

BGSU DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

monthly newsletter

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WELCOME!

Welcome to our first newsletter! We are so proud and excited to start making these monthly newsletters to keep faculty and graduate students up to date and engaged with the Department of Psychology at BGSU.

We are honored to recognize an esteemed group of students who won departmental awards in 2019-2020. Although the pandemic may have prevented us from hosting our annual Mixer, we would still like to feature these individuals in this month's newsletter. Congratulations to **Lindsay Hamilton, Viktoria Varga, Sarah Melick, Abby McDevitt, Marie Childers, Brinna Lee, Claire Smith, Louis Moore, Joseph Rosansky, Tabitha Waite, Serena Wong, Erin Dulek, and Mercedes Pratt**. Read more about these students and the awards they received on the **third page** of this newsletter.

We are also thrilled to honor two recipients of the Undergraduate Assistantship Award: **Mason Trinh, with advisor Eric Dubow and Adreanna Klepac, with advisor Melissa Keith**. Congratulations to all of our awardees!

A NOTE FROM SUE WAX

To assist with budget planning, faculty and graduate students please complete the **Professional Development-Conference Funding Request** form ASAP for any **virtual** professional development events you are considering attending before June 30, 2020.

Graduate students need to complete the **Graduate/Undergraduate Student Request for Department Research Funds** form and submit it to me for review and approval routing prior to the purchase of any services or supplies. Please include a copy of the approved IRB informed consent with your request for funds.

At this time, the university is not processing any reimbursements for expenses incurred by faculty, staff, or students. All expenses must be incurred by the university so please contact me if you need to register for a conference, order supplies, etc.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

K. Pargament | 11/3

M. Docherty | 11/16

J. Grubbs | 12/6

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

We are fortunate to have many faculty and students in our department committed to building a more supportive environment for all. I have greatly appreciated early feedback from students and faculty on how we can improve together, and I am heartened to know that we are building on work that many have been doing for a long time.

Thank you in particular to the department graduate student-led Diversity Committee (and to faculty advisor, Dryw Dworsky) for your thoughtful conversations and your hard work. For graduate students interested in learning more about the committee, please reach out to: Catherine Zoleta, czoleta@bgsu.edu.

While I look forward to more nuanced conversations in the future, it has come to my attention that we need to publicize some basic resources to start.

General information about Diversity and Belonging at BGSU and links to lots of relevant offices and resources can be found here: <https://www.bgsu.edu/equity-diversity-and-inclusion.html>

If you have concerns about bias incidents you have observed or experienced at BGSU, there are a number of options for sharing your concerns:

Consider starting with a trusted colleague, advisor, or instructor. Faculty and students may wish to discuss concerns with your area head. Please consider reaching out to me, especially if you are less comfortable speaking with an advisor or area head. (You should be aware that all BGSU employees are mandated to pass on reports of sexual harassment or misconduct to the Title IX office).

Suggestion Box: Last year the department created a virtual suggestion box, at the request of students who wanted a way to anonymously share concerns. The link is: <http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/ggjkqtd>, and submitters are not asked to provide any identifying information nor is any collected. I (Carolyn) regularly check the suggestion box myself. I screen suggestions to make sure they are adequately identified, and then may share them with a committee of faculty who have undergone the **BGSU ALLIES training**, which can be found at <https://www.bgsu.edu/allies#:~:text=BGSU%20ALLIES%20is%20a%20three,faculty%20in%20academic%20STEM%20careers>, (Drs. Musher-Eizenman, Barratt, Garrett-Ruffin, Dworsky, McAbee, Grubbs, Willing).

Please keep in mind that follow-up to suggestions is likely to involve more programmatic or long-term interventions, as due to the anonymous nature of suggestions it will be more difficult to intervene in specific situations.

See it Hear it Report it: BGSU has a centralized bias reporting system, where you can report incidents of any form of bias. <https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?BowlingGreenStateUniv>

- Carolyn

CAROLYN'S CORNER

I know something I was looking forward to coming in as Chair was getting to know my colleagues better, learning more about the exciting work being done in our department and finding ways to better support that work as a department community. Months later, all of the challenges to good communication during a pandemic have become pretty clear!



