

THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

FALL SEMESTER

SEPTEMBER 2013

WELCOME BACK

Faculty, Staff & Students!

The Department of Psychology would like to welcome returning faculty, students, and staff back to UNC. We would also like to welcome our new faculty members and new cohort of graduate students to their respective programs!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *May Graduates*
- *Faculty & Graduate Student News*
- *Grant Activity*
- *Accounting Corner*
- *Departmental Events*
- *Research Opportunities*
- *Faculty & Staff Updates*

WHO DO I CONTACT?

Never really sure who to contact within the administrative staff for your various needs? We will all do our best to assist you but if we cannot, we will direct you to who can. If you would like to read more about our job responsibilities, please see the [Who Do I Contact?](#) document. You can find this document on the website where administrative staff are listed.

WEBSITE UPDATES

This summer the website was moved over to a more convenient platform, WordPress. During the migration process, several updates were made to enhance the navigation and display of information. Please check your personal information to ensure its accuracy. Any corrections or feedback about the website can be directed to Laura DePersia at lauadepersia@unc.edu.



UPCOMING DATES:

FACULTY MEETING 9/4

CONGRATS TO OUR MAY GRADUATES!



<u>Graduate Student</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Noah Berman, Ph.D.	Clinical	Dr. Jon Abramowitz
Sara Boeding, Ph.D.	Clinical	Dr. Donald Baucom
Maggie Bromberg, Ph.D.	Clinical	Dr. Karen Gil
Benjamin Buck, M.A.	Clinical	Dr. David Penn
Jordan Carpenter, Ph.D.	Social	Dr. Melanie Green
Lahnna Catalino, Ph.D.	Social	Dr. Barbara Fredrickson
Andrew Freeman, Ph.D.	Clinical	Dr. Eric Youngstrom
Megan Harney, Ph.D.	Clinical	Dr. Anna Bardone-Cone
Kristin Healey, M.A.	Clinical	Dr. David Penn
Steven Holochwost, Ph.D.	Dev.	Drs. Martha Cox & Jean-Louis Gariepy
Melissa Jenkins, Ph.D.	Clinical	Dr. Eric Youngstrom
Shawn Jones, M.A.	Clinical	Dr. Enrique Neblett
Brooke Magnus, M.A.	Quant	Dr. David Thissen
Emily Pisetsky, Ph.D.	Clinical	Dr. Donald Baucom
Allison Ratto, Ph.D.	Clinical	Drs. David Penn and Steven Reznick
Jonathan Sugam, Ph.D.	BN	Dr. Regina Carelli
Tanya Vacharkulksemsuk, Ph.D.	Social	Dr. Barbara Fredrickson
Anna Van Meter, Ph.D.	Clinical	Dr. Eric Youngstrom
Michael Wheaton, Ph.D.	Clinical	Dr. Jon Abramowitz

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Neil Mulligan has been appointed the new Editor for the journal, *Memory and Cognition*.

Clinical Professor and Director of Psychological Services, **Dr. Erica Wise**, is the recipient of the Fifth Annual APA Ethics Committee Award for Outstanding Contributions to Ethics Education. She was presented with the award at the annual APA Ethics Breakfast in August.

Dr. Jennifer Arnold's research was the focus of an article featured in Endeavors Magazine. [Click here](#) to read, *How our conversational "mistakes" may help us get our point across*.

Drs. Enrique Neblett and Eleanor Seaton served as Chair and Co-Chair on the planning committee this year for the 19th Annual Black Graduate Conference in Psychology hosted by UNC-Chapel Hill. This four-day event offered the opportunity for graduate students in all fields of psychology to come together to present their ongoing research, gain professional development experiences, and network with other graduate students and faculty in a welcoming environment.



GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS



Congratulations to quantitative doctoral student, **Stephanie Lane!** At the Chancellor's Awards Ceremony on April 18, 2013 Stephanie was awarded the Student Undergraduate Teaching and Staff Award (SUTASA) for her outstanding undergraduate teaching of quantitative methods. This award, designed and administered by the Executive Branch of UNC's Student Government, recognizes professors who have "demonstrated and consistent teaching excellence, success in positively affecting a broad spectrum of students, and creation of a dynamic learning environment."

