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## UNC-CH HOSTS 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BLACK GRADUATE CONFERENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

This past June, UNC-CH was proud and fortunate to host over 70 graduate students and faculty from academic institutions all across the country for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Graduate Conference in Psychology. Once again, this historic conference offered a unique opportunity for psychology graduate students to come together in a welcoming environment to present their research, gain professional development experiences, network with future colleagues, and inspire one another.

The planning committee was chaired by Dr. Enrique Neblett (Clinical Psychology), and co-chaired by Dr. Eleanor Seaton (Developmental Psychology) and Dr. Wizdom Powell (Health Behavior and Health Education, Gillings School of Public Health.) This year's theme was "Black Psychology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Lifting Together as We Climb." The theme was chosen to encourage the students to work together to lift and mentor the next generation of black psychologists towards a path of professional and personal success. The four-day conference commenced with a welcome reception at the UNC-CH Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture in History. The evening offered a chance for previous conference participants to reconnect and for those new to the conference to meet other attendees and learn about the history and culture of the event.

The agenda for the students included paper and poster sessions to present their research, several academic and career development panels, and sufficient time for networking so students could form long-lasting professional relationships with future colleagues. The conference was truly effective because it provided them with a supportive atmosphere to present their research and receive constructive feedback from fellow graduate students and faculty. Students were able to exchange strategies and experiences that they felt would help their peers thrive in graduate school and in their careers. Everyone was able to come together on the last evening and unwind at a banquet dinner held at the Carolina Club. Dr. Keith Whitfield, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Duke University, delivered a motivating keynote address to conclude the conference. He spoke to the students about setting their professional goals and focused on four main themes for ways to ensure success and happiness in their career: patience, perseverance, prayer, and the importance of paying it forward.

Over the years, the conference has played an important role in the number of graduate students of color interested in and prepared for a research career in psychology. To date, over 25 former participants (including Dr. Neblett) hold academic positions in psychology departments around the country, while many others have gone on to successful careers outside of the academy.

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*Dr. Eleanor Seaton, Assistant Professor of Developmental Psychology and Co-Chair of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual BGCP, and Dr. Enrique Neblett, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology and Chair of 19<sup>th</sup> Annual BGCP.*



*Students gathered at the UNC-CH Gillings School of Public Health to participate in professional panels covering topics such as success in research and publication, and careers in academia and other avenues. Pictured in the immediate foreground is Ashly Gaskin, UNC-CH clinical graduate student, and Sierra Carter (B.S. Psychology, UNC-CH Class of 10') a graduate student at the University of Georgia.*



*Ryan DeLapp (B.A. Psychology, UNC-CH 12'), a graduate student at the University of Louisville, pictured with his research poster, "Predictive Quality of Fearfulness in Childhood Anxiety."*





Pictured to the left is Jared O'Garro-Moore (B.A. Psychology, UNC-CH Class of 10') a graduate student of Temple University, speaking with Dr. DeLeon Gray, Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology at NC State University. Jared's research was entitled, "Social Anxiety Mitigated the Severity of Manic Symptoms in Bi-polar-Anxiety Disorder Comorbidity."



Pictured left to right: Dr. Tabbye Chavous, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Initiatives at the University of Michigan, and UNC-CH clinical graduate student, Shawn Jones.

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Participant feedback describing their conference experience was tremendously positive! Here is what some students had to say.

*"I feel empowered by this conference and each time I attend I feel better prepared as a researcher and I learn more about how to become a more marketable job applicant."*

*"This was the best yet for me. My personal growth over the last year, combined with the growth of my peers and the influx of new scholars really provided a space for me to intellectually challenge myself. It added to my motivation to work that much harder."*

*"The BGCP is unlike any other conference for graduate students interested in African American research, in that it provides a safe place to discuss these important issues. Also, the interactions between faculty and graduate students cannot be compared to many other conferences."*

*"This was the first time I really felt a sense of belonging in the field of psychology."*

# Greetings

from DAVIE HALL

and THE DEPARTMENT of PSYCHOLOGY!

After taking a year of leave to focus on my research goals, I am happy to have returned to my position serving the department as Chair and would like to thank Regina Carelli for fulfilling this duty in my absence.

Through this newsletter, we are delighted to share with you the impressive accomplishments of our faculty and students, introduce you to new members of our faculty and staff, and keep you updated on the exciting events and developments going on within the department.



As one of the top public universities in the country and one of the largest undergraduate majors within the College of Arts and Sciences at Carolina, we take great strides to ensure that our students receive the very best education in psychology possible. Our strong commitment to providing enrichment opportunities in research and experiential learning for students is indeed a mark of our excellence. As you will read in this newsletter, this fall we offered a new introductory course in neuroscience which will be the gateway course for a unique interdisciplinary minor in the department, an initiative currently being developed within the College. We are also pleased to introduce a new internship program for undergraduates scheduled to begin next fall. This program will provide students with the opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge to their work in the local community. (See page 3 for more information about both the neuroscience minor and the internship program.) Additionally, faculty, post-docs, and graduate students are working hard to provide hands-on research experiences as undergraduates continue to take on more extensive roles in the labs and work in collaboration with their mentors to publish research. Examples of collaborative publications with undergraduates are on page 8.

