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Update from the Director of Clinical Psychology

elcome to our second annual Alumni Newsletter, Clinically Significant @ Carolina! We received a lot of terrific feedback for our UNC Clinical Program Alumni Website (http://clinicalpsych.unc.edu/people/alumni), our Alumni Facebook group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/unclinicalpsychalum/), our Alumni listsery (now with over 300 members), and also last year's newsletter. Please feel free to pass along this information to any alum who may be interested in joining; we have a few more folks to track down and could use your help!

Thanks are due to so many of you for your generous donations! With your help, we were able to support travel for several graduate students who presented their research at national conferences. As you will read in this issue, they (and their bank accounts!) are very grateful that you made it possible for them to attend these meetings! All donations can be made by visiting: http://clinicalpsych.unc.edu/gift/. Last year, we initiated our Cinder Block campaign to encourage donations, and it is going well! So far, we have beautified 7 of the cinder blocks in the clinical wings of Davie Hall by hanging plaques to honor all alumni who donated over \$250 to us last year. We have a few hundred more cinder blocks to go, so please continue to donate! We would also like to honor folks who are making donations less than \$200. So this year we also will mail a beautiful Clinical Psychology Alum drawstring bag to anyone who makes a donation of \$30 or above. Thank you for anything you can donate!! If you have been following NC politics, you know that we can really use the help!

It has been a busy year for our program! Our program received a wonderful review from the APA Commission on Accreditation following our self-study and site visit; we were awarded a maximum 7 year re-accreditation. We feel very fortunate that our students have done extremely well in the

increasingly difficult internship application process; for each of the last six years, 100% of our students have received good news on Match Day. Our faculty and students have been very successful in obtaining grants and national awards for their contributions to the field, and most important, we are proud to maintain our long-standing UNC tradition of excellence in the context of an exceptionally congenial, collegial, and supportive environment. Read on to hear about all of the amazing accomplishments of our students and faculty.



This issue of *Clinically Significant @ Carolina* features updates on two big events at UNC. First, in 2014 the UNC Clinical Program hosted its first Diversifying Clinical Psychology (DCP) weekend (http://clinicalpsych.unc.edu/diversity/dcp/). DCP weekend represents our commitment to help diversify the field of clinical psychology. For our inaugural year of DCP weekend, faculty used their own F&A funds, matched by funds from the department and Dean, to create a new resource that would

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Clinical Faculty & Staff Updates

FACULTY UPDATES

Dr. Jon Abramowitz:



Being faculty in our Clinical Program is extremely fulfilling! I and my students have been working on projects to enhance the treatment of OCD. One study compares routine

exposure and response prevention (ERP) to ERP informed from an Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) perspective. Findings from this study will help improve OCD treatment. Our other studies focus on understanding cognitive biases (e.g., attentional biases and intolerance of uncertainty) that are involved in anxiety and OCD. My terrific graduate and undergraduate students pour their hearts and souls into these studies and we have been successful with publishing and presenting our work at professional conferences around the world. I also began my position as President of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies in November. Finally, I am enjoying collaborating with colleagues in Norway, travelling there to train therapists in the treatment of OCD. Please visit our lab's web page: www.jonabram.web.unc.edu.



Dr. Anna Bardone-Cone:



Research-wise, we just finished year 2 of a 5-year NIH grant to study eating disorder recovery. Eating disorder history participants have expressed being happy to be part of this

research, which provides me with some immediate gratification to what we all know is the delayed gratification nature of research! We have also continued to study social media and body image, running a study of the effects of taking a break from Facebook. Teaching-wise, a highlight for me was taking my FYS (eating disorders and body image) class to see the Alvin Ailey dance company perform (to focus on body as strength and movement - not appearance) and having the students participate in a movement class led by an Ailey dancer. As part of the Diversity Committee, a group of graduate students and I developed a sequence of diversity training and contributed to the first UNC Diversifying Clinical Psychology weekend for underrepresented racial/ethnic minorities. I continue to feel fortunate to have such an amazing group of students and colleagues to work with!

Dr. Don Baucom:



Our lab's research continues to focus on couples, including basic research and treatment outcome studies.

We are conducting a treatment outcome study with couples in which one partner

has anorexia nervosa, and we currently are creating interventions for couples experiencing bulimia nervosa or binge eating disorder. I am collaborating with colleagues in England, training therapists to assist couples in which one partner is depressed, evaluating whether the treatment is effective in community clinics in England. Our lab is in the early stages of collaboration with UNC colleagues

developing a treatment for former professional athletes who are depressed. My teaching at the graduate level revolves around directing the Couple Therapy Clinic, along with teaching our empirically supported interventions course for adults. The graduate students in the lab make all this go and provide wonderfully creative ideas for our next ventures. Visit our webpage at: http://dhbaucom.web.unc.edu.

Dr. Stacey Daughters:



Hello! It has been a busy year in the Biobehavioral Research on Addiction and Emotion (BRANE) Lab! We have continued our work developing and testing effective treatments, as well as

identifying biobehavioral mechanisms underlying addiction. We concluded data collection for our grant examining the neural indices of distress tolerance among cocaine users and are busy analyzing this data. We have also spent time developing smartphone technology for our behavioral activation treatment for depression and substance use, and are just concluding a feasibility study examining the effectiveness of this technology in an inpatient substance abuse treatment center. We are very excited to be presenting this data in a technology symposium at ABCT in the fall. On a personal note, I had my third little girl in March, and she and her big sisters are doing great. Our family is really enjoying living in Chapel Hill and being part of UNC!

