Yang Liu, a graduate student in Quantitative Psychology, is a recipient of the 2016 Dean’s Distinguished Dissertation Award. This award recognizes the scholarly contributions of UNC doctoral students as revealed through their dissertation projects. Yang won for his dissertation, “Generalized Fiducial Inference for Graded Response Models.”

Douglas Hermes and Jacqueline Paniccia, graduate students in Behavioral Neuroscience, are this year’s recipients of the King Research Excellence Award. This award honors Dr. Richard King, an Emeritus Professor of Psychology at UNC, for his many contributions to our department over the years. The King Award recognizes research excellence.

Douglas studies the protective properties of endocannabinoids in neuroAIDS and its receptor-mediated mechanisms. The King Award will help cover the expenses of needed chemicals and materials. Jackie studies the integrity of astrocytes in the basolateral amygdala in a heroin conditioning model. The King Award will allow Jackie to purchase products, such as a design drug virus and a clozapine-N-oxide.

Dr. Kristen Lindquist, an Assistant Professor of Social Psychology, was recently featured in a podcast by UNC’s Institute for the Arts and Humanities for her research collaboration with Dr. Misha Becker, an Associate Professor of Linguistics. Drs. Lindquist and Becker won a Fostering Interdisciplinary Research Exploration grant in 2015. Listen to the podcast online.
**2016 Distinguished Alumnus**

The Colloquium Committee in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience is pleased to announce that the recipient of this year’s Distinguished Alumnus Award is **Dr. Ronald Haskins**, who earned his Ph.D. in the Developmental Psychology Program. He was a senior researcher at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center at UNC Chapel Hill from 1981 to 1985.

A former senior White House and congressional advisor on welfare issues, Dr. Haskins co-directs the Brookings Center on Children and families and Budgeting for National Priorities Project. An expert on preschool, foster care, and poverty, he was instrumental in the 1996 overhaul of national welfare policy. He is also a contributor to the Evidence Speakers paper project.

Dr. Haskins’ talk, entitled **“Social Science Rising: The Growing Influence of Evidence in Policy Development”** is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24th from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in Davie Hall, room 112.

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**WOWS Lecture**

The UNC Working on Women in Science (WOWS) program, in collaboration with the Departments of Biology and Psychology and Neuroscience, would like you to join us for a presentation by Dr. Ileana Arias, Principal Deputy Director for the Centers for Disease Control/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Consistent with the mission of the WOWS initiative, which aims to foster the recruitment and advancement of women in the sciences and medicine, Dr. Arias will share her personal and professional perspectives navigating the highest levels of academics, administration and policy in her talk, **“Race to the Top: Ladder or Jungle Gym.”** Please join us Wednesday, March 9 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in Wilson Hall, room 107.

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**Welcome to New Staff!**

Latasha Mingo joined the Department in January and is our new Department Manager. Latasha received her MBA from Missouri S&T and has worked for numerous institutions such as NC State University, Auburn University, and UNC Charlotte. She also previously worked at UNC as a Business Manager in Computer Science. Latasha enjoys traveling, shopping, attending sporting events, and spending time with her family and friends. She and her husband also have a 17-month-old daughter to keep them busy and on their feet! Welcome, Latasha!
Our 2016 Department Colloquium features Dr. Ernest C. Davenport. Dr. Davenport is a professor in the Quantitative Methods in Education Program within the College of Educational Psychology and Human Development at the University of Minnesota.

He received a B.S. degree in Psychology and Computer Science from Duke University and his Masters and Doctoral degrees from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Dr. Davenport has had a long-standing role as the Director of an ACT/SAT review course for at-risk students and was one of the founders of Minnesota’s Office of Educational Accountability (OEA), which was created to assist with educational accountability in the state.

His research primarily focuses on the study of measurement to better understand achievement gaps, with special interests in the relationship between student experiences and academic success.

Dr. Davenport will present “Reliability, Internal Consistency, and Dimensionality in Psychological Assessment” for our 2016 Department Colloquium. Join us Wednesday, March 23 at 3:30 pm in Davie Hall, room 112.

