

UNM PSYCHOLOGY PSYNOOPSIS

Department Newsletter 2021



FROM THE CHAIR:

Derek Hamilton

This is the 14th annual issue of the Psychology Department newsletter. The newsletter provides one way for the current Psychology Department members (faculty, students, staff) and all the people who have been an important part of the department in one way or another in the past to stay in contact. You can also keep up with what's happening in the Department through our [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) and through the news updates on our [webpage](#). The global pandemic has presented numerous challenges to our mission and activities as a department. We began 2021 with limited operations, which included exclusively remote delivery of all classes in Psychology. The Fall 2021 semester saw a return to face-to-face classes with appropriate COVID safety precautions. Faculty, staff, part-time, and graduate student instructors, as well as our students navigated the changes and uncertainties created by the return extremely well. We also adapted to the challenges posed by the pandemic so that we could continue producing high-quality and influential research, and serving our community, university, and profession.

Before providing some highlights from the year, I want to remind all readers that we welcome information from the UNM Psychology community to share in the newsletter. Send your information to psych@unm.edu and indicate that your news is for the newsletter.

Undergraduate Education: Enrollment throughout UNM continued to decline in Academic Year 2020, however, psychology still had an impressive number of 1360 of undergraduate psychology majors. A total of 496 bachelor's degrees in psychology were awarded. We offered 104 online courses last year!

Graduate Education: We had 69 graduate students in 3 concentrations: Clinical; Cognition, Brain, & Behavior; and Evolutionary/Developmental. We received 281 applications for our doctoral program and admitted 14 new students to the program.

Faculty Highlights: Distinguished Professor Barbara McCrady, who served as Director of CASAA until 2018, retired following the Spring 2021 semester. Congratulations Barbara! Although we did not hire new faculty in 2021, we were fortunate to have hired two new faculty in 2020, Drs. Margo Hurlocker and Tania Reynolds, who are now enjoying their first year with face-to-face interactions at UNM. Three faculty were promoted to the rank of Full Professor: Drs. Theresa Moyers, Steven Verney, and Elizabeth Yeater. Dr. Kamilla Venner was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Dr. Allen Butt was promoted to the rank of Principal Lecturer. With the leadership of Dr. Yeater, the Clinical Doctoral Program received prestigious accreditation from the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS). Dr. Katie Witkiewitz received the inaugural Research Award from the UNM Alumni Association. Psychology faculty published 136 papers this year, many of which are published with graduate student authors. We had a good year as far as grant money: \$906,251.50. Including Psychology Department faculty with grants processed through CASAA and the Mind Research Network the total is \$7,579,227.50.



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DEPARTMENT NEWS

Graduation

VIRTUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY SPRING 2021

The Spring 2021 virtual graduation ceremony was held on May 15th, 2021 and can be watched on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/Zzfj8CNgj7M>



Academic Awards



PSYCH DEPARTMENT STUDENT WINS SHIP AWARD

The Department is extremely pleased to announce that Jalene Herron and her mentor, Dr. Kamilla Venner, are the inaugural winners of the Sobel Duncan Science for Health in Indigenous Populations (SHIP) Award. The goal of the SHIP Award is to promote research at UNM to address Indigenous health disparities and the underlying social inequities. The SHIP Award is given to outstanding PhD students whose research has contributed to understanding and promoting Indigenous health. Jalene received the award for her many accomplishments in research, her commitment to understanding and promoting Indigenous health, and for her Master's thesis publication: "Cultural factors and alcohol use in American Indian adults: Results from a culturally tailored contingency management intervention."

PSYCH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES 10 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT FOR RESEARCH ON CHRONIC PAIN AND OPIOID USE

UNM Substance Use Disorder Grand Challenges research leads to funding support for new center.

A new center at The University of New Mexico will focus on innovative ways to help people overcome experiences with chronic pain or opioid use. Researchers at UNM's Center on Alcohol, Substance Use and Addiction (CASAA) received a grant for more than \$10 million for the center – which will take a novel approach to improve lives.



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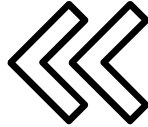


PSYCH DEPARTMENT STUDENT WINS DEANS DISSERTATION SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to our own Breannan Howell for receiving the UNM Graduate Studies Dean's Dissertation Scholarship!

