

## Clinical Psychology 2010 Incoming Class

### Introducing

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Clinical class. As always, I am extremely impressed with the credentials of this year's incoming class, and very excited about having them join us on campus. We were able to accept six new students this year. These students come mostly from the mid-south area. Overall, they had an average undergraduate GPA of 3.43, an average GPA in Psychology of 3.62, a GRE Verbal score of 570, GRE Quantitative score of 595, a GRE Written score of 4.25, and a total GRE score of 1165. Three of the students have made at least one professional presentation. Three of the students have applied clinical experience, ranging from working with adolescents to conducting ABA therapy. This year, two of the students is home-grown, having graduated from Western Kentucky University. Two others come from the University of Evansville, and the remaining two are from the state of Tennessee. We are very excited to have such a diverse group of quality students begin the program and look forward to working with them over the next two years.

psychology, and choice theory (or the interaction of all three) as research topics. Ben would like to obtain a doctoral degree in clinical psychology and eventually open his own practice, though he says teaching is also interesting to him. In his free time, Ben likes playing music; he says that playing piano would be his career, if it weren't for this psychology interest.

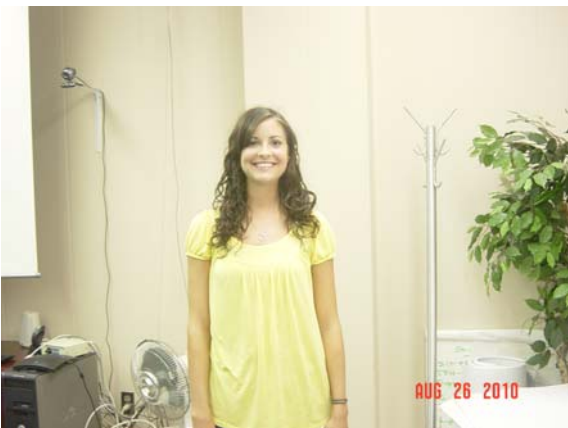
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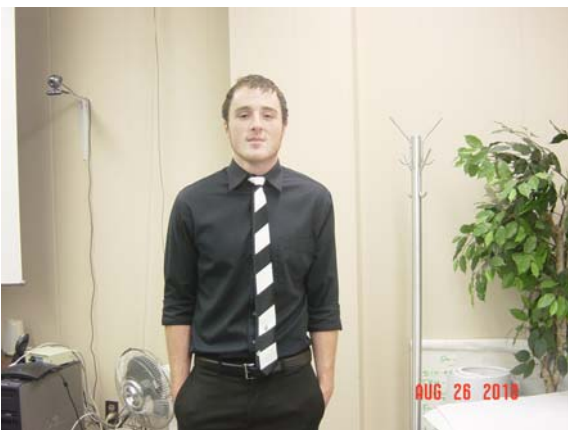
Ben Duffey. Ben hails from the great state of Tennessee. He matriculated from Union University, where his advisor was Dr. David Vickery. Ben worked with Tina Blalock examining decision-making processes, especially how maximizing and satisficing affect levels of regret. He presented the data from this study at the MidSouth Psychology Conference at the University of Memphis. He is currently interested in health psychology, positive



Julie Goble. Julie graduated from the University of Evansville, where her advisor was Dr. Weiss. While she has very little research experience, Julie indicated that she is interested in examining the factors involved in anxiety and substance abuse. Julie has extensive clinical experience. She was an intern at the United Methodist Youth Home, and worked at Ruth's House in Evansville, where she assisted homeless women suffering from addictions. Julie's future goals include obtaining a doctoral degree and working with adults who have anxiety or substance abuse issues, or both. Julie is a self-admitted geek whose favorite game is *Apples to Apples*.



Morgan Lee. Morgan is home grown; she graduated from WKU, with Dr. Pitt Derryberry as her advisor. Morgan has research experience with Dr. Rick Grieve looking at motivations of sport fans for attending a basketball game. She presented the findings of this study at the WKU Sport Psychology Forum. Currently, Morgan is interested in examining eating disorders. Her future goals include continuing her education and receiving a doctoral degree, working in a medical setting, and conducting international research. Morgan enjoys cliff diving/jumping in her free time (provided, of course, there is water under the cliffs from which she jumps...).



Chance Littrell. Chance comes to us from the University of Tennessee at Martin where his advisor was Dr. Susan Buckelew. Chance has research experience under Dr. Buckelew's tutelage examining the drive for muscularity, as well as sleep and attention and hope and academic performance. Chance presented two of these studies (drive for muscularity and eating attitudes and hope and academic performance) at the Southeastern Psychological Association annual convention in

2010. Chance's research interests remain in the area of muscle dysmorphia and drive for muscularity. Chance also has clinical experience performing ABA therapy at the Children's Center at UT, Martin. He also was able to provide lectures for Introduction to Psychology and a SEPA Travel Study course. Chance says that he would like to eventually find a job in academia. He wants to obtain a doctoral degree and continue researching drive for muscularity and/or muscle dysmorphia. Chance is a self-acclaimed health nut who enjoys lifting weights, running, biking, and all sorts of physical activities.



Dylan Nguyen. Dylan matriculated from the University of Evansville, where his advisor was Dr. John Felton. He has had a bit of research experience, working on studies examining eating disorders, lab rodents' mating rituals, phobias, and sex in advertising. His current research interests lie in the areas of eating disorders, addictive behaviors, and interpersonal (mostly romantic) violence. Dylan also has some clinical experience via shadowing therapists. His career goals include obtaining a doctoral degree and working abroad for a few year. Dylan says he wants to travel to every country in Europe before he turns 35!



Rebecca Wittman. Rebecca is another WKU graduate. Her advisor here was Dr. Carrie Pritchard. Rebecca has research experience with Dr. Andy Mienaltowski. Her current research interests lie in the areas of treatment and prevention of anxiety disorders and depression in children and adolescents. Rebecca's career goals include private practice, working at least part time in academia, having a television show, and opening a *pro bono* clinic for impoverished people. In her spare time, Rebecca writes, records, and performs slam poetry and hip hop.

Please join me in welcoming our new to Western Kentucky University. I am sure that they are as excited to be here as we are to have them join us.

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