PGSA Newsletter

Spring 2019

2019-2020 PGSA Representatives

Sophie Eldred
President

“I’m excited to work with graduate students and other PGSA members to provide support, resources, and new opportunities for students to get involved in the department and the community. I have really enjoyed my experience as a member of PGSA, and am looking forward playing a small part in fostering the success of fellow grad students by serving as a voice for students when communicating with faculty about our ideas for the department during the next year!”

Ricardo Wilhelm
Experimental VP

“Working with the other PGSA members and the rest of the department is what keeps the department collaborative and interesting. I’m happy to be a part of it. Roll Tide!”

Katie Kouchi
Clinical VP

“I love how the PGSA gives students a voice in the department, and I look forward to being part of it.”
Haley Potts  
*Treasurer*  
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I am excited to be PGSA’s first-ever treasurer and to help make the budget planning and conference reimbursement processes as efficient as possible.
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Breanna Dede  
*Child Representative*  
“
I’m excited to be a part of PGSA and making sure that student needs are well represented. I can’t wait to work with all of the individuals in the organization to create a collaborative and fun department atmosphere!
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Chris Wendel  
*Health Representative*  
“
I’m excited to be part of PGSA because it gives students the opportunity to voice concerns or suggest improvements in a direct manner. I’m looking forward to taking on this role with the PGSA, and representing the Health Concentration.
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Monica Scicolone  
*Gero Representative*  
“
I’m looking forward to collaborating with fellow students to continue to build off the successes of PGSA’s previous years. I’m enthusiastic about ways in which we can foster greater involvement and closeness between all students in the program.
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Stephanie Doran

*Psych and Law Representative*

“I feel very honored to have been selected to represent the Psychology and Law concentration. I am excited to be a part of making sure our students' voices are heard and believe we will only continue to better our already awesome concentration!”

Jenna Reardanz

*Developmental Representative*

“I’m excited to be on PGSA so I can help to carry on the tradition of a supportive and fun environment for graduate students in the department.”

Micayla Lacey

*Social Representative*

“I’m looking forward to planning fun events that help facilitate graduate student relationships in the department.”

Jaimie Choi

*Cognitive Representative*

“Excited to be representing my concentration! Hope to have some fun!”

Danielle McDuffie

*Clinical GSA Senator*

“I’m really excited to have been selected to represent the Psychology concentration. I am excited to be a part of making sure our students' voices are heard and believe we will only continue to better our already awesome concentration!”

Cassie Whitt

*Experimental GSA Senator*

“I am very excited about this opportunity to represent the Experimental concentration. I am looking forward to being a part of making sure our students' voices are heard and believe we will only continue to better our already awesome concentration!”
chosen to represent the graduate psychology students (& clinical concentration) to the graduate school and other graduate programs. I’m excited to serve on a board with people I admire to help effect change and be a voice for other people I admire (aka all of y’all)!"

Congratulations to the recently elected 2019-2020 PGSA members!

**Graduate Student News**

**Student-authored Publications**


Internship Placements
Amy Albright: Milwaukee VA Medical Center
Phoebe Block: Tuscaloosa VA
Keisha Carden: Durham VA
Sarah Emert: Tuscaloosa VA
Hylton Molzof: VA Puget Sound Health Care System, American Lake Division
Andrea Newman: University of Washington, Behavioral Medicine
Christina Pierpaoli: University of Alabama at Birmingham
James Rankin: Indiana University School of Medicine
Marissa Stanziani: Central Regional Hospital (Durham, NC)
Josh Tutek: Miami VA Healthcare System

Jobs/Post-Doc Positions
Lauren Neal: Assistant Professor of Social Psychology at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) in Odessa, TX
Hunter Threadgill: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow for the Clinical Psychophysiology and Risk (CPR) Lab at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

Graduate Student Awards 2018-2019
Congratulations to this year’s departmental award winners!

Outstanding Research by a Doctoral Student
Adam Coffey

Outstanding Dissertation
Callie Gibson

Excellence in Teaching by a Doctoral Student
Kyle Kraemer

Henry C. Rickard Clinical Service Award
Keisha Carden

Outstanding Thesis
Sydnee Erikson

Excellence in Research by a Master’s Student
Carmen Farrell

Graduate Council Research Fellowship
Nicole Capriola-Hall
Conferences
Social Events