Clinical student, **Shawn Jones**, was selected as the recipient of the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) 2013 Sage Student Research Award. Each year, ABPsi and Sage Publications select one student to receive \$1000 for the most outstanding research conducted by a student. Shawn was presented with the award at this year's Annual Convention of the Association of Black Psychologists in New Orleans, LA in late July. He also presented his paper, entitled "Emotional Response Profiles to Racial Discrimination: Does Racial Identity Predict Affective Patterns?" (Jones, Lee, Gaskin, & Neblett, 2013) at a breakout session during the conference.



Jim McGinley, quantitative student, recently won the Enoch Gordis Research Recognition Award. This award is given by the Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA) in recognition of outstanding biomedical and psychosocial research among graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Jim won this award for his research on innovative modeling framework for ordinal adolescent alcohol use data.

GRANT ACTIVITY

The following individuals in the department were recently awarded new grants. Congratulations to all!

Sierra Banter (Quant) - predoctoral fellowship from NIDA, *A Novel Application of Bayesian Methods for Modeling Substance Use Trajectories*

Dr. Todd Thiele—R01 from NIAAA, *The Role of Corticotropin Releasing Factor in Binge-Like Ethanol Drinking*

Dr. Kathleen Gates—R21 by NIBIB, *Data-driven Approach for Identifying Subgroups Using fMRI Connectivity Maps*

Dr. Kathleen Reissner—R00 by NIDA, *Contribution of Glial Glutamate Transport and Transmission to Drug Abuse*

Dr. Kurt Gray—John Templeton Foundation, *The Immortality of Morality*

Dr. Charlotte Boettiger—grant from The Foundation for Alcohol Research, *Neural Circuit Bases of Impulsive Choice in Emerging Adults and Heavy Drinking Adults*

Drs. Beth Kurtz-Costes and Keith Payne—R03 by NICHD, *Children's Implicit and Explicit Stereotypes About Academic Abilities*



Monday, 2—3 :15 PM in CDS lower-level classroom

Topic: *The Development of Individual Differences in Emotion Regulation and Dysregulation Across the Life Span*

The goal of this seminar is to explore different facets of the development of emotion regulation and dysregulation, using state of the art science and theory from multiple disciplines. Each week will focus on a different level of analysis, providing background and also illustrating the designs and models used to link the technique to questions about emotion processes. Obviously a complete, integrated model of emotion regulation and dysregulation is beyond the scope of a single seminar. Our objective is to build a mosaic using different pieces of research, providing a broad vision of the emerging connections between systems and disciplines.

09/16	Dr. Eric Youngstrom	UNC-CH	Youngstrom 2010
09/23	Dr. Gabriel Dichter	Duke	<i>Emotion Regulation Deficits in Autism: Implications for the Development of Core Autism Symptoms</i> Dichter 2010 , Sabatino 2013
09/30	Dr. Barbara Fredrickson	UNC-CH	Updates can be found on the CDS website .

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Amazon Prime: The department has opened an Amazon Prime account so that we can utilize the 2 day free shipping that it offers. If you need to place an order and want to take advantage of this savings, please contact [Betty](#).

2014 Fringe Rates: Please be advised that the University has increased its average rate of fringe benefits. FY 2013, the general guideline was an average of 22.04% of annual salary plus health insurance for the appropriate employee category. FY 2014, the general guideline is now 22.40% of annual salary plus health insurance for the appropriate employee category.

Traveling by Personal Car: If you choose to travel by personal vehicle, in order to receive the mileage rate of \$.565 per mile, you must indicate on your travel reimbursement form that you have checked with Motor Pool for a state vehicle. If this is not indicated, the mileage rate will defer to \$.30 per mile.

Traveling Out of Country: Effective immediately, any employee traveling internationally must register in advance on the UNC Global Travel Registry and enroll in advance for coverage in the travel insurance program established by General Administration for the UNC System.

Cash Advances: Cash advances are required to be reconciled no later than 90 days after receipt of the advance.

Fed Ex and US Mail Receipts: Please make sure that you give a copy of all Fed Ex receipts and US Mail slips to **Betty Satterfield** in Accounting. The copy should be signed, dated, and should have the account number that should be charged for the package.