Despite facing a challenging funding climate at both the state and federal levels for public research universities, our faculty and graduate students continue to be persistent and creative in finding ways to support their innovative research. The UNC-CH campus and the Psychology Department have been markedly successful compared to other institutions and departments in obtaining external grant funding as evidenced both by data compiled by the UNC-CH Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and by the numerous awards mentioned in this newsletter. UNC-CH ranks among the top 10 public research universities in external research funding, and the Department of Psychology ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in research dollars on campus and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the College of Arts & Sciences. This funding is critical to our research programs as it supports the important discoveries of our faculty and students and provides financial support for our graduate students. Despite this success, our collective needs exceed the external and state funds available to us and private funding still plays a vital role in helping the department capitalize on our many strengths. Furthermore, your gifts allow us to continue to attract qualified students and faculty in a very competitive environment so that we can defend our ranking as one of the top institutions for psychology in the country. If you are interested in contributing, you may make a tax-deductible donation using the enclosed envelope.

On behalf of the entire Department of Psychology, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our alumni and friends. Your genuine interest, support, and financial contributions allow many of these opportunities and accomplishments you read about in our annual newsletter to come to fruition. Even through times of financial hardship and as some of you work to pay off your own student loans, many of you have been amply generous and for that, we thank you.

I hope you enjoy reading about the news from the department. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to reconnect with the department or your program, please feel free to contact my office at (919) 843-5467. You are always welcome to stop by for a visit to Davie Hall if you are on campus.

*Donald T. Lysle*

DONALD T. LYSLE, PH.D.  
Chair of the Department of Psychology  
Kenan Distinguished Professor



## U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKINGS

*U.S. News and World Report* recently published its 2013 rankings to be included in the 2014 Edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools." UNC-CH appears on multiple lists of schools, degree programs, and specialty areas. Business, law, medicine, education, and engineering are the five disciplines *U.S. News* ranks annually. Periodically, rankings are provided for programs in science, social sciences and humanities, and health. The Department of Psychology and its graduate programs have a strong history of appearing on these lists. For the most recent national rankings provided, the Department of Psychology tied for 12<sup>th</sup> overall, the Developmental Program tied for 5<sup>th</sup>, and the Clinical Program ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our Ph.D. programs continue to grow steadily and attract talented young scholars from all across the country and the world. This past academic year, we received nearly 1,000 applications and enrolled a diverse group of 27 brilliant graduate students. See page 6–7 for a listing of graduate student highlights and awards. We are particularly thankful for alumni gifts that help us recruit and train our top-notch graduate students!

## UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Department is pleased to announce the Karen M. Gil Internship Program in Psychology soon to be available for undergraduate psychology majors. The program is slated to begin next fall with approximately 20 students for the 2014-2015 academic year. Enrolled students will work 8-10 hours a week for agencies and businesses within the local community. Opportunities may be available in clinical treatment centers; schools; pharmaceutical, bio-psychological, or neuroscience research companies; non-profit or for-profit agencies, and hospitals or other care settings. The work will be equivalent to one course and students will be required to meet each week in a classroom setting with a faculty instructor. Dr. Steve Buzinski, Lecturer in the Department, has accepted an appointment as director of the program to oversee all administrative aspects.

Hands-on work at community sites will provide students with opportunities to use the knowledge they have obtained in the classroom and see how it integrates with their experiences in a work setting. For many students, such opportunities will help them better define their occupational interests, thereby shaping their decisions about subsequent study and career goals. Furthermore, it will help them network in the field by developing connections with future employers. An added benefit to students, the department, and the community may be an increase in collaboration and exchange of ideas between the Department of Psychology and community agencies and businesses.

## PROPOSED NEUROSCIENCE MINOR

This fall marks the inaugural offering of a large lecture course, PSYC 390 *Introduction to Neuroscience*, taught by Dr. Marsha Penner. Due to the growing undergraduate demand for neuroscience on campus, the course was originally proposed by a group of neuroscientists across several UNC units and it was determined that the Department of Psychology was the best fit. This initiative is intended to build upon the existing strengths in the teaching and research of our faculty and highlight the multidisciplinary and technologically-sophisticated nature of the field. It is anticipated that the course will have wide appeal to students from several academic disciplines on campus, and serve as the gateway course for a proposed Neuroscience Minor within the College.

The minor is considered a high priority for undergraduate education at UNC-CH as such a program would both meet student demand and keep the curriculum reflective of current directions in psychology and other fields. A minor concentration in neuroscience will provide students with a formal study of the field, broadening their awareness of and exposure to the evolution, behavior effects, cellular and molecular processes, and computational mechanisms of the brain. Students will have the opportunity to obtain the fundamental knowledge and exposure needed to pursue careers and post-graduate studies in fields related to psychology, human development and aging, health and disease, rehabilitation, biomedical research, human-machine interactions, and other emerging disciplines.

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largely dependent upon these donations and your continued support is needed.

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- Update our equipment and research space so that we can provide undergraduates with the best education possible and maintain our cutting edge research programs.
- Continue to recruit the best faculty and students to the department.
- Provide graduate student funding as budget cuts have significantly reduced student support.
- Retain our top-notch faculty.

