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The Pediatric Psychology Lab is directed by **Dr. Ron Blount** at the University of Georgia. The goal of his lab is to explore psychosocial outcomes as well as medical adherence in children with a chronic health condition. The majority of data collection stems from an ongoing partnership with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Children's Center for Digestive Health in Atlanta. The Pediatric Psychology lab currently has multiple studies being conducted across the state of Georgia. Two longitudinal studies are investigating psychosocial and medical functioning in pediatric solid organ transplants. Study aims include identifying pre-transplant predictors of post-transplant outcomes, quality of life, medication adherence over time, and transition of healthcare responsibility in young adults. One study is being conducted through Sibley Heart Center examining psychosocial functioning and adjustment for children with Cardiomyopathy. In more recent years, the Pediatric Psychology lab has collaborated with Camp Twitch N Shout to explore pre-to-post outcomes of attending a pediatric summer camp for children with Tourette syndrome. They have one project through the RP pool at UGA investigating transition readiness in young adults with and without a chronic medical condition. In the last year, the Pediatric Psychology lab has collaborated with Dr. Cindy Suveg and her graduate students on two ongoing investigations. At the national level, the Pediatric Psychology lab has made significant contributions to Division 54 of APA. For the last few years, lab members have been selected to be on the Student Advisory Board for the Society of Pediatric Psychology. Additionally, they lab was recently asked to write the book chapter on pediatric organ transplantation for the newest edition of the Handbook of Pediatric Psychology. Dr. Blount currently had three graduate students working in his lab as well as multiple undergraduate students. **Cyd Eaton** (5th year) examined adolescent and parental emotional functioning, perceived barriers, and adherence in transplant recipients in her master's thesis. In the upcoming academic year, Cyd will be placed in the Cancer Survivorship Clinic at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta with former UGA graduate, *Jordan Gilleland*. **Ana Gutierrez-Colina** (5th year) is currently an external practicum student at Transplant Services at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Ana's master's thesis examined executive functioning and nonadherence in adolescent and young adult transplant recipients. **Julia LaMotte** (3rd year) is currently exploring psychosocial and cognitive outcomes in children with congenital heart disease for her master's thesis. Julia's external practicum experience for the upcoming year will be with former UGA graduate, *Karen Smith*, at Alps Elementary School in Athens. There will be two new graduate students joining the Pediatric Psychology lab in the fall of 2015, **Lindsay Rosenthal** and **Grace Cushman.**

From left to right, Back row: Anna Jones (Suveg lab), Dr. Ron Blount, Julia LaMotte, Kelsie Flannigan, Ana Gutierrez-Colina, Tyler Stollman. Front row: Molly Davis (Suveg Lab), Cyd Eaton, Charlotte Goldman, Emily Ivey, Olivia Carlson

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL TRAINING

Greetings Alumni and Friends,

I hope this issue of Dawg Tracks finds you well. As always, we are excited to keep you up-to-date on the changes and accomplishments that have taken place during the 2014-15 academic year. Most noteworthy, of course, was Dr. Joan Jackson's retirement in May of 2015. As most you know, Joan has been a fixture and vital cog in the clinical program going back well over 30 years (even longer as Joan received her Ph.D. under Dr. Karen Calhoun prior to being hired as a faculty member) and her contributions to the maintenance and growth of the clinical program are too many and too large to do justice in this brief letter. Needless to say, her steadying presence, mentorship (of students and faculty alike), and ability to take the long view of issues related to the clinical program are impossible to replace. We wish Joan all the best in her well-deserved retirement, thank her for her tireless efforts, and hope to continue to see her frequenting the Psychology Building for many years to come.