Dr. Karen Gil:



Karen continues to serve as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UNC. We are very grateful that one of our own clinical psychology faculty is part of the senior leadership team for

our university! This year, an anonymous donation was made to the Department

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of Psychology to create an undergraduate internship program. This generous gift funds students to complete academic internships related to psychology.

Dr. Andrea Hussong:



This past year, I and my colleagues at the Center for Developmental Science finished interviews and observations of 100 parents and their 6-8 year old children for the Raising Grateful

Children project. The goal of this study is to learn what gratitude looks like in young children and what parents do to cultivate the development of gratitude in their children. A team of undergraduate and graduate students conducted assessments with parents and their children at UNC-CH. The first presentation of our findings, led by Jordyn Druga (undergraduate student) and Drew Rothenberg (graduate student) at the North Carolina Psychological Association, showed that parents who viewed themselves as more grateful also perceived their children as more grateful. In the next year, we plan to present findings about the types of behaviors that parents engage in to teach gratitude to their children and which ones seem to be most effective.

Dr. Deborah Jones:



July 2014 marks my 10th year at UNC and we continue to be busy! My research team is in Year 1 of an NIH-funded randomized clinical trial and we are lucky to be guided in our

research by Patrick Turner, our project coordinator. In addition to providing free services to families who may not otherwise have access, this project provides the opportunity for me to do clinical supervision with graduate students, which I enjoy. With regard to teaching, I just finished offering my Maymester course on child maltreatment. I designed this

course a few years ago in response to the unfolding events at Penn State and the realization that undergraduates could likely benefit from a better understanding of the definitions of and laws regarding maltreatment and reporting. Finally, my graduate students continue to be very busy carving out their own programs of research. Michelle Gonzalez was just awarded a Diversity Supplement from NIMH and Margaret Anton just submitted an NRSA, both of which focus broadly on increasing the impact of service delivery for low income families.

Dr. Enrique Neblett:



This past year was one of the most rewarding years of my career! I was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure and won the Chapman Family Teaching Award for distinguished undergraduate teaching!

My research team continues to examine racial discrimination and African American health. We recently completed three waves of data collection in our study of socioemotional trajectories during the transition to adulthood and, in the past year, published several papers examining affective and physiological responses to racism. This fall, we will conduct a focus group study examining racial socialization practices in African American families. I taught a new first-year seminar entitled Racism, Racial Identity, and African

American Mental Health and served on the UNC Provost Committee on Inclusive Excellence and Diversity. I am pleased (and proud) to report that my graduate students continue to do very well, and we are looking forward to another productive and successful year!

Dr. David Penn:

We currently have three grant-funded projects. One project, in collaboration with SMU (and former student, Dr. Amy Pinkham) and University of Miami,

is attempting to identify an optimal social cognition battery for use in schizophrenia treatment outcome research. Two projects are clinical trials. In collaboration with Dr. Cort Pedersen in Psychiatry, we are comparing the effects of intranasal oxytocin versus placebo on social cognition and social functioning in individuals with schizophrenia spectrum disorders. The other project, in collaboration with Drs. Diana Perkins and Piper Meyer (former research coordinator) seeks to develop a mindfulness/positive therapy based stress management treatment for individuals with first episode psychosis.

In 2013, I received the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award for Graduate Student Mentoring and in 2014, I will begin a 3-year appointment as an adjunct faculty member at Australian Catholic University in Melbourne.



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Even a small donation will help our students! Use the link at: http://clinicalpsych.unc.edu/gift

Dr. Mitch Prinstein:



I can't believe I have been at UNC for 10 years already! It was a great year for finishing up baseline data collection on a long-term study of adolescent girls' self-injury, and we continue to collect data in nearby school districts to understand the mechanisms and moderators of peer influence. Our lab has started to move towards understanding how adolescents' interpersonal experiences have a

variety of effects on peripheral stress regulation systems including gene expression which has given me a great opportunity to learn biology for this first time since 10^{th} grade! I am so excited for a slew of achievements and awesome employment opportunities among alumni from my lab - everyone is doing great! I continue to be very interested in professional development training and I even figured out how to join twitter (@mitchprinstein) so I can offer advice to tens of followers who care to listen! This year, I also am so grateful for whatever series of computer errors led to my appointment as a Distinguished Professor — a huge, albeit undeserved honor!

Dr. Erica Wise:



In addition to my work as director of our training clinic and faculty supervisor, I have stayed very active and engaged in professional psychology. I have just completed a term as past-president of the North Carolina Psychological Association (NCPA) and have begun a 3 year term on the APA Board of Educational Affairs. In addition, I took a leadership role on the APA working group

that prepared position statements and advocacy materials related to "conscience clause" legislation. It has been a pleasure to involve current and former graduate students in professional publications and presentations on professional development topics including supervision, ethics, competence and self-care and to see them discover the benefits of social justice advocacy. In February I was honored to receive an APA Presidential Citation for my work in ethics and self-care and I was especially delighted to receive the Galinsky supervision award from the outgoing interns. If any of you are in Chapel Hill, please stop by!

