



Newsletter of the
Counseling Psychology
Program

University of Memphis

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Counseling Psychology Update

2017

Department News!

A Warm Welcome to
Returning Faculty Member
in Counseling Psychology,
Dr. Rosie Bingham!



Introducing the
New Department
Chair of
Counseling,
Educational
Psychology, and
Research, Dr.
Steven West!



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MEMPHIS

Introducing the New Cohort!

Greg Horn

Hometown: Boone, North Carolina

Degree: M. A. in Clinical/Health Psychology from Appalachian State University

Research Interests: Responses to trauma and minority stress and interventions to alleviate posttraumatic stress



Alexandra (Ali) Fuss

Hometown: Milwaukee, WI

Degree: M. S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Marquette University

Research Interests: Invisible Illness/Disability and Their Impacts on Patients' Lives, Grief as It Relates to Medical Loss, and Integrated Healthcare



Christy New

Hometown: Aiea, HI/Baltimore, MD

Degree: M. A./C. A. S. in Psychology/School Psychology from Towson University

Research Interests: Human Sexuality and Cognitive/Physical Disabilities



Whitney Shuman

Hometown: Visalia, CA

Degree: M. A. in Mental Health
Counseling from Southern Oregon
University

Research Interests: Masculinity and
Loss



Parker Rhomberg

Hometown: Dublin, OH

Degree: M. A. in Counseling
Psychology from University of Denver

Research Interests: Student-Athletes
and Health Psychology



Jennifer Yeoward

Hometown: Rock Falls, IL

Degree: M. S. in Clinical-Counseling
Psychology from Illinois State
University

Research Interests: Gender Issues,
Grief and Loss, Vocational
Counseling, and Issues Relevant to
the Older Adult Population



Brian Adams

Hometown: Memphis, TN

Degree: M. Ed. in Counselor
Education from University of
Mississippi

Research Interests: Positive
Psychology, Resilience, and
Solution-Focused Brief Therapy



A Fond Send-Off to Our Students Leaving for Internship!

Emily Brown

Internship: Towson University

Towson, MD—Psychology Internship

Dissertation: “Predictors of Body
Dissatisfaction in Transgender Men
and Women”

Ben Brett

Internship: Veterans Affairs
Connecticut Healthcare System

West Haven, CT—Clinical
Neuropsychology

Dissertation: “Neurocognitive
Impairment in Parkinson’s Disease
Patients: Assessing the Unique
Contributions of Depression and
Fatigue While Controlling for Disease
Severity”

Hannah Emery

Internship: Virginia Tech/Thomas Cook
Counseling Center

Blacksburg, VA—Psychology
Internship

Dissertation: “The Influence of Gender
Role Conflict on Perpetration and
Victimization of Intimate Partner
Violence in Same Sex Male
Relationships”

Whitney Stubbs

Internship: South Texas VA Health
Care System

San Antonio, TX--Geropsychology

Dissertation: “Evaluating the
Ecological Validity of the Frontal
Assessment Battery in a Veteran
Memory Clinic Sample”

Megan Loew

Internship: Medical College of
Georgia/Norwood VA Med Center

Augusta, GA—Medical Psychology—
HIV-AIDS Track

Dissertation: “Antiretroviral Therapy
Adherence in Youth Living with HIV:
Exploring the Role of Risk Behaviors,
Health Promotion Behaviors, and
Depressive Symptoms”

Adam Fishel

Internship: Central Arkansas Veterans
Healthcare System

Little Rock, AR—Health Psychology

Dissertation: “Gratitude Interventions
with Physical Therapy Patients”

Sarah Hatcher

Internship: AHRC New York City

New York, NY—Psychology Internship

Dissertation: “Intercultural
Competence, Multicultural
Competence, and Self-Awareness in
Doctoral Psychology Students: Do
International Experiences Matter?”

Eric Suedmeyer

Internship: Southwest
Consortium/NMVAHCS

Albuquerque, NM—General Track

Dissertation: “The Development of a
Career Resilience for Adults with
Disabilities Scale”



2016 Graduates

- *Rosaire Daigle
- *Angela Izmirian
- *Jessica Nicholson
- *Lindsey Swanson Schriefer
- *April Reupke



Angela Izmirian, Jessica Nicholson, Lindsey Swanson Schriefer, and April Reupke

Congratulations to Our
2016 Graduates!!!





Students Currently on Internship

Brian Bruijn—Michigan State University-Counseling

Wally Cole—Butler University

Kaitlin Duckett—Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center/Lackland AFB

Brittany Lee—University of Central Florida Counseling and Psychology

Danielle Miro—University of Kansas Medical Center

Ben Smith—James H. Quillen VA

Huan-Hsiang Ueng—UC Riverside

Stephanie Zuckerman—Federal Bureau of Prisons-Tallahassee

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KT Heistand

★ KT graduated in 2010, and she currently has a private practice at Hiestand Psychological Services, PLLC.

Richelle Ashley McGee Long

★ Richelle completed an internship at Tulane University School of Medicine in the Infant Mental Health Track in 2013-2014, followed by a clinical fellowship at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She currently works at UC Davis in the department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and is an Assistant Professor on the volunteer clinical faculty.

Jessica Nicholson

★ Jessica plans on taking a full-time job as a suicide prevention coordinator at Dorn VA in Columbia, South Carolina in August 2017.

