

## **Bradley Interview:**

### **How would you describe your area of study to your grandmother?**

I try to help people help themselves in many different ways.

### **What is your primary motivation for persevering through graduate school?**

1. Knowing that my education was making me a more well rounded practitioner.
2. The amount of personal growth that I have realized through my graduate education.
3. Knowing that if I did not my wife Desiree' would most likely force me to sleep outside for several weeks.
4. Knowing that my fellow students are experiencing the same kinds of challenges that I am.

### **Do you think there is any value in social networking with other graduate students in non-related fields?**

Yes, I think there is value in it but most of the time it does not climb high enough on my priority list. I do think there is a lot of value in collaborating with other professions, specifically health care related fields in order to improve and coordinate patient care. I was able to do this in my work at the Free Clinic of The New River Valley and it was an excellent experience.

### **What is your favorite stress-reduction technique?**

Favorite has to be fishing. Most effective has to be strength training. Sometimes fishing gets to be a little too competitive.

### **What is the last book you read strictly for pleasure and how long ago was it?**

When I have time away from academic work I tend to find my way outside. It has been a long time since I read a book with no academic pressure to do so. I guess it would have been *The Stranger* by Albert Camus or a series of books that my brother Jonathan wrote entitled *The Fallen Trilogy*. I read those books shortly before I started the Psy.D. Program.

### **Please describe your most meaningful academic relationship.**

While I have developed many great relationships with Psy.D and other non-Psy.D psychology faculty at Radford, I would have to say that the most meaningful has been with my advisor, Dr. Jim Werth. He has been a great model for how to be successful in many different roles. I still have no idea how he keeps up with it all!

### **What surprised you the most about graduate school?**

The support of our faculty surprised me the most. They are a wonderful group of people that provide opportunities to be involved in a wide variety of projects and areas of research.

I would also say that it was quite surprising how close I became with some of my fellow students in the Psy.D. program. I feel very fortunate to be taking some very authentic and lifelong friendships

with me from my time at Radford.

**If travel to Mars happens in your lifetime, would you want to be one of the scientists on board? If yes, what would you contribute to the mission?**

No. There is enough beauty on this planet to keep me excited about life. There is so much that I want to see and do that a trip to Mars would seriously cut into my plans on earth. I'll take my chances with what is right in front of me. It would be a trip though!

**What is your favorite comfort food and why? How often do you consume it?**

I guess it would be my Mom's lasagna. It is comforting because it is always the same and I get to see my family anytime I eat it. I have successfully learned how to cook many of Mom's recipes but I have never tried to make her lasagna. I like it just the way it is.

**If you hadn't been admitted to graduate school, what do you think you would be doing right now?**

Well, I came to Radford for my Master's degree and then two years after earning that degree I started the Doctoral program. Not being accepted into the Master's program was almost a reality for me. For the first couple years of my undergraduate program I was so focused on playing football that I really wasn't as invested as I should have been in my education. Fortunately, Rebecca Loehrer and Tom Mullis gave me a chance. If I hadn't been accepted into the Psy.D program I would most likely be working in West Virginia and would now be a licensed psychologist. Because of the licensing laws in West Virginia you only need a Masters degree to be licensed as a psychologist. My career options would have been much more limited.

**When do you expect to complete your degree?**

I defended my dissertation in June of 2011. The only requirement left is that I successfully complete my internship placement at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. I start in July, 2011 and should be finished around the same time in 2012.