FASDSG PRESENTATION SPOT AWARDED

Congratulations to our own Monica Goncalves-Garcia for being given a spot at the FASDSG meeting to present her research!!



RSA GRADUATE STUDENT GRANT AWARDED

Congratulations to our own Hannah Carlon for winning the RSA Graduate Student Grant to support her research project!!

UNM FACULTY AWARDED FUNDING TO IMPROVE TREATMENT DELIVERY

Congratulations to Dr. Margo Hurlocker on getting awarded funding for adapting intake procedures to improve treatment delivery in addiction treatment.

She will use an effectiveness-implementation hybrid design to evaluate the effectiveness of a novel MI-as-intake procedure on client entry and engagement in addiction treatment and to examine treatment personnel perspectives on the feasibility, facilitating factors, and barriers to implementation. Congratulations Dr. Hurlocker!



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DR. KATIE WITKIEWITZ RECEIVES THE HOWLER RESEARCH AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. Katie Witkiewitz on receiving the inaugural UNM Alumni Research Association award, the Howler Research Award!

Dr. Witkiewitz has been recognized nationally and internationally for her research in the addictions field and has had a major influence on the development of mindfulness-based interventions. She has worked to implement this treatment program throughout the Albuquerque metropolitan area by offering free trainings to behavioral healthcare providers in the region and through supervising the rigorous implementation of the program in local treatment settings.



Faculty Promotions

JEREMY HOGVEEN-PASSED MID PROBATIONARY REVIEW

ALLEN BUTT-PROMOTION PRINCIPAL LECTURER

KAMILLA VENNER – PROMOTION ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

ELIZABETH YEATER – PROMOTION FULL PROFESSOR

THERESA MOYERS – PROMOTION FULL PROFESSOR

STEVE VERNEY – PROMOTION FULL PROFESSOR

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General News

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AND LONGTIME CASAA DIRECTOR RETIRES

Dr. McCrady came to UNM in 2007 as the Director of Center on Alcohol, Substance Abuse, and Additional (CASAA) and as a tenured Professor of Psychology. She was promoted to Distinguished Professor of Psychology (with tenure) in 2008. She stepped down as Director of CASAA in August 2018, and continued as a tenured Distinguished Professor of Psychology while still conducting research through CASAA.

We are honored to have you as a part of our department, and wish you the best in retirement!!



PSYCH DEPARTMENT CREATES THE KIM M LARRANAGA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Department of Psychology at the University of New Mexico is pleased to announce the creation of the Kim M. Larrañaga Memorial Scholarship. Over the course of a 15-year career at UNM, Kim served in multiple departments across campus, creating many lasting relationships with students, faculty, and staff alike. UNM staff will have the opportunity to achieve their goals and aspirations with minimized financial hardship as this scholarship aims to address expenses which tuition remission is unable to cover.

PSYCH DEPARTMENT CLINICAL DOCTORAL PROGRAM RECEIVES PCSAS ACCREDITATION

UNM's Clinical Doctoral Program has become the 44th to be granted accreditation by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS). This has been a major goal of the program and it is a great distinction for the Clinical program and our department.

Special thanks to Elizabeth Yeater and the Clinical Faculty for their efforts!



For more department news, visit our Department News webpage: <https://psych.unm.edu/news-events-jobs/news/index.html>

SPOTLIGHT- BARBARA MCCRADY'S RETIREMENT

For the last 14 years University of New Mexico Distinguished Professor Barbara McCrady has led research studies that are cutting edge and at times life-changing that have been recognized across the United States and internationally, but she says that her proudest moments have been the opportunities she has had to hood her Ph.D. students at graduation. Those opportunities are coming to an end as McCrady retires this summer after spending more than 40 years in higher education, dedicated to empowering students to better their lives and the lives of others with knowledge.

McCrady spent nine years at Brown University in Rhode Island and 24 years at Rutgers University in New Jersey before becoming a Lobo in 2007. She was recruited to lead UNM's Center on Alcohol, Substance Use, and Addictions (CASAA). CASAA, a multidisciplinary research center, uses grants from the National Institutes of Health, other Federal Agencies, Private Foundations, the State of New Mexico and UNM to conduct prevention and treatment research studies related to alcohol and other substance use.