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP

UNC's Counseling and Psychological Services is offering a free and confidential group for any UNC graduate or professional students who are seeking support for concerns such as managing academic demands and pressure; balancing school and personal life; exploring career issues; improving relationships with advisors, professors, and fellow students; or overcoming lack of progress or productivity. This group is fairly unstructured and topics can vary from session to session depending on the needs of group members. A brief screening is required for participation. Students who are not currently in treatment at CAPS are asked to walk in for an initial evaluation during regular triage hours: Monday to Friday between 9 AM and 12 PM or 1 PM to 4 PM. Following the triage visit, students will schedule a group screening appointment with the group leader to determine if the group is a good fit. If you are currently a client at CAPS, your existing therapist or psychiatrist can refer you for a group screening appointment.

The Graduate Student Support Group will be meeting on **Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:45 PM**. For more information please contact Melissa Yao, Ph.D. (myao@email.unc.edu) or Raé Lundy, Ph.D. (rlundy@email.unc.edu) or go to <http://campushealth.unc.edu/caps/group-therapy>.

GRADUATE PROGRAM SEMESTER EVENT SCHEDULES

Behavioral Neuroscience Seminar Series

Davie 302 12:30—1:45 PM

09/10 Advanced Graduate Student Research Spotlight

Daniel Harper, UNC-CH
Behavioral Neuroscience Graduate Student

09/17 Professional Development Event

Gina Carelli, UNC-CH
Scientific Integrity and Misconduct

09/24 Advanced Graduate Student Research Spotlight

Audrey Wells, UNC-CH
Behavioral Neuroscience Graduate Student

Clinical Lunch Schedule

Davie 261 12—1 PM

09/06 Master's Thesis Data Blitz

09/20 Diversity Journal Club

10/04 Diversity Journal Club

Quantitative Forum

Davie 347 12—1 PM

09/09 Laura Castro-Schilo, UNC-CH

Individuality matters: The value of idiographic-oriented approaches for predicting outcomes with time-series data

09/16 Kathleen Gates, UNC-CH

09/23 Jim McGinley, UNC-CH

Harmonizing Substance Use Items with Different Response Scales for Integrative Data Analysis

09/30 Yang Liu, UNC-CH

Generalized Fiducial Interference for Binary Logistic Item Response Models

Cognitive Tea

Davie 347 4—5 PM

09/09 Peter Gordon, UNC-CH

How Bizarre: Sentence Processing and Memory

09/16 Neil Mulligan, UNC-CH

The Attentional Boost Effect

09/23 Joe Hopfinger, UNC-CH

09/30 Jennifer Arnold, UNC-CH

Social ORGs

Davie 302 4—5:30 PM

09/09 Barbara Fredrickson, UNC-CH

The Upward Spiral Theory of Lifestyle Change: Preliminary Evidence

09/16 Eliza Bliss-Moreau, UC—Davis Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the California National Primate Research Center

09/23 Kristjen Lundberg, UNC-CH

09/30 Abigail Panter, UNC-CH

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2013 Patricia F. Waller Lecture

Translation of Teen Driver Injury Prevention Research into Practice

Motor vehicle injury is a leading cause of death and serious injury for teens, especially in their first year of driving. There are few evidence-based approaches to reduce these teen motor vehicle deaths and injuries. A series of four projects testing the efficacy, effectiveness, and translation of the evidence-based Checkpoints program for parents of new teen drivers will be described and discussed. Implications for policy and practice that would enhance dissemination of this program will be covered.



Tuesday, September 17
Seminar 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Reception to follow

**1301 McGavran–Greenberg Hall,
Gillings School of Global Public Health**

Dr. Jean T. Shope

Associate director, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI)
Research professor, Young Driver Behavior and Injury Prevention Group, UMTRI
Director, U-M Center for Injury Prevention among Youth (a collaboration between UMTRI and the U-M School of Public Health)

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Distinguished Alumna Award & Lecture

Sex Differences in Sensitivity to Cannabinoid Drugs



Rebecca M. Craft, Ph.D.

*Professor & Department Chair
Department of Psychology
Washington State University*

Wednesday, October 30th, 3:30-4:30 pm
Davie Hall, Room 112



Refreshments will be served.



