Minjung Kim received her Ph.D. in 2012 in Educational Psychology from Texas A&M University and pursued postdoc training in Quantitative Psychology at the University of South Carolina. Her research interests are quantitative research methods including multilevel modeling (MLM) and structural equation modeling (SEM). Specifically, she is interested in examining the impact of different forms of model misspecifications in MLM and SEM.

Her current research focuses on developing and evaluating a relatively new research method, regression mixture model, which assesses differential effects of predictors on outcomes. She is also interested in applying the sophisticated statistical models to the real data in behavioral sciences.
Meet the New Faculty!

Ian McDonough
Concentration/research interests
Cognitive Psychology

Where did you move from?
I originated from California and have slowly been making my way east from California to Chicago to Dallas and now to Tuscaloosa!

First impressions of Tuscaloosa, AL
One of my first impressions is that there are a lot more craft breweries than I would have expected for a small town. Another impression was the excitement of being right on a river so I can take my kayak out!

Fun Fact
I like trying new/weird activities with the latest being indoor skydiving.

Advice to current graduate students
Finish projects! At all stages of one’s academic career, we take on many projects. Eventually, our time begins to run so thin that we end up stopping some projects, even if they were promising. Try not to start too many new projects without completing old projects (as long as those older projects are still in a state worth completing). This way, by the time you receive your PhD, you will have completed at least a few studies (all the way to publication) rather than having many uncompleted studies and nothing to show for.
Meet the New Faculty!

Craig Cummings

Concentration/research interests
Teaching faculty with pedagogical research interests including the development of techniques to promote active learning in large classrooms through hybrid pedagogy.

Where did you move from?
Auburn, AL

First impressions of Tuscaloosa, AL
I honestly expected to see more Crimson/Hounds tooth. The view of the early-morning sun lighting the trees along the banks of the river makes for the perfect start to each day.

Fun Fact
I once shared a mirror with Robin Wright and her two children (trying on hats at the Hat Shack in the New Orleans Airport). And yes, I resisted the urge to tell her she and the hat went together like peas and carrots.

Advice to current graduate students
Google Pomodoro Technique. If you do not already use one, find a citation manager that you like (I like Zotero), you're welcome. Do not underestimate the benefits of friendship, exercise (or other preferred stress relief), or power naps.
Meet Our New First-Year Students!

Greg Tortoriello  
Social/Hart  
I have a penchant for Italian food.

Leah Efferson  
Developmental/Glenn  
I enjoy learning American Sign Language and love interpreting songs.

Tess M. Gemberling  
Social/Cramer  
Scheduling permitting, I am a night owl.

Kyle Richardson  
Social/Hart  
I have done a couple skydives.

Tasnuva Enam  
Cognitive/McDonough  
I am a picky voracious eater but have no skills in cooking! However as I entered grad school, I got the motivation to start learning.

Zach Mensch  
Social/Tullett  
Because of my love for music, I have learned how to play 7 different instruments over the years.
Welcome to UA Psychology!

**Kaleb Murry**  
Gero/Crowther & Allen  
I love dogs, but I am terrified of cats!

**Sydnee Erickson**  
Psych Law/K. Salekin  
I have a bearded dragon named Fred, and he can walk on a leash.

**Trent Robinson**  
Cognitive & Developmental/Merrill  
I taught myself how to play the guitar and can play really well.

**Deanna Dragan**  
Gero/Crowther  
I won a pin with William James face on it from an APS Conference because I played Psychology Jeopardy.

**James Rankin**  
Child/Tomeny  
I grew up in the same neighborhood as Billy Joel.

**Soohyun Park**  
Gero/Kim  
I enjoy Acapella and playing piano. Also, I am planning to learn how to play my ukulele, which is a cute guitar from Hawaii!
Welcome to UA Psychology!

Janet Horace  
Cognitive/Roskos  
I taught myself to crochet and have been doing it for 15+ years.

Alex McDiarmid  
Social/Tullett  
I only burp about once a year. I would like to more, especially when consuming carbonated beverages. But sadly, after extensive efforts, I have concluded that I am perhaps incapable of achieving this lofty aspiration.

