

BGSU DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

monthly newsletter

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WELCOME!

Congratulations to all of you on making it through another semester! This month I would like to spotlight graduate students who accomplished major milestones this Summer and Fall semesters, and/or graduated in 2020. This has been such a difficult year, with many barriers to research progress, that it is especially important to take a moment to congratulate all of these students on their accomplishments. A special thank you also goes out to all of the research advisors and committee members who gave guidance and feedback through email, phone, Zoom, Webex—anything that worked!

Check out the last page of the newsletter for some celebratory images!

A NOTE FROM SUE WAX

Happy Holidays Everyone!

As a reminder, Mturk and Cloud Research (formerly TurkPrime) transactions are processed separately now. We will be using the university Visa for Mturk expenses and the university purchasing system for Cloud Research. When requesting your funding please be specific and clearly state whether you plan to use Mturk and/or Cloud Research. I will be able to better advise you on how we will initiate those transactions. Instructions for funding Cloud Research accounts can be found on the department webpage: <https://www.bgsu.edu/arts-and-sciences/psychology/resources.html>

I wish you all a safe and relaxing break! See you next year!

Sue



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

J. Grubbs | 12/6

T. Kelso | 1/25

A. Gordon | 1/28

IMPORTANT EVENTS

In Spring 2021 the department will be completing a self-study for our external review. We will be part of two clusters: Psychology/Sociology and Neuroscience/Biology. Carolyn will lead this effort, and will be seeking input from faculty and students starting in January.

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Among the most common requests students make related to inclusion in the academy are to include more attention to diversity in the topics we cover in our courses, and to include more works by people (psychologists, scientists) of color in our course reading lists. Adding a few articles authored by people of color to our syllabi may seem inadequate in the face of many injustices in the academy and our society at large, and of course it is. But even small steps to add greater attention to diversity in our courses, including elevating the work of our colleagues of color, demonstrates to our students that we hear their feedback and are willing to begin to change.

This can be a little challenging for some of us, particularly those focusing on areas that do not have much history of attending to diversity. There are many helpful resources available, but here are a few I found accessible to start with:

For lists of articles written by BIPOC (Black and Indigenous People of Color) psychologists, see the detailed Google Doc moderated by Dr. Erica Wojcik at Skidmore College. The first sheets include general information and links to similar databases, followed by sheets listing articles organized by area of psychology. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1i7Eacov9VVg2lBbCV-KJZg4nSGvR_VZFOysOyOGG8g/edit?fbclid=IwAR1UqcHiRiQnf9b17QA3zBdfNBmeYpJsGRAAv7jL0Xw3vxZnB5lmm99fuzw#gjid=829005864

Compilation of books, chapters, articles organized by specific DEI topic in Psychology: <http://www.teachpsych.org/diversity/ptde/index.php>

For teaching ideas beyond expanding the reading list, see Dr. Angela Nelson's workshop on Inclusive Pedagogy: <https://www.bgsu.edu/center-for-faculty-excellence/pedagogy---resources/inclusive-pedagogy.html>

More extensive information on inclusive pedagogy (cited by Dr. Nelson): <https://acue.org/inclusive-teaching-practices-toolkit/#sec8>

- Carolyn

SUGGESTION BOX

We would love to hear your feedback! If you have any further questions, comments, or recommendations regarding future issues, please email Chris Gebers at cgebers@bgsu.edu.

CAROLYN'S CORNER

Well, this semester has at least been interesting. As we wrap up, I would like to recognize how challenging this has been and thank all of you for your hard work in strange and difficult circumstances. Most of us learned new technologies, tested out new teaching approaches, and tried to write in settings that tried our ability to focus. I know I am ready to take some time

out to decompress, watch something distracting, and indulge in some holiday treats.

During the Winter break, BGSU will be closed from December 25th-January 1st. Staff will not be available during this time, and I encourage all of you to consider taking a real break as well. Staff availability and office hours for the rest of break are posted at: <https://www.bgsu.edu/arts-and-sciences/psychology/psyc-main-office.html>

When you are ready to begin planning for Spring semester, one resource I recommend you consider is the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity page at <https://www.facultydiversity.org/>. This page has webinars and other professional development resources for professors at all stages, as well as for graduate students; I particularly recommend the "Every Semester Needs a Plan" webinar, and I appreciate how they weave attention to work-life tensions throughout their materials. BGSU has an institutional membership, so you just need to sign up with your BGSU email to "become a member".

Be well,
Carolyn



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS!

Congratulations to our students accomplishing Master's milestones!

Thesis proposals (Summer/Fall): Melissa Rudd, Lexi Hirvo, Ian Hughes, Kristi Thompson, and Emma Studer-Perez

Thesis defense (Summer/Fall): Tori Riesgo, Micah Burns, Marie Childers, James McGraw, and Shanti James

Graduated with M.A. (2020): Melissa Albert, Michael Bailey, Katherine Barlow, Marie Childers, Jessica Chinn, Jordan Dovel, Rachel Hardy, Susannah Huang, Mikayla King, Brinna Lee, James McGraw, and Sarah Melick

Congratulations to our students accomplishing Doctoral milestones!

Prelim proposal (Summer/Fall): Kaylyn Flanigan and Jessica Chinn

Dissertation proposal (Summer/Fall): Claire Smith, Emily Ferrell, and Lindsay Hamilton

Dissertation defense (Summer/Fall): Joseph Rosansky and Elizabeth Emley

Graduated with Ph.D. (2020): Leah Bogusch, Jared Branch, Sindhia Colburn, Maren Froemming, Lynnel Goodman, Mark McCoy, Catherine Petrowski, Julie Pomerleau, Lindsay Roberts, and Tanya Watford

