



February 2021

## Chair Talk from Jaine

Greetings from the Psychology Department! Although we are still living in times filled with challenge and heartache, we have persevered - and hope is on the horizon. You've made it to Mod 3, and that, in itself, is an accomplishment. We're very excited about the courses we're offering this semester - you'll have a chance to "meet" some of our new faculty below - and we are looking forward to learning with and from you.

Right around now, you might be wondering why I'm writing to you and not Eric Wiertelak (and you might be missing the goofy mashup pictures he posts). He is on sabbatical this semester, along with Darcy Burgund, Cari Gillen-O'Neel, and Steve Guglielmo, and I'm filling in as chair. Just let me know if I can help you with anything in his absence.

We have a few exciting events planned for the semester - most notably, a virtual visit by Dr. Jennifer Richeson on April 1 - and Lee will send information about each of these events as they get closer. If you have ideas for events you'd like us to organize, please contact Lee or me. Even though we cannot be together in person, we are eager to stay in touch and to continue to build the Psych community!



## Visiting Faculty - Nate Powell

Hi, I'm Nate Powell, I use he/his/him pronouns and I'm excited to be teaching at Macalester in Module 4! I got my PhD in Neuroscience at the University of Minnesota in 2015, and after a few years in the pacific northwest at the University of British Columbia, I'm back in the Twin Cities doing research at UMN and teaching at Macalester. My research career has involved designing RF excitation pulses for MR imaging, computational modeling of human behavior, behavioral and electrophysiological recordings in rats, and viral based optical imaging in Ferrets. My research is focused on trying to understand the brain as a computational unit. In my module 4 Theoretical Neuroscience class we will be exploring the theoretical underpinnings of modern

neuroscience research from the individual circuit level to the level of explaining human behavior. Whenever I'm not working I enjoy building, riding, and talking about bicycles. This semester I'm most looking forward to meeting some interesting students and being able to talk about cool ideas in psychology and neuroscience, so don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to chat!



## Visiting Faculty - Majel Baker

I am a Postdoctoral Research Fellow working remotely at the Institute for Research on Women & Gender at the University of Michigan. I completed my PhD in Counseling Psychology at the University of Minnesota Department of Psychology after completing my APA-accredited clinical internship at University of St. Thomas Counseling and Psychological Services. My research focuses on issues disproportionately impacting women in college, including sexism in STEM fields and interpersonal trauma like sexual assault. I will be teaching *Gender & Work*, a course I developed and taught at UMN. I am originally from the California Sacramento area and in my free time, I like to read, listen to political podcasts, and pilot small airplanes.



## Visiting Faculty - Michael Fitzgerald

My name is Michael Fitzgerald and I graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee with my PhD in Neuroscience in 2016. I have been teaching ever since at a variety of schools around the Twin Cities ever since and because I grew up in the Twin Cities and I am proud that I am now a member at Macalester College. I enjoy all topics of psychology and have had the opportunity to teach a little bit of everything. My research in the past focused on the neurobiology of addiction and I got to be a part of some really amazing work. Now I enjoy the process of getting students to where they want to be in life following graduation, whether it be a career or graduate school. In my free time I love great films, great food and the great outdoors.

## Visiting Faculty - Marc Pisansky

I'm currently a postdoctoral research fellow in the Neuroscience Department at the University of Minnesota (where I also received my PhD). To put it simply: My research involves sticking expensive lenses into the brains of mice to watch neural activity while the mice perform cognitively-demanding behaviors. This line of research is ultimately meant to uncover the neural substrates of brain diseases, such as addiction and autism. While moonlighting at Macalester, I'll be teaching *Psych 394: Neurobiology of Psychopathology*. When not in the laboratory or on Zoom (yay!), I spend my time listening to an unhealthy amount of music, traversing the Minnesota tundras on my fat tire bike, and subjecting my dog to the ways of variable-schedule reinforcement learning. Feel free to email me if you have questions about being a PhD student or postdoc!





## Careers in Mental Health with Jaine Strauss

Thursday, Feb.25 11:30 - 12:30 Zoom



Interested in a career in mental health? Please join Jaine Strauss for an informal discussion where she will talk about a wide range of mental health professions (e.g. social work, counseling psychology, clinical psychology, psychiatry, psychiatric nursing, school psychology). She will also explore the ins and outs of graduate training in each discipline.

The zoom link is <https://macalester.zoom.us/j/97317597210>.



## Mesmerizing Major - Anh Nguyen

Favorite Movie: 12 Angry Men

Favorite Book: Red Rising

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: Kimchi Tofu House

What do you do when you are not studying? I usually watch crime/thriller shows and play chess.

Where did you grow up? Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Interesting fact about your hometown: The street food is amazingly delicious and cheap.

Tell us something about your family: My three siblings are 10-14 years younger than me.

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I traveled around Italy alone when I was 18 and that was the best trip of my life!

## Welcome New Psychology Majors



Beatriz Lima '22 San Juan,  
Puerto Rico



Max Park '24 Bloomington,  
IN



Cami Stillwell '22 Bethesda,  
MD



Riley Church '23 Columbia, TN



Nyah Sterns '23 Lakeville, MN



### Mesmerizing Minor - Anthony Chin-Wing

Favorite Movie: The Room

Favorite Book: The Shock Doctrine by Naomi Klein

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: Coconut Thai is great.

