Meet Swapnil Patel, one of our Fall 2016 interns with the Karen M. Gil Internship Program in Psychology and Neuroscience.

Swapnil is a senior majoring in Psychology with a double-major in Neuroscience and Chemistry. In Fall 2016, he worked with Cognitive Psychiatry of Chapel Hill (CPCH), an out-patient psychiatric clinic that strives to treat patients with a variety of mental illnesses. The primary mission of the clinic is to provide quality care by ensuring each patient sees a board-certified psychiatrist, a coordination of care among doctors in the area, and treatment through psychotherapy and medication.

Under the supervision of Dr. Jennie Byrne, Swapnil says, “I undertook a research project on the efficacy of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation in treating symptoms of Major Depressive Disorder. I was responsible for creating an organized patient questionnaire and later interviewing patients regarding their experience with this treatment. After conducting patient interviews, my responsibilities shifted to analyzing patient data and to quantitatively represent patients’ progress.”

“I plan to attend medical school to pursue a career in psychiatry. My time at CPCH as a Gil intern has expanded my research and writing skills, as well as given me tremendous insight into the professional environment of psychiatry. Being a member of the 2016 Fall Gil Intern Cohort has been such a rewarding and enriching experience!”

Applications for the Fall 2017 Intern Cohort are due by March 24. Info sessions on this internship program will be held in February. Learn more online!
The Hartley Laboratory in the Department of Psychology at New York University is hiring a full-time Lab Manager/Research Assistant to work on studies examining affective learning and decision-making across development. The expected start date is Summer 2017. Applicants must have previous research experience and a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology. Interested applicants should send a CV, unofficial undergraduate transcript, contact info for two references, and a brief description of interests and relevant experience to Dr. Catherine Hartley.

Didn’t get into the course you wanted this Spring? Consider registering for Summer School! Four popular courses will be offered in Maymester: PSYC 222 Learning, PSYC 501 Personality, PSYC 503 African American Psychology, and PSYC 566 Attitude Change. See a listing of all courses offered in SSI and SSII.

Interested in studying abroad? You can earn psychology major or minor credit hours while exploring Seoul this summer! Korea University’s International Summer Campus (SC) is an excellence opportunity for Carolina students to live and learn in South Korea with students and faculty from Carolina and all over the world! International students, along with local students, take 2-3 course from a wide variety of offerings, all taught in English. Classes are held Monday to Thursday and an array of cultural activities and excursions take place on Fridays. The program is highly recommended to Carolina students who are seeking psychology credit, although all majors can apply.

A representative from Korea University coming to UNC on February 7 at 1:30 PM to FedEx Global Education Center, room 3009. For students who attend the info session, there is an application fee waiver worth $90! Come find out more about the courses and cultural activities and also meet the UNC faculty members teaching psychology in South Korea.

Information for Summer 2017 is available online. Study abroad for 4 weeks or 6 weeks in Korea!

There has been a push to repeal the Affordable Care Act and its achievements for the field of mental health. Join a grassroots advocacy project to save core components of the Affordable Care Act that benefit people with mental illness. Learn more online & get involved.

The Language Learning Laboratory at Boston College is seeking a full-time Lab Manager to assist with developing and implementing ambitious, large-scale experiments using cutting-edge technology.

Requirements include a Bachelor’s degree in related field or discipline, some programming and/or web development experience, research experience, and the ability to work independently. Experience with Amazon Mechanical Turk, Amazon Web Services, jsPSych, or other similar technologies is a plus, but is not required.

Preferred start date is May or June 2017, with a 2-year commitment. To apply, fill out an online application and send a CV and the contact information for two references to jobs@l3atbc.org.

Are you thinking about a doctoral degree in psychology? Apply for Diversifying Psychology Visit Day at the Department of Psychology at the Univ. of Virginia.

This event is for research-oriented, junior and senior undergraduates, as well as recent graduates, from underrepresented groups (e.g. students who identify as a racial/ethnic minority or are first-generation), who want to learn more about graduate school. Accepted students will have their travel, meal, and hotel costs covered to attend Visit Day on April 28.

To apply, send a letter describing research experience, interests, and how interests align with faculty members of UVA, an unofficial transcript, CV, and 1 recommendation letter to psychology@virginia.edu.
Jobs & Other Opportunities

Looking for a post-baccalaureate position in psychology? Check out an online database of active positions! You can also subscribe by email to be notified of new postings. This is a great resource for new graduates!

The Health Humanities Journal of UNC Chapel Hill is currently accepting submissions for its Spring 2017 issue. This interdisciplinary publication allows for dialogue, meaning-making, and multiple representations of the body, mind, health/illness, and experiences dealing with the medical system. Submission categories include narratives, fiction, poetry, academic research, opinion pieces, book reviews, interviews, artwork, and photograph. Deadline for submissions is February 15. More information is available online.

The Institute of Reading Development is seeking candidates for Summer 2017 teaching positions. Applicants must have an undergraduate degree and strong reading skills. IRD provides a paid training program; candidates will gain over 500 hours of teaching experience and earn more than $7,000. Learn more and submit an online application.

Dr. Sarah Keim at Nationwide Children’s Hospital has several new research positions opening between now and mid-summer. Full and part-time Research Associates and Assistants are needed for a 5 year NIH-funded, longitudinal study of mealtimes and parent-child interaction. Applicants must have experience and comfort working with young children and diverse families, experience with child developmental and behavioral testing and observation is a plus.

A Research Associate and Assistant are needed for a March of Dimes funded study of maternal substance use during pregnancy and preschool outcomes. Must have experience working with young children and diverse families. Position to be filled ASAP. To apply, send a CV and cover letter to Kelly Boone.

The Mental Health and Chaplaincy Program at the Durham Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking a Research Assistant. Bachelor’s degree required. Familiarity with research, database management, and past experience with research teams is preferred. To apply by Jan 30, send a CV, 1-page letter of interest, unofficial transcript, and three references to Dr. Nieuwsma.

Diversity Movie Night!

Please join other Psychology and Neuroscience faculty and students for a discussion and screening of “13th” directed by Ava Duvernay.

“13th” is a documentary that provides an in-depth look at the prison system in the US and its history of racial inequality. RSVP by January 30th.

Join us on Wednesday, February 1 at 6:00 PM in Davie 347. Dinner and dessert will be provided!