



Chair Talk from Jaine

The weather is getting warmer, the days are getting longer, case counts of COVID are trending down, and vaccination rates are trending up. Although we've been through so much over the last year - and there's still much work to be done - we have good reason to feel hopeful. We have lots happening right here in the Psych Department, too. We'll have our first ever panel discussion of non-academic careers in psychology on March 4, and on April 1, Dr. Jenn Richeson from Yale will join us to talk about *The Mythology of Racial Progress*. We miss seeing you all, and we especially miss the chance encounters in the hallways of OLRI. Please know that we're thinking of you - and we welcome the chance to catch up with you via Zoom. As Mod 3 winds to a close, please take good care - and stay in touch!

Psych Careers in Non-Academia

When: Thursday March 4th, 12:00 - 1:15 pm

Where: via Zoom (link forthcoming)

Please join us to hear from a panel of people who have advanced degrees in psychology and use their expertise in non-academic careers. Learn how people with graduate training in psychology have applied it to their work at places like 3M and Viacom. The informal, moderated panel discussion will be led by Prof. Ariel James. Panelists will describe their journey to their current career and what their jobs are like day to day, then take questions from students. Please contact Lee to get the Zoom link.



Juniors - Consider an Honor Project

Dear junior psychology majors,

Are you interested in doing an honors project next year? Information about eligibility and the application process is available on the psych website: www.macalester.edu/psychology/majorsminors/honorspolicy. The deadline for submitting proposals is Thursday, April 1. Although the deadline is a month away, we recommend that you begin pondering the option as soon as possible to ensure that your proposal is as strong as possible. As always, your advisor and other faculty in the department will be glad to help you decide whether an honors project makes sense for you and to help you think through your proposal. If you do decide to submit a proposal, please submit it to Jaine Strauss via email by 4:30 pm on April 1.



The Mythology of Racial Progress - Jennifer Richeson Distinguished Scholar Lecture/Johnson Lecture

Thursday - April 1st 12:00 Webinar

Abstract: Our perceptions of, beliefs about, and solutions for, racial inequality in the United States are shaped, at least in part, by a mythology of racial progress. Central to this mythology is the dominant narrative that American society has achieved substantial gains toward racial equality, and is automatically, perhaps naturally, continuing to make steady, linear progress toward the same. In this talk, I argue that our fidelity to this

narrative elicits a persistent pattern of, often willful, ignorance regarding some present-day racial disparities, including the wealth gap between Black and White Americans. I will illuminate some of the psychology that sustains the narrative and consequences of efforts to disrupt it. Implications of the mythology of racial progress for efforts to engender actual racial equity in contemporary society will be discussed. Link:

https://macalester.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C0TA4Vb3SWCIRmYI6F5aqq

MUPC - All Directed Research students - Save the Date!

The 2021 Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference (MUPC) will be held online Saturday, April 17th. See <https://www.macalester.edu/mupc/> for up to date information.

Mesmerizing Major - Stephanie Konadu-Acheampong

Favorite Movie: *Song of the Sea*

Favorite Book: *The Stars and the Blackness Between Them* by Junauda Petrus

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: Trio Plant Based

What do you do when you are not studying? When I'm not studying, I'm usually reading a book, drawing with my watercolor pens, or playing around with harmonies on the Acapella app.

Where did you grow up? I spent the first half of my childhood in Grand Junction, CO and the latter half in Aurora.

Interesting fact about your hometown: Colfax Avenue, the US's longest commercial street (26.5 miles long!), passes through much of Aurora. Grand Junction is home to Colorado's wine country and *the most* delicious peaches.

Tell us something about your family: Some family members on my mom's side were a part of an Asante (Ghanaian) royal line. Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I got injured about a year ago and I am really proud of both my mental and physical recovery.