If you have questions about giving to Psychology or would like additional information, please contact Kelleigh Smith, Associate Director of Capital Gifts, Arts and Sciences Foundation, at [kelleigh.smith@unc.edu](mailto:kelleigh.smith@unc.edu) or (919) 843-4454.

We are extremely grateful to all our friends and donors for their generosity. Private gifts play a critical role in the success of our department.

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## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD

This year's Distinguished Alumna Award was presented to Dr. Rebecca Craft on October 30<sup>th</sup> at Davie Hall following her lecture, "Sex Differences in Sensitivity to Cannabinoid Drugs."



Dr. Craft earned her doctoral degree in Experimental and Biological Psychology (now Behavioral Neuroscience) from UNC-CH in 1991. She currently serves as a Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychology at Washington State University. Her broad research areas focus on psychopharmacology, drug abuse and dependence, sex differences in drug effects, and hormonal modulation of pain, analgesia, and mood. She is currently focusing on sex differences in the effects of psychoactive drugs, primarily opioids and cannabinoids. Her lab's primary research goal is to determine how endocrinological and neurobiological differences between males and females may explain their differential sensitivity to psychoactive drugs. She hopes that this research will offer information about whether we need to adjust the way we use drugs medicinally in men vs. women, and whether there is any biological explanation for differential drug abuse in men vs. women.



## NEW FACULTY

**LAURA CASTRO-SCHILO** joined the Department of Psychology as an Assistant Professor in the Quantitative Program on July 1, 2013. She received her Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of California, Davis. Her program of research is focused on the development and application of multitrait-multimethod models and dynamic individual-level models to longitudinal data, particularly in the study of personality and affective processes in the Mexican culture. Born and raised in Guadalajara, Mexico, Dr. Castro-Schilo's interests in travel and different cultures motivated her to pursue her college education in the United States. While adapting to a new life, she assumed a variety of jobs ranging from editor of paid-programming television commercials to bartending. Through her interactions with individuals in these settings, she found her passion in psychology and statistics. In her spare time, she enjoys family life with her husband and two daughters.



**KATHLEEN (KATIE) GATES** joined the Department of Psychology as an Assistant Professor in the Quantitative Program on July 1, 2013. She received an M.A. in Forensic Psychology at the City University of New York prior to obtaining her Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from The Pennsylvania State University. Her research focuses on modeling intensive longitudinal data (i.e., time series data) with an eye towards enabling individual-level analysis and accommodating heterogeneity within samples. Her work on the development, evaluation, and dissemination of quantitative methods has predominantly been applied with functional MRI and psychophysiological data in collaboration with neuroscientists and cognitive psychologists.



**MARSHA PENNER** joined the Department of Psychology as a Lecturer on July 1, 2013. She received her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Winnipeg, M.S. in Pharmacology and Neuroscience from Dalhousie University, and Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of Arizona in 2008. Prior to joining the Department, Dr. Penner was a research scientist and lecturer in the Department of Psychology at the University of Washington. Dr. Penner's teaching interests center around neuroscience-related topics, and she is pleased to be teaching the new course, *Introduction to Neuroscience*, in support of the development of a Neuroscience Minor for undergraduates at Carolina.



**KATHRYN (KATE) REISSNER** joined the Department of Psychology as an Assistant Professor in the Behavioral Neuroscience Program on July 1, 2013. A native of North Carolina, she received her undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Duke. However, a growing interest in the relationship between brain and behavior led to a Ph.D. from the Department of Neurobiology & Behavior at UC Irvine and postdoctoral studies in the neurobiology of addiction at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC. Dr. Reissner's work is focused on how self-administration of drugs of abuse affects the communication between neurons and glia, and how these changes may contribute to the cellular pathologies of addiction. She is delighted to be back home in NC, and hopes to serve as an ambassador of peace between Blue Devils and Tarheels.



**PASCHAL SHEERAN**, Professor, joined the Social Program in the Psychology Department on July 1, 2013. He obtained his B.A. and M.A. degrees in Psychology from University College Dublin and his Ph.D. from the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom where he also served on the faculty for 20 years. He is a Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science, the British Psychological Society, the European Health Psychology Society, and a member of the editorial boards of several journals in social and health psychology. Dr. Sheeran's research focuses on behavior change – from the processes involved in setting new goals through to the translation of goals into action. He enjoys a joint appointment with the UNC Lineberger Cancer Center where his research may contribute to the improvement of cancer outcomes.



## RETIREMENTS

**DR. LINDA DYKSTRA**, W.R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor, received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1972 and joined the UNC-CH Psychology Department in 1973. During her tenure at UNC-CH, Linda received continuous support from NIDA for her research on the behavioral and pharmacological properties of opioid analgesics. Her research was recognized with several Research Scientist Awards, a MERIT Award, a Mentorship Award from the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, and the Marian Fischman Lectureship Award, which recognizes contributions of an exemplary woman scientist for research in the area of drug abuse. In 2013, she received the prestigious Nathan B. Eddy Award for her life-long contribution to drug abuse research. In addition to her appointment as Dean of the Graduate School (1996-2008), Linda served as the Interim Vice-Chancellor for Research (1999-2001) and continues to serve as the Director of the Office of Distinguished Scholarships (2009-current). During her three years of phased retirement, Linda will continue to direct a NIGMS program for postdoctoral scholars, a NIDA predoctoral training grant in research on drug abuse, and UNC's Office of Distinguished Scholarships within Honors Carolina. (Photo credited to Daniel Sears, University Photographer.)



