

Department of Psychology Monthly Newsletter

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

The Department of Psychology has a new look!

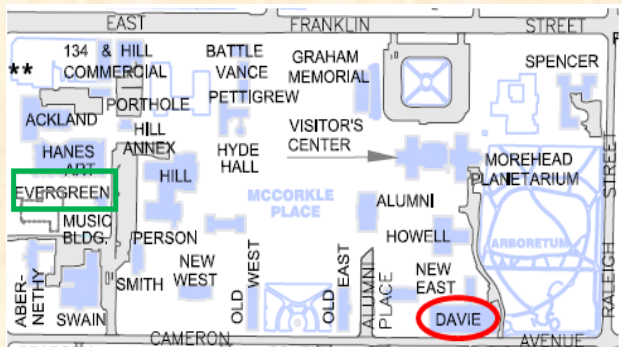
On August 10th, the Department of Psychology launched seven new websites, including a webpage for the [Behavioral Neuroscience](#), [Clinical Psychology](#), [Cognitive Psychology](#), [Developmental Psychology](#), [Quantitative Psychology](#), and [Social Psychology](#) programs.

UNC Opens New Psychology Clinic

The UNC Clinical Program houses four Psychological Service Clinics, located in two buildings on campus, the new Evergreen House and the Finley Psychology Community Center. Our Clinics offer specialty services for Adults, Children/Families, Couples, and individuals with Anxiety Disorders.



*Please join us to celebrate
the new on-campus home for
**The UNC Department of Psychology
Community Clinic**
at an Open House
Wednesday, October 12th
3:30 to 5:00 pm
Evergreen House*



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Upcoming Dates:

Labor Day	Sept. 5
First Faculty Meeting	Sept. 7
Evergreen Open House	Oct. 12

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS

Behavioral Neuroscience Seminars

Seminars are held from 12:30pm — 1:30pm in Davie 302.

(unless otherwise indicated)

September 13th: **Kim Brownley, Ph.D.**
Department of Psychiatry, UNC Chapel Hill

September 27th: **Jennifer Green**
Behavioral Neuroscience Program
Carelli Lab, UNC Chapel Hill

Clinical Lunch Series

Lunches are held from 12pm — 1pm in Davie 261.

September 2nd: Professional Development

September 9th: Diversity Journal Club

September 16th: **Becca Schwartz, M.A.**
University of Missouri
"Friendships and Internalizing Symptoms in Adolescence"

September 30th: **Laura Klinger, Ph.D.**
Director, Division TEACCH & Associate Professor
Department of Psychiatry
"Autism as a Learning Disability in Implicit Learning"

Cognitive Talk Series

Meetings are held from 4pm—5pm in Davie 347.

September 12th: **Jennifer Arnold, Ph.D.**
Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill

September 19th: **Joe Hopfinger, Ph.D.**
Professor, Department of Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill

September 26th: **Peter Gordon, Ph.D.**
Professor, Department of Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill

Developmental Lunch

Lunches are held from 12pm — 1pm in Davie 347.

September 7th: **Paul Silvia, Ph.D.**
Department of Psychology, UNC Greensboro

September 14th: **Jennifer Gibson**
Department of Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill

September 21st: TBA

September 28th: **Gariepy Lab**
Department of Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill



Quantitative Forum

Meetings are held from 12pm — 1pm in Davie 347.

- September 5th: Labor Day - No Forum
- September 12th: **Robert MacCallum, Ph.D.**
Department of Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill
"Exploring Uncertainty in SEM"
- September 19th: **Jay Myung**
- September 26th: **Alberto Maydeu-Olivares**

Social ORG Talk Series

Meetings are held from 4pm — 5:30pm in Davie 310.

- September 5th: Labor Day - No ORG
- September 12th: **Melanie Green, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill
"Professional Development: Hitchhiker's Guide to Grad School"
- September 19th: **Aaron Kay, Ph.D.**
Associate Professor of Management, Associate Professor of Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University
- September 26th: **Sara Algoe, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill
"Professional Development: Preparing for the academic job market"