Where will you be on October 25, 2014?

Come join us for the first

UNC Clinical Program Alumni Reception

and also honor the amazing career

of Dr. Joe Lowman!

For more details, contact Don Baucom at don baucom@unc.edu.



Dr. Eric Youngstrom:



Hello, Alumni!

Our lab has been working on improving how to assess mood and mood disorder in children and adolescents, as well as adults. We have been making a lot of progress, including finishing two meta-analyses looking at all of the rating scales used for bipolar disorder in children and adolescents, as well as one looking at scales for adults. The

International Bipolar Foundation is partnering with us to help translate the best measures into multiple languages and make them available on the Web. We have a visiting scholar from India who is spending a year with us on a Fulbright Fellowship, and she is helping with translations also. We received a grant from the Society for a Science of Clinical Psychology to put more information about evidence based assessment onto Wikipedia. For those of you who work with kids, check out the Wikipedia pages for bipolar disorder, ADHD, depression, and some other conditions and let us know if you have suggestions for ways to make the information even more accessible to the public or useful to clinicians. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Dr. Jennifer Youngstrom:



Hello Alumni!

I greatly enjoy mentoring and supervising, and would be happy to hear an update from each of you! I am supervising the 2nd year child track therapy, as well as child and adult assessments. Overall, we've expanded our number and types of referrals as well as increasing the number of folks doing assessments (child and adult track clinical

graduate students, a postdoctoral fellow, as well as me). On a personal note, our girls are now in 8^{th} and 10^{th} grades, and Diane got her learner's permit for driving; so we're deep into parenting teens, and Eric has no hope of growing back his hair. ψ

Introducing our New Faculty Member!

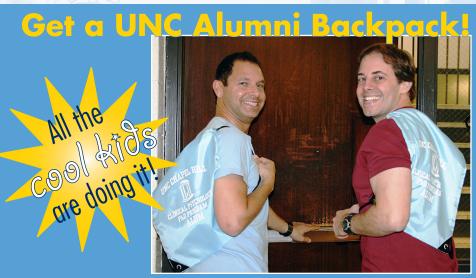
Dr. Margaret Sheridan:



I'm very much looking forward to joining the faculty at UNC in the summer of 2015! So far the highlight of my year has been getting hired as a new faculty member here. In response to this exciting professional development, my lab at Boston Children's Hospital/ Harvard Medical School, has started the process of finishing up projects which have been ongoing for the last 4 years. We're collecting final data on two longitudinal studies: In one study we follow 3-7 year

old children who meet criteria for ADHD until after the age of 8 years and attempt to determine what neural correlates (EEG, fMRI, MRI) are good predictors of their continuing to meet criteria for ADHD during middle childhood. In a second study we follow adolescents, many of whom were exposed to community and family violence during childhood, as they enter emerging adulthood; in this study, we will again attempt to identify neural predictors of emerging psychopathology. The hope is that neural correlates identified in this way can ultimately serve as indices of change in future intervention and prevention studies. In both studies we have tried to measure the developmental environment in an effort to identify the impact of the environment on brain and psychopathology.

In addition to wrapping these projects up, I am busy thinking about future developments in my research program as I plan my transition to UNC. Already I've had several exchanges with fellow faculty members beginning conversations that I hope will blossom into strong collaborations. Because the students & post doc in my lab are headed off to bright futures after this year, I will join the faculty looking to build a strong new group at UNC. I've deeply enjoyed the mentoring I've done so far and I'm looking forward to extending this work to teaching at the undergraduate and graduate level at UNC. I'm delighted and proud to be welcomed into this vibrant group of scholars and I am ready to leave the long northern winters behind, Go Heels! ψ



Just donate \$30 or more to the clinical psych program and we will send you a bag like this!

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Come Celebrate Joe Lowman's Retirement during the First Ever Clinical Psychology Alumni Reunion!

Life is at its fullest when we adopt a "both/ and" philosophy, so why not combine two winning ideas into one fun, rewarding evening? After more than 40 years at Carolina, Joe Lowman is retiring—"Say it ain't so, Joe!" So we thought about whom we should invite back to honor and celebrate Joe. Then we realized that probably more so than any faculty in the history of the clinical program, all alumni of our program are Joe's students! And if you arrived at UNC before Joe's time, you definitely need to come and share about the good old days. We have NEVER had a gathering of the graduates of our clinical psychology program, so let's do that now, as we honor Joe.

As alumni, you have told us how much you have valued that we have found a way recently to connect with you and help you connect do it in person, and we don't just mean people who live in the Research Triangle Area; take that plane, relax on the train, or get in your auto, and come home to the Hill! We don't do this often (as in never), so come be a part of it. We have selected a Saturday evening in the fall when hopefully we can be outside; there will be no football game traffic in the area to complicate travel; and hotel rooms should be plentiful in you book them soon (or we hereby give you permission to call that old classmate in the area and ask for a place to bunk for the evening). And if you have a partner, bring 'em; they need to meet those people you have talked about over the years. Current faculty and doctoral students will join in, and we really look forward to being with you. Here are the

October 25, 6:00 pm at the UNC Farm (UNC recreation area just off Highway 54) for dinner and fun.