**DR. JOE LOWMAN**, Professor, received his Ph.D. from UNC-CH in 1970 and joined the department as a faculty member the same year. Over his long career at UNC, Joe was heavily involved in clinical training from a variety of theoretical contexts, including the cognitive behavioral perspective when it came to dominate the clinical scene. In addition to his efforts over the years to promote high-quality teaching among UNC's graduate students, Joe's own teaching has been recognized by a number of teaching awards for his engaging and inspirational qualities. In 1988 and 2006, he was the UNC Nominee for the CASE Professor of the Year Program and in 1989 he won a Tanner Award for Teaching Excellence. He is a five-time recipient of the UNC Psi Chi Annual Teaching Award and he held a Bowman and Gordon Gray Professorship from 1995-1999. He was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recipient of the Distinguished Contribution to Teaching and Training Award from the North Carolina Psychological Association in 1998, a member of the Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars at UNC from 2000-2006, and the recipient of the Board of Governor's Teaching Award recognizing him as the most outstanding teacher at UNC in 2006. Over a number of years, Joe designed, published, and evaluated two in-depth computer-assisted clinical interviews called SuperShrink. In recent years he developed two popular courses: *Evolutionary Psychology* for senior majors and an online course in *Abnormal Psychology*. Although officially retired to his new home in Boone, NC, he plans on returning to Chapel Hill to teach various courses one semester each academic year and during UNC's summer session.





# FACULTY HONORS, AWARDS & HIGHLIGHTS

**DR. JON ABRAMOWITZ**, Professor of Clinical Psychology, was elected President of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies.

**DR. SARA ALGOE**, Assistant Professor of Social Psychology, received a grant from The John Templeton Foundation (in collaboration with Clark University), for her research, "Picture This: Bringing Joy into Focus and Developing Health Habits of Mind."

**DR. DANIEL BAUER**, Professor of Quantitative Psychology, **DR. ANDREA HUSSONG**, Professor of Clinical Psychology and Director of the Center for Developmental Science, and **DR. PATRICK CURRAN**, Professor and Director of the L.L. Thurstone Psychometric Laboratory and Quantitative Psychology Program, were awarded an R01 from NIDA for their work on "harmonizing substance use and disorder measures to facilitate multistudy analyses" to evaluate psychometric methods for bridging measurement differences across independent studies of substance use and disorder.

**DR. ANNA BARDONE-CONE**, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology, received two supplements to her R01 grant on defining eating disorder recovery. One is an administrative supplement to look at biomarkers from acute to recovered stages of anorexia nervosa and the other is a diversity supplement that will extend the recovery research of the parent grant to racial/ethnic minorities and help fund the dissertation of her graduate student, Katy Higgins.

**DR. CHARLOTTE BOETTIGER**, Assistant Professor of Behavioral Neuroscience, received a grant from The Foundation for Alcohol Research for her research, "Neural Circuit Bases of Impulsive Choice in Emerging Adults and Heavy Drinking Adults."

**DR. STEVEN BUZINSKI**, Director of Undergraduate Research and Lecturer, was awarded a faculty development grant from the UNC Summer School & Center for Faculty Excellence to convert his seated Social Psychology course into an online offering. The online Social Psychology course will be offered through the UNC-CH Summer School in Summer 2014. After this academic year, he will take on a new role within the department as the Director of the Undergraduate Psychology Internship Program.

**DR. REGINA CARELLI**, Stephen B. Baxter Distinguished Professor of Behavioral Neuroscience, completed her appointment as Acting Chair of the Department on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Shortly after, she accepted an invitation to serve a three-year term as a member of the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse in which a major responsibility includes reviewing and making recommendations regarding grant applications to support biomedical research and research training activities. Additionally, she was recently awarded an R01 from NIDA for her research, "Neurobiological Investigation of Decision Making in Rats."

**DR. CAROL CHEATHAM**, Assistant Professor of Developmental Psychology, was awarded a K01 by NIAAA to study the ability of chlorine to ameliorate the effects of fetal alcohol exposure and the epigenetics involved in such an effect in a rodent model.

**DR. BARBARA FREDRICKSON**, Kenan Distinguished Professor and Director of Social Psychology, received a three-year grant from the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine to conduct research on "nonconscious affective and physiological mediators of behavioral decision making." In May, Dr. Fredrickson participated in a "White House meeting on Psychological Science and Behavioral Economics in the Service of Public Policy" which has helped pave the way for the U.S. federal government to create a team of behavioral scientists to offer insights and advice for policy setting on topics such as youth violence, underemployment, heart disease, teen pregnancy, and climate change. In June, Dr. Fredrickson received the inaugural Christopher Peterson Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the International Positive Psychology Association.

**DR. KATHLEEN GATES**, Assistant Professor of Quantitative Psychology, received an R21 grant from NIBIB for her research, "Data-driven Approach for Identifying Subgroups Using fMRI Connectivity Maps."

**DR. KURT GRAY**, Assistant Professor of Social Psychology, was named a *Rising Star* in psychological science by the Association for Psychological Science (APS). Additionally, he received a grant this year from the University of California (sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation) for his work, "The Immortality of Morality." Most recently, he received the 2013 SPSP Theoretical Innovation Prize for his collaborative article, "Mind Perception is the Essence of Morality," published in *Psychological Inquiry*.

