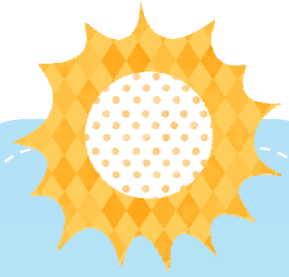


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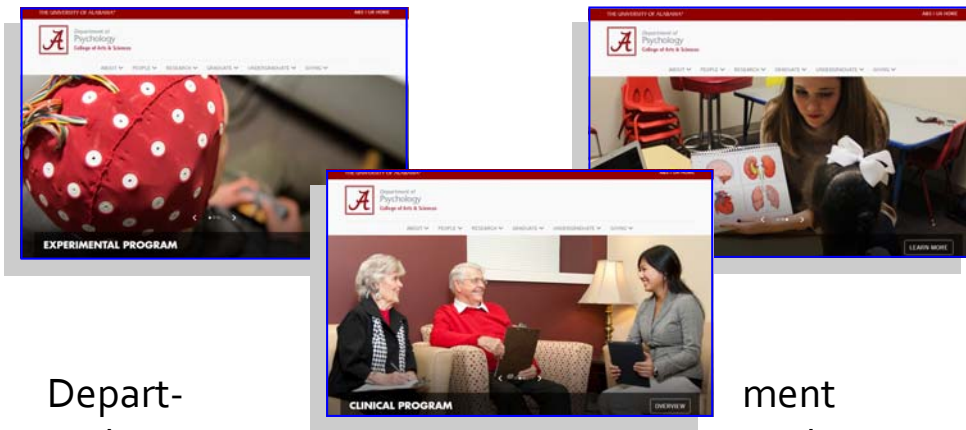


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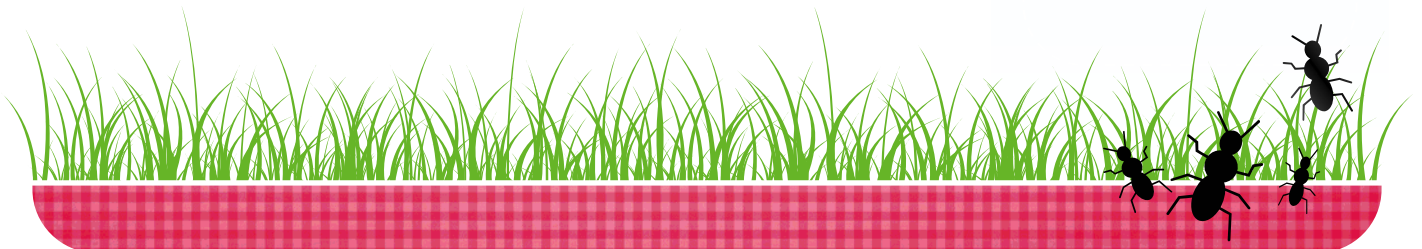
- 04/29 Professional Development Workshop/End of Year Meeting (Clinical)
- 05/2-6 Finals Week
- 05/9 Stan Brodsky's Retirement Party
- 05/10 Final Grades Due
- 05/31 Summer 2016 Classes Begin
- 08/17 Fall 2016 Classes Begin



## Department Website

## Update!

This semester was a huge success for our department. We saw a large number of successful thesis and dissertation defenses along with many proposals, mini's and prelims. Not only has it been a busy year for the students, the faculty have had a busy year with several new faculty members joining the department as well as several faculty members becoming tenured. Another big change to the department is our new department website. The new website features a sleek design with updated pictures, links, and bio's of students and faculty members. We hope that this new internet presence will help provide a view into our wonderful psychology department. If you haven't had a chance to check it out head over to [www.psychology.ua.edu](http://www.psychology.ua.edu). Please be sure to provide feedback to your PGSA representative about the content and design of the website.



## Graduate Student News

### Clinical Student News

Congratulations to **Rachel DeLacy** for winning the Outstanding Clinical Service Award at the University level

**M.E. Wood** has accepted a post-doctoral position at Patton State Hospital in California

**Calia Torres** won the UA Student Employee of the Year for 2016

**Jamie Anderson** has accepted a tenure track professor position in the clinical psychology program at Sam Houston State University in Texas

**Jessica Boyle** secured a post-doctoral position at Northwest Forensic Institute in Portland, Oregon

**Maz Mulla, Ben Van Dyke, and Calia Torres** will be presenting at the American Pain Society conference in May

**Sarah Emert, Hylton Molzof, and Josh Tutek** will be presenting at the joint meeting of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and Sleep Research Society in June

**Soohyun Park** will be an oral presenter at the 2016 Korea Gerontological Society Conference in May in Seoul, Korea (her hometown!). The title of the presentation is: "The effect of reasons for immigration on mental disorders among older Asian and Latino immigrants: Racial/ethnic differences existed"

Congratulations to **Keisha Carden & Dustin Ivy** on their engagement. The couple is planning a wedding for August 6, 2016 and will be heading to Italy for their honeymoon.

Congrats to the following students who will be going on internship this coming year:

**Liz Adams**

**Casey Dillon**

**Morgan Eichorst**

**Michelle Jones**

**Mike LaRocca**

**Ian Sherwood**

**Kim Price Sokolowski**

**Caitie Tighe**

Publications:

**Rankin, J. A., Weber, R. J., Kang, E., Lerner, M. D.** (2016). Parent- and self-reported social skills importance in autism spectrum disorder. *Journal of Autism & Developmental Disorders*, 46, 273 - 286. DOI: 10.1007/s10803-015-2574-7.

**Pierpaoli, C. M. & Parmelee, P. A.** (2016). Feelings of Usefulness to Others Predict Active Coping with Osteoarthritis Knee Pain. *Journal of Aging and Health*, 1-16, doi: 10.1177/0898264316645549.



