PGSA Newsletter

Spring 2018

We’ve had such a fun and productive year!

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Snowed in at the Society for Research on Adolescence conference (Minneapolis, MN)

Society for Personality & Social Psychology conference (Atlanta, GA)  Cohort Holiday Party
Graduate Student News

Student-authored Publications


Internship Placements

**Kathryn Applegate**: Western State Hospital (Tacoma, WA)

**Abby Clark**: University of Tennessee Health Sciences Consortium (Memphis, TN)

**Adam Coffey**: Patton State Hospital (San Bernadino, CA)

**Francesca Kassing**: Medical College of Georgia/Norwood VA Med Center (Augusta, GA)

**Megan Kopkin**: Western State Hospital (Tacoma, WA)

**Ana Rondon**: Western State Hospital (Tacoma, WA)

**Calia Torres**: James A. Haley Veterans Hospital (Tampa, FL)

Jobs

**Callie Gibson**: Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences, Drury University (Springfield, MO)

**Brett Grant**: Full-Time Temporary Instructor, Department of Psychology, University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, AL)

**Natalie Harrison**: Post-Doc at Harbor-UCLA doing Adolescent DBT (Los Angeles, CA)

**Dane Hilton**: Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Roanoke College (Salem, VA)

**Alexandria (Al) Johnson**: Clinical Post-Doc at VA Medical Center (Palo Alto, CA)

**Hwaheun Kim**: Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, California State University – Bakersfield (Bakersfield, CA)

**Kyle Kraemer**: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Birmingham-Southern College (Birmingham, AL)

**Hannah Price**: Post-Doc at Glenwood Inc. Non-Profit Children’s Mental Health Provider (Birmingham, AL)

**Ben Van Dyke**: Post-Doc at Geisinger - 50-50 Clinical and Research (Danville, PA)
2018-2019 PGSA Representatives

Keisha Carden  
*President*  
“I am really excited about serving as PGSA’s president for the upcoming academic year. I really care about the quality of the students’ experiences while they are here and ensuring their voices are heard. I can’t think of a more meaningful way to spend my final year here than giving back to the people that made it all worthwhile.”

Sophie Eldred  
*Clinical VP*  
“I’m excited to work with other PGSA members to provide support, plan events, and provide new opportunities for grad students to get involved in both the department and the community. I’m also looking forward to serving as a voice for grad students when communicating with faculty about our ideas for the department, and hope to encourage more student involvement overall!”

Alex McDiarmid  
*Experimental VP*  
“I’m excited to play a part in expanding graduate student resources and planning community social events.”

Katie Kouchi  
*Health Representative*  
“I love how welcoming and collaborative our department is, and PGSA helps to contribute to the wonderful atmosphere. I am excited to be a part of it!”
Deanna Dragan  
_Gero Representative_  
“The previous Geropsychology concentration representative laid the groundwork for many new initiatives and I am excited to have the opportunity to continue those efforts. I feel grateful and I am looking forward to collaborating with my fellow representatives in this upcoming year.”

Marissa Stanziani  
_Psych Law Representative_  
“Marissa is pumped to put the “psyched” in Psych Law (okay so that didn’t entirely work, just go with me on this one) next year. As a newly appointed member of PGSA she promises to always fight for the people and remember where she came from. As her first order of business she will be implementing a motto for the Psych Law concentration: in the words of the beautiful and unparalleled RBG, ‘If I had any talent in the world ... I would be a great diva.’ Don’t ask, just accept.”

James Rankin  
_Child Representative_  
“I’m really excited to work with the other members of PGSA and to represent the child concentration. I’m also excited to give my good friend Alex McDiarmid a hard time in meetings. Whatever you are planning Alex, I’m opposed to it!”

Carmen Brown  
_Developmental Representative_  
“I am excited to be on PGSA because I can’t wait to plan fun events for everyone in our department and help better serve our department! I also look forward to getting the opportunity to connect more with people from other concentrations that I might not know as well.”
Congratulations to the recently elected 2018-2019 PGSA members!

Trent Robinson  
**Cognitive Representative**  
“I am looking forward to helping my fellow graduate students succeed in their graduate careers and communicate efficiently with faculty members.”

Ricardo Wilhelm  
**Social Representative**  
“I’m excited to be on the PGSA next year because it means I'll be able to be more involved with events we have every year.”

Andrea Newman  
**GSA Senator**  
“I’m excited to continue working in PGSA and with a new position! I look forward to facilitating communication between the psychology department and the graduate school.”

Stephanie Doran  
**GSA Senator**  
“I feel very honored to have been selected to represent the Psychology Department as a GSA Senator, and I am looking forward to learning more about all we can accomplish with the GSA!”

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**Congratulations to the recently elected 2018-2019 PGSA members!**
Graduate Student Awards 2017-2018
Congratulations to this year’s departmental award winners!

Outstanding Research by a Doctoral Student
(Awarded at the university-wide level!)
Maz Mulla

Outstanding Dissertation
Rachel Thibodeau

Excellence in Teaching by a Doctoral Student
Callie Gibson

Henry C. Rickard Clinical Service Award
Calia Torres

Outstanding Thesis & Excellence in Research by a Master’s Student
Hunter Threadgill

Congratulations to Bev Thorn for being awarded the
Wilbert E. Fordyce Clinical Investigator Award!