Another noteworthy change was the departure of our clinic director, Dr. Andrea Jones, who left us for a new position at Girard Medical Center in Philadelphia, PA. Andrea was hired as a full-time clinic director as we transitioned away from a model in which a tenure track faculty member held this position. As a clinical assistant professor, Andrea ran the clinic, provided practicum supervision, and taught important classes for us at the undergraduate and graduate level. Andrea took to this challenge with great resolve and injected new ideas about moving the clinic forward into this new and relatively unchartered territory. We wish Andrea the best in her new position and city. We are fortunate, however, in being able to hire a recent graduate of our program, Dr. Emily Mouilso, to take on the role of Clinic Director. Emily graduated with her Ph.D. (under Karen Calhoun's research mentorship) in 2014 after completing her internship at the Medical University of South Carolina. She is currently completing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Charlie Norwood VAMC in August, GA. We look forward to Emily's contributions to clinical training in the coming year. Also, noteworthy during this time of great transition are the key roles that previous UGA clinical psychology graduate Dr. Karen Smith and current UGA Associate Professor Dr. Anne Shaffer are playing in helping ensure a smooth transition from Andrea to Emily's stewardship by providing critical supervision and administrative oversight during this summer.

A welcome addition to our clinical psychology faculty this year was Dr. Justin Lavner who joined us this fall as an assistant, tenure-track professor. Justin received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at UCLA in 2014 after completing his internship at the San Diego VA/University of California, San Diego. Justin's research focuses primarily on examinations of newlywed marriage over time and his first year saw him forge several new and promising collaborations. For instance, Justin and I merged our interests and have examined the role of narcissistic and borderline personality traits in the prediction of marital trajectories. Similarly, Justin is beginning new collaborations with Drs. Cindy Suveg and Anne Shaffer on romantic couples and parenting. We were also fortunate to have Justin teach a new graduate seminar on the Psychology of Sexual Orientation.

Despite the changes to our clinical faculty, we remain confident in the outstanding nature of our graduates given our good fortune to be able to choose among so many smart and highly motivated applicants and their diligence in pursuing the doctoral training opportunities afforded by our program. As evidence of the ongoing strength of our graduate students, all eight of our outgoing students matched at either their 1st or 2nd choice internship (see final page for locations) and many other graduates secured excellent postdoctoral fellowships and jobs.

One very exciting piece of news is – thanks in large part to Joan Jackson's efforts – the clinical psychology program joined the ranks of a relatively select few graduate programs who have been accredited by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS; http://www.pcsas.org/accredited-programs.php). We are now accredited by this prestigious group for the next 10 years while maintaining our APA accreditation. Program graduates for the period 2002-2013 had to provide CVs and detailed information documenting their training and post-degree achievements in the service of our PCSAS application and we are thankful for their time and responsiveness.

Finally, in closing we are thrilled to learn of the many outstanding contributions our alumni continue to make to the field of psychology in clinical, research, teaching, and administrative domains. This year saw several alumni return to campus to speak to our graduates about different potential career paths (e.g., Dennis Reidy – CDC; Amy Selvig Leiner – Atlanta VA; Russell Shearer – Atlanta VA), as well as their own research programs (e.g., Kameron Franklin Sheats), and others who continue to contribute by providing clinical supervision (e.g., Karen Smith; Scott Miller) and serving on theses and dissertations (e.g., Dennis Reidy). We hope you enjoy reading about your fellow alums' contributions and encourage you to not be shy in sending us any exciting news you are willing to share. You can send updates to Marilyn Steffe (msteffe@uga.edu) or me at jdmiller@uga.edu.

Best wishes,

Josh Miller

ALUMNI FOCUS: DR. KATIE DEVINE (CLASS OF 2008)