**DR. DEBORAH JONES**, Professor of Clinical Psychology, received an R01 grant in September 2013 from the National Institute of Mental Health to examine the extent

to which smartphone technology has the capacity to increase the reach and impact of treatment for low income families of young children with a disruptive behavior disorder. Dr. Jones was also promoted to Professor effective July 1, 2013.

**DR. BETH KURTZ-COSTES**, Professor of Developmental Psychology, received an NSF award for her research, "Collaborative Research: Parenting for STEM Success in African American Families."

**DR. BETH KURTZ-COSTES**, Professor of Developmental Psychology, and **DR. KEITH PAYNE**, Associate Professor of Social Psychology, were granted an R03 from NICHD for their research, "Children's Implicit and Explicit Stereotypes about Academic Abilities."

**DR. KRISTEN LINDQUIST**, Assistant Professor of Social Psychology, was named a *Rising Star* in psychological science by the Association for Psychological Science (APS). This is a multi-part series published by APS that spotlights professionals in the field whose research and work proves to be driving science into new directions.

**DR. NEIL MULLIGAN**, Professor and Director of Cognitive Psychology, was appointed the new Editor for the journal, *Memory and Cognition*.

**DR. KEITH PAYNE**, Associate Professor of Social Psychology, is co-investigator on a new R24 grant from NIH and NEA. The project aims to use photography and other visual arts as an intervention to increase healthcare provider's empathy and understanding of minority patients.

**DR. DAVID PENN**, The Linda Wagner-Martin Distinguished Professor of Psychology, was the 2013 recipient of the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award. He was selected to receive this award for the role he played in inspiring a former UNC-CH doctoral student, Dr. Dave Roberts, to work with him to develop a new psychosocial treatment that improves the social functioning of people with schizophrenia.

**DR. KATHRYN REISSNER**, Assistant Professor of Behavioral Neuroscience, received an R00 grant from NIDA for her research, "Contribution of Glial Glutamate Transport and Transmission to Drug Abuse."

**DR. STEVEN REZNICK**, Professor of Developmental Psychology, completed his term as Associate Dean on June 30, 2013. For the 2013-2014 academic year, he has been granted a William R. Kenan Jr. Research and Study Leave for the fall (competitively available to senior faculty) and a Research and Study Leave for the spring, to facilitate his transition from University Administration towards renewed focus, depth, and productivity in his research and teaching. His specific plans include completing several ongoing projects, developing two new courses, and launching several new grants and research projects on various topics including autism spectrum disorder, nutrition, and infant cognitive development.

**DR. TODD THIELE**, Professor and Director of the Behavioral Neuroscience Program, received an R01 grant from NIAAA for his research, "The Role of Corticotropin Releasing Factor in Binge-Like Ethanol Drinking."

**DR. ERICA WISE**, Professor of Clinical Psychology and Director of Psychological Services, was the recipient of the Fifth Annual APA Ethics Committee Award for Outstanding Contributions to Ethics Education.

**DR. ERIC YOUNGSTROM**, Professor of Clinical Psychology, was recently appointed to Full Membership in the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (December 2012), and received Fellow Status in the Association for Psychological Science (June 2013), as well as Fellow Status in the Society for Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (August 2013).

## FACULTY BOOKSHELF

**BARBARA L. FREDRICKSON (Social Program):** Fredrickson, B.L. (2013). *Love 2.0: How Our Supreme Emotion Affects Everything We Feel, Think, Do, and Become*. Hudson Street Press.



**JONATHAN ABRAMOWITZ (Clinical Program):** Abramowitz, J.S. (2013). *Study Guide for Exposure Therapy for Anxiety: Principles and Practice*. Cram101.





## New Administrative Staff

**DANA RIPPERTON** joined the department in October 2013 as the Developmental and Instructional Program Coordinator. She earned a B.A. in Anthropology and Archaeology at Sweet Briar College in Virginia, and an

M.A. in Education Foundations, Policy, and Practice from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Dana most recently worked as an Academic Advisor for Bridge English, a school that prepares foreign students for academic programs in the U.S. While there, she mentored and advised students on university admission requirements, application processes, and expectations for obtaining acceptance in undergraduate and graduate programs. Dana is originally from the Chapel Hill area and is delighted to be back home working for UNC-CH.

**BETTY SATTERFIELD**, Accounting



Manager, joined us in March 2013. With approximately 20 years of accounting and customer service experience in private industry, she joined the University in 2004.

She has worked in accounting for several different departments over the years, but most recently worked as a Program Administrator in the Office of Sponsored Research (OSR). There she handled post-award activities for many departments on campus, including supporting Psychology for two years. Her personal interests include gardening and camping, but she most enjoys spending time with her family and their delightful Labrador, Ronin the Wonder Dog!

**SAM ZWEMER** joined the Department of



Psychology as a Student Services Assistant in April of 2013, but soon was promoted to a more responsible role in the Department as the Program Coordinator for the Clinical Psychology

and Behavioral Neuroscience graduate programs. After graduating from UNC-CH as a Psychology major in May of 2010, Sam spent her first two years post-graduation as the project manager for a clinical psychology research lab at Florida State University, but returned to the Triangle area in July of 2012.