Behavioral Neuroscience Seminars
Davie 302, 12:30—1:45 pm
2/23 Theresa McKim
Making and Breaking Habits: The Effects of SUD History and Stress on Learning
3/8 Kurt Hauser, Ph.D.
Cellular & Molecular Basis of Opiate Drug-Induced Exacerbation of HIV-Associated CNS Injury

Cognitive Tea Talks
Davie 347, 12:30-1:30 pm
2/25 Cassie Ford
The Effect of Stimulus Exposure and Individual Differences on Attentional Capture
3/3 Chris Foster
Episodic Memory in Aging: The Affect of Domain General Changes in Cognition

Quantitative Forums
Davie 347, 12:00—1:00 pm
2/22 Michael Willoughby, Ph.D.
Raleigh Triangle Institute
2/28 Amy Herring, Ph.D.
Gillings School of Global Public Health
UNC Chapel Hill
3/7 Tom Carsey, Ph.D.
Political Science Dept
UNC Chapel Hill

Clinical Lunch Series
Davie 261, 12:00—1:00 pm
2/19 Carol Ripley-Moffitt, MDiv
Health Disparities in Tobacco Addiction
2/26 David Penn, Ph.D.
Early Intervention for Psychosis
3/4 Poster Session

Developmental Lunch Series
Davie 347, 12:00—1:00 pm
2/24 Bob Henshaw, Ph.D.
Center for Faculty Excellence
UNC Chapel Hill
3/2 Sydney Pettygrove, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
University of Arizona
3/9 Robert Guttentag, Ph.D.
Professor
UNC Greensboro

Social ORGs
Davie 302, 11:30—1:00 pm
2/22 Wendy Berry Mendes, Ph.D.
Psychiatry Department
UC San Francisco
2/29 Angela Duckworth, Ph.D.
Psychology Department
University of Pennsylvania
3/7 James Coan, Ph.D.
Psychology Department
University of Pennsylvania
Research Opportunities for Faculty

If you are interested in applying for any of these opportunities, contact Phil Lee, Grants Management Officer, at palee@email.unc.edu.

National Institutes of Health

Behavioral & Integrative Treatment Development Program
National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research

Dependence
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
PA-15-026 (R01)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Epidemiology of Drug Abuse
National Institute on Drug Abuse
PA-15-001 (R21)
PA-15-002 (R03)
PA-15-003 (R01)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Biobehavioral and Technological Interventions to Attenuate Cognitive Decline in Individuals with Cognitive Impairment or Dementia
National Institute of Nursing Research
National Institute on Aging
PA-15-015 (R21)
PA-15-016 (R15)
PA-15-017 (R01)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Women & Sex/Gender Differences in Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Dependence
National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
PA-14-036 (R21)
PA-14-037 (R03)
PA-14-038 (R01)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Substance Use and Abuse, Risky Decision Making and HIV/AIDS
National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
PA-14-061 (R01)
PA-14-062 (R21)
PA-14-063 (R03)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Mechanistic Studies of Pain and Alcohol Dependence
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute on Drug Abuse
PA-15-003 (R01)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Modeling Social Behavior (R01)
National Cancer Institute
PA-15-026 (R01)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Neuroscience Research on Drug Abuse
National Institute on Drug Abuse
PA-13-338 (R01)
PA-13-337 (R21)
PA-13-336 (R03)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Implication of New Digital Media Use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention Research
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
PA-13-262 (R01)
PA-13-263 (R21)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Effects of Cannabis Use and Cannabinoids on the Developing Brain
National Institute on Drug Abuse
PA-14-163 (R01)
PA-14-162 (R21)
PA-14-164 (R03)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents
National Institute of Nursing Research
Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research
PA-14-177 (R01)
PA-14-176 (R21)
Research Opportunities, cont.

Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Clinical Studies of Mental Illness Not Involving Treatment Development, Efficacy, or Effectiveness Trials National Institute of Mental Health PAR-14-165 (Collaborative R01)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Lab to Marketplace: Tools for Brain and Behavioral Research
National Institute of Mental Health National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders PA-14-250 (R43/R44)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Notice of Information on High-Priority Research Areas to Understand and Reduce Mental Health Disparities
National Institutes of Mental Health NOT-MH-14-033 (R01, R21, and other opportunities)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Advancing Interventions to Improve Medication Adherence
Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research
National Eye Institute
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
National Institute of Mental Health
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
PAR-15-090 (STTR) (R41/R42)
PAR-15-091 (SBIR) (R43/R44)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Functional Wellness in HIV: Maximizing the Treatment Cascade
National Institute of Nursing Research
Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research
PA-15-133 (R01)
PA-15-134 (R21)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Systems Science and Health in the Behavioral and Social Sciences
Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research
National Cancer Institute
National Institute on Aging
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
National Institute of Mental Health
National Institute of Nursing Research
Office of Disease Prevention
National Institute of General Medical Sciences
PAR-15-047 (R21)
PAR-15-048 (R01)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

BRAIN Initiative: Development, Optimization, and Validation of Novel Tools and Technologies for Neuroscience Research
National Institute of Mental Health
National Institute of Aging
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and Addiction Research
National Institute on Drug Abuse
PA-15-141 (R03)
PA-15-142 (R01)
PA-15-143 (R21)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Pilot and Feasibility Studies in Preparation for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Trials (R34)
National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
PA-15-177
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Screening and Brief Alcohol Interventions in Underage and Young Adult Populations
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
PA-15-294 (R21)
PA-15-295 (R01)
PA-15-296 (R03)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Alcohol Use Disorders: Behavioral Treatment, Services and Recovery Research
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
PA-15-299 (R01)
PA-15-300 (R03)
PA-15-301 (R21)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Research on the Mechanisms and/or Behavioral Outcomes of Multisensory Processing (R01)
National Institute on Aging
National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health
National Cancer Institute
National Eye Institute
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
National Institute on Drug Abuse
Research Opportunities, cont.

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
RFA-AA-16-008 (R01)
RFA-AA-16-009 (R21)
Application Due Date: 04/21/16
BRAIN Initiative: Next-Generation Invasive Devices for Recording and Modulation in the Human Central Nervous System (U44)
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health
National Eye Institute
National Institute on Aging
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
RFA-NS-16-011
Application Due Date: 04/26/16
BRAIN Initiative: SBIR Direct to Phase II Next-Generation Invasive Devices for Recording and Modulation in the Human Central Nervous System (U44)
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
National Institute on Aging
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
Application Due Date: 04/21/16
Application Due Date: 05/25/16, plus additional deadlines through 2017
Pre-application: Stimulating Peripheral Activity to Relieve Conditions (SPARC): Comprehensive Functional Mapping of Neuroanatomy and Neurobiology of Organs (OT1)

National Institutes of Health
RFA-RM-15-003
Application Due Date: 05/16/16 and bi-monthly through 2018
Reductions in Illicit Drug Use and Functional Outcomes (R21/R33)
National Institute on Drug Abuse
PA-15-099
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply
(Letter of Intent required, LoI due 05/16/16 for 06/16/16 deadline)

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Predoctoral Training Program in the Neurosciences (T32)
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
National Institute on Aging
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Institute of General Medical Sciences
National Institute of Mental Health
PAR-15-178
Application Due Date: 05/25/16, plus additional deadlines through 2017
The Neural Mechanisms of Multi-Dimensional Emotional and Social Representation
National Institute of Mental Health
RFA-MH-17-300 (R01)
RFA-MH-17-305 (R21)
Application Due Date: 06/03/16
Understanding Factors in Infancy and Early Childhood (Birth to 24 months) That Influence Obesity Development
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research
National Institute on Minority Health and
Health Disparities
PAR-14-323 (R01)
Application Due Dates: 06/05/16, plus additional deadlines through 2017

Fundamental Mechanisms of Affective and Decisional Processes in Cancer Control (U01)
National Cancer Institute
PAR-14-067
Application Due Dates: 06/10/16 or 10/14/16