Dr. Katie Devine

For Dr. Katie Devine, an Assistant Professor at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, the path to becoming a pediatric psychology researcher is one that has come full circle. Dr. Devine was initially drawn to pediatric psychology by an inherent interest in better understanding the role of coping behaviors in managing a chronic illness. She had personal insight into just how important adaptive coping skills are for children with chronic illnesses and their families: as a child, Dr. Devine's younger sister was treated for osteosarcoma. While going to the hospital for her sister's treatments, Dr. Devine learned, firsthand, what it was like for children coping with cancer and their families. Later, through her sister's experiences, she became aware of various physical, emotional, and cognitive issues that survivors of pediatric cancer face. Dr. Devine's desire to develop programs to help children with cancer and families cope with stresses related to this diagnosis motivated her to pursue a doctoral degree in clinical psychology with an emphasis on pediatric psychology. In 2003, she arrived at the University of Georgia's Clinical Psychology program as a member of Dr. Ronald Blount's Pediatric Psychology Laboratory. While at UGA, Dr. Devine took advantage of as many pediatric psychology opportunities as she could. She credits Dr. Blount with helping her make the connections she needed as a graduate student, particularly at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA), to obtain the research and clinical experiences necessary to be successful on internship and in her post-doctoral career. With Dr. Blount and their collaborators at CHOA, Dr. Devine gained experience in conducting both research and clinical work with children with solid organ transplants, inflammatory bowel disease, and cardiac conditions. The emphasis of her graduate research was, primarily, on medication adherence and health-related quality of life. Dr. Devine also recalled Dr. Blount's encouragement to become involved in her field's American Psychological Association division, the Society of Pediatric Psychology (Division 54). As a graduate student, Dr. Devine served as the Student Representative, a highly selective position, in which she was tasked with communicating student needs to Division 54's Executive Board. The broad array of Dr. Devine's research, clinical, and professional experiences in graduate school reflected her advice for current students to "explore your options" within a field of interest. After graduating from UGA in 2008, Dr. Devine completed her post-doctoral fellowship at Loyola University Chicago with Dr. Grayson Holmbeck, conducting longitudinal research on issues of emerging adulthood and responsibility for aspects of medical care in adolescents and young adults with spina bifida. She then accepted a Research Assistant Professor position in the Cancer Control Training Program at the University of Rochester Medical Center, which marked her entrance to conducting research in pediatric cancer, the topic area that initially attracted her to pediatric psychology. There, Dr. Devine received a pilot grant to test the efficacy of a technology-based, physical activity promotion program for adolescent and young adult cancer survivors. Now at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, Dr. Devine has continued her line of research related to technology and physical activity promotion in adolescent and young adult cancer survivors. While conducting the pilot program at the University of Rochester Medical Center, Dr. Devine found that, although patients were very engaged during sessions, their participation decreased at home and after the sessions. The participants provided feedback that they would have been more engaged if they had an app on their smartphones to remind them when and how to exercise. Therefore, Dr. Devine's current project involves developing a mobile health fitness app specifically for adolescent and young adult pediatric cancer survivors. She was awarded a NCI K07 Career Development Award to develop the app and test it as part of an in-person technology-enhanced behavioral intervention in a randomized trial. The trial will begin this fall. Dr. Devine says that she has enjoyed learning how to integrate technology with traditional behavioral interventions through her current investigations and views this as "the way of the future" to help people make health behavior changes. Dr. Devine's other projects relate to helping adolescent and young adult cancer survivors transition to self-management of care and improving the social functioning of brain tumor survivors. In discussing her research career, thus far, Dr. Devine reflected on how her early experiences are in seemingly diverse areas of pediatric psychology, including adherence, health-related quality of life, emerging adulthood, and transition of healthcare responsibility within different populations. However, she sees all of these experiences as tying together and, ultimately, informing her current program of research: helping pediatric cancer survivors thrive despite challenges they may face.

At the 2015 Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, Dr. Devine was awarded the Society of Pediatric Psychology's Routh Early Career Award to recognize her significant contributions and achievements as a pediatric psychology researcher. Following diverse and unique opportunities within pediatric psychology has proved to be a fruitful path for Dr. Devine and one that has returned her to the field of pediatric cancer survivorship. Back at UGA, we look forward to seeing what is next for Dr. Devine.