What do you do when you are not studying? I've been spending way too much time trying to find a job lately, but I also like discovering new music.

Where did you grow up? Cleveland, OH

Interesting fact about your hometown: There's nothing interesting about Cleveland.

Tell us something about your family: I'm an only child.

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I've almost survived Mac?

### Mesmerizing Minor - Nico Diaz de Leon

Favorite Movie: The Lives of Others

Favorite Book: The Stranger / The Birth of the Clinic

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: Mirror of Korea

What do you do when you are not studying? Seeing friends and writing tunes

Where did you grow up? Chicago

Interesting fact about your hometown: Chicago has the second largest Polish population in the world outside of Warsaw? That's kind of interesting

Tell us something about your family: Our favorite family activity is watching Scandinavian murder mystery detective shows

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I am proud to have majored in Neuroscience and am proud that I am pursuing a career in the social sciences.





# Welcome New Psychology Minors



Osamede Egharevba '22  
Bronx, NY



Yunyang Zhong '21 Shanghai, China

## Opportunities

We have an opening at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System for a part-time research assistant intern (Without Compensation) working as part of a team investigating PTSD treatment adherence for Veterans and family involvement in psychotherapy for PTSD. The intern will work primarily on two studies designed to improve trauma-focused psychotherapy for PTSD through family involvement. One study is a 3-site randomized controlled trial comparing standard Prolonged Exposure to Prolonged Exposure with family involvement. The second is a pilot study that combines Prolonged Exposure therapy with Integrative Behavioral Couples Therapy. Both studies are funded by the VA's Office of Research and Development and led by Principal Investigator Laura Meis, PhD. The studies are conducted out of the Center for Care Delivery and Outcomes Research, a VA Health Services Research Center of Innovation. For more information, see [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://ClinicalTrials.gov) NCT03256227 and NCT04241094.

### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- College junior or senior OR bachelor's degree OR master's degree.
- Equivalent of at least one year of research experience (can be as part of academic requirements).
- Experience in coordinating multiple tasks and project elements with differing time lines and completion deadlines.
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office products including Outlook, Word, Powerpoint, and Excel as well as reference management tools.
- Major in psychology, health services research, public health or related field.
- Minimum G.P.A. of 3.0
- U.S. Citizen

### DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Review and extract data from medical records to determine participant eligibility.
- Assist in preparing recruitment letter mailings.
- Organize follow-up survey mailings and attempt to contact non-responders via telephone.
- Log, scan, and verify returned survey data into study database. Assist in data cleaning.
- Recruit subjects via telephone and conduct phone screenings to determine subject eligibility.
- Schedule informed consent meetings and clinical assessment interviews with participants using - - Microsoft Outlook.
- Assist with qualitative data summaries
- Transcribe therapy session recordings and other sensitive audio.
- Maintain orderly files and follow VA policies to maintain data security.
- Participate in staff meetings with senior staff.

**Work Days:** M-F; minimum 12 hours per week; work can be completed between the hours of 8am-7pm depending on the intern's schedule and study needs. We ask for a one-year (can be one school year) commitment.

**Contact:** Please submit CV and cover letter by February 20, 2020 to Erin Linden at [Erin.Linden@va.gov](mailto:Erin.Linden@va.gov).

Applications without a cover letter will not be accepted. You can add cover letter to the "Message" box on Indeed application.

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**Michigan Summer Program in Cognition & Early Development (MSPICED)**  
**Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

[Website](#)

The Michigan Summer Program in Cognition & Early Development (MSPICED) is jointly hosted by four developmental psychology laboratories led by Drs. [Susan Gelman](#), [Ioulia Kovelman](#), [Felix Warneken](#), and [Henry Wellman](#).

We are seeking motivated students to participate firsthand in developmental psychology research. Our research investigates the cognitive and social foundations of young children's behavior. In particular, we study how children cooperate with each other, think about the minds of others, and acquire language, as well as how language shapes children's thinking. We invite students from both the University of Michigan and other universities to apply!

**Our 10-week program will run from June 1st to August 6th, 2021. The program will be fully remote this year, with opportunities for online testing. Interns do not need to be in Ann Arbor to participate in the program.**

Each summer intern will be paired with a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow mentor (see [Researchers](#)) to work on a research project. Interns will gain experience in a variety of research activities, including conducting online experimental studies with children, processing and analyzing data using state-of-the-art statistical software, recruiting and scheduling families, and helping with study design. Interns will also be introduced to developmental neuroscience research methods, including functional near-infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS).

In addition to working on specific research projects, interns will attend weekly lab meetings, reading groups, statistical analysis workshops, and professional development seminars on various topics (e.g., applying to graduate school and writing research statements), which will all be hosted online. At the end of the program, interns will present their projects to members of the Psychology Department at an online poster fair.