McCrady still has research studies in the works, which means she will be around campus for the next few years. One major study aims to identify neurocognitive and neurobehavioral mechanisms of behavior change in alcohol treatment and has the potential to build a database of knowledge about the processes by which treatments work.

Other than her research, the avid horseback rider has immersed herself in a growing appreciation and love of New Mexican culture. McCrady said she plans to spend more time with her family, riding her horses, hiking and appreciating all that New Mexico has to offer. She and her husband are also Lobo Football season ticket holders who missed attending games last year after the pandemic silenced collegiate sports.

"We really love it here and we're very connected. New Mexico is a perfect fit for our interests and values," she said.

McCrady's passion for helping others will also continue outside the campus community as she serves as a member of the Bernalillo County Addiction Treatment Advisory Board; a small sign that this Lobo plans to stick around a little longer.

"For me it was a good way to give back to our community by sharing my professional knowledge," she said.

Adapted from: Distinguished professor and long-time director of CASAA retires : UNM Newsroom
news.unm.edu/news/distinguished-professor-and-long-time-director-of-casaa-retires

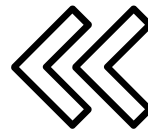


PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



A belated welcome to George Stephen Hogeveen (left) was born at the end of last year on December 14th, 2020 to our very own Jeremy Hogeveen and his wife!

Congratulations to Tania Reynolds on her engagement to boyfriend Alex at Horseshoe Bend during Fall Break this year!



Congratulations to Lori Chavez-Morris on her 25 year anniversary with husband Woody. She celebrated the milestone in Las Vegas!

PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAMS AND ASSOCIATIONS



THE UNM PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT IS HOME TO A UNIQUE AND HISTORIC ORGANIZATION. AGORA IS ONE OF THE OLDEST CRISIS CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE ONLY UNIVERSITY PROGRAM OF ITS KIND WHICH SUPPORTS THE ENTIRE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND BEYOND! SINCE 1970, AGORA'S MISSION HAS BEEN TO PROVIDE "FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, COMPASSIONATE HELP TO ANYONE IN NEED OF EMOTIONAL SUPPORT". AGORA'S SERVICES INCLUDE: A PHONE HELPLINE; ONLINE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT (CHAT); INFORMATION AND REFERRALS; VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES; AND COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS. ANYONE CAN CALL OR CHAT AT AGORA, ABOUT WHATEVER IS ON THEIR MIND. SOME CALLERS ARE "JUST HAVING A BAD DAY", WHILE OTHERS ARE EXPERIENCING SERIOUS ON-GOING MENTAL HEALTH CRISES AND MAY BE CONSIDERING SUICIDE. THE PHONE AND CHAT HELPLINES ARE ANSWERED BY VOLUNTEERS WHO GO THROUGH A 40-HOUR BASIC TRAINING UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE AVAILABLE IN THE STATE. CURRENTLY AGORA HAS NEARLY 150 VOLUNTEERS, ALL OF WHOM COMMIT TO SIT ONE 4-HOUR SHIFT PER WEEK TO HELP STRANGERS IN DISTRESS.

THE PANDEMIC HAS LIMITED THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN BE IN OUR VERY SMALL CENTER AT ANY ONE TIME, BUT EVEN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, OVER 1200 CALLS AND CHATS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED EACH MONTH DURING 2020. JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE LIFE-SAVING SERVICES PROVIDED ON OUR HELPLINES, THE TRAINING VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE IS A VITAL PART OF AGORA'S MISSION. PAST AGORA VOLUNTEERS FREQUENTLY WRITE THAT THE EXPERIENCE THEY RECEIVED WHILE VOLUNTEERING HELPED THEM NOT ONLY IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL LIVES, BUT IN THEIR PERSONAL LIVES AS WELL. THE TRAINING FOCUSES ON COMMUNICATION SKILLS, CRISIS INTERVENTION, AND SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION.

FINALLY, AGORA IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE INFORMATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS TO ANY GROUP ON CAMPUS OR IN THE COMMUNITY. OUR MOST POPULAR WORKSHOP TOPICS INCLUDE "SUPPORTIVE LISTENING SKILLS", AND "SUICIDE AWARENESS AND INTERVENTION". SESSIONS CAN BE TAILORED TO FIT THE NEEDS OF A VARIETY OF GROUPS.