Mesmerizing Major - Colette Mahr

Favorite Movie: Scream

Favorite Book: Breakfast of Champions- Kurt Vonnegut

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: Neighborhood Cafe

What do you do when you are not studying?: Paint and watch scary movies

Where did you grow up?: Somewhere in Cowboy Country

Interesting fact about your hometown: It's 2 hours away from the nearest city

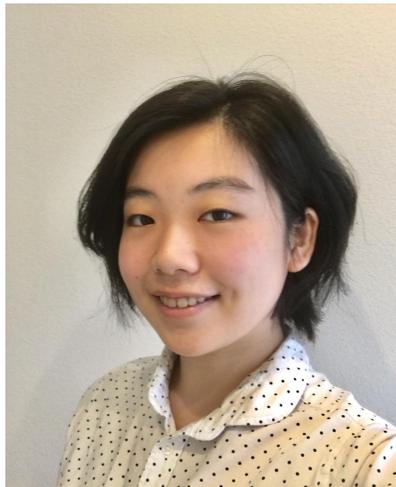
Tell us something about your family: My mom and I are going to go to grad school at the same time!

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I'm about to graduate with a double major.

Welcome New Psychology Majors



Joey Stern '23 Chicago, IL



Kanon Nakajima '23 Chiba, Japan



Sukari Wright '23 Richmond, CA



Zoe Frederick '23 Lincoln, NE



Brody Fuller '22 Groveland, MA

Did you know?

The psychology department gives three awards each year to graduating seniors. Our department award recipients will be announced in the April Psycho-Babble. The awards are:

Jack Rossmann Award - honors a graduating senior psych major who has an excellent academic record and has also made distinguished contributions in the application of academic psych through activities such as applied research, internships, or community service.

Walter D. Mink - given to a senior who has a strong academic record and has also provided outstanding service to the department, the college or the broader community.

Paterson Award nominee - The Paterson is given by the Minnesota Psychological Association to the outstanding college senior planning a career in psychology. The purpose of this award is to recognize and encourage high achievement in psychology at the undergraduate level. The psychology department nominates one person for this award.

Mesmerizing Minor - Briah Cooley

Favorite Movie: Inception

Favorite Book: The Count of Monte Cristo

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: Nashville Coop

What do you do when you are not studying? I like to play video games and write poetry.

Where did you grow up? New Orleans

Interesting fact about your hometown: New Orleans is one of the oldest cities in the U.S.

Tell us something about your family: My family and I like to travel to Orlando once a year.

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I am proud to be a Bonner Community Scholar at Macalester, and I owe much of my success to the program.



Mesmerizing Minor - Gage Ryder

Favorite Movie: Spirited Away

Favorite Book: The Lord of the Rings

Favorite place to eat in the Twin Cities: The Naughty Greek

What do you do when you are not studying? I love to hang out with friends (when it is safe) and I love to relax and watch YouTube.

Where did you grow up? Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Interesting fact about your hometown: it is also the hometown of Bon Iver (A famous band)

Tell us something about your family: I have my family (including my dog Charlie!) to thank for the stability I have had all throughout my Macalester career, both physically and mentally.

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I completed a senior philosophy capstone last semester and I am very proud of the result!

Welcome New Psychology Minors



Kylie Byrd '23 Mill Creek, WA



Tinsley Glenn '21 Dripping Springs, TX



Elise Gryler '23 Walla Walla, WA

Opportunities

Want to make a difference in the lives of young children?

Casa de Esperanza seeks applicants for the Hands of Hope Service Year Program. Casa de Esperanza provides residential foster care to children ages birth through six who are in crisis due to abuse, neglect or the effects of HIV. For a complete description visit: <https://www.casahope.org/hands-of-hope-service-year-1>. Our application can be found at: <https://www.casahope.org/application-part-one>

For more information, please contact Darean Talmadge 713-529-0639 dtalmadge@casahope.org

We appreciate that you can share this opportunity with your students. House Parents in our program gain valuable experience that is relevant to their future career goals while simultaneously making a meaningful difference in the lives of a vulnerable group of children.

Sincerely,

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