

Message From the Chair



Dr. Jeanette Taylor

The department continued its growth in a number of areas over the past several months. For instance, we added 4 new faculty this fall. They join an impressive group of faculty who were responsible for over \$800,000 in new grants. We also grew our undergraduate offerings with a degree in Behavioral Neuroscience, which is already proving popular.

Our graduate students continue to shine, including one who has brought the prestigious Ford Foundation Fellowship back to FSU for the first time in 10 years. Two of our graduate alumni won early career awards, and another received FSU's own Askew Young Alumni award. We also boasted 46 undergraduate Garnet and Gold Scholars in the spring/summer and another Marion Jewell Hay top graduating senior this semester. Please continue reading for more on the wonderful things happening in Psychology!

Jeanette Taylor

Faculty Awards & Honors



Neil Charness

Neil received two recent awards. He was honored as a Grandmaster of the International Society for Gerontechnology, and he received the American Psychological Association Committee on Aging award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging.

Paul Conway

Paul received the 2018 FSU Transformation Through Teaching award. This award honors faculty that have had an intellectual, inspirational, and integrative impact on the lives of their students.



Thomas Joiner

Thomas received three recent awards. He received the 2018 Alexander Gralnick Research Investigator Prize from the American Psychological Foundation for \$20,000. The purpose of this award is to support exceptional research and mentoring accomplishments in the area of serious mental illness. Thomas also received the Society for Military Psychology's 2018 Charles C. Gersoni Military Psychology Award for his work with the Military Suicide Research Consortium (MSRC). Additionally, Thomas received the 2018 Military Health System Research Symposium (MHSRS) Outstanding Research Accomplishment (Team/Academia) Award for his work with the MSRC.



Chris Lonigan

Chris was named a Fellow of the American Psychological Association.

Rick Wagner

Rick was chosen as the 2018 recipient of the Samuel Torrey Orton Award, the International Dyslexia Association's highest honor. This award recognizes a person who has made vital contributions to the understanding and awareness of dyslexia, and has shown a high level of competence and dedication to the field.



By The Numbers

40

4

\$875K

627

100

82.7%

40 New Graduate Students

Of these, 10 joined the clinical Ph.D. program, 1 joined the cognitive Ph.D. program, 4 joined the developmental Ph.D. program, 7 joined the neuroscience Ph.D. program, 2 joined the social Ph.D. program and 16 joined the ABA Master's program.

4 New Faculty

This brings our department to 49 total faculty. To see more information about these faculty and others who recently joined the department, see "New Faces".

100 Undergraduates in New Neuroscience Degree

To see more information about this new neuroscience degree, see the Neuroscience spotlight.

627 Undergraduates in Formative Experiences

Formative Experiences are a type of high-impact practice in which students engage in independent immersive experiential learning in settings outside of the classroom that are relevant to their educational, professional, and life goals. Formative Experiences available to psychology students include DIS research in faculty labs and internship experiences.

82.7% Four-year Graduation Rate for Psychology

Our department contributes to the University's overall graduation rate of 68.4%. FSU's graduation rate is the highest among all State University System of Florida institutions.

\$875 Thousand in New Grants

To see more information about the grants awarded in the past six months, see "Faculty Grants" and "Graduate Student & Post-Doc News"

New Faces

Adam Dewan

Adam (Neuroscience) received his PhD from the University of Hawaii in 2010. His research focuses on the molecular and cellular basis of sensory perception. Using a combination of genetic, optogenetic, optical imaging, and behavioral techniques, his lab will explore how olfactory perception is mapped and encoded within the brain. Specifically, his research will initially focus on how the organization of the olfactory bulb shapes odor coding in higher brain regions and ultimately odor perception in mice.

Xiaobing Zhang

Xiaobing (Neuroscience) received his PhD from the University of Science and Technology of China in 2008. His research focuses on the neural circuits that control eating behavior and body weight. Using a variety of techniques, including optogenetics, electrophysiology, immunocytochemistry and virus-mediated circuit tracing, he seeks to understand how neural circuits for feeding and reward in the mammalian brain are merged to regulate eating behavior. The ultimate goal of his research is to elucidate how the dysfunction in neural circuits causes eating disorders and obesity.

Amy Coren

Amy (Teaching Faculty) received her PhD in Cognitive Psychology from the University of Texas, Austin in 2007, and received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2010. Dr. Coren was a Fulbright Fellow (2017-2018) to Hungary, where she engaged in teaching and research at the University of Pécs in Institute of Psychology. She is also a member of the Washington D.C. Bar Association and has provided pro bono legal services for indigent clients in the D.C. metro area. She is interested in the intersection of psychology and law - in particular applications related to judgment and decision making and forensic psychology. Dr. Coren will teach various undergraduate courses including Forensic Psychology (PSY 4930), Cognitive Psychology (EXP 3604), General Psychology (PSY 2012), and Research Methods (PSY 3213).