FACULTY RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES (NIH)

NIH Transformative Research Awards (R01)

Common Fund Initiative

[RFA-RM-13-008](#)

Due Date: October 4, 2013

Short Courses on Innovative Methodologies in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (R25)

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 on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

National Institute on Drug Abuse

National Institute of General Medical Sciences

National Institute of Mental Health

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

[RFA-OD-13-009](#)

Due Date: November, 14 2013

Comorbid HIV, Chronic Pain, and Substance Use among Older Adults (R21)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

[RFA-DA-14-012](#)

Due Date: November 15, 2013

Short-term Mentored Career Enhancement Awards in the Basic Behavioral and Social Sciences: Cross-Training at the Intersection of Animal Models and Human Investigation (K18)

NIH Basic Behavioral & Social Science Opportunity Network (OppNet)

[RFA-DA-14-002](#)

Due Date: December 11, 2013

Research to Improve the Care of Persons at Clinical High Risk for Psychotic Disorders

National Institute of Mental Health

[RFA-MH-14-211](#) (R01)

[RFA-MH-14-212](#) (R34)

Due Date: January 6, 2014

Mid-life Reversibility of Early-established Biobehavioral Risk Factors (R01)

National Institute on Aging

[RFA-AG-14-006](#)

Due Date: February 3, 2014

Psychosocial/Behavioral Interventions and Services Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders (R34)

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development

National Institute of Mental Health

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

[PA-11-283](#)

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

Prescription Drug Abuse

National Institute on Drug Abuse

[PA-13-016](#) (R21)

[PA-13-015](#) (R01)

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

Behavioral Science Track Award for Rapid Transition (B/START)(R03)

[PAR-12-251](#)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

Behavioral Science Track Award for Rapid Transition (B/START)(R03)

[PAR-12-251](#)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

FACULTY RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES (NIH CONT'D)

Women and Sex/Gender Differences in Drug and Alcohol Abuse/Dependence

National Institute on Drug Abuse

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

[PA-11-047](#) (R01)

[PA-11-048](#) (R21)

[PA-11-049](#) (R03)

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)

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

Research Short Courses (R25)

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development

[PA-12-207](#)

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

Translational Research for the Development of Novel Interventions for Mental Disorders (R21 / R33)

National Institute of Mental Health

Office of Dietary Supplements

[PAR-11-177](#)

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

Family and Interpersonal Relationships in an Aging Context (R01)

National Institute on Aging

[PA-11-128](#)

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

Collaborative R34s for Pilot Studies of Innovative Treatments in Mental Disorders (R34)

National Institute of Mental Health

[PAR-12-071](#)

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

Standard NIH due dates for all activity codes including new submissions, renewals, and re-submissions can be found [here](#).

FACULTY RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES (NSF)

Social Psychology

[PD-98-1332](#)

Due Date: January 15, 2013

Developmental and Learning Sciences

[PD-08-1698](#)

Due Date: January 15, 2013

Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics (MMS)

[12-510](#)

Due Date: January 16, 2013

Decision, Risk and Management Sciences (DRMS)

[PD 98-1321](#)

Due Date: January 18, 2013

Cognitive Neuroscience

[09-0563](#)

Due Date: January 24, 2013



GRADUATE STUDENTS & POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS

Dennis Weatherstone Predoctoral Fellowship

[Autism Speaks guidelines here](#)

Letter of Intent due: October 2, 2013

Due Date: November 13, 2013

Meixner Postdoctoral Fellowships in Translational Research

[Autism Speaks guidelines here](#)

Due Date: November 13, 2013

Mamie Phipps Clark Research Grant

[Psi Chi guidelines here](#)

Due Date: November 2, 2013

**APA Dissertation Research Award*

[APA guidelines here](#)

Due Date: September 16, 2013

*contact Charlie Weiss (fcwiss@email.unc.edu) for more information

**APA Early Graduate Student Researcher Award*

[link to guidelines](#)

Due Date: September 16, 2013

* contact Charlie Weiss (fcwiss@email.unc.edu) for more information

Randy Gerson Memorial Grant

[APF Guidelines here](#)

Due Date: February 1, 2014

F.J. McGuigan Dissertation Award

[APF Guidelines here](#)

Due Date: June 1, 2014

SBE Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants

[NSF 11-547](#)

Due Date: varies by research topic, see guidelines

SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (SPRF)

[NSF 12-591](#)

Due Date: October 28, 2013

**Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)*

[NSF 13-584](#)

Due Date: November 7, 2013

*GRFP applications do NOT receive administrative review from GMO or OSR. You may apply directly. If funded, this award is managed through the Graduate School.