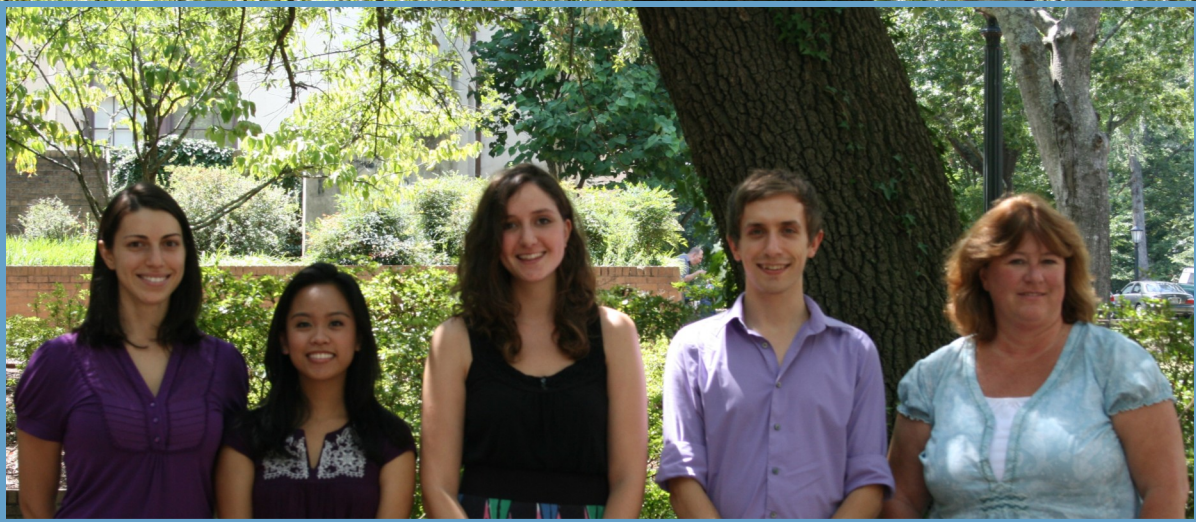
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AUGUST 2011 GRADUATES!

Sophia Choukas-Bradley, M.A.	Clinical Psychology
Kristine Copping, Ph.D.	Developmental Psychology
Nisha Gottfredson, Ph.D.	Quantitative Psychology
Angela Lyons, Ph.D.	Behavioral Neuroscience
Edward Morrill, Ph.D.	Clinical Psychology
Daniel Peterson, Ph.D.	Cognitive Psychology
Jessica Solis, M.A.	Clinical Psychology
Emma Sterrett, Ph.D.	Clinical Psychology
Gregory Stonerock, Ph.D.	Clinical Psychology
Sarah Uzenoff, Ph.D.	Clinical Psychology



STAFF UPDATES

The Department welcomes the newest members of the research staff!



From left to right: Shahar Gur, Alyssa Poblete, Kathryn Fox, Charles Olbert, & Ann Firestone.

SHAHAR GUR, Project Coordinator, joined the Department of Psychology on June 1st. Shahar received her B.A. in Psychology from UNC in 2010. She was previously a temporary employee in Dr. Mitch Prinstein's Peer Relations Lab. She is interested in Social and Developmental Psychology, and more specifically how adolescents influence their friends' behaviors over time. Shahar will be a Coordinator for Project ACHIEVE, which is a school-based study of adolescent prosocial and health-risk behaviors.

ALYSSA POBLETE, Project Coordinator, joined the Department of Psychology on June 6. Alyssa received her B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Comparative Literature from the University of Virginia in May 2011. At UVA she worked as a research assistant for the Diverse Family Systems Lab under Dr. Charlotte Patterson and the KLIFF-VIDA Project under Dr. Joseph Allen. She is interested in Clinical and Developmental Psychology, and is particularly interested in the association between peer/romantic relationship power dynamics and internalizing symptoms and partner aggression over time. Alyssa will be a Coordinator for Project ARCH, a longitudinal study of adolescents' peer interactions, social behaviors, and emotional and physiological reactions.

KATHRYN FOX joined the Department of Psychology on June 12 and is currently working in Dr. Prinstein's lab. She is a project coordinator for Project ARCH, a longitudinal study of adolescents' peer interactions, social behaviors, self-injury, health risk behaviors, and emotional and physiological reactions. Kathryn received her B.S. in Cognitive Studies and Psychology from Vanderbilt University, May 2011. At Vanderbilt she worked as a research assistant for Dr. Judy Garber. Kathryn eventually plans on pursuing graduate work in clinical psychology.

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CHARLES OLBERT is a Research Technician in David Penn's lab, where he is study coordinator for the Social Cognition Assessment of Functioning (SCAF) project, which aims to evaluate measures from social neuroscience to determine their suitability for use in clinical trials of schizophrenia. Charles has a B.A. in Philosophy (more applicable than some might suspect) from UNC and is interested in the psychosocial treatment of severe mental illness, personality disorders, developmental psychopathology, nosology, and clinical methodology. In a former life he also did astrophysics research, and intends in a future life to pursue graduate work in clinical psychology.

ANN FIRESTINE is the Lab Manager in Barbara Fredrickson's Positive Emotions and Psychophysiology (PEP) Lab. She is also the project coordinator for the Science of Behavior Change (SOBC) study which is investigating how experiences of positive emotions alter bodily systems and gene expression, sustained wellness behaviors, and associated health outcomes. Ann has a B.S. in Psychology from University of California, Riverside and a M.S. from New England College in Community Mental Health Counseling. She has been a research coordinator for over ten years, enjoying all aspects of the psychological, neurological, and behavioral sciences at UCLA, Dartmouth, and UNC.