David Braithwaite

David (Developmental) received his PhD from Indiana University in 2014, and subsequently completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Carnegie Mellon University. The goals of his research are to understand how children learn to think mathematically, to identify personal and environmental factors that affect mathematics learning, and to develop ways of improving mathematics instruction. He employs a combination of descriptive empirical research, intervention studies, and computation modeling to pursue these goals.

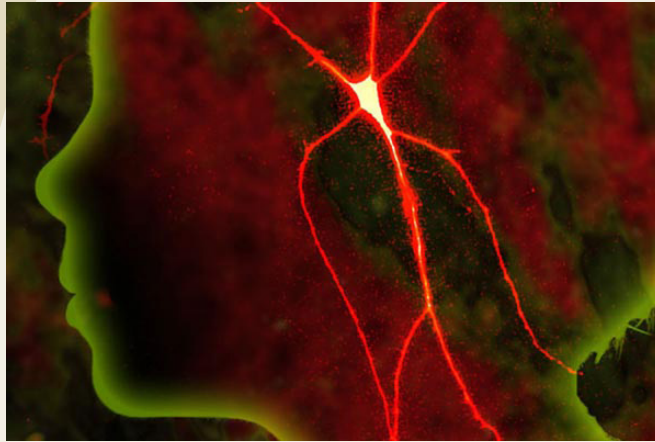
New Staff

Finally, two new staff have joined the department. **Patience CDeBaca** recently joined the grants team as a Grants Specialist, and **Nicole Lilly** is now our undergraduate Neuroscience academic advisor.



In the Spotlight

Neuroscience Degree



This fall, FSU rolled out a new Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience with two majors: Behavioral Neuroscience (in the Psychology department) and Cell and Molecular Neuroscience (in the Biology department). After just one semester, the Neuroscience degree has already reached 100 majors!

The creation of this degree was a collaborative effort spearheaded by **Frank Johnson** with significant contributions from psychology faculty including **Rob Contreras, Rick Hyson, Mike Kaschak, Alan Spector, Jeanette Taylor, and Zuoxin Wang**. Credit should also be given to the College of Arts & Sciences and FSU administration for their support of this degree and their assistance in its creation.



Ford Foundation Fellowship

Keanan Joyner (major professor: Chris Patrick) was one of 70 students nationwide to receive a 2018 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship. Keanan is the first FSU student in 10 years to receive the fellowship. The highly competitive fellowships are awarded by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on behalf of the Ford Foundation and include a \$24,000 stipend per year over three years. Through its fellowship programs, the Ford Foundation seeks to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity. Awards are given to students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement, are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level and who look to use diversity as a resource to enrich the education of all students.

Three Minute Thesis

Two psychology students, **Bruno Chiurliza** (major professor: Thomas Joiner) and **Sarah Wood** (major professor: Rick Wagner) were selected as Finalists in FSU's Three Minute Thesis Competition. In this competition, students have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their dissertation topic and its significance. The goal is to force students to consolidate their ideas and crystalize their research discoveries. Thirty-three students competed; Bruno and Sarah were among the 14 selected as finalists. At the finalist competition on November 27, Bruno was awarded second place.



Alumni

UPDATES

Kirsten Dillon, was awarded a 5-year Career Development Award from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Kirsten received her Ph.D. in 2015 in Clinical Psychology under the guidance of Jesse Cogle.

Eric Krause received the Alan N. Epstein Research Award, an early career award for discoveries that have advanced the field of ingestive behavior at the 2018 annual meeting for the Society of the Study of Ingestive Behavior. Eric received his Ph.D. in 2005 in Neuroscience under the guidance of Rob Contreras.

Callie Little won the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Outstanding Predoctoral Fellow Award. Callie received her Ph.D. in 2016 in Developmental Psychology under the guidance of Sara Hart.

Jamie Quinn won the Rebecca L. Sandak Young Investigator Award from the Society for the Scientific Studies of Reading. Jamie received her Ph.D. in 2016 in Developmental Psychology under the guidance of Rick Wagner.

Cynthia Carter (B.S. '07), **Sarah Eccles-Brown** (B.S. '04), **Bethany Gilot** (B.S. '09, M.S. '07), **Jamie Jackson** (B.S. '06), **Sabrina Kinslow** (B.S. '07), **Jenna McHenry** (B.S. '07, M.S. '12, Ph.D. '13), and **LaKeitha Poole** (B.S. '09) were among the 22 alumni recognized as "Notable Noles" at the FSU Young Alumni awards dinner this fall.

Jenna McHenry received the Reubin O'D. Askew Young Alumni Award from the FSU Alumni Association. This is the highest honor the FSU Alumni Association presents to young alumni. Jenna received her Ph.D. in 2013 under the guidance of Elaine Hull.