Amy Albright  
Gero/Allen  
If it has a minion on it, I will buy it!

Andrea Newman  
Health/Thorn  
I’m a yoga instructor.
Meet Our First-Year Students!

**Marissa Stanziani**  
Psych Law/Cox  
I'm on a mission to read 52 books this year, 32 down, 20 to go!

**Hylton Molzof**  
Health/Lichstein  
My last name is Scandinavian.

**Sophie Eldred**  
Child/Tomeny  
Last year I was part of a community mental health fellowship that included living in rural Alabama with no A/C, occasionally wrangling cattle and learning a lot of new dance moves from elementary schoolers.

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### Find-A-Feeling

**SURPRISED**  
**NERVOUS**  
**AFRAID**  
**CAUTIOUS**  
**CONFUSED**  
**ECSTATIC**  
**EXCITED**  
**ANGER**  
**FRUS**  
**ANGRY**  
**FRUSTRATED**  
**BORDER**  
**JEALOUS**  
**WORRIED**  
**PROUD**  
**PRA**  
**CONFIDENT**  
**LONELY**  
**SHOCKED**  
**HOPELESS**  
**SAD**
The PGSA members for this year include (from left to right): front row: Nicole Mechlin (Social), Lisa Mieskowski (Gero), Gayle Faught (President), Hannah Price (Clinical VP), Michelle Jones (Psych Law), Caitlin Moran (Health); back row: Andrew Tungate (Cognitive), Dean Elmore (Experimental VP), Stephen Ungvary (Developmental), and Dane Hilton (Child).

Some of the goals for PGSA this year include increased recruitment for new graduate students and improved online presence through Facebook and departmental pages. The PGSA president, Gayle Faught, is hoping that the upcoming year brings another year with fun events like the PGSA organized field day and tailgate. First years, be sure to check out all of these fun events (listed below)!

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**Upcoming Events**

**September**
- 11th - Bev Thorn and Pat Parmelee will be meeting to discuss the APA role in the national torture/interrogation issue (9-11am; GP 351)
- 13th - First of the year party (2-5pm; Lake Lurleen)
- 16th - Experimental Student Meeting (3:30-4:30)
- 17th - Teaching Brown Bag-Grant Writing with Kim Olin (11:15-12:15pm)
- 18th - First-year project presentations (2-4pm)
- 27th - Field Day (1-4pm; Gayle Faught's House; more information will be provided via email)

**October**
- 3rd - Walk to end Alzheimer’s; join/support team “PSYCHed for a cure”
- 21st - Deadline to apply for 3MT
- 29th-30th - Classes Dismissed - Mid-Semester Study Break (UA offices open)

**November**
- 21st - PGSA tailgate; Alabama vs. Charleston Southern
- 26th-27th - Classes Dismissed - Thanksgiving (UA offices open)

**December**
- 4th - Last day of classes
- 7th-11th - Final Exams

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“Self-belief does not necessarily ensure success, but self-disbelief assuredly spawns failure.”

- Albert Bandura

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**What People Say When I Tell Them I’m Studying Psychology**

- How very interesting, please tell me more about this fascinating subject.
- OMG you’re analyzing me right now, aren’t you?

www.all-about-psychology.com
Oh the places you’ll go…. In Tuscaloosa

Tuscaloosa is host to a number of wonderful establishments and activities to get students and faculty alike out of Gordon Palmer. Below are a list of several restaurants and places to visit in the Tuscaloosa area! Please let us know if you have any other suggestions to add to this list!

Frequented Restaurants & Bars

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Activities & Places to Visit

FOOTBALL, FOOTBALL, & MORE FOOTBALL

- Make sure to take advantage of student ticket options to catch the crimson tide in action!

Bama Theater

- This historic downtown theater serves as the local performing arts center. If you’re looking for something to do, why not catch a show?

Farmer’s Markets

- Homegrown Alabama: Every Thursday (through October) 3-6pm located at 812 5th Ave
- Tuscaloosa Farmers Market: Every Saturday 7am-12pm and Tuesdays