INCOMING STUDENTS 2015 2016

Student	Faculty Mentor	Undergraduate/Master's Institution
Joanie Bilms	Cindy Suveg	Columbia University — B.A. Vanderbilt University —M.Ed.
Grace Cushman	Ron Blount	Washington & Lee University
Marissa Gogniat	Steve Miller	Emory University
Tony Petruzzella	Justin Lavner	Richard Stockton University — B.A. State University of New York, Stony Brook — M.A.
Talia Robinson	Steve Miller	Miami University
Lindsay Rosenthal	Ron Blount	Duke University
Chelsea Sleep	Josh Miller	University of Kentucky — B.A. Eastern Kentucky University — M.S.
Brandon Weiss	Josh Miller	Colgate University — B.A. Wake Forest University — M.A.

FIRST YEAR STUDENT FOCUS: MEET OUR NEW STUDENTS!

Emily Hallowell: Emily Hallowell is from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and graduated with a B.S. in Biopsychology from Messiah College. After graduation Emily moved to Boston to attend Brandeis University, where she completed an M.A in Psychology. While there she was a member of the Memory and Cognition laboratory, where she completed a Master's thesis exploring working memory and sentence comprehension. Emily then spent a year working at the John B. Pierce Laboratory, an affiliate of Yale University, where she conducted sensory information processing research. At UGA Emily is a member of Dr. Lawrence Sweet's lab, and is interested in neuroimaging, specifically using it as a means of better understanding the mechanisms of risk taking behavior.

Courtland Hyatt: Courtland Hyatt grew up in Atlanta, GA. He enrolled at the University of Georgia in 2010, ultimately earning a B.S. in Psychology and a B.A. in Cognitive Science. As an undergraduate, he worked with Dr. Amos Zeichner and Dr. Josh Miller on a project investigating the relationship between pain tolerance, psychopathy, and antisocial behavior. After joining Dr. Josh Miller's lab as a graduate student, Courtland continued research examining the effects of misogynous lyrical content on male aggression towards women. Currently, he is interested in the intrapersonal and contextual factors that precipitate aggressive behavior, including personality, media influences, and physiological reactivity.

Hannah Goldstein: Hannah Goldstein grew up in Rockville, Maryland. She attended Emory University, where she earned a B.A. in Psychology and Dance. While at Emory, she completed independent research on risk factors and markers for children whose mothers had Bipolar Disorder. After graduating, she worked in a youth center and kindergarten in Riga, Latvia. Currently, Hannah is in Dr. Anne Shaffer's Family Relationships, Emotions, Stress, & Health (FRESH) lab. Hannah's research interests include identifying risk and resilience factors in child development, with a specific focus on the role of parenting and parental emotion socialization.

ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS: CONGRATULATIONS!

Emily Murphy (UGA Student) wed Benjamin Hallowell in August 2014

Anna Jones (UGA Student) became engaged to Terry Smith in December 2014

Julia LaMotte (UGA Student) became engaged to Michael Paktinat in December 2014

Jessica Maples (UGA Student) wed Matthew Keller in May 2015

SAMPLE RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS 2014 2015

Beach, S. R. H., Lei, M. K., Brody, G. H., Kim, S., Barton, A. W., Dogan, M. V., Philibert, R. A. (in press). Parenting, SES-risk, and later Young Adult Health: Exploration of opposing indirect effects via DNA methylation. *Child Development*.

Berke, D.S. (UGA student), Wilson, L., Mouilso, E., Speir, Z., & **Zeichner, A.** (2015). Isolating the Gendered Component of Men's Physical Aggression. *Sex Roles.*

Berke, D.S. (UGA student) & **Zeichner, A.** (in press). The Opposing Process Model of Benevolent Sexism and Gender-Based Violence: A Laboratory Investigation. *Violence and Victims.*

Davis, M. (UGA student), **Suveg, C.**, & **Shaffer, A.** (2014). The value of a smile: Child positive affect moderates relations between maternal emotion dsyregulation and child adjustment problems. *Journal of Child and Family Studies.*

Eaton, C. K. (UGA student), **Gutierrez-Colina, A.** (UGA student), Fredericks, E., Lee, J. L., Reed-Knight, B., Mee, L. & **Blount, R. L.** (In press). Pediatric solid organ transplantation. *Handbook of Pediatric Psychology*.