We'll ask you to chip in on the costs because, no, the budget situation not has changed over the decades! So please join us and contact your former classmates to see if you can get the group together for an evening! More details will follow and we'll ask you to sign up ahead of time when we share those details, but please hold the date or make those reservations now. It's time for a "Joe Down!" ψ

Happy Anniversary to the Entering Classes of 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994, & 2004!

CLASS OF 1954: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

President, Psychological Resources, Atlanta, GA Herbert Eber

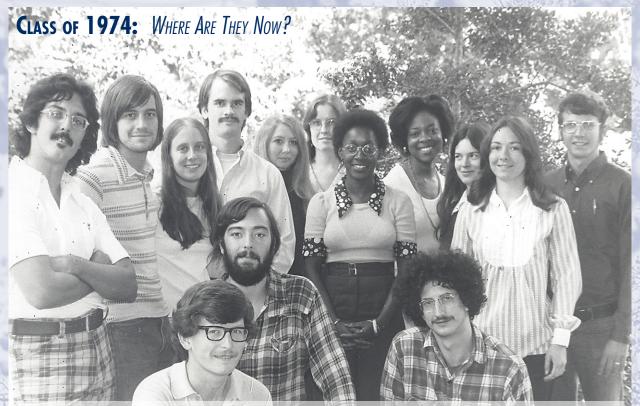
Norman Kaplan Retired Psychologist

Lester Mann Deceased

CLASS OF 1964: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Stephen Bank Private practice, Middletown, CT Private practice, Red Bluff, CA Joseph Busey

Dennis Kennedy Deceased John Randolph Retired



STANDING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Jose Forcade, Raymond Newnam, Kathy Sandling, David Cansler, Gloria Meares, Susan McDaniel, Carlene Tucker-Okine, Regina Kelly-Scurry, Sally Andrews, Linda Lamar, Douglas Snyder. KNEELING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: James Snyder, Brian Premo, Harry Parad

David Cansler

Regina Rosanwalde Kelly-Scurry Private practice, Miami, FL

Susan Holmes McDaniel

Private practice, Austin, TX

Distinguished Professor of Families and Health, Department of Psychiatry, University of

Rochester; Director, Institute for the Family, Department of Psychiatry, University of Rochester;

Associate Chair, Department of Family Medicine, University of Rochester

Private practice, Raleigh, NC

Private practice, Raleigh, NC

Senior psychologist, Whitaker Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, Butner, NC

Executive Director, Wediko Children's Services, Boston, MA

Harry Parad **Brian Premo**

Gloria Meares

Raymond Newnam

Kathy McGuire Sandling

James Snyder

Professor, Department of Psychology, Texas A&M University **Douglas Snyder**

Carlene Tucker-Okine Private practice, Wilmington, DE

Alumni Anniversary



CLASS OF 1984: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

FRONT ROW: Marilyn Minrath, Lew Abrams, Karen Stern, Russell Proops, Pilar Poal. MIDDLE ROW: Anita Niemi, Tamara Sher, Christena Schafale, Eve Band. BACK ROW: Clyde Evely, Patricia Clark, James Piasecki, Pete Giordano

Lew Abrams
Private practice, Maui, HI
Private practice, Owings Mill,
MD

Patricia Layne Clark
Clyde Evely
Peter Giordano
Private practice, Chapel Hill, NC
Professor, Psychology

Department, Belmont University,

Nashville, TN

Marilyn Minrath Psychologist, Minrath and

Thomson Forensic Evaluations,

Charlottesville, VA

Anita Marie Iverson Niemi

James Piasecki

Pilar Cordero Poal Psychologist, Wayne Counseling

Center, Wayne, PA

Christena Margaret Director of Information Services,

Durost Schafale Resources for Seniors, Raleigh,

NC

Tamara Goldman Sher Vice President for Research, The

Family Institute, Northwestern

University

Karen Stern Social Science Analyst, National

Institute of Justice, US Department

of Justice, Washington, DC



CLASS OF 1994: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

FRONT ROW: Lisa Freeman, Lynelle Ragland, Elisa Bolton, Erin Armer. BACK ROW: Ann Brand, Jemma Grindstaff, Guy Potter, David Cranford, Elizabeth Workman, Danielle Kaplan

Erin Gallagher Armer Elisa Bolton

Ann Brand

Private practice, Rye, NH Associate Lecturer, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie,

WI

David Cranford Clinical Director, Options

Public Charter School, Washington, D.C.

