

Dr. Don Herrin, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Consumer Studies. He is also an adjunct Associate Professor in the Gender Studies Program. He has been at the University of Utah since July of 1984. He was born and raised in the often-rainy shadows of Mount Rainier in the city of Seattle, Washington. He did undergraduate work at the University of Washington and (what was then) Shoreline Community College. Both are located in the Seattle area. He moved to Provo to complete his schooling after meeting his wife on a blind date. She lived in Provo and had already graduated from BYU when he met her. Her name is Kerry Lynn. They have been married since 1972. The Herrins have a married son, a married daughter, and three grandchildren. He completed his undergraduate work in psychology at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. While at BYU, he also earned a masters degree in organizational behavior and a Ph.D. in experimental social psychology.

Dr. Herrin is a social psychologist with interests in several areas: (1) helping students develop their abilities to think, read, and write critically and mindfully; (2) people's belief systems and corresponding views of the world and social policy, especially as they pertain to issues regarding the involvements and well-being of women, men, and children in families, workplaces, institutions, communities, and society; (3) the factors that determine how people with different sets of beliefs and values interpret facts in different and often apposing ways; (4) the physical and social environments of the home as a context for the study of family living and social-psychological, developmental, and cultural processes that affect a person's sense of attachment, place, and "home;" (5) understanding and eliminating aggressive, violent, and abusive thoughts, words, and behavior between people within intimate and family relationships; and (6) the differences and similarities between the ways dads and moms parent their children, how their children influence them, and how these factors influence the development of parents and children and their relationships with one another. In addition to his own department, Dr. Herrin is an adjunct faculty member of the Gender Studies Program.

Most of Dr. Herrin's areas of interest are reflected in the classes he teaches in the Family and Consumer Studies Department: Fatherhood, Strengthening Families, Family Belief Systems, and Family Violence.