Eaton, C. K. (UGA student), Lee, J. L., Simons, L. E., Devine, K., Mee, L. L., & **Blount, R. L.** (2015). Clinical cutoffs for adherence barriers in solid organ transplant recipients: How many is too many? *Journal of Pediatric Psychology, 40,* 431-441.

Fontenot, L.G. (UGA student), **Jackson, J.L.**, **Terry, D.P.** (UGA student) (in press). Depressive and anxious symptomatology moderate the relationship between childhood emotional abuse severity and attentional bias on the modified Stroop task. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, and Trauma*, 24(5).

Gray, J. C. (UGA student), & MacKillop, J. (2015). Using behavioral economics to understand alcohol use disorders: A concise review and identification of research priorities. *Current Addiction Reports, 2*(1), 68-75.

Gray, J. C. (UGA student), & Mackillop, J. (2014). Genetic basis of delay discounting in frequent gamblers: Examination of a priori candidates and exploration of a panel of dopamine-related loci. *Brain and Behavior, 4*(6), 812-821.

Gutierrez-Colina, A. M. (UGA student), **Eaton, C.** (UGA student), Lee, J., **LaMotte, J.** (UGA student), **& Blount, R.** (2014). Quality of Life and Psychosocial Functioning in Children with Tourette Syndrome: Parent-Child Agreement. *Journal of Child Neurology, 35,* 360-366.

Jones, A. M. (UGA student) & Suveg, C. (in press). Flying under the radar: School reluctance in anxious youth. *School Mental Health.*

Lamkin, J. (UGA student), Campbell, W. K., vanDellen, M., & **Miller, J. D.** (2015). An exploration of grandiose and vulnerable narcissism in romantic relationships: Homophily, partner characteristics, and adjustment. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 79, 166-171.

Lavner, J. A., & Bradbury, T. N. (2014). Marital satisfaction change over newlywed years. In A. C. Michalos (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research* (pp. 3811–3815). Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer.

Lavner, J. A., Karney, B. R., & Bradbury, T. N. (2014). Relationship problems over the early years of marriage: Stability or change? *Journal of Family Psychology, 28,* 979–985.

Lavner, J. A., Waterman, J., & Peplau, L. A. (2014). Parent adjustment over time in gay, lesbian, and heterosexual parent families adopting from foster care. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 84*, 46–53.

Liebel, S. W. (UGA student), Clark, U. S., Xu, X., Riskin-Jones, H. H., **Hawkshead, B.** (UGA student), E., Schwarz, N. F. & **Sweet, L. H.** (2015). An FMRI-compatible Symbol Search task. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society, 21*(3), 231-238.

Lindbergh, C. A. (UGA student), Puente, A. N., **Gray, J. C.** (UGA student), MacKillop, J., & **Miller, L. S.** (2014). Discounting preferences and response consistency as markers of functional ability in community-dwelling older adults. *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology*, 36(10), 1112-1123.

Lindbergh, C. A. (UGA student), Puente, A. N., **Gray, J. C.** (UGA student), MacKillop, J., & **Miller, L. S.** (2014). Delay and probability discounting as candidate markers for dementia: An initial investigation. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 29(7), 651-662.

Lindhiem, O., **Shaffer, A.**, & Kolko, D. J. (2014). Quantifying discipline practices: A comparison of methods. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 29,* 66-81.