Lisa Marie Yacona Freeman Private practice, Columbia,

MD

Jemma Price Grindstaff

Psychologist, Triangle

Danielle Kaplan

Learning Center, Raleigh, NC Director of the NYU-Bellevue

Psychology Internship; Private

practice, NY

Guy Potter Associate Professor,

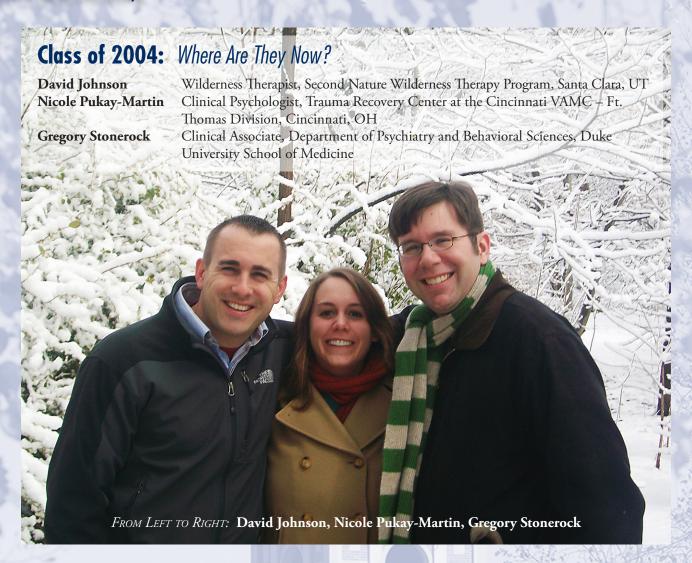
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Duke University Medical Center

Lynelle Ragland Co-Coordinator of Clinical Services, College of William

and Mary Counseling Center,

Williamsburg, VA

Elizabeth Workman





Sponsor a Cinder Block Campaign!

Help a graduate student, and make Davie Hall more attractive!

Donations of \$250 or more will be honored with a plaque with your name and entering class year! We hope to beautify the walls of the clinical wing in Davie Hall with plaques honoring alumni donors!

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http://clinicalpsych.unc.edu/gift for more info!



Alumni Book Titles

We have very productive alumni! Congratulations to all of our alumni who published books in the past five years (and sent us this info!). Pick up a copy of them all when you can!

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FAREWELL TO OUR OUTGOING INTERNS!

We are very excited that once again all of our internship applicants matched this year! The list below offers information about each student's internship placement, as well as a few words of wisdom for folks about to enter the UNC program.



Cara Damiano

UNC Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities

"My advice would be to take some time to reflect on all of the experiences you have in grad school and really think about what parts you have really enjoyed and found to be the most

meaningful. Also, when I was starting my Ph.D., a post-doc that I really admired told me to remember that "it's a marathon and not a sprint" and I've used this to try to remember not to take on too much at once, pace myself, and enjoy wherever I am in the process!"



Laura Fabricant

Durham VA

"There are so many outstanding things about our program but one of the constant highlights for me has been the opportunities for collaboration and the incredibly supportive environment within our department. My

advice to incoming students is to enjoy this and make the most of these opportunities. This might mean developing new research collaborations with other grad students or faculty, working with a variety of amazing clinical supervisors, or personal/professional development with the support of people across the program. Basically, just enjoy being surrounded by so many wonderful and brilliant people!"



Ashly Gaskin

Emory University School of Medicine

"Find your support systems (both inside and outside the program) as early as you can and stay connected to them for the times when you will need encouragement. Use older/more advanced students as resources because they can

validate and help you navigate the many experiences you will have as a graduate student, researcher, clinician, teacher, and human being. Just make sure you do the same for younger/less advanced students as you make your way from first year student to early career psychologist!"



Christine Paprocki

Seattle WA Puget Sound

"Welcome to UNC! You've chosen a really wonderful place for graduate school. My advice is to be really open to all the unexpected opportunities and experiences that will come your way over the next few years. Also, don't hesitate to create your own clinical training experiences or research projects if you're looking for something that isn't already out there -- everyone here wants to support your growth, so if you need to create something outside the box, people will help you to do that! And be open to all sorts of career paths at the beginning (clinical psychology is such a great flexible degree with so many future options) -- you'll figure out what you love doing most along the way."

WELCOME TO OUR INCOMING FIRST YEAR STUDENTS!

The list below offers information about our incoming class of students!



Shannon Blakey

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (transfer student from the University of Wyoming Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Program)





Jareb Gleckel
Amherst College



Rachel Greene
University Texas Austin



Tate Halverson
Hamline University



Stephanie Salcedo Harvard College



Jennifer YiSwarthmore College



Recent Awards and Grants

Grants

CLINICAL GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS:

- Bernard, Donte 2014Ford Foundation PredoctoralFellowship 2014
- Bernard, Donte National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Award • 2014
- Bernard, Donte Poster Award Winner, Third Biennial APA Division 45 (Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity and Race) Conference • 2014
- Calhoun, Casey Division 12 Distinguished Student Service Award in Clinical Psychology • 2014
- Calhoun, Casey Elected as the APAGS Member at Large, Practice Focus • 2014
- Choukas-Bradley, Sophie
 American Psychological
 Foundation Henry David
 Dissertation Grant 2014
- Fitzsimmons-Craft, Ellen Body Image's Best Dissertation Award 2013
- Gaskin, Ashley •
 Honorable Mention, 2014
 Ford Foundation Dissertation
 Fellowship Competition 2014
- Jenkins, Melissa 2014 Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award in Social Sciences • 2014
- Jenkins, Melissa Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award • 2014
- Ong, Mian-Li 2014 SSCP Varda Shoham Clinical Scientist Training Initiative Program Winner • 2014

CLINICAL FACULTY AWARDS:

National Awards

- Penn, David Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award • 2013
- Prinstein, Mitch Elected President of the Society for the Science of Clinical Psychology (SSCP) • Nov. 2013
- Wise, Erica Elected to the APA Board of Education Affairs (BEA) • Jan. 2014
- Wise, Erica APA
 Presidential Citation for work
 on ethics and self-care Feb.
 2014
- Youngstrom, Eric 2014 SSCP Varda Shoham Clinical Scientist Training Initiative Program Winner • 2014
- Youngstrom, Eric Named Next President of Division 53, Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology • 2014

Departmental/UNC Awards

- Faculty Member Award/ Honor • Year Received
- Bardone-Cone, Anna UNC William C. Friday Award for Excellence in Teaching 2014
- Neblett, Enrique Institute of African American Research Faculty Fellowship • 2014
- Neblett, Enrique UNC Chapman Family Teaching Award • 2014
- Prinstein, Mitch Named John Van Seters Distinguished Professor of Psychology at UNC • 2014

CLINICAL PROGRAM AWARDS:

- Christine Paprocki •
 Wallach Award Winner •
 Graduate student excellence •
 Spring 2014
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Update from the Director of Clinical Psychology

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help underrepresented ethnic minorities learn about clinical psychology and gain admission to graduate school. We received 165 applications for DCP weekend, and thanks to the amazing work of our program's Diversity Committee, led by Dr. Anna Bardone-Cone, we were able to offer 22 students from underrepresented ethnic minority groups the opportunity to visit UNC and spend the weekend in a series of workshops and networking events. We posted all materials online, and they have been accessed over 3000 times so far. We have been very enthusiastic by the positive response to UNC's DCP Weekend, and we are actively looking for resources to make it an annual event.

Second, we want to alert all alumni to an event that will be held in honor of Joe Lowman. As you read this newsletter, Joe is teaching his last class at UNC. Please see info in this newsletter about a "Story-tellin' BBQ" to honor Joe and his amazing career. We will host this event in Chapel Hill on October 25, 2014. I suspect that every single UNC Clinical Psychology program alum has fond and grateful memories of Joe and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend this event to tell Joe about how you are doing.

This issue of *Clinically Significant @ Carolina* also celebrates our alumni, of course! In this year's issue (2014), we will be featuring updates from all entering classes in years that end with 4. We also are featuring UNC Clinical Psychology Program Alumni books that have been published in the past five years - a very impressive list! Enjoy this issue, and I am happy to receive any feedback you may have about ways that we can best keep you up to date on your old alma mater.

Go Heels!

Mitch Prinstein, Ph.D., ABPP
John Van Seters Distinguished Professor of Psychology
Director of Clinical Psychology ψ

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Please help graduate students in the clinical program! Donations will be used to support students' travel to conferences, or purchase other training resources.

LOOK WHAT YOUR MONEY PAID FOR!

Melanie Fischer

Dear Alumni,

Thank you for your contributions to support conference travels through the Clinical Psychology Excellence Fund. With your help, I was able to present a poster at a clinical psychology conference in Braunschweig, Germany ("32. Symposium der DGPs Fachgruppe für Klinische Psychologie und Psychotherapie"). I presented treatment outcome data from our couple-based intervention for obsessive-compulsive disorder along with recommendations for implementation within the German healthcare system. This was also a wonderful opportunity to connect with German colleagues, strengthen collaborations, and catch up on clinical psychology research in Germany. As a German native, I have tried to continue fostering these international collaborations throughout my time in graduate school, which have played an important role in my research. Thank you again for your support!

Best wishes, *Melanie Fischer*



Dear Alumni,

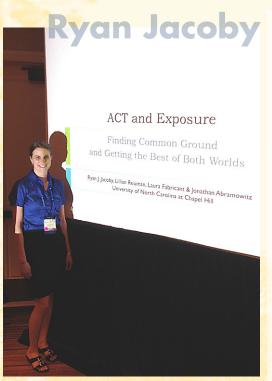
My name is Donte Bernard and I am a graduate student attending UNC-Chapel Hill. I would like to thank you for your donation to the Clinical Psychology Excellence Fund. Your donation aided in my travels to present at the Third Biennial APA Division 45 Research Conference in Eugene, Oregon.

Presenting at this conference, was an amazing experience in which I was able to network with students, professors, and other scholars who share a passion for researching and improving mental health in racial minority populations.

Thank you again for this gracious donation, and I hope that you will continue to support our work in the future.

Best,

Donte Bernard



Dear Alumni,

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Clinical Psychology Excellence Fund. Because of your contributions I was able to attend the annual meeting of the International Obsessive Compulsive Foundation (IOCDF) this summer, which was a valuable opportunity for furthering for my research, educational, and professional goals. My own program of research investigates improving cognitive-behavioral treatments for OCD, and this year's conference featured a variety of research symposia, clinical workshops, panel discussions, and networking opportunities that were directly relevant to my doctoral work and training. In addition to being a co-presenter on my advisor's workshop, I was the first-author and lead presenter on a workshop entitled "ACT" and Exposure: Finding Common Ground and Getting the Best of Both Worlds." In this workshop, we taught attendees techniques for combining and synthesizing acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) with exposure and response prevention (ERP) based on a research study we are currently conducting that aims to enhance treatment compliance and outcome for OCD. The workshop provided a summary of the relevant background research on ACT and ERP, as well as numerous clinical case examples, videotapes of interventions, and treatment-relevant handouts. This was my first time leading a clinical workshop and was a valuable opportunity to communicate and disseminate our lab's treatment outcome research. Thank you so much for this opportunity!