AGORA IS PROUD TO REPRESENT THE UNIVERSITY BOTH IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE NETWORK. THANKS TO THE FOUNDATION LAID BY DR. LOGAN AND OTHERS IN 1970, WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE RICH VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES AND HELP TO PEOPLE WHO NEED TO CONNECT WITH A COMPASSIONATE LISTENER.



AGORA NEWS

AGORA CRISIS CENTER UTILIZES UNIQUE (AND TASTY!) PARTNERSHIPS FOR FUNDRAISING

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN SUPPORT AGORA CRISIS CENTER BY SHOPPING LOCALLY? FIND SHINE ON SIAISON AT WHOLE FOODS MARKET IN ALBUQUERQUE AND SANTA FE! PROCEEDS GO TO AGORA! CHEERS

ADDITIONALLY, AGORA HELD THEIR DAWGS FOR A CAUSE EVENT, FUNDRAISING THROUGH THE SALES OF SALES OF SPECIALTY HOT DOGS



QUOTES AND LINKS

“WHAT I LEARNED AT AGORA PROVIDED ME WITH A SOLID FOUNDATION IN THE SKILLS NEEDED TO BECOME AN EFFECTIVE PSYCHOLOGIST. I LEARNED NOT ONLY HOW TO LISTEN WITHOUT JUDGMENT, BUT HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN CRISIS IN A WAY THAT CLASSROOM LEARNING COULD NOT PROVIDE” - CHLOE M.

“AGORA HAS BEEN A HUGE SOURCE OF SUPPORT TO ME IN MY WORK WITH HIGH-RISK YOUTH FOR MANY DECADES. THE QUALITY OF THEIR WORK IS HIGH AND UNM SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR PROVIDING SUCH AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY!” - JOANN S.

“AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, I DIDN’T KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN A FRIEND TOLD ME HE WAS GOING TO KILL HIMSELF. I CALLED AGORA AND THEY HELPED BOTH OF US. I DON’T THINK MY FRIEND WOULD BE ALIVE TODAY WITHOUT AGORA.” - JESS A.

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DONATE TO AGORA: [HTTPS://WWW.UNMFUND.ORG/FUND/AGORA-CRISIS-CENTER/](https://www.unmfund.org/fund/agora-crisis-center/)**

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COLLEGIATE RECOVERY CENTER (CRC)

THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE COLLEGIATE RECOVERY CENTER (CRC) OPENED IN NOVEMBER 2019! THE MISSION OF THE CRC IS TO SERVE AND SUPPORT STUDENTS IN RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION, AT ANY POINT ON THEIR JOURNEY. THE CRC IS THE ONLY COLLEGIATE RECOVERY CENTER IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND PROVIDES SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING WHICH INCLUDES 12-STEP MEETINGS, ALL-RECOVERY, RECOVERY DHARMA, SMART RECOVERY, AS WELL AS TREATMENT REFERRALS AND RECOVERY RESOURCES. THE STUDENTS LOVE CONGREGATING IN THE CRC SPACE LOCATED IN LOGAN HALL, WHICH ALSO PROVIDES A KITCHEN AND RESOURCE LIBRARY FOR THEIR USE. WHILE IN PERSON CRC RESOURCES HAVE BEEN ON-HOLD DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, RECOVERY MEETINGS AND RESOURCES ARE STILL OFFERED ONLINE AS THE CRC MOVES TOWARDS REIMPLEMENTING THE IN-PERSON PROGRAM ASPECTS.

VISIT THE CRC WEBSITE AT: [HTTPS://RECOVERY.UNM.EDU/](https://recovery.unm.edu/)
DONATE TO THE CRC AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.UNMFUND.ORG/FUND/COLLEGIATE-RECOVERY-CENTER/](https://www.unmfund.org/fund/collegiate-recovery-center/)
FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL MARNI GOLDBERG AT:
RECOVERY@UNM.EDU

“THE OPPOSITE OF ADDICTION IS NOT SOBRIETY; IT’S CONNECTION.” -
JOHANN HARI



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GRADUATE ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

OUR PURPOSE IS TO MAINTAIN A DEPARTMENT ATMOSPHERE WHICH FOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP AMONG PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENTS BY ENSURING RESOURCES THAT WILL BENEFIT ALL STUDENTS AS WELL AS PROVIDE A SUPPORTIVE SOCIAL NETWORK.

