Research Module entitled Methods for the Study of Anomalies, Beliefs, and Extended Communication (8hrs; 04/05).

MSc by Research Special Topics topic Methodological Issues in Parapsychology (2hrs; 03/04 and 04/05).

Online:

In 2008 I designed and launched a new non-accredited distance-learning online Introduction to Parapsychology course. This is a knowledge transfer activity, with start-up costs funded by a University of Edinburgh KT grant.

Membership of societies

Full member of the Parapsychological Association (affiliated with AAAS) and the Society for Psychical Research.

Offices held

Convenor of Psychology Dept Staff-Student Liaison Committee
Academic audit and quality assurance officer for Psychology Dept
Past and present Board member and present Office-holder (secretary) of the Parapsychological Association
Past-President of the Parapsychological Association (2004-2005)
Program Chair for the 2002 Parapsychological Association Convention (Paris).
Member of the organising committee for the 6th, 7th, and 8th Symposia of the Bial Foundation (Portugal: 2006, 2008, 2010)
Member of the Scientific Board of the Bial Foundation

Journal refereeing and editing

The journals for which I am referee include: *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*; *Personality and Individual Differences*; *Applied Cognitive Psychology*; *European Journal of Social Psychology*; *Journal of Parapsychology*; *European Journal of Parapsychology*. I was co-editor of the *European Journal of Parapsychology* from 1988-1998.

Other

I run the website of the Koestler Parapsychology Unit, which receives google ranking 2 out of c.3.2 million for search on the term 'Parapsychology'.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Books published

H. J. Irwin & C. Watt (2007). *An Introduction to Parapsychology 5th Edition*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland. 312 pages

Books edited

R. Wiseman & C. Watt (Eds). (2005). *Parapsychology*. In Series *International Library of Psychology* (Editor-in-Chief David Canter). Ashford: Ashgate. 501 pages

Articles published as sole author (peer reviewed)

- Watt, C. (2009). Croyances au paranormal, anxiété et contrôle perçu dans l'enfance. *Science et Pseudo-sciences*, 284, 53-55. (Paranormal belief, anxiety, and perceived childhood control)
- Watt, C. A. (2006). Research assistants or budding scientists? A review of 96 undergraduate student projects at the Koestler Parapsychology Unit. *Journal of Parapsychology*, 70, 335-356. (published Feb 2008)
- Watt, C.A. (1996). What makes a good psi target? Three studies of forced-choice ESP varying target emotionality and complexity. *Journal of Parapsychology*, 60, 25-41.
- Watt, C.A. (1996). Knowing the unknown: Participants' insight in three forced-choice ESP studies. *Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research*, 90, 97-114.
- Watt, C.A. (1992) Defensiveness and Psi: Problems and Prospects. In L.A. Henkel & G.R. Schmeidler (Eds) *Research in Parapsychology 1990*, pp. 102-106. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press.
- Watt, C.A. (1990-1991). Psychology and Coincidences. *European Journal of Parapsychology*, 8, 66-84.
- Watt, C.A. (1990). The value of spontaneous cases. *Journal of the Society for Psychical Research*, 56, 273-286.

Joint articles published (peer reviewed)

