

Michael Young

Michael Young began his career as a computer scientist out of the University of Illinois in 1984 with a specialization in Artificial Intelligence. He received his MS in Computer Science in 1990 and a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from the University of Minnesota/Twin Cities in 1995. After spending 12 years at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Dr. Young joined Kansas State University in 2012 as the Head of the Department of Psychological Sciences.

Young's primary research program involves the study of decision making in dynamic environments. He is currently studying (a) the variables that influence the identification of causes in continuously unfolding environments and (b) the situational and individual variables related to impulsive and risky choice in video game environments.

Young continues to integrate his background in computer science with his interest in psychology through the development of computational models of environment-behavior relations. Dr. Young's love of mathematics also is revealed by his occasional side project evaluating various statistical and design methods using Monte Carlo simulation.