

**Curriculum Vita**  
**Vanessa R. Simmering**

**Education**

Ph.D. University of Iowa  
Psychology, in progress (anticipated 2008); Developmental Science  
training area

**Honors and Awards**

American Psychological Foundation, Elizabeth Munsterberg Koppitz Travel Stipend, 2006  
Computational Cognitive Neuroscience Conference Student Travel Fellowship, 2006  
University of Iowa, Graduate Student Senate Travel Award, 2006  
University of Iowa, Women in Science and Engineering, Dr. Eunice Beam Travel Grant,  
2006  
University of Iowa, Student Government Scholarly Presentation Travel Awards, 2005, 2006  
University of Iowa, Council on Teaching, Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2004  
University of Iowa, Presidential Fellowship, 2002-2006  
University of Iowa, Undergraduate Scholar Assistantship – Iowa Advantage, 2000-  
2001  
University of Iowa, Undergraduate Tuition Scholarship, 1997

**Refereed Publications**

- Simmering, V.R.** & Spencer, J.P. (in press). Generality with specificity: The dynamic field theory generalizes across tasks and time scales. *Developmental Science*.
- Simmering, V.R.**, Peterson, C., Darling, W., & Spencer, J.P. (2007). Location memory biases reveal the challenges of coordinating visual and kinesthetic reference frames. *Experimental Brain Research*. doi: 10.1007/s00221-007-1089-7.
- Simmering, V.R.**, Schutte, A.R., & Spencer, J.P. (2007). Generalizing the dynamic field theory of spatial cognition across real and developmental time scales. In S. Becker (Ed.) *Computational Cognitive Neuroscience [special issue]*. *Brain Research*. doi:1031016/j.brainres.2007.06.081.
- Simmering, V.R.** & Spencer, J.P. (2007). Carving up space at imaginary joints: Can people mentally impose spatial category boundaries? *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*, 33, 871-894.
- Simmering, V.R.**, Spencer, J.P., & Schöner, G. (2006). Reference-related inhibition produces enhanced position discrimination and fast repulsion near axes of symmetry. *Perception and Psychophysics*, 68, 1027-1046.
- Spencer, J.P., **Simmering, V.R.**, & Schutte, A.R. (2006). Toward a formal theory of flexible spatial behavior: Geometric category biases generalize across pointing and verbal response types. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*, 32, 473-490.