- Watt, C., Watson, S., & Wilson, L. (2007). Cognitive and psychological mediators of anxiety: Evidence from a study of paranormal belief and perceived childhood control. *Personality and Individual Differences, 42*, 335-343.
- Wiseman, R. & Watt, C. (2006). Belief in psychic ability and the misattribution hypothesis: A qualitative review. *British Journal of Psychology, 97*, 323-338.
- Schlitz, M., Wiseman, R., Watt, C., & Radin, D. (2006). Of two minds: Skeptic-proponent collaboration within parapsychology. *British Journal of Psychology, 97*, 313-322.
- Delanoy, D. L., Morris, R. L., & Watt, C. A. (2004). A study of free-response ESP performance and mental training techniques. *Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research, 98*, 28-67.
- Wiseman, R. & Watt, C. (2004). Measuring superstitious belief: Why lucky charms matter. *Personality and Individual Differences, 37*, 1533-1541.
- Watt, C. & Nagtegaal, M. (2004). Reporting of blind methods: An interdisciplinary survey. *Journal of the Society for Psychical Research, 68*, 105-114.
- Watt, C., & Ramakers, P. (2003). Experimenter effects with a remote facilitation of attention focusing task: A study with multiple believer and disbeliever experimenters. *Journal of Parapsychology, 67*, 99-116.
- Wiseman, R., Watt, C., Stevens, P., Greening, E., & O'Keeffe, C. (2003). An investigation into alleged 'hauntings'. *British Journal of Psychology, 94*, 195-211.
- Watt, C., & Brady, C. (2002). Experimenter effects and the remote facilitation of attention focusing: Two studies and the discovery of an artifact. *Journal of Parapsychology, 66*, 49-71.
- Watt, C., & Baker, I.S. (2002). Remote facilitation of attention focusing with psi-supportive versus psi-unsupportive experimenter suggestions. *Journal of Parapsychology, 66*, 151-168.
- Watt, C., & Wiseman, R. (2002). Experimenter differences in cognitive correlates of paranormal belief, and in psi. *Journal of Parapsychology, 66*, 371-385.
- Wiseman, R., Watt, C., Greening, E., Stevens, P., & O'Keeffe, C. (2002). An investigation into the alleged haunting of Hampton Court Palace: Psychological variables and magnetic fields. *Journal of Parapsychology, 66*, 387-408.
- Watt, C. & Ravenscroft, J. (2000). A study of non-intentional psi in a reciprocal helping task: Testing PMIR. *Journal of Parapsychology, 64*, 39-52.
- Watt, C. & Nagtegaal, M. (2000). Luck in action? Belief in good luck, psi-mediated instrumental response, and games of chance. *Journal of Parapsychology, 64*, 19-38.
- Sherwood, S. J., Dalton, K., Steinkamp, F., & Watt, C. (2000). Dream clairvoyance study II using dynamic video-clips: investigation of consensus voting judging procedures and target emotionality. *Dreaming, 10* (4) 221-236.
- Watt, C., Ravenscroft, J. & McDermott, Z. (1999). Exploring the limits of direct mental influence: Two studies comparing "blocking" and "co-operating" strategies. *Journal for Scientific Exploration, 13*, 515-535.
- Watt, C. & Ravenscroft, J. (1999). Defensiveness, neuroticism and extrasensory perception. *Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research, 93*, 341-354.
- Watt, C., & Nagtegaal, M. (1999). Luck in action? Belief in good luck, psi-mediated instrumental response, and games of chance. *Journal of Parapsychology, 63*, 229-231.
- Morris, R.L. & Watt, C.A. (1997). La investigación Parapsicológica en la Cátedra Koestler. *Revista Argentina de Psicología Paranormal, 8*, 147-166.
- Watt, C.A. & Gissurason, L.R. (1995). Exploring defensiveness and PK performance. *European Journal of Parapsychology, 11*, 92-101.
- Watt, C.A. & Morris, R.L. (1995). The relationships among performance on a prototype indicator of perceptual defence/vigilance, personality, and extrasensory perception. *Personality and Individual Differences, 19*, 635-648.

Conference presentations and proceedings papers (peer reviewed)

- Easter, A. & Watt, C. (2008). Paranormal healing, paranormal belief, and physical and psychological well-being in arthritis sufferers. Proceedings of the 51st Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association & 32nd Annual Convention of the Society for Psychical Research, pp.338-340. Winchester, England, August 13-17. (research brief)
- Watt, C. (2007). A peek in the file-drawer: Review of 96 undergraduate student projects at the Koestler Parapsychology Unit. Proceedings of the 50th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association, pp. 130-141. Halifax, Nova Scotia, 3-5 August. (full paper)
- Watt, C., Fraser, C., & Hopkinson, A. (2006). 'Psychic DMILS': Attempted remote facilitation of performance in an ESP game, and an exploration of gender differences. *Proceedings of the 49th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 226-236. Stockholm, Sweden, 4-6 August. (full paper)