Loucks, L. A. (UGA alum), & **Shaffer, A.** (accepted for publication). Joint relation of intimate partner violence and parenting stress to observed emotionally unsupportive parenting behavior. *Couples and Family Psychology: Research and Practice.*

Morelen, D. (UGA alum), **Shaffer, A.**, & **Suveg, C.** (2014, advance online publication). Maternal emotion regulation: Links to emotion parenting and child emotion regulation. x*Journal of Family Issues.*

Owens, M.M., Murphy, C.M., MacKillop, J. (In Press). Initial Development of a Brief Behavioral Economic Assessment of Acute Motivation for Alcohol. *Psychology of Consciousness: Theory, Research, and Practice.*

Owens, M. M., Ray, L.A., MacKillop, J. (2015). Behavioral Economic Analysis of Stress Effects on Acute Motivation for Alcohol. *Journal for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior,* 103 (1), 77-86.

Puente, A. N., **Lindbergh, C. A.** (UGA student), & **Miller, L. S.** (2015). Relationship between cognitive reserve and functional ability is mediated by executive functioning in older adults. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 29(1), 67-81.

Terry, D.P. (UGA student), Sabatinelli, D., Puente, A.N., Lazar, N.A., **Miller, L.S.** (accepted). A meta-analysis of fMRI activation differences during episodic memory in Alzheimer's disease and mild cognitive impairment *Journal of Neuroimaging.*

Terry, D. (UGA student), Adams, T.E., Ferrara, M.S., **Miller, L.S.** (accepted). FMRI Hypoactivation during Verbal Learning and Memory in Ex-Athletes with Multiple Concussions. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology.*

2014 2015 CLINICAL PROGRAM NOTES & HIGHLIGHTS

SPOTLIGHT: DR. JOAN JACKSON RETIRING

Dr. Joan Jackson, a valued faculty member and Director of Clinical Training, is retiring after over 40 years at the University of Georgia. She first received her PhD at UGA in 1977 and returned as a temporary assistant professor a few years later. Since beginning as faculty, she has always been a leader in the department, serving as the Associate Director of Clinical training, the Director of Clinical Training, and the Associate Head. In recognition of her excellence as a student, teacher, mentor, and leader, Dr. Jackson graduated Phi Beta Kappa from West Virginia University and has won awards such as the Outstanding Contribution To the Clinical Program Award, Mentorship Award, and Teaching Award, to name a few. In honor of her work and service, donations may be made to the Clinical Psychology Program at https://gail.uga.edu/ClinicalPsychologyProgram. While Dr. Jackson will be greatly missed, the department is excited to have Dr. Joshua Miller as the new Director of Clinical Training, beginning in the Spring of 2015.

2014 2015 AWARDS

STUDENT AWARDS

Boardman-Forehand-Jackson Award: **Sierra Carter**

Herbert Zimmer Research Award: **Cyd Eaton**

Florene M. Young Award: **Sierra Carter**

Henry E. Adams Memorial Research Award: **Julia LaMotte**

Louise McBee Award: **Sierra Carter**

A.S. Edwards Award: **Jessica Maples**

Richard L. Marsh Student Mentoring Award: **Brittany Hawkshead**

African American Special Interest Group Best Poster Award ABCT: **Temilola Salami**

Black Faculty and Staff Organization's Award Scholarship**: Temilola Salami**

Center for Research and Engagement in Diversity (RED) Seed Grant: **Cyd Eaton**

UGA Graduate School Dean's Award**: Cyd Eaton**

UGA Graduate School's Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant**: Cyd Eaton**

Alfred E. Brown Scholarship Award**: Ana Gutierrez-Colina**

Society for Pediatric Psychology Travel Award, APA Division 54: **Ana Gutierrez-Colina**

Adherence Special Interest Group Award for Outstanding Student Presentation, APA Division 54: **Ana Gutierrez-Colina**

Nancy B. Forest and L. Michael Honaker Master's Grant for Research in Psychology, APAGS: **Ana Gutierrez-Colina**

UGA Graduate School's Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant: **Ana Gutierrez-Colina**

