

BGSU DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

monthly newsletter

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A NOTE FROM SUE WAX

Hello and welcome back! It's been great to see and talk with all of you as you return for fall semester! I have just a few items to note:

Graduate students and faculty, please remember to request your professional development/conference/travel funding in advance of your event.

<https://www.bgsu.edu/content/dam/BGSU/college-of-arts-and-sciences/psychology/documents/resources-forms/Travel-Request-Authorization.pdf>

Graduate students, please remember to request your thesis/prelim/dissertation funding after your committee has approved your project.

<https://www.bgsu.edu/content/dam/BGSU/college-of-arts-and-sciences/psychology/documents/resources-forms/Grad-Undergrad-Student-Request-Dept-Research-Funds.pdf>

Guest speakers who will be offered a stipend need to go through the university vendor on-boarding process. Please plan to contact me 6 weeks prior to the event so that we have plenty of time to complete the process.

Guest speakers who are NOT receiving a stipend, need to complete a BGSU Volunteer Agreement and Release of Liability prior to their visit to campus. Completed forms can be submitted to Sue Wax or Chris Gebers.

<https://www.bgsu.edu/content/dam/BGSU/Risk-Management/documents/policies-and-procedures/Volunteer-Agreement-Form-111716.pdf>

Planning events that will include the service of food/beverages require advanced planning. Please contact me or Chris Gebers several weeks in advance of your event so that we can direct you to the appropriate university departments and policies.

SPSS Licenses: The computers in the labs should have SPSS, and now that we are all in-person we no longer have COVID funding for at-home licenses.

Stay well and, as always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

A. Mahoney | 9/3

A. Braden | 9/5

S. Wax | 9/15

S. Highhouse | 10/5

D. Dworsky | 10/7

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

In case you missed the emails and Facebook posts, I (Carolyn) am thrilled to announce that **Dr. Ramit (“Soni”) Basi** has donated \$30,000 to found the **Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives in Psychology Fund at Bowling Green State University**. Dr. Basi received her Ph.D. in Psychology (Social) from BGSU in 2001, having studied with Dr. Betsy Allgeier. While at BGSU Dr. Basi completed additional training in Quantitative Psychology, taught several classes, and worked with the Institute for Psychological Research and Application (IPRA). Following her graduation, Dr. Basi has worked in Human Resources roles at The Estee Lauder Companies Inc., Ignite Knowledge Partners LLC, Merck, and International Survey Research. She served four years as Vice President of Global Talent at Allergan, and is currently the Head of Talent Management and Acquisition at AIG. In 2020, Dr. Basi co-founded the Shine Collective, a non-profit organization focused on supporting high school graduates from underserved communities as they seek professional opportunities. I am so proud to highlight her many accomplishments as a distinguished alum of our doctoral program!

Dr. Basi has chosen to found this new fund with an open mission to support initiatives and programs in the Psychology Department that focus on diversity and inclusion. I am excited by the opportunity to support some of the new ideas and initiatives that we have begun discussing as a department and community, and I feel that this new fund comes along at a great time to effect positive change. It is my hope that her generosity will inspire future donations to support this fund for years to come. Please look for further communications regarding new initiatives over the coming semester, including opportunities to provide suggestions and feedback to inform our ongoing work.

Just a reminder as we start our new semester, the Psychology Department (and all of BGSU) strives to be a welcoming and inclusive community, but sometimes problems will arise. Please feel free to talk to your advisor, trusted colleague, area head, or Department Chair with any concerns. The department has an anonymous suggestion box, <http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/ggjkqtd>. I (Carolyn) read all submissions myself and may share de-identified suggestions with other departmental faculty who have undergone the ALLIES training on diversity/equity/inclusion in academic settings. Please also do not hesitate to use the BGSU incident reporting system for any type of bias-related concern: bgsu.edu/report-incident.html

CAROLYN'S CORNER

Welcome to a new semester, everyone!

Every summer seems to go by faster than the year before, and this year was no exception. I hope many of you had a chance to unplug and unwind.

Personally, I spent a lot of time outside, didn't travel much, and saw my parents for the first time in over a year. I have been gradually taking over the Chair office and making it my own, including reverting to my roots scavenging unwanted furniture

left in a (semi-) abandoned building. I hope this year I can see many of you in person—come check it out!



I had hopes that this semester would feel more “normal”, with face to face classes, running into all of you in the hall, and maybe just feeling more connected. My excitement at seeing the campus coming back to life is tinged with anxiety and uncertainty, as I'm sure it is for many of us. I am grateful for the many expressions of support, and I hope we can continue to support each other during yet another uncertain semester.

GOOD NEWS!

Other Good News—In Case You Missed It!

Congrats to professors Yiwei Chen and Bill O'Brien on their recent publication: Chen, Y., Xu, H., O'Brien, W. H., Gao, Y., & Dong, X. (2021). Acculturation Level Mitigates the Negative Impact of Perceived Stress on Depressive Symptoms among U.S. Chinese Older Adults. *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F00914150211024187>

Professor Annette Mahoney published a book! Check out "The Science of Children's Religious and Spiritual Development" (2021), Cambridge University Press. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/elements/science-of-childrens-religious-and-spiritual-development/EC5AD95722154A742516779AB50D5940>

Frances Griffith, doctoral graduate student, led a team of community artists at the Connection Center in completing a new mural in downtown Bowling Green! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6NIVJWv2i7w>



MAY/AUGUST GRAD STUDENT GRADUATES

Congratulations to our students who graduated with an MA or PhD in May or August 2021!

MA: Harrison Angoff
Jennifer Crawford
Ian Hughes
Alicia James
Victoria Riesgo
Claire Smith
Emma Studer-Perez
Kristina Thompson
Catherine Zoleta

PhD: Lauren Dial
Hannah Koerten
Elizabeth Emley
Erin Dulek
Mary Moeller
Louis Moore
Mercedes Pratt
Joseph Rosansky