ALL ENROLLED PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP.

GASP OFFICERS 2020-2021

PRESIDENT- JOSH MAXWELL

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CBB REPRESENTATIVE- BRIGITTE STEVENS

EVO/DEVO REPRESENTATIVE- TESSA CAPPELLE

CLINICAL REPRESENTATIVES- EMILY STARRATT; KAITLYN SCHODT

1ST/2ND YEAR REPRESENTATIVE- PALMER TIRRELL



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BAC - BASICS IN ADDICTION COUNSELING PROGRAM



THE BAC IS AN UNDERGRADUATE CONCENTRATION FOR A SELECT GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO MEET THE ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE. IT IS A UNIQUE PROGRAM WHICH ALLOWS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS TO TRAIN IN THE 12 CORE FUNCTIONS OF THE LICENSED SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSOCIATE/LICENSED ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELOR. PARTICIPATION IN THE BAC REQUIRES A HIGH LEVEL OF MATURITY, EMPATHY, AND MOTIVATION. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES ACADEMIC COURSEWORK AND APPLIED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE TO HELP PREPARE STUDENTS FOR CAREERS IN THE ADDICTION COUNSELING FIELD, AND EMPHASIZES CLINICAL PRACTICE BASED IN SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE, INFORMED BY A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO PERSONS IN NEED, AND ADHERENCE TO THE HIGHEST OF ETHICAL STANDARDS. EVERY SEMESTER THE BAC PROGRAM HOSTS A CELEBRATION AND NETWORKING EVENT FOR GRADUATES, NEWLY ADMITTED BAC STUDENTS, AND BAC ALUMNI. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE INTRODUCTIONS, UPDATES, PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION TO GRADUATES, AND LOTS OF FOOD AND CONVERSATION. THIS EVENT WAS PUT ON HOLD THIS YEAR, BUT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING NEXT YEAR! MARNI GOLDBERG IS THE BAC PROGRAM SPECIALIST AND CAN BE REACHED AT MGOLDBERG@UNM.EDU.

DIVERSITY ORGANIZATION (DO!)

THE DIVERSITY ORGANIZATION! (DO!) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO IS THE PRODUCT OF STUDENTS' VISIONS OF A MORE DIVERSE FIELD. DO!'S MISSION IS TO ENHANCE THE DIVERSITY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND OTHER HELPING PROFESSIONS IN THE AREAS OF RACE, ETHNICITY, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY, AND DISABILITY. IT ALSO SEEKS TO INCREASE VISIBILITY AND TOLERANCE OF DIVERSITY, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY ACCEPTANCE AND VALUING. STUDENT MEMBERS, WITH THE SUPPORT OF FACULTY ADVISORS, DRS. STEVEN VERNEY AND KAMILLA VENNER (BOTH UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITIZED RESEARCHERS THEMSELVES), ENGAGE IN AN ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH DO!'S MISSION. THIS PAST YEAR, WE HAD TWO DOCTORAL STUDENTS AS CO-CHAIRS, ALEXANDRA HERNANDEZ-VALLIANT AND JUAN PEÑA. DO! ACTIVITIES THIS PAST YEAR INCLUDED TWO STUDENT SUPPORT GROUPS AND ONE SUPPORT GROUP FOR BOTH FACULTY AND STUDENTS WITH A FOCUS ON MANAGING THE PANDEMIC, A CHARITY FUNDRAISER FOR THE ROADRUNNER FOOD BANK, HOSTING A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION ON CONDUCTING CULTURAL RESEARCH, A PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH DAY WORKSHOP FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAMS, INVITING DR. DEBORAH ALTSCHUL, PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNM COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM TO PRESENT AT OUR CLINICAL CASE CONFERENCE, AND A COFFEE HOUR AND INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE DOCTORAL STUDENT APPLICANTS DURING OUR DOCTORAL PROGRAMS' OPEN HOUSE. DO! HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES AND PROMOTING SOCIAL JUSTICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND IN OUR FIELD. ACTIVITIES ARE DETERMINED BY GRADUATE STUDENT VOLUNTEERS EVERY YEAR AND MAY DIFFER DEPENDING ON THE LEADERSHIP. WE ARE PLEASED THAT DO! HAS BEEN GOING STRONG FOR 16 YEARS!