Exploratory Clinical Trials of Mind and Body Interventions for NCCAM High Priority Research Topics (R34)
National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health
PAR-14-182
Application Due Dates: 06/10/16, plus additional deadlines through 2017

NIDA Mentored Clinical Scientists Development Program Award in Drug Abuse and Addiction (K12)
National Institute on Drug Abuse
PAR-15-119
Application Due Date: 06/12/16, plus additional deadlines through 2017 (Letter of Intent required, Lol due 05/12/16 for 06/12/16 deadline)

Exploratory Clinical Trials of Novel Interventions for Mental Disorders
National Institute of Mental Health (R33)
RFA-MH-16-400
Application Due Date: 06/15/16, plus additional deadlines through 2016

Pilot Effectiveness Trials for Treatment, Preventive and Services Interventions (R34)
National Institute of Mental Health
RFA-MH-16-410
Application Due Date: 06/15/16, plus additional deadlines through 2016

Clinical Trials to Test the Effectiveness of Treatment, Preventive, and Services Interventions

National Institute of Mental Health
RFA-MH-16-415 (Collaborative R01)
RFA-MH-16-420 (R01)
Application Due Date: 06/15/16, plus additional deadlines through 2016

Confirmatory Efficacy Clinical Trials of Non-Pharmacological Interventions for Mental Disorders (R01)
National Institute of Mental Health
RFA-MH-16-425
Application Due Dates: 06/15/16 and 10/14/16

Novel Assays to Address Translational Gaps in Treatment Development (UG3/UH3)
National Institute of Mental Health
PAR-16-065
Application Due Date: 06/23/16, plus additional deadlines through 2018

Standard NIH due dates for all activity codes including new submissions, renewals, and resubmissions can be found here.

American Psychological Foundation
David Wechsler Early Career Grant for Innovative Work in Cognition
APF Guidelines Here
Application Due Date: 06/15/16

American Psychological Association
Esther Katz Rosen Fund Grants
APF Guidelines Here
Registration Deadline: 03/21/16
Application Due Date: 03/31/16

University of North Carolina
NC TraCS $5k-$50k Grants (50% matching required)
TraCS $5k-$50k Guidelines
Application Due Date: 02/23/16, plus additional dates throughout 2016

NC TraCS $2k Award
TraCS $2k Guidelines
Application Due Dates: 03/15/16, plus monthly deadlines throughout 2016
Research Opportunities for Graduate Students & Postdocs

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National Institutes of Health

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA)
Check guidelines for list of participating institutes
PA-14-147 (F-31 Predoctoral)
PA-14-148 (F-31D Predoctoral Diversity)
PA-14-149 (F-32 Postdoctoral)
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00)
Check guidelines for list of participating institutes
PA-16-077
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Aging Research Dissertation Awards to Increase Diversity (R36)
National Institute on Aging
PAR-13-152

Drug Abuse Dissertation Research (R36)
National Institute on Drug Abuse
PAR-13-182
Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Mental Health Research Dissertation Grant to Enhance Workforce Diversity (R36)
National Institute of Mental Health
PAR-15-181
Application Due Date: 04/22/16, plus additional deadlines through 2018

American Psychological Association

Dissertation Research Grant in Developmental Psychology
APA Guidelines Here
Application Due Date: 03/15/15

APA Division 36 Student Research Award
APA Guidelines Here
Application Due Date: 06/10/16

APAGS/Psi Chi Junior Scientist Fellowship
APA Guidelines Here

American Psychological Foundation

APF Visionary Grants
APF Guidelines Here
Application Due Date: 04/01/16

F.J. McGuigan Dissertation Award
APF Guidelines here
Application Due Date: 06/01/16

Benton-Meier Scholarships
APF Guidelines Here
Application Due Date: 06/01/16

David Wechsler Early Career Grant for Innovative Work in Cognition
APF Guidelines Here
Application Due Date: 06/15/16

Kenneth B. and Mamie P. Clark Fund
APF Guidelines Here
Application Due Date: 06/15/16

APF Graduate Student Scholarships
APF Guidelines Here
Application Due Date: 06/30/16

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