



Department of Psychology

2021 SPRING NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Welcome back! The Department of Psychology's chair, Dr. Emily Elliott, and the rest of our faculty and staff look forward to another productive and educational year. We are housed within the College of Humanities & Social Sciences. Our nationally recognized faculty conduct basic and applied research on a broad variety of topics in psychology and neuroscience. We provide a high-quality undergraduate education to over 800 majors, with a curricular focus on the science of the brain and behavior and its application. Admission to our PhD program is among the most competitive at LSU, and we have approximately 100 graduate students enrolled.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the psychology department at LSU is to educate the public about psychology, to advance the frontiers of psychological knowledge, and to provide psychological services to individuals, organizations, and the community. Our outstanding program has four distinct areas: clinical psychology, cognitive and brain sciences, industrial/organizational psychology, and school psychology. Furthermore, our psychological services center provides affordable mental health services to the local community.

COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND OUTREACH IN PSYCHOLOGY

In a collaboration between two CDOP subcommittees, Dr. Calamia and Dr. Tucker were awarded a HS&S Strategic Excellence Grant to establish a four-part paid speaker series to increase dissemination of diversity-related research and the work of diverse scholars. The first two speakers, Dr. Victoria O'Keefe and Dr. Sonia Blauvelt presented their work in the fall of 2020 on Indigenous wellness and clinical skills when working with marginalized populations, respectively. Two speakers will be scheduled in the spring/early summer.



Victoria M. O'Keefe, PhD



Sonia Blauvelt, PhD

DISTINGUISHED UNDERGRAD RESEARCHER AWARDS

The LSU Distinguished Undergraduate Researcher designation recognizes the achievements of outstanding undergraduates who participate in a track of educational and research activities leading to a final and public presentation or publication of a faculty-mentored undergraduate scholarly project. An LSU Distinguished Undergraduate Researcher is a student who has demonstrated outstanding ability as an advanced student researcher in their discipline. Our own Quintrelé Jones and Quyen Nguyen have exemplified these traits and more, earning them the recognition of the award. The psychology department could not be prouder of these hardworking students!



Quintrelé Jones



Quyen Nguyen

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WELCOME NEW FACULTY



DR. KELLY CLARK

My research is centered on school mental health and academic functioning, with a focus on late childhood and early adolescence. I use a dual-factor approach to examine not only psychosocial risk factors and symptomatology but also protective factors and subjective well-being. My work emphasizes how schools can effectively conduct universal screenings and align responsive school-based mental health services to students' needs.



DR. JAS SULLIVAN

My research studies the impact of race on political and psychological outcomes. My current projects focus on the following topics: African American racial identity and reactions to and coping with discrimination.



QUINTIN GUSTIN

Previously, I have worked several years in the criminal justice system and in the area of substance use disorders and, therefore, have a keen interest in both. My interests also include motivational interviewing, the borderline personality disorder diagnosis, and mindfulness therapies such as dialectical behavior therapy and acceptance and commitment therapy.



JENNIFER KNAPP

As a Louisiana native, I am incredibly proud to teach for LSU! My background is in developmental psychology, with a special interest in adolescent development. My current focus is on supporting student achievement and fostering critical thinking skills in my classes. I enjoy the new perspectives my students bring to the material every semester!



GRADUATE STUDENTS

CLINICAL

- Abarno, Cristina
- Aboussouan, Alix
- Anderson, Adrienne
- DeVito, Alyssa
- Issarraras, Abigail
- Robinson, Anthony
- Smith, Allison Claire
- Ledet, Christian
- Reed, Christopher
- Tevis, Celeste
- Oakey-Frost, D Nicholas
- Weitzner, Daniel Scott
- Hong, Esther
- Kemp, Emily
- Lewis, Elizabeth Mara
- Pugh, Erika
- Robertson, Emily
- Vaughan, Erin
- Chapman, Hannah
- Guidry, Jerrica Renee'
- Montrenes, Joshua
- Powers, Jeffrey
- Smith, JoHannah
- Speck, Julianne
- Coulthard, Kelsey
- Ellison, Kimberly
- Hollas, Kristen
- McCauley, Kaitlyn
- Walukevich, Katherine
- Clark, Lindsay Marie
- Miller, Luke
- Brown, Michaela
- Callahan, Megan
- Masucci, Michael
- Moscardini, Emma
- Roys, Melanie
- Glover, Nina
- Granrud, Ole Edvard
- Adenuga, Paige
- Morris, Paige
- Picou, Paige
- Spano, Paul
- Weir, Paige
- Divers, Ross
- Gretkierewicz, Sabrina
- Pardue-Bourgeois, Sarah
- Stewart, Shelby Alexandra
- Cowan, Tovah Marie
- Le, Thanh
- Matlasz, Tatiana
- Walker, Toni

INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATION

- Hightower, Chelsea
- Perkins, Hannah
- McCord, John-Luke
- Cowley, Tyler
- Howard, Gino
- Hay, Michael Mordechai
- Green, Sydney

COGNITIVE AND BRAIN SCIENCES

- Harrison, Alan
- Torres, Francis
- Lopez, Stephanie
- Wagner, Thomas (TJ)
- Cairney, Brianna
- Hacker, Jessica
- Saltzmann, Stephanie
- Medina, Vincent
- Eich, Brandon
- Burleigh, Lauryn
- West, Stan
- Jiang, Xinrui
- Chaisson, Felicia
- Jimenez, Matthew
- Robinson, Tyler

SCHOOL

- Baruti-Goodwin, Aijah
- Chen, Grace
- Waits, Jodie
- Levins, Parker
- Ruby, Alison
- Chotto, Jensen
- Cassidy, Kaitlin
- Picardo, Rochelle
- Feck, Cassie
- DeBoer, Jacob Landon
- Moore, Katherine
- Allouche, Sam
- Darragh, Delaney
- Munson, Jessie
- Mouton, Kelly
- Holmes (nee Christian), Sarah
- Larson, Emma
- Vasquez, Jennifer Inmaculada
- Blocker, Madeline
- Stanley, Oceann
- Lozy, Erica