

Message From the Chair

Dr. Jeanette Taylor

Spring is "awards season" at FSU, and the Psychology Department had another fantastic semester.

Sandy Saunders received the Stan and Paula Warmath Distinguished Service Award (see Spotlight on p. 6) for her service to Psychology, and Jean Forney (major professor: Pam Keel) received the Glee Ross Hollander Dissertation Award (see Spotlight on p. 6). Ashby Plant and Paul Conway received research mentor awards from FSU (see Faculty Awards & Honors), and Lynda Gibson received FSU's 2019 Exemplary Service Award in Student Services.

These are just a handful of the many awards garnered by our faculty, staff, and students. Faculty and students also continued to impress with \$7 million in new grants. Amazing!

Please continue reading for all the spring 2019 news from FSU's Psychology Department.

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On April 9th, the Psychology Department participated in the annual FSU Day at the Capitol. This event showcases the university's accomplishments over the past year to legislators. Psychology faculty and graduate students represented the department to showcase our high quality research. FSU President John Thrasher stopped by the Psychology table to speak with Jeanette Taylor and Paul Conway.

News

Staff News

Fred Fletcher (Engineer Supervisor in Psychology Shop) has reached his 10-years of consecutive employment landmark with FSU during 2019.

Lynda Gibson (Graduate Program Coordinator) received FSU's 2019 Exemplary Service Award in the category of Student Services. Lynda was recognized for efforts to update and streamline processes for our graduate programs.

Alantis Johnson recently joined the fiscal team as an administrative assistant.

Annette Ladle (Front Office Manager) was nominated for FSU's 2019 Exemplary Service Award in the category of Administrative Services.

Bonnie Wright (Lead Grants Analyst) has reached her 10-years of consecutive employment landmark with FSU during 2019 (although Bonnie has more than 3 decades of total time working at FSU!).

PostDoc News

Jessica Maxwell (postdoctoral advisor: Jim McNulty) accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Auckland.

Jong-Sung Yoon (postdoctoral advisor: Neil Charness) accepted a tenure-track assistant professor position at South Dakota University. Jong-Sung received his Ph.D. in 2015 in the Cognitive Program under the guidance of Anders Ericsson.



Faculty Awards & Honors

David Braithwaite received a First Year Assistant Professor Award from the FSU Council on Research and Creativity.

Paul Conway was awarded FSU's 2019 Faculty Undergraduate Research Mentor Award. This award recognizes a faculty member's dedication to undergraduate education and research engagement at FSU.

Adam Dewan received a First Year Assistant Professor Award from the FSU Council on Research and Creativity.

Sara Hart won the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS) Early Career Impact Award. This award recognizes major research contributions to the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior.

Pam Keel received the Leadership in Award in Research from the Academy of Eating Disorders at the 2019 International Conference on Eating Disorders. This award is given in recognition of an internationally respected body of research yielding new knowledge about eating disorders and measurably advancing the field.

Jim McNulty was a keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association in March 2019.

Ashby Plant was awarded FSU's Graduate Faculty Mentor Award. This award recognizes faculty whose commitment to excellence in graduate education and mentoring have made a significant contribution to the quality of life and professional development of graduate students at FSU.

Xiaobing Zhang received a First Year Assistant Professor Award from the FSU Council on Research and Creativity.



Faculty Grants



Neil Charness is a Co-Investigator alongside Zhe He from the College of Information on a 2 year \$422,382 R21 grant from NIH for the project “Systematic Analysis of Clinical Study Generalizability Assessment Methods with Informatics.”

Don Compton received two grants. He received a 5-year \$31,782 grant from NIH for the project “Early Academic Achievement and Intervention Response”. He also received a \$61,605 grant from the Florida Department of Education for the project “Initial Implementation Study of the Literacy Matrix Professional Development.”

Adam Dewan received a \$128,057 R31 grant from the National Institute on Deafness for his project “Glomerular Domains and Olfactory Circuitry.”

Sara Hart and **Chris Schatschneider** received a \$3,000,000 grant from NIH to create a national repository for data on learning disabilities. The new database will allow for data on learning disabilities from all over to be shared and used by researchers, and will make it possible to perform projects that are currently not possible due to small data sets.

Thomas Joiner received two grants. One is a \$774,887 award from the Military Suicide Research Consortium for the project “Increasing Connections to Care Among Military Services Members at Elevated Suicide Risk.” Thomas was also awarded an \$18,500 Fahs-Beck Grant to fund a research project led by graduate student **Roshni Janakiraman**. This project is investigating issues related to a possible national 3-digit phone code for suicidal crises.