- Watt, C. (2005). Parapsychology and skepticism: Productive and unproductive interactions. *Abstracts of Papers, 29th International Convention of the Society for Psychological Research*, pp. 8-9. Bath, 2-4 September. (abstract)
- Watt, C. (2005). The Koestler Chair of Parapsychology: Bob Morris's aims and achievements. *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 262-263. Institute of Noetic Sciences, California, 11-15 August. (abstract)
- Watt, C., Schlitz, M., Wiseman, R., & Radin, D. (2005). Experimenter differences in a remote staring study. *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 256-260. Institute of Noetic Sciences, California, 11-15 August. (research brief)
- Schlitz, M., Wiseman, R., Radin, D., & Watt, C. (2005). Of two minds: Skeptic-proponent collaboration within parapsychology. *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 171-177. Institute of Noetic Sciences, California, 11-15 August. (full paper)
- Wiseman, R., & Watt, C. (2004). Measuring superstitious belief: Why lucky charms matter. *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 291-298. Vienna, Austria, 5-8 August. (full paper)
- Watt, C. (2002). Experimenter effects with remote facilitation of attention focusing. *Abstracts of Papers, 26th International Convention of the Society for Psychological Research*, p. 27. Manchester, 30 August - 1 September. (abstract)
- Watt, C. (2002). Experimenter effects with a remote facilitation of attention focusing task: A study with multiple believer and disbeliever experimenters. *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 306-318. Paris, France, 5-8 August. (full paper)
- Wiseman, R., & Watt, C. (2002). Belief in the paranormal, cognitive ability and extrasensory perception: The role of experimenter effects. *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 333-345. Vienna, Austria, 5-8 August. (full paper)
- Watt, C., & Brady, C. (2001). Experimenter effects and the remote facilitation of attention focusing. *Abstracts of Papers, 25th International Convention of the Society for Psychological Research*, p. 36. Cambridge, 14-16 September. (abstract)
- Watt, C., & Brady, C. (2001). Experimenter effects and the remote facilitation of attention focusing: Two studies and the discovery of an artefact. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 349-363. New York, NY, 2-4 August. (full paper)
- Watt, C., & Nagtegaal, M. (1999). Luck in action? Belief in good luck, psi-mediated instrumental response, and games of chance. *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 433-451. Palo Alto, California, 4-8 August. (full paper)
- Wiseman, R., Greening, E., Watt, C., Stevens, P., & O'Keeffe, C. (2000). Understanding unusual experiences: The Hampton Court Project. *Abstracts of Papers, 24th International Convention of the Society for Psychological Research*, p. 45. Northampton, 8-10 September. (abstract)
- Watt, C. & Wiseman, R. (1999). Examining the objectivity of science. *Abstracts of Papers, 23rd International Convention of the Society for Psychological Research*, p. 37. Durham, 3-5 September. (abstract)
- Watt, C., & Nagtegaal, M. (1999). Luckiness, games of chance, and psi: An experimental investigation. *Abstracts of Papers, 23rd International Convention of the Society for Psychological Research*, p. 36. Durham, 3-5 September. (abstract)
- Sherwood, S., Dalton, K., Steinkamp, F., & Watt, C. (1998). Dream GESP studies using dynamic video-clips. *Abstracts of Papers, 22nd International Conference of the Society for Psychological Research*, p. 28. York, 4-6 September. (abstract)
- Watt, C., Ravenscroft, J., & McDermott, Z. (1998). Exploring the limits of direct mental influence. *Abstracts of Papers, 22nd International Conference of the Society for Psychological Research*, p. 32. York, 4-6 September. (abstract)
- Delanoy, D.L., Watt, C.A., Morris, R.L., & Wiseman, R. (1998) A new methodology for free-response ESP testing outwith the laboratory: Findings from experienced participants. In N.L. Zingrone, M.J. Schlitz, C.S. Alvarado & J. Milton (Eds), *Research in Parapsychology 1993*, pp. 68-72. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press. (extended abstract)
- Watt, C.A. (1998) Perceptual defence/vigilance and extrasensory perception: A successful replication study and a comparison of implicit and explicit measures. In N.L. Zingrone, M.J. Schlitz, C.S. Alvarado & J. Milton (Eds), *Research in Parapsychology 1993*, pp. 120-123. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press. (extended abstract)
- Watt, C.A., McDermott, Z. & Ravenscroft, J. (1997) Exploring the limits of remote mental interaction: A comparison of blocking versus cooperating strategies. *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, Brighton, pp. 464-478. (full paper)
- Morris, R.L., Dalton, K., Delanoy, D.L., & Watt, C.A. (1995) Comparison of the sender/no sender condition in the ganzfeld. *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 244-259, Durham, NC, August. (full paper)