1<sup>st</sup> row, left to right: Jeff Brooks, Julia ter Haar, Kelsey Ludwig, Chayla Hart, and Cara Arizmendi. 2<sup>nd</sup> row, left to right: Anna Karam, Michael Giordano, Kaitlin Glauer, Yun Chen.

## New Research Staff

**CARA ARIZMENDI** obtained a B.A. in both Psychology and Women's Studies from UNC-CH in 2012. She is working in Dr. Barbara Fredrickson's Positive Emotions and Psychophysiology Lab.

**JEFF BROOKS** obtained his B.A. in Philosophy and Cognitive and Brain Science from Tufts University in 2012. He is working in Dr. Kristen Lindquist's lab, the Carolina Affective Science Laboratory.

**YUN CHEN** obtained his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 2013. He is working in Dr. Stacy Daughter's lab which focuses on stress, health, and addiction research.

**MICHAEL GIORDANO** obtained his B.S. in Psychology from UNC-CH in 2013. He is working in Dr. Prinstein's Peer Relations Lab.

**KAITLIN GLAUER** obtained a B.A. in both Psychology and Sociology from Wake Forest University in 2012. She is working in the labs of Dr. Barbara Fredrickson (Positive Emotions and Psychophysiology Lab) and Dr. Sara Algae (Everyday Social Interactions in Relationships Lab).

**CHAYLA HART** obtained her B.A. in Psychology from UNC-CH in 2010. She is working in Dr. Sara Algae's Everyday Social Interactions in Relationships Lab.

**ANNA KARAM** obtained a B.A. in Psychology and Women and Gender Studies from UNC-CH in 2013. She is currently working in Dr. Anna Bardone-Cone's lab researching ways to better understand an individual's recovery from an eating disorder.

**KELSEY LUDWIG** obtained a B.A. in Romance Languages and Literatures (Spanish), a B.S. in Psychology, and a minor in Medical Anthropology from UNC-CH in 2012. She is working in Dr. David Penn's lab which focuses on social cognition and social functioning of people with schizophrenia.

**TRACY POWERS** obtained a B.A. in Psychology from UNC-CH in 2012. She is working in Dr. Barbara Fredrickson's Positive Emotions and Psychophysiology Lab.

**JONATHAN RYAN** obtained his B.S and M.A. in Psychology from SUNY, Stony Brook in 2010 and 2011. He is working in Dr. Stacey Daughter's lab which focuses on stress, health, and addiction research.

**JULIA TER HAAR** obtained her B.A. in Psychology from the University of California at Davis in 2013. She is working in Dr. Mitch Prinstein's Peer Relations Lab.

## GRADUATE STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

**ELIZABETH (LIZ) ADAMS** (Developmental, advisor: Dr. Beth Kurtz-Costes) and **CARA DAMIANO** (Clinical, advisor: Gabriel Dichter) were the 2013 recipients of the Earl and Barbara Baughman Dissertation Research Award. Liz's research is entitled, "The Longitudinal Influence of Skin Tone on Psychological Outcomes for African American Youth." Cara's research is, "Neural Mechanisms of Reward Uncertainty in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders."

**LAHNNA CATALINO** (Social, advisor: Dr. Barbara Fredrickson) received UNC-CH Psychology Club's 2013 Graduate Student Research Mentor Award.

**NICOLE FENTON** (Clinical, advisor: Dr. Karen Gil) received a Graduate Student Mentor Award from the UNC-CH Office of Undergraduate Research as well as the 2013 Psi Chi Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Award for the department.

**ELLEN FITZSIMMONS-CRAFT** (Clinical, advisor: Dr. Anna Bardone Cone) received the 2013 Martin S. Wallach Award, given annually to a student who demonstrates excellence in research, clinical, teaching, or service endeavors. Ellen's research focuses on the etiology and maintenance of body dissatisfaction and disordered eating.

**ASHLY GASKIN** (Clinical, advisor: Dr. Enrique Neblett) received a Carolina Consortium on Human Development pre-doctoral dissertation fellowship for the 2013-2014 academic year. Ashly also received an APA Student Travel Award to attend the APA Convention in Honolulu, HI to present her research, "Relationship between Gender and Racial Socialization Messages in African American Emerging Adults."

**RENSKE HOEDEMAEKER** (Cognitive, advisor: Dr. Peter Gordon) received a monetary award from the CUNY Research Foundation for her talk, "Accessing Semantic Size Information During Reading", which she presented at the 2012 Human Sentence Processing Conference at the CUNY Graduate Center in New York.

**ADAM HOFFMAN** (Developmental, advisor: Dr. Beth Kurtz-Costes) was one of four winners selected as a recipient for the 2012-2013 Mamie Phipps Clark Research Grants to fund his Master's thesis research, "Reducing Stereotype Threat through Identification with Role Models: An Intervention."

**SHAWN JONES** (Clinical, advisor: Dr. Enrique Neblett) was selected as the recipient of the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) 2013 Sage Student Research Award for his outstanding research. Shawn attended this year's Annual Convention of the Association of Black Psychologists in New Orleans and presented his paper, "Emotional Response Profiles to Racial



Discrimination: Does Racial Identity Predict Affective Patterns?"