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA)

Check guidelines for list of participating institutes

[PA-11-111](#) (F-31 Predoctoral)

[PA-11-112](#) (F-31D Predoctoral Diversity)

[PA-11-113](#) (F-32 Postdoctoral)

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

Aging Research Dissertation Awards to Increase Diversity (R36)

National Institute on Aging

[PAR-13-152](#)

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00)

Check guidelines for list of participating institutes

[PA-11-197](#)

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

Drug Abuse Dissertation Research (R36)

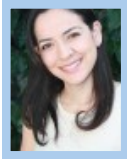
National Institute on Drug Abuse

[PAR-13-182](#)

Due Date: [Standard due dates apply](#)

If you are interested in applying for any of these opportunities, please contact Grants Management Officer (GMO), Christina Rodriguez (ccrod@unc.edu).

NEW FACULTY JOIN THE DEPARTMENT



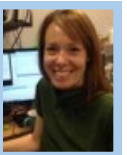
Dr. Laura Castro-Schilo, Assistant Professor, received her Ph.D. In Quantitative Psychology from the University of California, Davis. Her program of research is centered around the development and application of novel multitrait-multimethod measurement models and dynamic individual-level models to longitudinal data, particularly in the study of the development of personality and affective processes in the Mexican culture.



Dr. Kathleen Gates, Assistant Professor, is a quantitative psychologist who received her Ph.D. from Penn State. Her program of research is primarily focused on the development, testing, and dissemination of novel algorithms for detecting signal and noise in time series data, particularly as applied to functional MRI data analysis.



Dr. Marsha Penner, Lecturer, received her Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of Arizona. Her general research interests focus on how the brain processes information necessary for optimal decision making, and how this affects learning and memory function. Additionally, she is interested in how these processes change during the course of normal aging. Dr. Penner is assisting the department in supporting our developing Neuroscience Minor for undergraduates as she is teaching the department's new course offered this semester, PSYC 390 *Introduction to Neuroscience*. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Dr. Penner is also the advisor to the recently formed [Carolina Neuroscience Club](#).



Dr. Kathryn Reissner, Assistant Professor, received her Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior at the University of California, Irvine. Her interests lie in how chronic self-administration of cocaine leads to modifications in cellular physiology and neuronastrocyte communication; in turn, how these modifications may contribute to long-term drug seeking.



Dr. Paschal Sheeran, Assistant Professor, joins us from across the pond where he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Sheffield in the UK. His research centers on self-regulation, defined as how people direct their own thoughts, feelings, and behaviors to achieve their goals. Within this overarching theme, the bulk of his research program targets health behavior change, with a smaller and more recent strand of work focusing on emotion regulation.

STAFF UPDATES

We are sad to see them leave but we would like to wish them well in their new opportunities!

Mollie Throneburg, Developmental Coordinator, accepted a position over the summer recruiting for a large hedge fund in Connecticut.

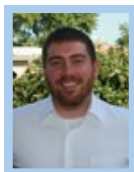
Magen Stevens, Clinical and Behavioral Neuroscience Coordinator, left the department to attend law school at George Washington University in D.C.

Chrissie Greenberg, Student Services Manager, accepted a promotion opportunity on campus in the Study Abroad Office where she will direct finance and HR operations.

The Department would like to welcome the newest members of the Administrative Staff Team!



With Magen's departure, **Sam Zwemer**, former Student Services Assistant, has taken over the role as Program Coordinator for the Clinical and Behavioral Neuroscience Programs. This has proven to be a nearly flawless transition for Sam as she graduated from our department and worked in Mitch Prinstein's lab as an undergraduate.



Prior to Chrissie's departure on August 30th, she was able to successfully train two new Student Services Assistants, **Christopher Coffey** (pictured *left*) and **Patrick Kirby** (pictured *right*). Christopher, earned his B.S. in Psychology and his M.A. in Higher Education Administration from



Appalachian State. His goal is to gain more experience in higher education in order to move forward with a career in the field. Patrick is a current student of the law school at UNC. He will be working around his course schedule to work with Christopher in servicing the students of our department.



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