

# **Steve Benton, Ph.D.**

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## **Biography**

Steve leads a research team that designs and conducts reliability and validity studies for IDEA products. He writes reports and journal articles, edits the longstanding series of IDEA Papers, and occasionally conducts training seminars about IDEA products. Upon earning his Ph.D. in psychological and cultural studies from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1983, Steve began his career at Kansas State University (KSU) where he remained until his retirement in 2010. During his career, his research interests have included cognitive processes involved in writing and memory from text, academic studying, college-student alcohol abuse prevention, and student ratings of instruction. A recognized author of multiple publications and papers, Steve served K-State for more than 25 years as both professor and department chair. He is a Fellow in the American Psychological Association and American Educational Research Association, as well as an Emeritus Professor of Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs at KSU. He serves on the editorial boards of Contemporary Educational Psychology and Educational Psychology Review. With his wife, Sherry, they have a son and daughter who live with their families in Colorado. Steve and Sherry share in the joy of four grandchildren. In addition to spending time with family and friends, they enjoy riding bicycles, kayaking and paddle boarding.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Educational Psychology, Higher Education, Product Testing, Educational Research, Cognition, Academic Writing, Instructional Design, University Teaching

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## **Affiliations and Past Experience**

American Psychological Association : Fellow, American Educational Research Association : Fellow, Association of Institutional Researchers : Member, Kansas State University : Emeritus Professor of Special Education Counseling and Student Affairs, Academy of Fellows, Kansas State University, Founding Member, 2013, Notable Graduate, 90th Anniversary Celebration of University of Nebraska-Lincoln Teachers College, 1998, Award of Excellence, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Alumni Association, 1997, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 1991 to present, National Council on Measurement in Education, Member

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## **Event and Conference Appearances**

**Combining Faculty Perceptions and Chair Self Reflections in Performance Review**  
Academic Chairpersons Conference, February 2017

**The Design and Use of an Effective Student Ratings of Instruction (SRI) System**  
Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium, June 2016

**Alignment of Global Outcomes for Assessment and Accreditation**  
Association for Institutional Research, May 2016

**Alignment of Global Outcomes for Assessment and Accreditation**  
Academic Chairpersons Conference, February 2016

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## **Education**

**University of Nebraska**  
PhD Psychological and Cultural Studies

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