**STEPHANIE LANE** (Quantitative, advisors: Dr. Patrick Curran & Dr. Kathleen Gates) and **DANIEL LEE** (Clinical, advisor: Dr. Enrique Neblett) were awarded Student Undergraduate Teaching and Staff Awards (SUTASA) this past year by the Executive Branch of UNC-CH's Student Government.

**JAMES MCGINLEY** (Quantitative, advisor: Dr. Patrick Curran) received the 2012 Lyle V. Jones Award in recognition of outstanding scholarship and citizenship in the L.L. Thurstone Psychometric Lab. James was also the recipient of the 2013 Enoch Gordis Research Recognition Award given by the Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA) for his research on an innovative modeling framework for ordinal adolescent alcohol use data.

**THERESA MCKIM** (Behavioral Neuroscience, advisor: Dr. Charlotte Boettiger) was awarded an NC TraCS \$2k grant for her work entitled, "Addiction History and COMT Genotype are Independently Associated with Impairments in Learning and Replacing Arbitrary Stimulus-Response Associations."

**CHRISTINE PAPROCKI** (Clinical, advisor: Dr. Donald Baucom) was awarded an APA Graduate Student Ethics Prize of a \$1,000 stipend, airfare, and accommodations to the APA conference in Honolulu, and her paper, "When Personal and Professional Values Conflict: Trainee Perspectives on Conflicts between Religious Beliefs and Affirming Treatment of LGBT Clients," is slated to be published in the journal, *Ethics and Behavior*.

**KIMBERLY PENTEL** (Clinical, advisor: Dr. Donald Baucom) was this year's recipient of the Galinsky Fellowship, a departmental award given annually to an exceptional incoming graduate student in the Clinical Program.

**MAURA SABATOS-DEVITO** (Developmental, advisor: Dr. Steven Reznick) was awarded a Carolina Consortium on Human Development pre-doctoral dissertation fellowship for the 2013-2014 academic year.

**REBECCA STEPHENS** (Developmental, advisor: Dr. Steven Reznick) was awarded a stipend to teach a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Science Seminar in Spring 2014.

## POSTDOC HIGHLIGHTS

**DR. MATTEO GILETTA** (Clinical Postdoc for Dr. Mitch Prinstein) was

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STUDENT	PROGRAM	FACULTY ADVISOR	AWARDING AGENCY
Carrie Adair	Social	Barbara Fredrickson	Mind and Life Institute
Sierra Bainter	Quantitative	Patrick Curran	National Institute on Drug Abuse
Courtney Cameron	Behavioral Neuroscience	Regina Carelli	National Institute on Drug Abuse
Lahnna Catalino	Social	Barbara Fredrickson	National Institute on Aging
Domenic Cerri	Behavioral Neuroscience	Regina Carelli	National Institute on Drug Abuse
Cara Damiano	Clinical	Gabriel Dichter	Autism Speaks Dennis Weatherstone Predoctoral Fellowship
Ellen Fitzsimmons-Craft	Clinical	Anna Bardone-Cone	National Institute of Mental Health
Steven Holochwost	Developmental	Martha Cox Jean-Louis Gariepy	National Science Foundation
Suzannah Isgett	Social	Barbara Fredrickson	National Science Foundation
Keenan Jenkins	Social	Melanie Green	National Science Foundation
Shawn Jones	Clinical	Enrique Neblett	Ford Foundation Diversity Predoctoral Fellowship
Jason Kahn	Cognitive	Jennifer Arnold	National Science Foundation
Jennifer MacCormack	Social	Kristen Lindquist	American Psychological Association of Graduate Students/Psi Chi
James McGinley	Quantitative	Patrick Curran	National Institute on Drug Abuse
Jacqueline Nesi	Clinical	Mitch Prinstein	National Science Foundation
Erol Ozmeral	Cognitive	Peter Gordon	National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
Christine Paprocki	Clinical	Donald Baucom	American Psychological Foundation Randy Gerson Memorial Scholarship
Elise Rice	Social	Barbara Fredrickson	National Science Foundation
Chelsea Schein	Social	Kurt Gray	National Science Foundation
Jessica Solis	Clinical	Andrea Hussong	National Institute on Drug Abuse
Gretchen Sprow	Behavioral Neuroscience	Todd Thiele	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Jonathan Sugam	Behavioral Neuroscience	Regina Carelli	National Institute on Drug Abuse
Tanya Vacharkulksemsuk	Social	Barbara Fredrickson	National Science Foundation
Audrey Wells	Behavioral Neuroscience	Rita Fuchs Lokensgard	National Institute on Drug Abuse
Bharathi Zvara	Developmental	Martha Cox	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

awarded a Postdoctoral Scholar's Award for Research Excellence to assist him in his continued work on peer relationships and new work on psychosocial stressors.

**DR. LORI HOGGARD** (Clinical Postdoc for Dr. Enrique Neblett) was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship from NSF for her research, "Racial Discrimination, Coping, and Underlying Processes in African American Young Adults."

**DR. SABEEN RIZVI** (Clinical Postdoc for Dr. Eric Youngstrom) was awarded the Fulbright-Nehru postdoctoral fellowship to join the MECCA Lab for her research, "Psychotic traits in clinical and non-clinical populations."

