

James C. Kaufman, Ph.D.

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Dr. Kaufman's research focuses on creativity and educational psychology.

Biography

James C. Kaufman is a Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Connecticut. He is the author/editor of more than 45 books, including *Creativity 101* (2nd Edition, 2016) and the *Cambridge Handbook of Creativity* (2nd Edition, with Robert Sternberg; 2019). Kaufman has also published books with his wife, Allison, on animal creativity and pseudoscience and a book about terrible baseball pitchers with his father, Alan. He has published more than 400 papers, including the Four-C Model of Creativity (with Ron Beghetto) and the study that spawned the "Sylvia Plath Effect." He is a past president of Division 10 (Society for Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, & the Arts) of the American Psychological Association (APA). James has won many awards, including Mensa's research award, the Torrance Award from the National Association for Gifted Children, and APA's Berlyne, Arnheim, and Farnsworth awards. He co-founded two major journals (*Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts* and *Psychology of Popular Media Culture*). Kaufman has tested Dr. Sanjay Gupta's creativity on CNN, appeared in the hit Australia show *Redesign Your Brain*, and narrated the comic book documentary *Independents*. His musical *Discovering Magenta* played NYC and its cast album is available on CD and most streaming services. Kaufman has blended his theatre and creativity interests in a forthcoming book with composer Dana Rowe, *Creating Your Spotlight: Lessons from Harold Hill, Evita, and Hamilton*.

Areas of Expertise

Creativity and Personality, Creativity and Equity, Creativity and Meaning, Creativity and Positive Psychology

Education

Yale University

Ph.D. Cognitive Psychology

Yale University

M.Phil. Cognitive Psychology

Yale University

M.S. Cognitive Psychology

University of Southern California

B.A. (cum laude) Psychology (Honors) and Creative Writing

Accomplishments

Rudolf Arnheim Award for Outstanding Achievement in Psychology and the Arts

Awarded by the American Psychological Association, Division 10.

Paul Farnsworth Award for Service

Awarded by the American Psychological Association, Division 10.

Choice Outstanding Academic Title

Awarded by the American Library Association.

Award for Excellence in Research

Awarded by the Mensa Education & Research Foundation and Mensa International, Ltd.

E. Paul Torrance Award, Creativity Division

Awarded by the National Association for Gifted Children.

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