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**Program Meetings for Spring 2017**

Time: 11:00 AM

January 20 – Program updates

February 17th – A conversation about Diversity and Inclusion

March 17th – Dr. Bert Hayslip – Emeritus professor psychology, University of North Texas

Co-sponsored by CLAS and CHHS and supported by the Gerontology Program

Title: Caregiving across the Lifespan: Principles and Practice

Location: Colvard 3066

March 24th – Dr. Fred Muench – Director of Digital Health Interventions and Northwell Health, Assistant Professor of Psychology at NYU

Title: TBD

Location: TBD

April 21st – Lisa P. Gwyther, MSW, LCSW; Director of the Duke Family Support Program

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Title: Alzheimer’s and Family Care: Alternatives to Running on Empty
Congratulations to our recent Graduates!

Mallory Fiery (general), Tom LaPorte (community), Laura Lovato (clinical), and Tamara Scott (clinical) were awarded their Ph.D. in Health Psychology this fall. Congratulations!
HPGSA Updates

HPGSA sponsored a fun social event on October 7th at Slate in South End. Students and faculty were invited to play pool, ping pong, arcade games, and jumbo sized Jenga!
Congratulations! Student and Faculty Achievements

**Student Achievements**

Cecily Basquin is the 2016-2017 recipient of the Everett Fellowship!

Magin Day is the recipient of the UNC Charlotte 2016-2017 Veterans Graduate Assistantship!
Faculty Achievements

Dr Kilmer is the recipient of the Provost’s Award for Excellence!
Publications & Presentations

Presentations


Crane, J. L., & Davis, C. S. (April 2016). The day time stood still: Lost and Space and Time in the PPCT. Death, Dying, and Beyond: Understanding Ourselves at the End, One-day colloquium at UNCC Center City, Charlotte, NC.


Davis, C. S. (April 2016). Welcome and Introduction. Death, Dying, and Beyond: Understanding Ourselves at the End, One-day colloquium at UNCC Center City, Charlotte, NC.


Griffin, M., Canavello, A., & McAnulty, R. (July 2016). "Are College Students Using Location-Based Mobile Dating Applications to Date and Hookup?" Poster Presented at the 2016 International Association for Relationship Research Conference. Toronto, On, CA.


**Publications**


Hanges, P.J., Scherbaum, C., & Reeve, C.L. (2015). There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than DGF. *Industrial and Organizational Psychology, 8*, 472-481.


2016-2017 Student Cohort

Cecily Basquin

Clinical Concentration
B.A. in Psychology with Highest Honors from Elon University.

Research Interests: I am interested in parenting and child development, particularly the factors that prompt parents to make positive changes in their children’s health related behaviors.

Magin Day

Clinical Concentration
BS Psychology from Michigan State University

Research Interests: The effects of military culture/lifestyle on physical and mental health, and eating disorders
Oranit (Orie) Gilad

Clinical Concentration

My research interests lay within the biological manifestation of trauma, PTSD and Posttraumatic Growth (PTG). I’m interested in the biomarkers that are manifested through epigenetics, the neuroanatomical changes that occur due to PTSD and PTG, and the emotional regulation mechanisms used to facilitate change. I’m interested in factors that enhance resilience to trauma and successful mechanisms that prevent, minimize, and overcome PTSD.

Meghan McComas

Clinical Concentration

B.A. from Salisbury University (2014); Double Major in Psychology & Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution-Interpersonal Track
Graduate Certificate in Applied Thanatology: University of Maryland (2015)
Certified Grief Counselor (GC-C; 2016)

Megan's current research interests include trauma, stress, cyberbullying, social media, emotion regulation, adjustment, and mindfulness
Courtney Rogers

Clinical Concentration

Education: BA in Psychology from Lee University; MA in Clinical Health Psychology from Appalachian State University

Research Interests: Social and cultural influences on body image (e.g., fat talk); mindfulness-based interventions; self-compassion

Aria Ruggiero

Clinical Concentration

B.A. in Psychology from Boston University (2014)
M.A. in General Psychology from American University (2016)

Research Interests: How poor sleep is linked to sleep hygiene/attitudes, emotion regulation, cognitive processes, and health outcomes.
Caitlin Simmons

Community Concentration
B.A. in Psychology, Case Western Reserve University ’14
Research Interests: Promoting positive outcomes for at-risk children and youth; school based interventions; mental illness stigma.

Victoria Willetts

Clinical Concentration
BA from the University of North Carolina Wilmington with University Honors
MA from the University of North Carolina Wilmington
I am interested in posttraumatic growth following interpersonal transgressions as well as the implications of interpersonal relationships on health in regards to stress, health care motivation, and health outcomes. I am also interested in the physiological impacts of animal assisted therapy (AAT) and the use of AAT to facilitate posttraumatic growth.
New Health Psychology Faculty

Erika Montanaro, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Psychology
Research Interests: HIV prevention often begins with a targeted behavior, for example, a young woman negotiating condom use with her partner. It is important to understand what factors contribute to HIV risk behavior in order to create effective interventions. Additionally, HIV disproportionately impacts young minority populations. To that end, the goal of my research program is to integrate theory, advanced analytic techniques, and technology to develop and assess innovative and impactful interventions to decrease HIV transmission rates in at-risk minority health communities.
Upcoming Conferences

The American Psychosomatic Society (March 15-18, 2017)
https://www.psychosomatic.org/AnMeeting/2017annualmeeting.cfm

Society of Behavioral Medicine (March 29-April 1, 2017)
https://www.sbm.org/meetings/2017

Society for Research in Child Development (April 6-8, 2017)
http://www.srcd.org/meetings/biennial-meeting

Society for Affective Science (April 27-29, 2017)
https://society-for-affective-science.org/reg/

Association for Psychological Science (May 25-28, 2017)
http://www.psychologicalscience.org/conventions/annual

Society for Community Research and Action (June 21-24, 2017) -
http://www.scra27.org/event/biennial-conference/2017-biennial/