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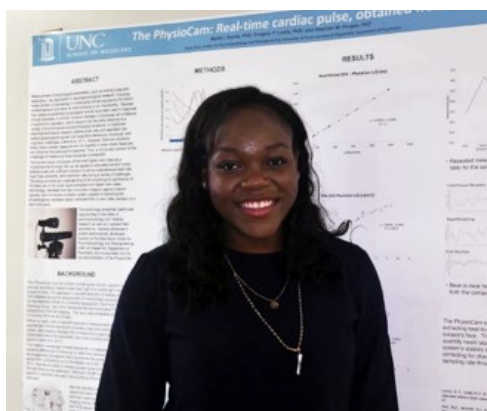
Our academic advisors
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Student Spotlight

Meet **Stephanie Esosa Okonmah-Obazee**, a junior majoring in Psychology and minoring Chemistry and Neuroscience. Stephanie is currently working with Dr. Greg Lewis and Dr. Maria Davila at Dr. Stephen Porges' Brain body Center for Psychophysiology and Bioengineering.



Tell us about your research. Our lab focuses on deriving a person's mental state from physiological indicators. In my current project, I obtain interbeat intervals from ECG data of premature infants who were placed on a mother's chest and ECG data from

those who were left in their cribs during post-natal recovery. Splicing the data to reveal respiratory sinus arrhythmia, we can then predict a child's psychological state and social interactions. Children who have dysregulation are at higher risk for anxiety, depression, aggression, and other problems. The research hopes to reveal how critical social interactions are in neural development and survival.

What do you like most about your research? I love how research not only solves problems, but provides insight into important mechanisms that are essential to understand numerous concepts.

What is the most valuable lesson you've learned from this experience? I have realized that research is a gradual, step-by-step process that requires immense attention and patience. Results may not be seen overnight and deductions cannot be made immediately, but the results—whether mental or mind-blowing are pretty cool.



Our Summer Course Offerings

Students attend Summer School at UNC Chapel Hill to meet their academic requirements to graduate on time and to take courses for personal enrichment. Maymester (May 11—May 27) offers diverse courses in a three week format. Our Maymester courses in Psychology and Neuroscience include:

- **PSYC 500 Developmental Psychopathology**
- **PSYC 503 African American Psychology**
- **PSYC 516 Child Maltreatment, Trauma, and Trauma-Focused Treatment**
- **PSYC 566 Attitude Change**

Students can also register for summer courses in Summer Session I (May 11—June 16) or Summer Session II (June 20—July 26). These sessions are 5 weeks long. Students can take summer courses to satisfy General Education criteria, meet requirements for their majors, or take a course that was closed in Fall or Spring. Our Summer Session I and II courses in Psychology and Neuroscience include:

- **PSYC 101 General Psychology**
- **PSYC 210 Statistical Principles of Psychological Research**
- **PSYC 220 Biopsychology** (Session II Only)
- **PSYC 225 Sensation and Perception**
- **PSYC 230 Cognitive Psychology**
- **PSYC 242 Introduction to Clinical Psychology** (Session I Only)
- **PSYC 245 Abnormal Psychology**
- **PSYC 250 Child Development**
- **PSYC 260 Social Psychology**
- **PSYC 270 Laboratory Research in Psychology** (Session II Only)
- **PSYC 463 Development of Social Behavior and Personality** (Session I Only)
- **PSYC 467 Development of Black Children** (Session II Only)
- **PSYC 601 Psychology and Law** (Session II Only)

More information can be found [online](#). Students register for Maymester and Summer courses via [Connect-Carolina](#). Questions regarding our courses? Contact our Student Services Manager, [Christopher Coffey](#).



Having trouble registering for a course?

We have a few tips! Monitor ConnectCarolina frequently during open enrollment. Join the waitlist. Please do not contact instructors to register for the course. Our department's policy states that courses are first-come, first-serve. More information about our courses, registration restriction period, and enrollment policy are [online](#).



Commencement

Our Departmental Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony will be held **Sunday, May 8 at 1:00 PM in Carmichael Arena.**

You do not need to register for Commencement. If you are eligible to graduate December 2015, May 2016, or August 2016, you are welcome to attend. Please note that graduate names are printed in the program—if you are a December or August graduate, please [contact us](#) to ensure your name will be printed.

The ceremony is open to the public and no tickets are needed.

Graduates should arrive by 12:30 pm to line up for the procession. Late arrivals will be seated in the back.

There is ample handicapped/accessible seating in Carmichael Arena, but we strongly recommend that your guests, especially those who may need extra time, arrive as early as possible.

Visit our website to learn more about Commencement Ceremony, including where to park!

Questions regarding the ceremony? [Email us](#) or call (919) 843-5467.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at Commencement!

Jobs & Other Opportunities

Looking for a post-baccalaureate position in psychology? Check out an [online database of active positions](#)! You can also subscribe by email to be notified of new postings. This is a great resource for new graduates!



Duke Global Health Institute is hiring a Research Assistant to start Summer 2016. BA/BS and some previous clinical research experience is required. A background in psychology and/or neuroscience is preferred. Contact [Dr. Christina Meade](#) to apply.



The Communication and Learning Lab at the University of Chicago is hiring a Lab Manager to start July 2016. Preferred qualifications include a BA/BS in psychology, 1+ years of research experience (preferably with children/infants), and proficient programming and web design skills. [Apply online.](#)



Study abroad with UNC lecturer, Dr. Charlie Wiss, at King's College London in Summer 2016! Students will take two courses over six weeks, including PSYC 245. King's College is located in the heart of downtown London. [Learn more!](#)

Psychology majors can also study in South Korea with UNC professors, Dr. Eric Youngstrom and Dr. Jennifer Youngstrom! Students live and learn in South Korea with Carolina students and faculty. Students take 2-3 courses in English. Learn more at [UNC Study Abroad!](#)



A Research Assistant position is available with Haskins Laboratories located near Yale University. Requirements include a BA/BS in psychology, previous research experience with human populations, and previous experience with data collection and management. Interested applicants should contact [Dr. Kaja Jasinska](#) with "Job Posting 5013" in the subject line.



Colgate University is seeking applicants for a Lab Manager position at the Perception, Action, and Language Laboratory. Position starts September 2016 and requires a BA/BS in psychology, familiarity with computer programming, and some research experience with EEG, brain stimulation, and/or eye tracking is preferred. This is a great position for a recent college graduate who is looking to gain further research experience before grad school. Two year commitment preferred. [Apply online.](#)