Best,

Ryan Jacoby

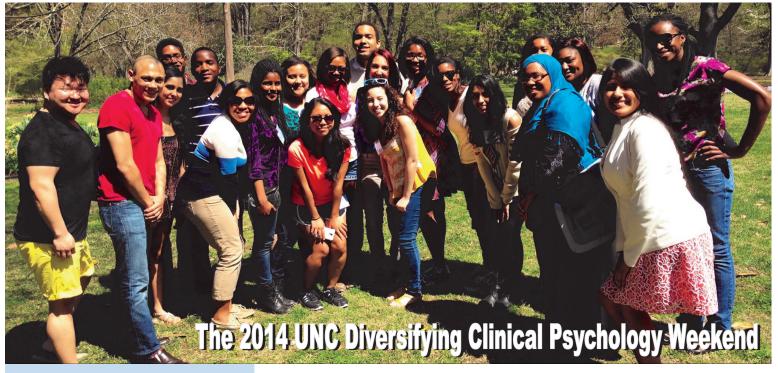
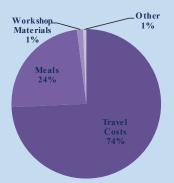


Figure 1: Race/Ethnicity Distribution of 2014 DCP Weekend Attendees



Figure 2: Distribution of 2014 **DCP Weekend Costs**



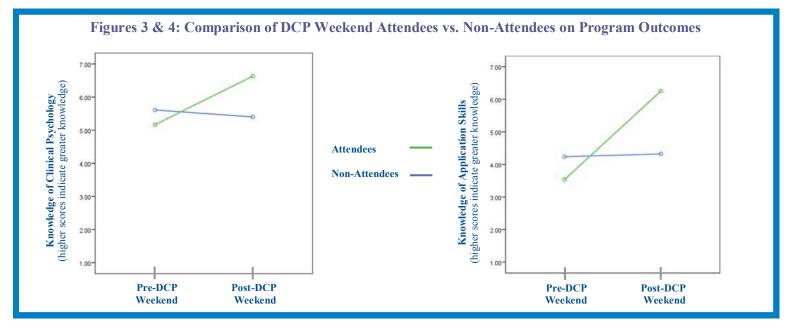
cal Association (APA) and APA-accredited requirements for the DCP Weekend included graduate programs to recruit and admit un- (1) enrollment at a college or university as a derrepresented racial/ethnic minority appli- sophomore, junior, or senior, or graduation cants to graduate programs in clinical psy- from college within the last two years, (2) chology, these applicants still represent a remarkably low percentage of those that apply traditionally underrepresented in clinical psyto such programs. The UNC Clinical Psychology Program, which has long recognized the interest in pursuing a doctorate in clinical need for well-trained minority professionals psychology. Overall, 165 complete online in psychology, has made concerted efforts applications were submitted. Of these applitowards this mission, including the establishment of a Diversity Training Committee in tified as a member of at least one ethnic/racial 1998 and the development of an increasingly thorough Developmental Sequence of Diversity Training (https://clinicalpsych.unc.edu/ diversity/courses-seminars-training/), both of which aim to "foster an atmosphere that promotes open dialogue about cultural issues."

One of the program's most recent efforts towards this mission was the first annual Diversifying Clinical Psychology (DCP) Weekend, a three-day program intended as an opportunity for talented ethnic/racial minority undergraduates and recent college graduates invested in pursuing doctoral level training in clinical psychology to experience an intensive housed with graduate students, these funds set of seminars and workshops on graduate were applied primarily to the attendees' airschool in clinical psychology. The program fare costs, meals, and workshop materials. took place on April 3-5, 2014 and travel, See Figure 2 for a more detailed breakdown housing, and meals were provided for all at- of these costs. tendees.

Despite efforts by the American Psychologi- Eligibility & Application. The eligibility identification as an ethnic/racial minority chology graduate school, and (3) a strong cants, 22 attended the program and each idenminority (see Figure 1). The program made a special effort to invite applicants with varying degrees of research experience. About 36% of the invitees were first-generation college students, and four lived locally and currently attended UNC.

> Program Costs: To cover the costs associated with the DCP Weekend, the Clinical Psychology faculty contributed half of the funds from their own accounts, while the remaining funds were provided by the Psychology Department and the UNC Associate Dean of Natural Sciences. Since attendees were

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Schedule of Events. Throughout the DCP Weekend, attendees participated in various workshops and discussions led by faculty and psychology, the program recgraduate students covering such topics as:

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- The graduate school application process
- Obtaining research experience
- Creating a curriculum vitae
- Writing a personal statement
- Interviewing
- Selecting a clinical psychology program
- Life in graduate school

They also had the opportunity to attend:

- Two research lab meetings of faculty in the program
- A workshop during which attendees received feedback from assigned graduate student mentors on their CV and personal statement drafts
- An information session about the UNC-CH Clinical Psychology Program and its faculty

Evaluation of Program. Overall, the DCP Weekend was a huge success! According to data collected before and after the weekend, the DCP Program significantly increased attendees' knowledge of clinical psychology broadly and their knowledge of graduate program application skills. In contrast, the applicants who did not attend the DCP Weekend did not show significant increases in either of these

variables (see Figures 3 and 4; p<.05).