Jon Maner is co-investigator alongside Mary Gerand from the College of Medicine on a \$13,000 planning grant from FSU’s Council on Research and Creativity for the project “Vulnerability and Resilience to Weight Stigma.”

Alex Meyer received a 5-year K01 Award of \$450,225 from NIH for her project, “An investigation of a parent/child psycho-social computerized intervention targeting the error-related negativity in young children.”

Derek Nee received an FSU Council on Research and Creativity (CRC) Committee on Faculty Research Support Summer (COFRS) award to examine directed neural interactions supporting cognitive control.

Derek Nee and **Greg Hajcak** received a \$50,000 award from the FSU Office of Research and the College of Medicine as part of the FSU Translational Health Research Seed Grant program. Their research will focus on using reward-network guided transcranial magnetic stimulation to increase reward-sensitivity.

Diana Williams received a 4-year \$1,727,512 grant from NIH for her project “Neuroendocrine Integration of Satiety and Food Reward.”

Brain Fair

On March 31st the Psychology Department hosted its 8th annual Brain Fair. This free and family-friendly event aims to increase awareness of neuroscience in the community. Graduate and undergraduate students from Psychology, Biology, and Biomedical Sciences had over 20 displays, interactive activities, and demonstrations of basic neuroscience. This year's Brain Fair theme was "Your Brain is a Superhero." Neuroscience graduate students **Danielle Benthem** (major professor: Aaron Wilber), **James Brown** (major professor: Zuoxin Wang), **Katie Day** (major professor: Elizabeth Hammock), and Aliza DeNobrega (major professor Lisa Lyons) coordinated this year's Brain Fair.



By The Numbers

20

100%

472

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\$7 million

20 PhDs awarded in 2018

Of these, 12 were awarded in Clinical, 2 in Cognitive, 2 in Neuroscience, and 4 in Social. See "Graduate Student News" for more information about students' post-graduation plans.

33 Master's degrees awarded in 2018

Of these, 7 were awarded in Clinical, 3 in Cognitive, 2 in Social, and 21 in the ABA program.

472 undergraduates enrolled in formative experiences in Spring 2019

Formative Experiences involve independent immersive experiential learning in settings outside of the classroom that are relevant to students' educational, professional, and life goals. Formative Experiences available to psychology students include DIS research in faculty labs and internships.

33 Awards earned by faculty, staff, students, and alumni

Our department members were so prolific in earning awards this spring that their awards are spread over every page of this newsletter.

100% Match rate for clinical students applying to internships

Once again, all 12 of our clinical graduate students seeking internships were matched with an APA-accredited internship site.

150 No-Cost Evaluations

Michael Kofler's Children's Learning Clinic has provided 150 no-cost evaluations to local families since opening in 2015. That's a 50% increase in the number of evaluations compared to last year at this time.

\$7 million in new grants in the past 6 months

To see more information about new grants, see "Faculty Grants" and "Graduate Student News"

In the Spotlight

Shining a Light on a Few of Our Many Award Winners



Warmath Service Award

The Stan and Paula Warmath Distinguished Service Award was established in 2016 by a generous donor, who wished to remain anonymous. The award is given on an annual basis and recognizes a staff member or specialized faculty member for their dedicated service to the Psychology Department.

This year's recipient was **Sandy Saunders**. Sandy is the Business Manager in Psychology and oversees all fiscal matters. She was selected as the recipient of this award for her significant contributions to the success of our department. Sandy is absolutely committed to doing a good job.

She's usually juggling quite a few tasks at once, but still manages to quickly and accurately answer any question. Her work is thorough. Ask Sandy for a rough estimate, and she'll give you the exact number. Sandy's attention to detail, impressive knowledge, valuable suggestions, proactive approach, work efficiency, and conscientiousness make her an indispensable member of this department.

AER Minority Dissertation Fellowship

Connie Barroso-Garcia (major professor: Colleen Ganley) was recently selected to receive a 2019-2020 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Minority Dissertation Fellowship. This fellowship is typically awarded to seven or fewer students per year.

AERA Minority Dissertation fellows are selected based on their potential as faculty members or education research scholars, the dissertation study's contribution to education research, rigor of research methods used to conduct the study, and implications of the research. Fellows are awarded a \$19,000 stipend to complete their dissertation research and training.