LAURA DEVON, Accounting Manager, joined the Department on July 18th. Laura has a BS degree in finance and accounting from Oklahoma State University, and has completed graduate work toward an MBA with an accounting focus. She previously worked for UNC as an Accounting Supervisor in the Student Accounts and University Receivables office, and has many years of bookkeeping, accounting and budgeting experience in the private sector. We are excited to have Laura in the department!



MAGEN STEVENS joined the department on August 15th as the Program Coordinator for the Clinical and the Behavioral Neuroscience Programs on Monday, August 15th. Magen has a BA in Public Policy Analysis from UNC-CH, and an MA in English from the College of Charleston. While in Charleston she worked as an Office Assistant in the Office for the Academic Experience, and she has almost five years' experience as an Office Assistant in a medical office setting. Please join us in welcoming Magen to the department!



FACULTY NEWS

Jon Abramowitz was appointed the inaugural editor of the *Journal of Obsessive Compulsive and Related Disorders*. Jon will also receive Alumni Achievement Award in Social Sciences from Muhlenberg College later this month.



Dr. Sara Algoe officially joined the Social Psychology core faculty on July 1 as an Assistant Professor. You can learn more about Professor Algoe's research on emotions and social interactions by visiting her lab [website](#). Welcome aboard, Sara!

Barb Fredrickson received a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Alumni Association of Carleton College, her undergraduate alma mater, and was a Visiting Hood Fellow at the University of Auckland in New Zealand.

Andrea Hussong, Professor, was appointed the Director of the UNC Center for Developmental Science on August 13.

David Penn received the Daniel J. Ziegler Distinguished Alumnus Award in Psychology from Villanova University.

Mitch Prinstein was named the Research Mentor of the Year by the UNC Psychology Club. Mitch was also named a Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Term Professor. Mitch was also named the Editor for the *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*.

Erica Wise was elected President of the North Carolina Psychological Association, beginning July 1, 2011.

Eric Youngstrom has been appointed as the Chair of the Child Bipolar Disorders Task Force of the International Society for Bipolar Disorders. Eric has also been designated as one of the three authors on the update of the Practice Parameters for Bipolar Disorder for the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Available online at:

[http://
psychology.unc.edu/news-
events/newsletters](http://psychology.unc.edu/news-events/newsletters)

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STUDENT NEWS

TEON BROOKS, a UNC graduate and research assistant with Peter Gordon, Professor (Cognitive Psychology) was featured on the [UNC Spotlight](#). Teon has also been awarded an NSF Fellowship for graduate study in cognitive psychology.

The 2011 Chester A. Insko Best Publication Award goes to **DARYL CAMERON** (Social Psychology) for his 2011 paper in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

LAHNNA CATALINO (Social Psychology) received an NRSA predoctoral fellowship from the National Institute on Aging for work entitled "Promoting Well-Being in Midlife Adults through Positive Valuation"

JENNA CLARK, first-year graduate student in the Social Psychology program, received a five-year Royster Society Fellowship.

JACLYN FORD (Cognitive Psychology) was awarded an NRSA Pre-doctoral Fellowship from NIA.

MICHELLE GONZALEZ, first-year graduate student in the Clinical Psychology program, received a Graduate School Merit Assistantship.

RYAN JACOBY (Clinical Psychology) was the 2011-2012 recipient of the Galinsky Fellowship.

MELISSA JENKINS (Clinical Psychology) was awarded the Jessie Ball duPont Dissertation Fellowship (a specific type of Royster Society fellowship) from UNC.

SHAWN JONES (Clinical Psychology) was the recipient of the 2011 APAGS Nancy B. Forest and L. Michael Honaker Master's Scholarship for Research in Psychology.

The 2011 Christopher R. Agnew Research Innovation Award goes to **BETHANY KOK** (Social Psychology) for her research on the physiological underpinnings of social motives, as exemplified in her 2010 paper in *Biological Psychology*.

ALICIA MULLIS, Honors student, won an award at UNC's Undergraduate Research Symposium in May for her research on chronic pain. Her research was also featured in [Endeavors](#).

ELISE RICE, first-year graduate student in the Social Psychology program, received an NSF Graduate Fellowship. Elise also received a Graduate School Merit Assistantship.

REBECCA STEPHENS (Developmental Psychology) is the 2011-2012 recipient of the Rheingold Fellowship.

TANYA VACHARKULKSEMSUK (Social Psychology) has a new forthcoming research publication with faculty mentor, [Dr. Barbara Fredrickson](#), in the *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.

Vacharkulksemsuk, T., & Fredrickson, B. L. (in press). Strangers in sync: Achieving embodied rapport through shared movements. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0022103111001983>

ANNA VAN METER (Clinical Psychology) received a "Future Faculty Fellowship" from UNC.