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**Important Dates***

*Write These Dates Down in Your Calendar!*

- May 1 – 2 - Commencement Ceremony
- May 26 - 1st Summer Session begins!
- July 1 - 2nd Summer Session begins!

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**Saying Goodbye to...**

Natalie Dautovich

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**When are you leaving?**

Most likely around mid June

**Where are you going?**

I’m going to Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA.

**What will you be doing?**

I’ll be an Assistant Professor in a tenure-track position in the Psychology Department. Specifically, I’ll be within the Counseling Psychology program which focuses on health.

**What aspect did you enjoy most working here at UA?**

Absolutely amazing colleagues and students. My colleagues have been so supportive and inspiring. There’s really interesting work going on in the Department and it’s being done by really great people. It makes the Department a truly great place to work. I also cannot say enough about the students. You make me laugh and you challenge me. I’m a better teacher, mentor, and researcher because of the high quality students we have in this Department.

**What will you miss most about living in Tuscaloosa?**

The blossoms in spring, the Black Warrior river, and being told by people in town when I buy things, “We sure do appreciate you!”. I didn’t realize Alabama was so beautiful until I came here.

**What are you looking forward to the most?**

Having multiple coffee shops and more restaurants to explore. It is basically all about the food:)

**What’s one thing you won’t miss about living in Tuscaloosa?**

Can I say the BBQ?
All really important decisions are based on insufficient data.

Don’t mistake working endless hours for productivity. I found that planning breaks for exercise & relationships made me work more efficiently, stay healthy, & produce more. Habits developed in grad school tend to follow you well into your professional career.

Pot affects long-term memory.
You need to be assertive & network. You need to learn to take rejection in stride and keep rolling with the punches.

Maintain personal interests & hobbies. Although it's important to be productive and work hard, it's also important to play & have fun.

It’s important to be proactive – to be the initiator, the instigator, the organizer.
Keeping a good record (as you go) of all that you do in graduate school is super helpful. Internships, post-docs, future employers are all interested in knowing all the great things we do in graduate school. Maintaining a good record as you go can ensure greater accuracy and save a lot of time when one is ready to hit the internship/job market. I recommend students start that record keeping on Day 1!

That it’s worth it. You can have a job that you love at the end of all of this. Also, there’s never a great time to “have a life”. There will always be another “to-do” and major milestone to meet. If you want to have a life, a relationship, a family, a pet, a hobby, etc., you just have to do it.

Lastly, believe in your ideas. You will meet naysayers throughout your career. No one will know your ideas as well as you do so it’s up to you to advocate for your ideas, whether they’re research, clinical, or teaching ideas.
Take care of yourself. If a health problem lasts for more than a week go to the doctor.

Be careful with your time. Teaching & research is more important.
Let's Meet...

Theodore “Ted” Tomney

Where is your hometown?
Baton Rouge, LA

Where were you before coming to UA?
I lived in Indianapolis, IN for a year just before moving to Tuscaloosa, but I was in Hattiesburg, MS for the four years previous.

What food do you never get tired of?
Ice cream, particularly of the cheesecake variety

Describe your research interests in 10 words or less.
Family factors and dissemination efforts as they relate to autism.

What excites you most about your job?
Contributing to our overall knowledge base of autism spectrum disorder and sharing what I have learned with students

What’s one fun thing you did this past summer?
Went to the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction at Indiana University in Bloomington. It’s an interesting piece of psychology history (I wouldn’t recommend going with your grandmother, however).

What area of stats do you consider yourself to be an expert in?
Regression-based analyses. Moderation, mediation conditional process analysis

If you were a superhero what would be your superpower?
I can pick only one? Being able to fly has always seemed appealing...I hate traffic
Why was Pavlov’s hair so soft?

Classical Conditioning!

Know any psychology jokes?

I’m a-Freud not.
Congratulations on Internship Placement!!!

Congratulations to all the graduate students who matched for an internship! We are all very proud of you! Here’s to moving on to bigger and better things! We wish you all the best of luck! For those of you who are interested the following is a list of all the graduate students who matched and where they will be going.

Jaime Anderson - Patton State Hospital (Patton, CA)
Xinying Ang - Eastern Virginia Medical School (Williamsburg, VA)
Casey Azuero - UAB/Birmingham VA Medical Center Consortium (Birmingham, AL)
Lisa Beck - Virginia Commonwealth University/University Counseling Services (Richmond, VA)
Julie Cunningham - Geisinger Health System (Danville, PA)
Zachary Fetterman - Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center (San Antonio, TX)
Katy-Lauren Ford - North Florida/South Georgia VA (Gainesville, FL)
Adriana Hyams - Palo Alto VA (Palo Alto, CA)
Emily MacDougall - University of Tennessee Health Science Center (Memphis, TN)
Rachel Rock - Federal Correctional Complex- Butner (Butner, NC)
Meghann Sallee - Duke University Medical Center (Durham, NC)
Kristy Shoji - South Texas Veterans Healthcare System (San Antonio, TX)
M.E. Wood - Patton State Hospital (Patton, CA)
Karolina Zakoscielna - VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (Pittsburgh, PA)
Have Ideas? Info?

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We are always looking for people to help with the newsletter! Whether it be with submitting content or helping to design!

Contact Meagan Wood if you have any announcements, ideas, or pictures that you would like to include in the newsletter. Any input is helpful!

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