DEPARTMENT SPONSORED AWARDS

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS FALL 2020:



Most Papers as First Author in 2020:

Victoria Votaw (Tori published 4 papers as first author in 2020)

Most Papers (any author) in 2020:

Victoria Votaw (Tori published 10 papers in 2020)

Publication in Highest Impact Journal in 2020 (1st Author):

Post-Master's : Ryan Harvey. *Current Biology* (9.6)

Pre-Master's : Teagan Mullins. *Psychological Science* (4.9)

Publication in Highest Impact Journal in 2020 (Any Author):

Post-Master's : Laura Berkowitz. *Current Biology* (9.6)

Pre-Master's : Ethan Campbell. *Psychological Science* (4.9)

Highest Student Ratings for AY 2019-2020:

David Forman. Overall teaching effectiveness 4.97 (PSYC 302; Psychology Research Techniques)

Outstanding Service to the Community:

Alexandra Hernandez-Vallant is the recipient of the Outstanding Service to the Community Award for her comprehensive efforts toward improving the rigor and application of culturally appropriate assessments in the treatment of Alcohol Use Disorders in the Alcohol Specialty Clinic. Coordinating a large group of her peers, Alex's major goals of this effort are to better serve members of the community and to improve our ability to address the unique needs of our community by offering assessment grounded in cultural considerations and context.

Grant Submitted as PI in 2020:

Post-Master's :

Elena Stein (F31 to NIAAA, which was awarded this year!).

Victoria Votaw (F31 to NIAAA).

Pre-Master's:

Hannah Carlson (Research Society on Alcoholism)

Monica Goncalves-Garcia (Research Society on Alcoholism)

Samantha Rodriguez (F31 to NIDA)

Danielle Sanchez-Combs (Sandia National Laboratories)

Palmer Tirrell (F31 to NIDA)



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GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS SPRING 2021:

APRIL 15, 2021

Haught Distinguished Graduate Lecture Award (\$1000): Kelsey Serier

Barbara Goldman Garland Memorial Scholarship (\$1000): Suzanne Vaccaro

Rosenblum Award (\$1000): Suzanne Vaccaro

Benjamin Franklin Haught Memorial Scholarship Award (\$3000 for summer): Kristen Vitek

David J. Smith, Ph.D. Psychology Graduate Student Award (\$1000): Victoria Votaw

Best Clinical Paper (\$300): Elena Stein

Best Experimental Paper (\$300): Carlos Maestas-Olguin

Bertha Melgoza Baker Clinical Psychology Award (\$500): Hannah Carlon

Most Novel & Innovative Work (\$100): Danielle Sanchez-Combs

Quad-L Master's Award (\$1000): Jegason Diviant



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you!*

To our wonderful donors!

Haight Distinguished Graduate Lecture Award: No living donor

Barbara Goldman Garland Memorial Scholarship: Dr. Leon Goldman

Rosenblum Award: Dr. Estelle H. Rosenblum

Benjamin Franklin Haight Memorial Scholarship Award: No living donor

David J. Smith, Ph.D. Psychology Graduate Student Award: Dr. Jane E. Smith

Bertha Melgoza Clinical Psychology Award: Dr. Rick Baker

Quad-L Master's Award: Logan Family

Jackson-Miller Award: Dr. William R. Miller and Kathleen Ann Jackson

Sandia Casino Responsible Gaming Scholarship: Valerie Gomez, Responsible Gaming Coordinator

We are pleased to announce the establishment of the Anne Yegge Endowed Faculty Fund in Psychology by donors Anne and Vince Yegge. This fund was established on Dec 16, 2021 with the goal of advancing research and teaching in Psychology.

Thank you, Anne and Vince for your generosity and support of Psychology at UNM!