"I found every aspect of the DCP Weekend very valuable...I learned a great deal about every aspect of the application process."
- 2014 DCP Weekend Attendee

Diversity Applicant Toolkit. While the purpose of the 2014 DCP Weekend was primarily to increase ethnic/racial minority representation among applicants

to doctoral programs in clinical psychology, the program recognized that the materials created for the weekend would also benefit other individuals of underrepresented ethnic/racial minorities interested in pursuing careers in clinical psychology. For that reason, all materials used during the

"The programming was very informative and I gained valuable insight as to how I should craft my application and strengthen my credentials."

- 2014 DCP Weekend Attendee

DCP Weekend, including PowerPoints, checklists, and other handouts, were posted to the UNC Clinical Psychology Program website in the form of a "Diversity Applicant Toolkit:" http://clinicalpsych.unc.edu/diversity/diversity-applicant-toolkit/. Within only 10 days of posting the Diversity Applicant Toolkit online, the link received 1,514 unique visits and 2,686 "hits."

Special Thanks

A special thank you to the following people, whose hard work and dedication to such a meaningful purpose made this program possible!

- Dr. Anna Bardone-Cone, Chair of Diversity Training Committee: bardonecone@unc.edu
- The DCP Weekend Subcommittee: Donte Bernard, Casey Calhoun, Ashly Gaskin, Michelle Gonzalez, Shawn Jones, Daniel Lee, Stacy Lin, & Mian-Li Ong
- Dr. Mitch Prinstein, Director of the Clinical Psychology Program
- Samantha Zwemer, Clinical Psychology Program Coordinator
- The graduate students and faculty of the Clinical Psychology Program
- UNC-CH Dean's Office
- UNC Department of Psychology



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New Diversity Training Curriculum

TRAINING MODEL

The Diversity Committee, made up of clinical psychology doctoral students and a clinical faculty member, has worked diligently to redesign the developmental sequence of training for multicultural competence (see http://clinicalpsych.unc.edu/diversity/courses-seminars-training/). A major goal of this redesign was to develop and integrate more activities into the training sequence in order to provide a sustained focus on topics of diversity throughout training.

Several changes to the curriculum have been implemented in the past few years. In addition to the **multiculturalism course** that is generally taken during the 3rd or 4th year of training, students now complete several activities intended to promote introspection and self-awareness, knowledge regarding unfamiliar domains of diversity, and program-level discussions about skills that could help psychologists better meet the needs of diverse populations. During their first year, students take part in a **multiculturalism orientation workshop**. This workshop orients students to the diversity training goals of the program, provides a general overview of the developmental training sequence, and focuses on increasing awareness that we all have biases. First-year students also complete a **cultural genogram** activity in which they explore their own cultural background and consider factors (e.g., areas of privilege/disadvantage) that may influence their work as a psychologist.

During the second year of training, students complete a **cultural plunge** activity. For their cultural plunge, students select a specific domain of diversity to explore in the local community with the goals of increasing cultural knowledge, challenging personal biases, and having the experience of being a minority. Advanced graduate students meet individually with "plungees" to assist in selecting a plunge experience that will meet a plungee's goals and comfort-level. They also meet with plungees after the plunge to process the experience and consider how information gathered from the plunge could prove useful in serving as a psychologist.

During the fourth and fifth years of training, students not only have the opportunity to serve as a plunge facilitator but they also have the opportunity to give a presentation as part of a **Multicultural Case Conference** (the first of which will occur this fall). In their presentations (typically case study examples),

Want to help?

If you are available to discuss your research or clinical experiences with diverse populations, we would love to have you be a guest speaker (in person or by Skype) for one of our diversity programs.

Please write to the Chair of our Diversity Committee, **Dr. Anna Bardone-Cone** (bardonec@email.unc.edu), to let her know of your interest! *Thanks!*



students will discuss ways that diversity can be influential in clinical practice, such as by influencing measure selection, case conceptualization, diagnostic formulations, treatment planning, and rapport/therapeutic alliance. Presentations will be used as a means of generating program-wide discussions regarding the most effective ways to address diversity-related issues in clinical practice.

In every year within the program the **Diversity Journal Club**, offers a lunchtime seminar to learn more about topics related to diversity. The format of this seminar varies but aims to be interactive (e.g., discussion; practice of skills) and has included: the discussion of journal articles, presentations from guest speakers, and presentations from our own students or faculty.

In addition to these more structured activities experienced by all students, the **Diversity Committee** also offers other opportunities to discuss topics of diversity, such as by hosting a movie/discussion night on a diversity theme. The program's new, elaborated diversity training sequence and varied opportunities to learn about diverse populations have helped make the UNC clinical psychology program emerge as a leader in training graduate students in multicultural competence. ψ