The fellows and travel awardees also receive a \$1,000 stipend for travel expenses to attend the 2020 AERA Annual Meeting. Awardees will also present their work to the education research community in a poster session during the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Glee Ross Hollander Award

The Glee Ross Hollander Dissertation Award was established in 2016 through a monetary gift to the department in memory of Dr. Glee Ross Hollander, an alumna of our clinical psychology program. The \$2,000 award is given to a psychology doctoral student who, in the previous calendar year, defended a dissertation that is judged to be the best of those nominated by department faculty.

This year's recipient is **Jean Forney**. Her dissertation is entitled "Longitudinal Follow-up of Purging Syndromes: Outcomes and Predictors." Jean received her Ph.D. in 2018 in the Clinical Program under the guidance of Pam Keel. She recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Psychology at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

Alumni

UPDATES

Joseph Breza, as an Assistant Professor of Neuroscience at Eastern Michigan University, received EMU's Ronald Collins Distinguished Faculty Award for Research. Joseph received his Ph.D. in 2011 in the Neuroscience Program under the guidance of Rob Contreras.

David "Gil" Damon, a psychology and political science double-major, was awarded a Gates Cambridge Scholarship, the University of Cambridge's most prestigious international postgraduate scholarship. Gil, who graduated from FSU in May 2018, will pursue a master's degree in public policy at Cambridge.

Chris Hagan, who is currently working as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire, has accepted an assistant professor position at Cornell College in Iowa. Chris received his Ph.D. in 2017 from the Clinical Program under the guidance of Thomas Joiner.

Lindsay Bodell has recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Psychology at Western University in Ontario, Canada. In addition, Lindsay was named a Rising Star by the Association for Psychological Sciences. Lindsay received her Ph.D. in 2015 from the Clinical Program under the guidance of Pam Keel and Thomas Joiner.

Heidi Rivera has accepted a tenure-track assistant professor position in Psychology at Hartwick College beginning in Fall 2019. Heidi received her Ph.D. in 2009 in the Neuroscience Program under the guidance of Lisa Eckel.

Kim Van Orden was awarded the Shneidman Award from the American Association of Suicidology, given to the association's distinguished young researcher. Kim received her Ph.D. in 2009 in the Clinical Program under the guidance of Thomas Joiner.

Paul Rubeinstein, CEO of Convert IT Marketing, who completed his BS in Psychology at FSU in 1999, was named to the Seminole 100 list for the second year in a row. Seminole 100 recognizes the 100 fastest-growing FSU alumni-owned businesses each year.

LaRicka Wingate was recently promoted to Full Professor of Psychology at Oklahoma State University. LaRicka received her Ph.D. in 2006 in the Clinical Program under the guidance of Thomas Joiner.

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Graduate News

Emma Altgelt (major professor: Andrea Meltzer) was selected to participate in the 2019 Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology, a summer institute funded by the National Science Foundation and the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Michael Butler (major professor: Lisa Eckel) will begin a postdoctoral research position at the Ohio State University in fall 2019.

Julie Carranza (major professor: Mike Kaschak) will begin a lecturer position at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga in fall 2019.

Nicole Groves (major professor: Michael Kofler) received the DeGraff Research Fund Award.

Erin Harrell (major professor: Walter Boot) was awarded a \$137,590 Aging Research Dissertation Award to Increase Diversity (R36) from the National Institutes on Aging for her dissertation titled "Investigating Adherence to Technology-Based Cognitive Interventions with the Potential to Slow or Reverse Cognitive Decline Associated with Aging."

Rasheda Haughbrook (major professor: Sara Hart) was awarded the 2018-2019 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award from FSU's Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE). Seven additional psychology Teaching Assistants were nominated for the FSU Outstanding Teaching Award. They were **Kristina Chamberlin** (major professor: Ashby Plant), **Juliana French** (major professor: Andrea Meltzer), **Lindsey Hicks** (major professor: Jim McNulty), **Stacey Makhanova** (major professor: Jim McNulty), **Sean Ogden** (major professor: Lisa Eckel),

Katherine Schafer (major professor: Joe Franklin), and **Parker Sorensen** (major professor: Colleen Kelley).

Lauren Irwin (major professor: Michael Kofler) received the International Neuropsychological Society Student Liaison Committee Research Award.