Successful candidates should demonstrate enthusiasm in developmental psychology and in working with children and families. Previous research experience is desirable, although not required. We offer both full-time (40 hr/week) and part-time (20 hr/week) positions.

University of Michigan students can find intramural funding through the [LSA Opportunity Hub](#). Work study positions and additional funding may be available on a case-by-case basis for eligible students.

More information about our internship program can be found on [our website](#). To apply, please fill out our [online application form](#). The application deadline is **Mar 1st, 2021, at 11:59 pm EST**. If you have any questions, please email us at [MSPICED-admin@umich.edu](mailto:MSPICED-admin@umich.edu).

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I hope this email finds you well. **The *Anxiety and Complicated Grief Program* led by Dr. Naomi Simon at NYU School of Medicine** is seeking applicants for a Research Data Associate to start in Summer 2021. I wanted to pass along the job description for the recruiting position and my contact information for any current senior psychology majors, master's students, or recent graduates that might be interested in applying to work at the program.

If any students have questions regarding the position, they should feel free to contact me at [Carly.Miron@nyulangone.org](mailto:Carly.Miron@nyulangone.org)

Thank you very much for your support!  
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We are hiring a Research Coordinator in the Department of Neurology at NYU Langone Health to work on headache related studies. The position will begin this spring and is a yearly position but we are looking for someone who will commit for two years. Prior research experience is necessary. The position involves: coordinating multiple studies, screening, recruiting, informed consent, conducting enrollments, following participants throughout the study, abstract, poster and manuscript preparation, and grant writing. The Research Coordinator will also manage a team of undergraduates who help with the research. Statistical skills are a plus.

If the Research Coordinator does good work, s/he can be a co-author on posters and manuscripts. The outgoing person will have been on about four manuscripts over a two year period.

Applicants should email a cover letter, CV, a writing sample, references, and undergraduate transcript to [Sarah.Corner@nyulangone.org](mailto:Sarah.Corner@nyulangone.org)."

Thanks in advance,

Mia

Mia Tova Minen, MD, MPH  
Chief of Headache Research  
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NYU Langone Health

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As you may know, I have conducted the Children's Summer Treatment Program (STP) for children with ADHD and related impairments for 40 years, most recently through the Center for Children and Families at Florida International University. The STP has been named a Model Program in Child and Family Mental Health by the American Psychological Association, and has been named a program of the year by CHADD, the national parent advocacy group for children with ADHD. I am writing to ask your help in making outstanding students aware of the numerous positions we have available. Positions are available for students who are interested in working with children in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Elementary age groups. Below is a brief description of the available positions in our STP. I hope that you will encourage interested students to apply. Applications for all positions are competitive, so students should apply as soon as possible. Position descriptions, application forms, and instructions are available at <https://ccf.fiu.edu/summer-programs/index.html>. More information about the Center for Children and Families is available at <https://ccf.fiu.edu>.

Students who have participated in the program have uniformly viewed the experience as an extremely demanding one, but one that makes a great contribution to their professional development. With very few exceptions, they highly recommend working in the program. For example, on feedback forms administered at the end of recent programs, approximately ninety percent of undergraduates felt that the experience contributed very much to their career goals, and that they would recommend the program to other undergraduates. The experience and recommendations gained in our program have helped many of our undergraduates continue in graduate careers in the helping professions. The experience is also quite useful for undergraduate students interested in clinical research in child psychopathology, pharmacology, and psychotherapy.

Sincerely,

William E. Pelham, Jr., Ph.D., ABPP  
Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry  
Director, Center for Children and Families  
Florida International University

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*I hope this email finds you well. I am writing on behalf of research psychologists working in the Psychosocial Research Program at Butler Hospital, which is affiliated with the Alpert Medical School of Brown University. We are currently hiring research assistants*

for several federally-funded projects, focused on the identification of novel risk factors for suicidal ideation and behavior using laboratory-based behavioral and physiological assessments, smartphone technology, brain imaging and the analysis of speech patterns as well as treatment development studies for suicide. Responsibilities vary by project, but include participant recruitment, clinical interviewing, tracking participants, and data collection.

We will begin reviewing applications immediately until the positions are filled, so please encourage any excellent recent or pending graduates with interest in clinical psychology or clinical research to apply (job posting attached). Also, please feel free to share this announcement with your colleagues. Thank you for your time.

Best,

Hannah

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At Camp TEK0 we are looking for counselors, lifeguards, and specialists! You must be entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade or older but you do not need to be Jewish to apply for these positions. The TEK0 staff will get to work at 8:15 a.m., spend the day at camp (on Lake Minnetonka) and head home at 5:30 p.m.. Salary is determined based off of experience and position. We are looking for fun, creative and open minded staff who love working with kids and are able to make responsible choices regarding COVID-19 precautions.

Please send anyone you think would be interested to our [website](#). You can also send them the [Staff Application](#). Attached is our [brochure](#) and below is a staff recruitment poster and other marketing materials.

Please let me know if you have any questions or have anyone in mind that you think would enjoy this opportunity!

Thanks so much and have a great day,

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Make sure to 'like' [Camp TEK0 Official](#) on Facebook and follow [Camp TEK0 Official](#) on Instagram!

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