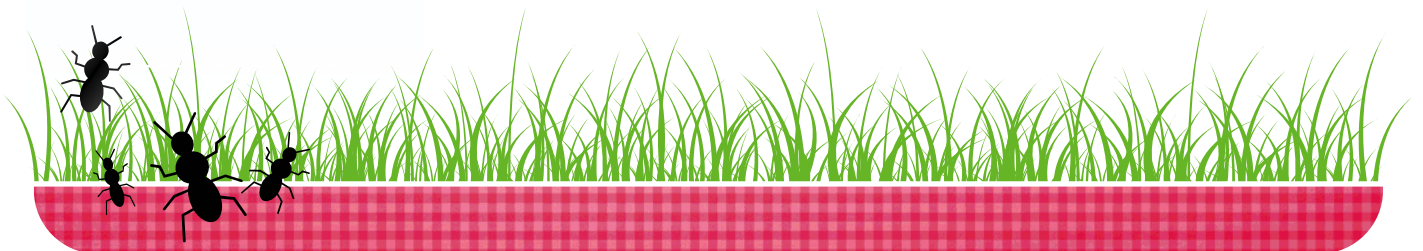
Running is a favorite hobby of many students in the Psych department!



Christina Pierpaoli, Keisha Carden, and Morgan Eichorst at the Gerontological Society of America conference.



Celebrating Keisha Carden's upcoming wedding at an engagement party hosted by Francesca Kassing, Lorien Baker, and Christina Pierpaoli.



# Graduate Student News

## Experimental Student News

Congratulations to **Sara Steele** for winning the Outstanding Teaching Award at the University level

Congratulations to Annika and **Jerome Lewis** on their son Theodore, born December 22nd

**Lauren** and Battle Neal were married December 12th, 2015. Their dogs GW and Rosie couldn't be happier

**Jessica Mendoza** has a summer internship with Google Public Policy in Sane Jose California, hosted by the Internet Keepsake Coalition

### Publications:

**Faught, G. G.**, Conners, F. A., Barber, A. B., & Price, H. R. (*in press*). Addressing phonological memory in language therapy with clients who have Down syndrome: Perspectives of speech-language pathologists. *International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders*.

**Faught, G. G.**, Conners, F. A., & Himmelberger, Z. M. (2016). Auditory and visual sustained attention in Down syndrome. *Research in Developmental Disabilities, 53*-54, 135-146. doi: 10.1016/j.ridd.2016.01.021

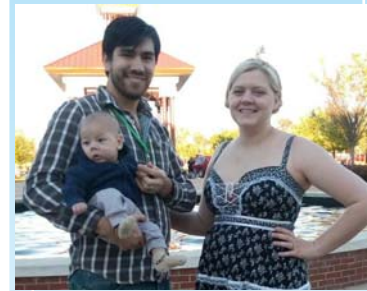
**Faught, G. G.**, Leslie, A. D., & Scofield, J. (2015). The effects of source unreliability on prior and future word learning. *First Language, 35*(6), 431-445.

**Neal, L. B.**, & Gable, P. A. (2016). Neurophysiological markers of multiple facets of impulsivity. *Biological Psychology*.

**Mechin, N.**, Gable, P. A., & Hicks, J. A. (2016). Frontal asymmetry and alcohol cue reactivity: Influence of core personality systems. *Psychophysiology*.

**Threadgill, A. H.**, & Gable, P. A. (2016). Approach-motivated pregoal states enhance the reward positivity. *Psychophysiology*.

**John Adams** has successfully overcome his fear of clowns, congratulations John!



Jerome, Annika, and Theodore Lewis at Volksfest.



Psychology graduate students celebrate at Lauren Neal's wedding.



A group of graduate students enjoys a stress-relieving day off playing paintball!



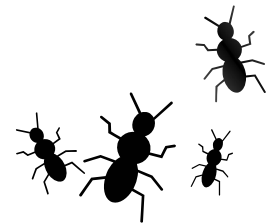


## Faculty News

Congratulations to **Jessica Allen** who will be starting a tenure-track position at Birmingham-Southern College September 2016

Congratulations to **Bev Thorn and Stan Brodsky** as they begin their journey into retirement

Stan Brodsky's retirement celebration is May 9 from 3-5pm



*We wish everyone a safe, fun, and productive summer!*

### PSYCHOLOGY 101 WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



- |            |             |                |                   |
|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
| ANTISOCIAL | CORRELATION | IVAN PAVLOV    | SCHIZOPHRENIA     |
| ANXIETY    | DUALISM     | NEUROSIS       | SCIENTIFIC METHOD |
| BEHAVIOR   | HORMONES    | PLACEBO        | SIGMUND FREUD     |
| CASE STUDY | HYPNOSIS    | PSYCHIATRY     | SURVEY            |
| COGNITIVE  | IDENTITY    | PSYCHOANALYSIS | WILHELM WUNDT     |





2015-2016 Academic Year PGSA Members (not pictured: Sarah Emert, Clinical Health Representative)

## New PGSA Members

Congratulations to our newly elected PGSA members! The following students will serve on the PGSA for the 2016-2017 academic year:

- President: Hannah Price
- Clinical VP: Dane Hilton
- Experimental VP: Nicole Mechin
- Child representative: Lorien Baker
- Health representative: Calia Torres
- Psych & Law representative: Rheanna Rimmel
- Cognitive representative: Rachel Thibodeau
- Developmental representative: Callie Gibson
- Social representative: Lauren Neal

Congratulations everyone! And thank you to our 2015-2016 PGSA members. It was a successful year for the PGSA.

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