Stacey Makhanova (major professor: Jim McNulty) will begin a tenure-track position at the University of Arkansas in fall 2019.

Heather Maranges (major professor: Paul Conway) received two awards and one grant. She has been awarded the 2019 Outstanding Research Award from the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Heather was also awarded a Dissertation Research Grant from FSU's Congress of Graduate Students. Finally, Heather received the 2019 Graduate Student Research and Creativity Award through Florida State University Graduate School.

Brittany Mathes (major professor: Brad Schmidt) was awarded a \$73,655 F31 grant from the National Institutes of Health for her project "A Multi-Method Investigation of Mechanisms of Attachment in Hoarding Disorder."

Fallon Ringer (major professor: Thomas Joiner) received a \$1,000 Psychological Science Research Grant from the Committee of the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students.

Caleb Reynolds (major professor: Paul Conway) was selected to participate in the 2019 Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology, a summer institute funded by the National Science Foundation and the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Megan Rogers (major professor: Thomas Joiner) received two awards and one grant. She received the Ermine M. Owenby Jr. Travel Award from FSU's College of Arts & Sciences. This award supports women enrolled in graduate programs in the College of Arts & Sciences to present their research at professional meetings or conferences. Megan received a \$5,000 APA Dissertation Research Award for her project "Evaluation of Real-Time Factors Associated with Suicidal Intent and Behavior." Megan also received a Dissertation Research Grant from FSU's Graduate School.

Sarah Terrill (major professor: Diana Williams) received an award and accepted a new position. She received the 2019 Graduate Student Research and Creativity Awards through Florida State University Graduate School. In addition, Sarah has accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Southern California.

Erica Wells (major professor: Michael Kofler) received the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Scholar Award. This is a merit-based award for women who are pursuing a doctoral level degree at an accredited college or university.

Karl Wissemann (major professor: Brad Schmidt) won the People's Choice award in FSU's Master's in 4 Competition. Three additional psychology students were among the 12 finalists in this competition: **Danielle Krusemark** (major professor: Ashby Plant), **Ryn Linthicum** (major professor: Jess Ribiero), and **Katherine Schafer** (major professor: Joe Franklin).

Angele Yazbec (major professor: Mike Kaschak) has accepted a position, beginning in summer 2019, as Senior Analyst for Evergreen Solutions, a consulting firm based in Tallahassee.

Graduate Research Day

On April 12th the department hosted its annual *Graduate Research Day* (GRD), in which graduate students present research through oral and poster presentations. We were delighted to have Eugenia and Russell Morcom, the generous donors whose gift helps fund this event, join us. Following adjudication by faculty members, the following students were awarded the Eugenia and Russell Morcom GRD Excellence Award for best oral presentations: **Meghan Donovan** (1st place; major professor: Zuoxin Wang), **Stephanie Mallinas** (2nd place; major professor: Ashby Plant), **Juliana French** (3rd place; major professor: Andrea Meltzer), **Maria Greenwood** (Honorable Mention (tie); major professor: Elizabeth Hammock) and **Heather Maranges** (Honorable Mention (tie); major professor: Paul Conway). One poster presentation from each of the five programs was awarded the Eugenia and Russell Morcom GRD Excellence Award for best poster presentation: **Kat Chia** (Cognitive (tie); major professor: Mike Kaschak), **Heather Rawlinson** (Cognitive (tie); major professor: Colleen Kelley), **Elyssa Geer** (Developmental; major professor: Colleen Ganley), **Caitlyn Edwards** (Neuroscience; major professor: Linda Rinaman), and **Emma Altgelt** (Social; major professor: Andrea Meltzer). The winning poster from Clinical was a group effort by the fifth year clinical cohort: **Jay Boffa** (major professor: Brad Schmidt), **Taylor Day** (major professor: Amy Wetherby), **Charlotte Grillot** (major professor: Pam Keel), **Melanie Hom** (major professor: Thomas Joiner), **Megan Rogers** (major professor: Thomas Joiner), **Ian Stanley** (major professors: Thomas Joiner and Natalie Sachs-Ericsson), **Erica Wells** (major professor: Michael Kofler), **Natalie Wilver** (major professor: Jesse Cogle), and **James Yancey** (major professor: Chris Patrick).



Undergraduate Awards & Honors

News

The Mark A. Berkley Research Fellowship supports undergraduate research projects in psychology. Awards are given annually to the top research proposals submitted to a faculty selection committee. This year's recipients were **Nicholas Franco** (advisor: Mike Kaschak), and **Jacob Cryderman** (advisor: Mike Kaschak).