Faculty Grants

Don Compton received a 2- year \$400,000 new research partnership grant with Seminole County Schools from the Institute of Education Sciences to evaluate their struggling reader program.

Paul Conway received a \$13,000 planning grant from the FSU Council on Research and Creativity for his project "Clarifying the Psychophysiology of Moral Judgment".

Andrea Meltzer received a \$13,000 planning grant from the FSU Council on Research and Creativity for her project "Predicting Psychological and Behavioral Changes Across the Early Years of Marriage".

Zuoxin Wang received a 2-year \$421,791 grant from NIH for his project "Exploring the Epigenetic Effects on Male Parental Behavior".

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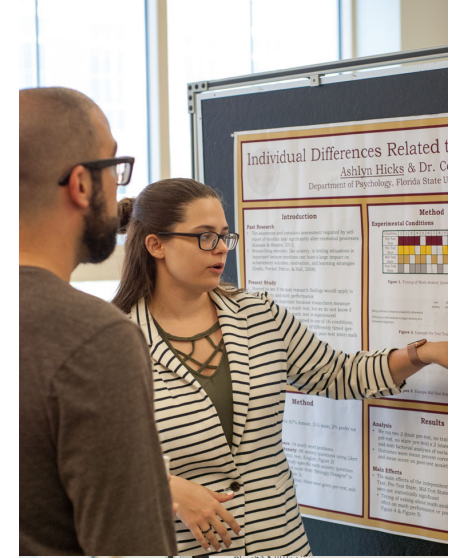


GARNET & GOLD SCHOLAR SOCIETY

Christian Adeleke, Katerina Aldereguia, Liz Alicea, Alyssa Barski, Mackenzie Bell, Laura Blank, Alexandra Brockdorf, Aejona Chambers, Allison Cheung, Sara Collins, Sierah Crisler, Esther De Innocentis, Margaret Denning, Geranise Dorce, Dominique Dubon, Malinda Eggimann, Julian Feliu, Charles Ford III, Megan Gates, Rachele Gentry, Amber Gould, Chelsea Gow, Jasmine Gray, Cara Harbaugh, Jacquelyn Ianni, Mona Ighani, Izese Izore, Keanu Jackson, Sarah Joyce, Kalyn Kelso, Daniela Lanuza Salguero, Andy Lau Koo, Charity Maxwell, Abigail McCullough, Hope McNally, Shelby Murtagh, Georgia Platt, Valeria Rigobon, Brook Roddenberry, Sophia Roman, Melissa Rony, Amber Sagastume, Valerie Scott, Courtney Shorter, Paisley Snowden, and Sarah Williams were inducted into the Garnet and Gold Scholar Society. This group recognizes undergraduates who excel within and beyond the classroom in at least three of the following areas: international experience, internship, leadership, research, and service.

Serena Bradshaw, Seriana Gamble, Terrance Lane, and Elsie Michel were named winners of Florida State's 2018 Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship. This scholarship helps fund students to study abroad.

Katherine Jolly has been selected to receive the Fall 2018 Phi Beta Kappa Alpha Chapter of Florida, Marion Jewell Hay Award. This award recognizes the top student graduating this term at FSU as determined by FSU's Phi Beta Kappa chapter.



GRADUATE & POST-DOC NEWS

Jay Boffa (major professor: Brad Schmidt) and **Megan Rogers** (major professor: Thomas Joiner) each received a \$5,000 American Psychological Association (APA) Dissertation Research Award. This award provides support for the completion of doctoral dissertation research.

Caitlyn Edwards (major professor: Linda Rinaman) received the Best Poster Presentation Award for best poster presentation by a trainee working in animal/basic research at the 2018 annual meeting for the Society of the Study of Ingestive Behavior .

Brittany Mathes (major professor: Brad Schmidt) and **Anna Gai** (major professor: Thomas Joiner) were selected as the recipients of the American Psychological Foundation's 2018 Division 49 Group Psychotherapy Grant.

Jessica Maxwell (faculty mentor: Jim McNulty) received a Travel Award for \$500 from the Postdoctoral Awards Committee and the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs to pursue career-related travel opportunities.

Megan Rogers (major professor: Thomas Joiner) received the Military Suicide Research Consortium (MSRC) dissertation completion award for her project "Evaluation of Real-Time Risk Factors Associated with Suicidal Intent and Behaviors". This award provides support for the completion of her doctoral dissertation research.

Ian Stanley (major professors: Natalie Sachs-Ericsson and Thomas Joiner) and **Melanie Hom** (major professor: Thomas Joiner) received a \$30,000 grant from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) for their project "Reducing Help-Seeking Stigma in Young Adults at Elevated Suicide Risk: A Randomized Controlled Trial".

Sarah Terrill (major professor: Diana Williams) received the Gerard P. Smith Award for the best oral presentation by a graduate student trainee working in animal/basic research at the 2018 annual meeting for the Society of the Study of Ingestive Behavior .

