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Education

1995 - 1997 **Ohio State University**, Columbus, OH
1999 - 2002 B.A. Music (major) Religious Studies (minor)

2001 **Institute for Parapsychology of the Rhine Research Center** Durham, NC
 Summer Study Program in Parapsychology

Research Experience

2003 Research Internship (under James Houran)
 Department of Psychiatry, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
 Springfield, Illinois

2000 - 2002 Undergraduate Research Assistant (under Carolyn Palmer)
 Music Cognition Laboratory
 Department of Psychology, Ohio State University
 Columbus, Ohio

2001 - 2002 Undergraduate Research Assistant (under William Raymond)
 The Variation in Conversation Project
 Department of Linguistics, Ohio State University
 Columbus, Ohio

Professional Experience

2006 - Present Author/Webmaster, Public Parapsychology
 <http://www.publicparapsychology.org>

2007 - Present Senior Editor, Open Source Science
 <http://www.opensourcescience.net>

2003 - Present Independent Digital Photographer
 Columbus, Ohio

1999 - Present Independent Piano Teacher
 Columbus, Ohio

1997 - 1999 Photo/Video Technician
 Capital Photo
 Columbus, Ohio

Grants and Scholarships

- 2007 Skeptiko Media Monitor Grant
Awarded for monitoring and improving the accuracy of information about parapsychology on the web in various ways.
- 2006 Parapsychological Association Research Endowment
Evaluating Photographic Anomalies: Examining the roles of photographic expertise, context, paranormal belief, and tolerance of ambiguity
(with Devin Terhune)
- 2003 Society for Scientific Exploration
Quantitative investigation of naturalistic anomalous experiences at target and control sites
(with Devin Terhune)
- 2001 Rhine Research Center / Institute for Parapsychology
Scholarship for attendance at the Rhine Research Center Summer Study Program

Professional Affiliations

- Parapsychological Association (Associate Member)
- Center for Research on Consciousness and Anomalous Psychology (Affiliate)
- Society for Psychical Research (Affiliate)
- Rhine Research Center (Professional Member)
- Academy of Spirituality and Paranormal Studies (Academic Patron)

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- Terhune, D.B., Ventola, A., & Houran, J. (2007). An analysis of contextual variables and the incidence of photographic anomalies at an alleged haunt and a control site. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 21, 99-120.

Book and Website Reviews

- Ventola, A. (2007). [Review of the books *Miracles: A parascientific inquiry into wondrous phenomena*, *The search for yesterday: A critical examination of the evidence for reincarnation*, and *Our psychic potentials*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration* (in press).
- Ventola, A. (2007). [Review of the books *A casebook of otherworldly music* and *A psychic study of the music of the spheres*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 21, 174-176.
- Ventola, A. (2006). [Review of the website *www.anomalist.com*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 20, 346-347.

- Ventola, A. (2006). [Review of the book *The gift: ESP, the extraordinary experiences of ordinary people*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 20, 134-135.
- Ventola, A. (2005). [Review of the book *The inner source: Exploring hypnosis*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 19, 268-269.
- Ventola, A. (2004). [Review of the book *Unleashed: Of poltergeists and murder: The curious story of Tina Resch*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 18, 703-705.
- Ventola, A. (2004). [Review of the book *Immortal remains: The evidence for life after death*]. *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, 18, 156-159.
- Ventola, A. (2003). [Review of the book *Investigating the Paranormal*]. *Australian Journal of Parapsychology*, 3, 65-69.

Conference Presentations

- Ventola, A. (2002). *Anomalous Orbs: The New Face of Spirit Photography*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest American Academy of Religion. Chicago, IL.
- Ventola, A. (2007). *Evaluating Photographic Anomalies: Examining the roles of photographic expertise, context, paranormal belief, and tolerance of ambiguity*. Research Brief presented at the 50th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association, 2-5 August, 2007. Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- Ventola, A. (2007). *Web logs and wikis: 21st century tools for public scholarship*. Workshop presented at the 50th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association, 2-5 August, 2007. Halifax, Nova Scotia.