The Mae Hampton Watt Presidential Scholarship in Psychology provides support to undergraduate students majoring in psychology. Scholarships were given to students for excellence in research, writing, and service. The recipients were: **Jacob Goldstein-Greenwood** for Research, **Zanned Rodriguez** for Writing, and **Evan Albury** for Service and Leadership.

Denis Aleman, Farah Ali, I'yanna Barker, Margaret Bell, Kisha Cadet, Jordan Clark, Allyson Corlett, Jennifer Farman, Alexis Federico, Kensie Funsch, Jacob Goldstein-Greenwood, Mirna Hanna, Shira Hayes, Ian Judd, McKenzie Kirlan, Laila Kunaish, Trinity Lakin, Noelle Lewis, Rhonda Liu, Briani Mazur, Eilish Mendonca, Andrea Montoya, Allison Moore, Eleanor Moore, Katherine Olney, Jessica Michelle Pagliery, Ishani Patel, Anne-Marie Rada, Lourdes Ramos, Alesis Rodriguez, Luke Stachler, Julia Strum, Hannah Theisen, Isabella Tommasone, Kayla Wagler, Manasicha Wongpaiboon 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.

Denis Aleman (advisor: Chris Lonigan) received the Vires Outstanding Student Employee Award for his work with the Florida Center for Reading Research. The Vires award recognizes the student employee who consistently goes above and beyond their job duties, taking initiative in his or her role.

Ana Melissa Caballero was awarded third place in the first annual Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program UROP research awards. This award is given to students who demonstrate exceptional research skills and effective utilization of library resources.

Megan Craig was nominated for an Outstanding Student Employee award for her work in the Psychology Advising Office.

Essence Duncan was selected as the FSU College of Arts & Sciences Humanitarian of the Year. This award recognizes a student who exhibits a tremendous commitment to service. Essence volunteers as a crisis counselor and shift supervisor at 2-1-1 Big Bend, providing counseling to callers facing various issues and supervising counselors in training in their work. Essence also participates in Sisters2Service, an organization that mentors young women at the Walker Ford Community Center. In addition, she serves as a peer navigator through FSU New Student and Family Programs, mentoring first year students through their transition from high school to college.

Nkechi Emetuche participated in the ACC InVenture Prize Competition as part of the FSU team InnoHealth. The ACC InVenture Prize is an innovation competition in which teams of undergraduates representing each ACC university pitch their inventions or businesses before a live audience and a panel of judges. The FSU team was among the top four finalists in the competition.

Jacob Goldstein-Greenwood received two awards. He received the Spring 2019 Phi Beta Kappa Alpha Chapter of Florida, Marion Jewell Hay Award. This award recognizes the top student as determined by the Phi Beta Kapp chapter at Florida State University for this semester. Jacob was also chosen as the recipient of the FSU Student Leadership Award.

Jessica Nelson (advisor: Thomas Joiner) received an FSU College of Arts & Sciences Travel Grant to give a poster presentation at the American Association of Suicidology conference.

Maria Perez was nominated for an Outstanding Student Employee award for her work in the Psychology Front Office.

Olivia Teasdale (advisor: Thomas Joiner) received an FSU College of Arts & Sciences Travel Grant to give a poster presentation at the American Association of Suicidology conference.

Hayleigh Tilton was awarded first place in the first annual Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program UROP research awards. This award is given to students who demonstrate exceptional research skills and effective utilization of library resources.

Undergraduate Research Day



On April 26th, the department and local chapter of the Psi Chi National Honor Society hosted the annual Undergraduate Research Day in which undergraduate students present and discuss their research. The morning began with a poster session, followed by a brunch at which the Howard D. Baker Research Talks were presented and an awards ceremony was held. The Howard Baker Award is given to the research project submissions that are judged to be the most meritorious. The awards were presented to **Sarah Sniffen** (1st place; advised by Lisa Eckel), **Allysa Quick** (2nd place; advised by Brad Schmidt), **Beatriz Gasparetto** (3rd place; advised by Pam Keel), **Andrew Dilanchian** (Honorable Mention (tie); advised by Wally Boot), and **Kensie Funsch** (Honorable Mention (tie); advised by Joe Franklin). The Psi Chi Best Poster Award was presented to **Nicholas Franco** (advised by Mike Kaschak).