**DR. MICHAEL SADDORIS** (Behavioral Neuroscience Postdoc for Dr. Regina Carelli) was awarded a K99 Pathway to Independence Award for his research on "Mechanisms of Higher-Order Learning in the NAc Impaired by Cocaine Exposure." He recently accepted an assistant professor position in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience at UC-Boulder for fall 2014.

**DR. LAURA WIDMAN** (Clinical Postdoc for Dr. Mitch Prinstein) received a K99 from NICHD for her research, "Reducing HIV Risk among Adolescents."

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PH.D. GRADUATES!

STUDENT	PROGRAM	FACULTY ADVISOR	YEAR
Ruth Baldasaro	Quantitative	Daniel Bauer	2013
Noah Berman	Clinical	Jonathan Abramowitz	2013
Sara Boeding	Clinical	Donald Baucom	2013
Maggie Bromberg	Clinical	Karen Gil	2013
Daryl Cameron	Social	Keith Payne	2013
Jordan Carpenter	Social	Melanie Green	2013
Lahnna Catalino	Social	Barbara Fredrickson	2013
Wonil Choi	Cognitive	Peter Gordon	2013
Joseph Franklin	Clinical	Mitch Prinstein	2013
Andrew Freeman	Clinical	Eric Youngstrom	2013
Hanna Gustafsson	Developmental	Martha Cox	2013
Megan Harney	Clinical	Anna Bardone-Cone	2013
Katy Harper	Clinical	David Penn	2013
Steven Holochwost	Developmental	Martha Cox Jean-Louis Gariepy	2013
Robert Irvin	Clinical	Joseph Lowman	2012
Melissa Jenkins	Clinical	Eric Youngstrom	2013
Bethany Kok	Social	Barbara Fredrickson	2012
Brittain Mahaffey	Clinical	Jonathan Abramowitz	2013
Timothy Perry	Clinical	Gary Mesibov David Penn	2013
Emily Pisetsky	Clinical	Donald Baucom	2013
Allison Ratto	Clinical	David Penn Steven Reznick	2013
Anna Sabatino	Developmental	Steven Reznick	2013
Joseph Simons	Social	Melanie Green	2013
Gretchen Sprow	Behavioral Neuroscience	Todd Thiele	2013
Jonathan Sugam	Behavioral Neuroscience	Regina Carelli	2013
Rachel Upton	Quantitative	Abigail Panter	2012
Tanya Vacharkulksemsuk	Social	Barbara Fredrickson	2013
Anna Van Meter	Clinical	Eric Youngstrom	2013
Michael Wheaton	Clinical	Jonathan Abramowitz	2013



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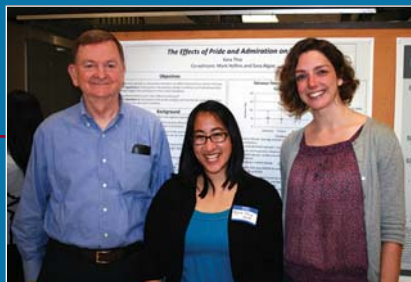
Kelly Buchanan with her advisor, Professor Peter Ornstein. Kelly's thesis was entitled, "Home Environment, Teacher Language, and Literacy Development across the First Grade Year."



Corey Miller with his advisor, Professor Andrea Hussong. Corey's thesis was entitled, "Relationship as a Moderator for the Association between Perceived Parental Disapproval and Willingness to Self-disclose about Alcohol Exposure in Adolescence."



Mariah Moore with her advisor, Professor Abigail Panter. Mariah's thesis was entitled, "Personal Intelligence in the Workplace and Relationships."



Kara Thio with her advisors, Professors Mark Hollins and Sara Algoe. Kara's thesis was entitled, "The Effects of Pride and Admiration on Pain." Kara was this year's recipient of the Dashiell Thurstone Award for having the best thesis.

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## UNDERGRADUATE HONORS PROGRAM 2012-2013



Shown above are the 2012-2013 Undergraduate Honors Students, pictured with the faculty program advisors, Professors Donald Baucom and Beth Kurtz-Costes.

### DoPUR PROGRAM

The Department of Psychology Undergraduate Research (DoPUR) program offers UNC -CH undergraduates the opportunity to work side-by-side with graduate students and faculty members on cutting-edge psychological research. Below are just a few of the recent publications and presentations on which undergraduates have collaborated with faculty and graduate students. (UNC-CH undergraduates are denoted in bold font.)

Franklin, J.C., **Puzia, M.E.**, **Lee, K.M.**, **Chung, G.**, **Hanna, E.K.**, **Spring, V.L.**, & Prinstein, M.J. (2013). The nature of pain offset relief in nonsuicidal self-injury: A laboratory study. *Clinical Psychological Science*, 1, 110-119.

Rosa, E., **Finch, K.**, **Bergeson, M.** & Arnold, J. E. (2013). The effects of addressee attention on prosodic prominence. *Language and Cognitive Processes*.

**Genzlinger, J.**, **Egerton, G.**, **Sowder, C.**, **McKinney, E.**, Van Meter, A., & Youngstrom, E.A. (2013, October). Meta-Analysis of the Discriminative Validity of Caregiver, Teacher, and Youth Checklists for Assessing Pediatric Bipolar Disorder. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Orlando, FL.