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PGSA Newsletter

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Congratulations to our 2020-2021 PGSA
Representatives!



Monica Scicolone
President

“I’m looking forward to working with a team of students who are similarly interested and motivated to serve our fellow students and our department as a whole! It is really rewarding to be part of an organization like PGSA because we contribute important events and ideas that facilitate professional and social engagement and improvements.”



Jenna Reardanz
Experimental VP

“I’m excited to work with PGSA to support students and help create a welcoming and fun atmosphere!”



Breanna Dede
Clinical VP

“I’m excited to be a part of a great PGSA executive board as clinical VP! I’m looking forward to doing what I can to contribute to a supportive and fun department environment.”



Andrew Bontemps
Treasurer

"I can't wait to work with this great group of folks to help continue to build our department and help it be something we can all be proud of."



Meagan Heilman
Child Representative

"I am very excited to be this year's child concentration representative! I look forward to working with the other PGSA members, and creating fun events for students to connect, both within and across concentrations."



Kelly Doudell
Health Representative

"I am excited to be a part of PGSA next year as the new Clinical Health Representative. I am looking forward to getting to know everybody and in helping the council plan for an incredible 2020-2021 academic year."



Danielle McDuffie
Gero Representative

"I'm excited to be starting my second year on PGSA and I'm honored that y'all voted to keep me around. I look forward to continuing to use my voice to advocate for those who might not know the proper channels through which to use their own voices. I'm also excited to get my Gero folks more connected!"



Shelby Hunter

Psyc-Law Representative

"I am grateful to have been nominated for this position and look forward to working alongside GPSA as a representative for my fellow psych-law students! I am excited to serve as a voice and advocate for our concentration and the clinical psychology community at large."



Jacob Miranda

Social Representative

"Hello! I am excited to join PGSA and be the representative for the Social Psychology graduate students. I'm honored that I get to be involved in PGSA, that I have the opportunity to get to work with passionate, amazing peers, and be one more voice for the Social Psych. students. If there's ever anything I can do just let me know!"



Teaira Evans

Cognitive Representative

"I am excited to serve as a representative. I look forward to working with the other members of PGSA."



Joo Young Yang

Developmental Representative

"I'm excited to be representing my concentration!"



Cassie Whitt
*Experimental GSA
Senator*

“I am excited about the opportunity to continue to represent the psychology department and work with the UA graduate school!”



Julia Loup
Clinical GSA Senator

“Thank you all for voting me in as your Clinical GSA senator! I can't wait to represent the clinical students within GSA and learn from other departments and students on how to make our department a better, more inclusive, and joyful place!”

Graduate Student News

Student-Authored Publications

Erickson, S. L., Salekin, K. L., Johnson, L. N., & Doran, S. C. (2020). The predictive power of intelligence: Miranda abilities in individuals with intellectual disability. *Law and Human Behavior, 44*(1), 60-70.

Kang, E., Santore, L. A., **Rankin, J. A.**, & Lerner, M. D. (2020). Self-reported social skills importance ratings, not social skills themselves, predict sociometric status among youth with autism spectrum disorder. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders, 74*, 101552.

McCormick, B. F., Connolly, E. J., & Nelson, D. V. (in press) Mild traumatic brain injury as a unique predictor of latent classes of internalizing and externalizing psychopathology. *Child Psychiatry and Human Development*.

Schreiner, A. M., Livingston, N. A., **Heilman, M.**, Lynch, T., Vittorio, L., Brief, D. J., ... Keane, T. M. (in-press). Understanding Motives For and Against Hazardous Drinking and Change Among Returning Veterans. *Psychological Services*.

Wilhelm, R. A., Threadgill, A. H., Zagdsuren, B., MacDonald, H. V., Richardson, M. T., & Gable, P. A. (2020). Frontal asymmetry: A novel biomarker for physical activity and sedentary behavior. *Psychophysiology*.

Internship Placements

Deanna Dragan: Salem VA Medical Center (Salem, VA)

Sophie Eldred: University of Texas Health Science Center (Houston, TX)

Sydnee Erickson: Western State Hospital (Lakewood, WA)

Caitlin Moran: Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center (Tuscaloosa, VA)

Soohyun Park: University of Texas Health Science Center (San Antonio, TX)

Jobs & Post-Doc Positions

Carmen Farrell: Assistant Professor of Psychology at The University of South Carolina - Beaufort in Bluffton, SC.

James Rankin: Biomedical Post-Doctoral Research Program at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Graduate Student Awards 2019-2020

Congratulations to this year's departmental award winners!

Graduate Council Fellowship

Shayne Lin

Taylor Popp

Graduate Council Research Fellowship

Sophie Eldred



McNair Fellowship

Julia Loup

John E. Lochman Endowed Graduate Fellowship

Nicole Capriola-Hall

Dorothy Sue Jordan Pate Endowed Scholarship in Psychology

Andrea Decker

Charlie Rickard Clinical Service Award

Sophie Eldred

Oliver Lacey-Norman Ellis Research Award

Lauren Neal

Paul S. Siegel Teaching Award

Carmen Brown Ferrell

Outstanding Teaching by a Master's Student

Dalton Burchardt

Outstanding Thesis

Virginia Lamoureux

Outstanding Dissertation

Hunter Threadgill

Faculty and Staff Awards 2019-2020

Congratulations to this year's departmental award winners!

Distinguished Contributions by an Adjunct Faculty

Nancy Rubin

Distinguished Faculty Teaching

Andrea Glenn

Distinguished Faculty Research

Ian McDonough

Distinguished Faculty Service

Ed Merrill

Distinguished Contributions by a Staff Member

Kim Olin

Joel L. Walker Friend to Psychology Award

Rick Dowling, CIT

GSA Outstanding Faculty Award

Ansley Gilpin

Quarantine Scene

What have students been up to in isolation you ask?



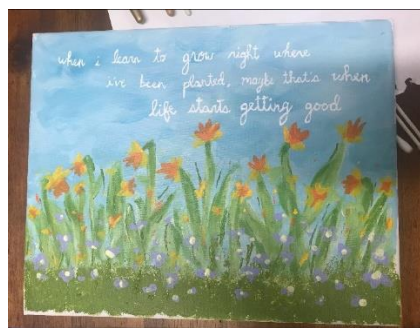
PGSA Sponsored Zoom Trivia



Adopting new family members
(Photo: Sophie Eldred)



Baking endeavors
(Photo: Katie Kouchi)



Picking up old hobbies
(Photo: Sydnee Erickson)



Redecorating
(Photo: Breanna Dede)



PGSA meetings



At-home workouts
(Photo: Meagan Heilman)



Paying it forward
(Photo: Monica Scicolone)