Psi Chi Graduate Research Grant: **Ana Gutierrez-Colina**

Pediatric Oncology Student Training Grant: **Ana Gutierrez-Colina**

Outstanding Teaching Assistant: **Monica Whitehead**

Association for Research in Personality, 2015 Rising Star: **Jessica Maples**

FACULTY/STAFF AWARDS

Research Award: **Dr. Ron Blount**

Teaching Award: **Dr. Anne Shaffer**

Clinical Supervision Award: **Dr. Karen Smith**

"Family Psychologist of the Year" APA Division 43: **Dr. Steve Beach**

2015 SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Many UGA students, faculty, and alumni attended the biennial Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in March, 2015. SRCD is an interdisciplinary and international society that hosts conventions once every two years on a wide range of topics related to child and adolescent development. Many students and faculty presented in poster sessions and symposia, including Dr. Anne Shaffer, Dr. Cindy Suveg, Funlola Are, Amber Madden, Monica Whitehead, and Molly Davis. We look forward to the next convention in March, 2017 in Austin, Texas.

Left to right: Kristel Thomassin (UGA Alum), Claire Peterson (UGA Alum), Monica Whitehead (UGA Student), Diana Morelen (UGA Alum), and Molly Davis (UGA Student)

NEW ALUMNI: 2015 GRADUATE PLACEMENTS

Jennifer Lee accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at the Aflac and Blood Disorders Center through the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA

Brittany Collins accepted a postdoctoral fellowship in the Pediatric Neuropsychology Department at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC

Monika Stojek accepted a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Medical and Clinical Psychology through the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Section on Growth and Obesity at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD

Cara Murphy accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at the Center for Alcohol and Addictions Studies at Brown University in Providence, RI

Laura Loucks accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at the BraveHeart Program through the Department of Psychiatry at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA

2015 INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS

Kendra Becker: MGH/Harvard Medical School
Danielle Berke: VA Boston Healthcare System
Sierra Carter: VA Medical Center — Atlanta
Lauren Fontenot: VA St. Louis Healthcare System
Joanna Lamkin: Baylor College of Medicine — Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Jessica Maples: Charleston Consortium
Temilola Salami: Charleston Consortium
Douglas Terry: UCLA — Semel Institute

Alumni News and Notes

Yolanda K.H. Bogan is the Director of Counseling Services at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) recently received a $864,041 grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that will focus on substance-abuse education and the prevention of HIV and Hepatitis C.

Three former graduate students were recognized for the prestigious UGA Graduate School honors 2014 Alumni of distinction. Recipients included **Phillip J. Brantley** who is the associate executive director for scientific education at Louisiana State University's Pennington Biomedical Research Center, **Michael Feuerstein** who is a professor of medical and clinical psychology at the Uniformed Services University, and **Deborah Williams** who is the president and CEO of the apparel and event productions company, Her Game 2.

Paul Frick, chair of the department of psychology at the University of New Orleans, was awarded the Robert D. Hare Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathology.

Kameron Franklin Sheats is an ORISE Fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the Surveillance Branch of the Division of Violence Prevention of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

Katie Devine, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Population Studies at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey was awarded the 2015 Society of Pediatric Psychology's Routh Early Career Award.

Lisa Armistead was the Acting Associate Provost for Graduate Programs.

Jennifer Sharpe Potter was quoted prominently in the February 2015 APA Monitor on drug abuse.

Karla K. Murdock, was appointed the David G. Elmes Term Professor of Psychology at Washington and Lee University. The professorship is a permanently endowed fund at Washington and Lee University providing support for a faculty member.

Deborah Jones received an award for Excellence in Teaching at the University of North Carolina where she is a full professor and currently has a large R01 grant.

Phillip Brantley, who is a professor at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center at Louisiana State University, was invited to give a lecture at the University of Georgia on the "Prevention of Weight Regain Following Intentional Weight Loss."

Amanda McCombs Thomas, an administrator from Loyola University Maryland was named the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Maya Gupta has been appointed to an adjunct faculty position at Canisius College in Buffalo, NY in their master's program in anthrozoology

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