PSYCHOLOGY HONORS

The Honors Program at UNM is a 2 year intensive program in a seminar format that provides coursework in methodology, philosophy of science, examination of data and presentation of research findings through writing and speaking. Honors students have two years of supervised research experience and often generate their own projects with Psychology Faculty members. The Honors Program is an excellent preparation for students who are considering advanced education in Psychology, but is open to all applicants with a favorable GPA. We recruit a new cohort of about 12 students each Fall, with applications due in the Spring of the previous year.

The following students successfully completed the two year Psychology Honors Program, including coursework, hands-on mentoring in research laboratories and preparation of an independent research proposal.

Student Presentations:

Name	Thesis Title	Mentor	Level of Honors
Grace Cairo	Social Support and Alcohol Use during the COVID-19 Pandemic	Pilar Sanjuan	Summa cum laude
Isabel Gomez	Religiousness and Spirituality as Predictors of Positive Body Image through Gratitude and Body-Surveillance	Jane E. Smith	Magna cum laude
Araceli Lewis	Efficacy of 12 Step Treatment for Women with Comorbid Alexithymia and Alcoholism	Jeremy Hogeveen	Magna cum laude
Maria McCreedy	Postpartum Depression and Infant-Feeding Practices	David Witherington	Summa cum laude
Monserat Rodriguez-Rico	Learned Helplessness, Attribution Style and Depressive Symptoms in the Foster Care to Prison Pipeline	Steven Verney	Magna cum laude
Theresa Salas	Impact of Recreational Cannabis Use on Psychotic and Anxiety Diagnoses and Symptoms	Jacob Vigil	Summa cum laude
Nia Walls	The School-to-Prison Pipeline: Exploring Teacher Biases and Disciplinary Practices as Contributing Factors	Katie Witkiwietz	Summa cum laude





GRADUATION

THE DEPARTMENT AWARDED 9 PH.D. DEGREES, BRINGING OUR TOTAL NUMBER OF PH.D. DEGREES AWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO 467.

DUE TO COVID-19, THE 2020 GRADUATION CEREMONIES AT UNM WERE HELD VIRTUALLY.

THE PSYCHOLOGY SPRING 2020 GRADUATES WERE FEATURED ON OUR WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://PSYCH.UNM.EDU/NEWS-EVENTS-JOBS/NEWS/ITEM/2020-SPRING-CONVOCATION.HTML](https://psych.unm.edu/news-events-jobs/news/item/2020-spring-convocation.html)

Master's Degree Recepiants

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Area</u>
Bradley	Robert	CBB
Meredith	Blackwell	Clinical
Samuel	Bouquin	CBB
Alexandra	Hernandez-Vallant	Clinical
Danielle	Sanchez-Combs	CBB
Brigitte	Stevens	CBB
Ethan	Campbell	CBB

GRADUATION



Doctorate Degree Recepiants

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Area</u>
Laura	Berkowitz	CBB
Karlyn	Edwards	Clinical
Kathryn	Fokas	Clinical
Christopher	Ford	Clinical
Ryan	Harvey	CBB
Aaron	Jones	CBB, Quant. Emphasis
Kelsey	Serier	Clinical
Jamie	Smith	Clinical
Adam	Wilson	Clinical



Congratulations Graduates!



HELPFUL INFORMATION



You Can Help!

Private support makes the difference between an ordinary department and an extraordinary department. The State of New Mexico provides the Department's basic budget, but grants and generous donations from people like you allow the Department to provide the best equipment and additional research opportunities (e.g. conferenced travel) for faculty and graduate students. These opportunities are invaluable to their experience.

To make a donation to the Department of Psychology:

Please visit the UNM College of Arts & Sciences foundation website or contact Yolanda Dominguez, Senior Director of Development at yolanda.dominguez@unmfund.org, 505-277-3194, or Jennifer Benitez, Administrative Assistant, at jmbenitez@unm.edu or at 505-277-3841.

You can also visit the University of New Mexico Foundation website.

To make a donation to the Psychology Department, select Psychology from the find fund drop down menu, or search by Department, and then further specify that the donation should be made to the Psychology Chair's Fund. This will ensure that the Department receives your donation.

Please contact the UNM Foundation for details or if you have questions about the site.

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