Aron Katz

★ Aron is currently a staff psychologist at UC Davis Student Health and Counseling Services and serves as the Center's staff representative for collective bargaining as they join a union.

Adrian Murray

★ Adrian is currently the Clinical Team Program Director at the Tallahassee VA Medical Center. She passed the EPPP in March 2016.

Brandy Smith

★ Brandy is currently the Assistant Director of Clinical Training at Auburn University Student Counseling Services and is in the process of getting that site APA-accredited as an internship program.

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Dr. Marks's G.R.O.W.T.H. Lab

(Global Research on Working to
Ameliorate Health Disparities)

Currently, The G.R.O.W.T.H. research team is working on projects: (a) exploring mediators and moderators of the relationship between microaggressions and mental health outcomes, (b) exploring the status of health psychology in the Caribbean, and (c) exploring the influence of microaggressions in adults living with HIV/AIDS

Dr. Bridges's Constructivist Sexuality Lab

We are currently working on projects: (a) exploring attitudes toward PreP use, (b) implementing a Delphi methodology to identify the mental health needs among those who practice kink, (c) exploring the loss experiences of trans* individuals post-transition, (d) investigating the retrospective experiences of ostomates regarding the adequacy of information provided to them about sexuality with an ostomy bag

Students from the Constructivist Sexuality Lab presenting "Connecting Ambiguous Loss & Disenfranchised Grief to Trans*ition" at the Association for Death Education Conference, 2017



Dr. Ovrebo's International Team

Our team is gearing up to begin an exploration/creation of an intervention for refugees in the Memphis area addressing their educational and language needs. Additionally, the team is looking at examining the attitudes towards having international students in counseling psychology programs and multicultural competencies resulting from international/multicultural experiences

Dr. Ovrebo's LGBT-Trauma Team

We are currently developing manuscripts surrounding interpersonal trauma and its effects on the LGBT population regarding their psychological well-being, experiences of minority stress, and help-seeking behaviors. One study in particular is looking at the applicability of the Conformity to Female Norms Inventory (CFNI) and the Conformity to Masculine Norms Inventory (CMNI) to an LGB sample of individuals

Dr. Schiro-Geist's TigerLIFE Research Team

We are currently working on projects: (a) exploring what factors motivate students to become peer mentors of TigerLIFE students, (b) examining the attitudes and apprehensions university faculty have towards students with intellectual disabilities, (c) exploring how the financial and subjective well-being of TigerLIFE parents has changed since their child graduated from TigerLIFE, (d) investigating whether Vocational Rehabilitation counselors with master's degrees have better client outcomes than counselors with only bachelor's degrees, (e) examining the efficacy of the TigerLIFE program through a randomized-controlled trial, and (f) validation of the Attitudes Toward Intellectual Disability Questionnaire

Dr. Lease's Masculinity and Health Research Team

We are currently working on projects: (a) investigating how gratitude interventions increase self-efficacy and outcome expectations and possibly decrease pain in physical therapy patients, (b) exploring how presentations of pain and gender atypical/typical behavior influence nurses' perceptions of target patients, and (c) investigating the moderating effects of perceived social support on the relationship between conformity to gender norms and grief reactions to non-death loss

★ Dr. Rosie Bingham is running ★
★ for APA President!! ★

- If you would like to help with the campaign, please contact Rami Steinruck at rsteinruck@gmail.com
- Please remember to vote in the elections!

★ Dr Schiro-Geist is serving on the accreditation committee for the National Coordinating Center for Inclusive Postsecondary Education Programs and represented the University of Memphis at the 2016 International Congress of Psychology in Yokohama, Japan

★ Dr. Marks joined the Counseling Psychology faculty in 2015 — she earned her Ph.D. from Purdue University, and her research interests are centered on understanding social determinants of health behaviors in adults of color and factors that influence mental health and career outcomes in racial minority populations

★ Dr. Lease looks forward to creating and securing new practicum sites and positions that concentrate on integrated healthcare and provide valuable experience in this growing and crucial area in the field

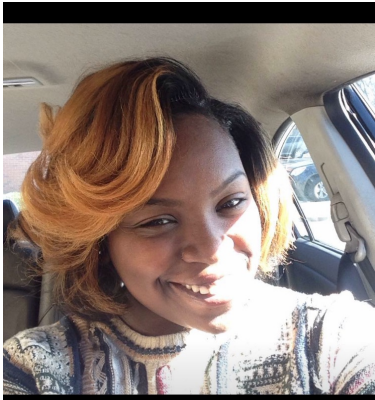
The Diversity Committee has been very busy this past year!

- Volunteering to help M.A.G.Y. with their booth at the Memphis Pride Parade
- Participated in Diversity Outreach talks during the fall semester, which covered a variety of topics, including microaggressions and ableism
- Third year Sarah Hatcher and first year Jennifer Yeoward led a discussion with Phi Mu at the National Civil Rights Museum
- Members helped set-up with the Memphis Empty Bowls Project, which helps raise money for charities in the Memphis area
- Many Counseling Psychology students volunteered or ran at the St. Jude Marathon!
- Participated in the Women's March in Memphis on January 21st, 2017
- Various events during Black History Month, including a lecture about Rosa Parks during Women's History Month



Coming

University of Memphis



University of Houston-
Clear Lake



Loyola University
Maryland

Marquette University



Hofstra University



Soon!

University of
Memphis



Vanderbilt University

Oklahoma State
University