That being said, I'd like to work on better ways to reach out as we physically distance. I'd like to thank Sue Wax for the idea of a newsletter, and Rachel Kubick for helping us make this first issue a reality. The students we are highlighting this month are those we would have celebrated together at our Mixer in September—I am excited for them and encourage you to send them a note of congratulations.

I hope in future newsletters we can continue to center the accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff. If you have anything you'd like to share, please email Chris Gebers at cgebers@bgsu.edu. As we approach the end of the semester, we will also be reaching out to graduating seniors and graduate students to celebrate their milestones.

Thanks to all of you for your hard work, and your patience with me and each other. I am in one office or another Mon-Fri—you can reach me by email at cjtomps@bgsu.edu, phone at (419) 372-2835, or on Teams. I would love to hear suggestions for future newsletters, virtual communications, or just how you'd like to stay in touch during this time.

Be well,
Carolyn

SUGGESTION BOX

Seeing as this is our first official issue of the newsletter, 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.

We look forward to hearing your feedback!



CECIL M. FREEBURNE AWARD

Awarded to: Lindsay Hamilton

This award, in honor of Max Freeburne who was a faculty member from 1948 until his death in 1974, is given to a psychology graduate student from any area who is teaching a class independently.



DONALD AND ZELLA LEVENTHAL MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to: Viktoria Varga

This award, in honor of Don Leventhal who was a faculty member from 1966 until his death in 1984, and Zella Leventhal, who supported our clinical graduate program until her death in 2015, is given to a clinical psychology graduate student who has completed his/her third year with the highest GPA and has never been in a warning status. Additional criteria include outstanding performance in psychological research and clinical practice, the use of a scholarly approach to problems, and receptiveness to new ideas. The award is generously sponsored by the Leventhal family.



BONNIE A. SANDMAN AWARD

Awarded to: Sarah Melick

This award, generously sponsored by BGSU alumni Dr. Bonnie Sandman, is given to a fourth year psychology graduate student in industrial/organizational psychology chosen by faculty.



LOWELL SCHIPPER MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to: Abby McDevitt

This award, in honor of Lowell Schipper who was a faculty member from 1971 until his death in 1984, is given to a psychology graduate student from any area for grades in PSYC 6670 and 6680, nominations from fellow students, and contributions to class. The award is generously sponsored by the Schipper family.



IPRA AWARD

Awarded to: Marie Childers

This award, the Institute for Psychological Research Application Excellence in Applied Psychology Award, is given to students involved in IPRA projects who were nominated by faculty and graduate students as both productive and helpful.



SHEMBERG MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to: Brinna Lee

This award is presented to a third-year graduate student in clinical psychology who demonstrates outstanding clinical abilities, a sincere love of learning, and promotes a sense of caring and humanity in the world. Dr. Shemberg exemplified these qualities as a teacher, supervisor, mentor, and colleague in the Psychology Department for over fifty years. The award recipient is selected from peer nominations and evaluations from clinical practicum supervisors.



MICHAEL DOHERTY I-O PSYCH AWARD

This award supports an I-O graduate student conducting research on any topic within the broad scope of Judgement and Decision Making.

Awarded to: Claire Smith

DRS. LARRY & LORRAINE NULTON AWARD

Drs. Larry and Lorraine Nulton established a Clinical Psychology Research Fund to provide funding for extraordinary expenses or fees related to clinical psychology dissertation research, including funds to support the research itself as well as supporting expenses associated with disseminating results such as travel to conferences. In 2019-2020 six clinical students were awarded up to \$1,000 to support their dissertation research.

Awarded to:

Louis Moore
Joseph Rosansky
Tabitha Waite
Serena Wong
Erin Dulek
Mercedes Pratt

UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP AWARD

Awarded to:

Mason Trinh, with advisor
Eric Dubow

Adreanna Klepac, with
advisor Melissa Keith