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- Watt, C., (1993). Perceptual defence/vigilance and extrasensory perception: A successful replication study and a comparison of implicit and explicit measures. *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 238-253. Toronto, 15-19 August. (full paper)
- Delanoy, D., Morris, R., Watt, C., & Wiseman, R. (1993). A new methodology for free-response ESP testing outwith the laboratory: Findings from experienced participants. *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 204-221. Toronto, 15-19 August. (full paper)
- Delanoy, D.L., Morris, R.L., & Watt, C.A. (1991). A study of free-response ESP performance and mental training techniques. *Proceedings of the 34th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 101-114. Heidelberg, 8-11 August. (full paper)
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- Watt, C. (1991). Meta-analysis of DMT-ESP studies and an experimental investigation of perceptual defence/vigilance and extrasensory perception. *Proceedings of the 34th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 395-411. Heidelberg, 8-11 August. (full paper)
- Watt, C. (1990). Defensiveness and psi: Problems and prospects. *Proceedings of the 33rd Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association*, pp. 361-377. Chevy Chase, MD, 16-20 August. (full paper)
- Watt, C. (1989). Characteristics of successful free-response targets: Theoretical considerations. In L. A. Henkel & R. E. Berger (Eds) *Research in Parapsychology 1988*, pp. 95-99. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press. (extended abstract)
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- Watt, C. & Irwin, H.J. (in press). Processes underlying the phenomena of mysterious minds: Laboratory evidence for ESP. In S. Krippner & H. Friedman (Eds) *Mysterious Minds: The Neurobiology of Psychics, Mediums and other Extraordinary People*. Greenwood/Praeger. (Book chapter)
- Watt, C. (in press) Experimenter effects in parapsychology: Three studies with a remote helping task'. In Smith, M. (Ed.) *Developing Perspectives on Anomalous Experience*. McFarland. (Book chapter)
- Watt, C. (2008). Fool's Gold? The challenge of real world parapsychological investigations. *Metascience*, 17, 251-255. (Book review)
- Watt, C. (2007). Review of *Precognitive Memory* by Fernando de Pablos. *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 14 (12), 111-113. (Book review)
- Watt, C. (2006). Outside the Gates of Science: Why It's Time for the Paranormal to Come in From the Cold by Damien Broderick. *Journal of Parapsychology*, 70, 388-390. (Book review)
- Watt, C. (2006). Introduction to the EJP special issue on memory and psi. *European Journal of Parapsychology*, 21, 93-94.
- Watt, C. (2006). Twenty years at the Koestler Parapsychology Unit. *The Psychologist*, 19, 424-427.
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- Watt, C.A. (1996). Subliminal and Extrasensory Perception. In J. Henry (Ed.) *Introduction to Psychical Research*. London: Society for Psychical Research, pp. 130-135.
- Watt, C.A. (1994). Making the Most of Spontaneous Cases. In S. Krippner (Ed.) *Advances in Parapsychological Research*, Volume 7, pp. 77-103. Jefferson, NC: McFarland.
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