

Clinical Psychology Update

Introducing

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Clinical class. I am very excited about our this year's incoming class. We were able to accept ten new students this year. Overall, they had an average undergraduate GPA of 3.41, an average GPA in Psychology of 3.59, a GRE Verbal score of 450, GRE Quantitative score of 534, and a total GRE score of 984. Four of the students have made at least one professional presentation. One of the students is home-grown, having graduated from Western Kentucky University. Four students hail from schools in Kentucky, three from Tennessee, and three come from what we like to call "up north." We are very excited to have such quality students begin the program and look forward to working with them over the next two years.



Rachel Goldstein. Rachel comes to us from the University of Louisville, where her advisor was Dr. Price Foster. Her undergraduate major was sociology and her minor was Russian. Rachel has done some traveling in her undergraduate career, spending some time in Belize in Central America. While there (why let a trip like that go to waste, eh?), she did some research on criminology. Rachel also has completed research on the psychology of inner-city children. Her current research interests lie in the area of criminal psychology. She would like to eventually obtain a doctoral degree in Forensic Psychology and work with the court system.

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Rebecca Cubberley. Rebecca is a graduate of Kent State University, where she worked with Dr. John Graham researching the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI) and with Stacy Williams in the Social Psychology Lab. Rebecca's current research interests include continuing researching the MMPI as well as looking at the correlates and causes of depression. Her future goals include continuing her education at the doctoral level and eventually opening her own practice.



Marissa Hobbs. Marissa is the third student in recent years to join us from Austin Peay State University. Her advisor there was Dr. Buddy Grah. Marissa also attended Bowling Green State University before moving to Clarksville, TN, and attending APSU. Marissa has a wealth of research experience, examining such areas as disordered eating patterns in college students and the affect of ammonia on short-term memory. She has presented her research at a number of regional and national conferences, the most recent being the 2004 American Psychological Association convention in Honolulu, HI. Her current research interests include eating disorders and juvenile crime. Clinically, Marissa has worked with

adolescents in state custody. Her future goals include continuing her education at the doctoral level, obtaining a law degree, or both. Marissa has been actively involved in Psi Chi at APSU, helping the chapter there win national recognition. She has spent time studying in Europe, has two dogs, plays five instruments, and is a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.



Nathan Kerr. Nathan matriculated from David Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN, where his advisor was Dr. Paul Turner. He has research experience looking at treatment approaches for schizophrenia and the effect of laughter on stress and performance. He describes his current research interests as being the broad areas of health psychology, forensic psychology, and neuropsychology. Nathan has worked as an intern at Sylvan Learning Centers. His future goals include acquiring a doctoral degree in clinical psychology, with a specialization in either Health Psychology, Neuropsychology, or Forensic Psychology.



Heather Kossick. Heather is one of our own graduates. Her advisor here at WKU was Dr. Dan Roenker. Heather has assisted Dr. Dan in a number of research endeavors examining vision and cognition in adults aged 65 and older. She has presented her research findings at a number of different local and regional conferences. Her current research interests are diverse, and include gerontology, family relationships, cognitive decline,

and body image. Heather's future goals include becoming a successful counselor/therapist and, perhaps, continuing her education at the doctoral level.



Virginia Lowery. Virginia comes to us from Centre College, where she was advised by Dr. Don Brown. Under the tutelage of Dr. Brown, she completed research examining alcohol consumption and personality factors among college students. She is currently undecided about her research interests and is open to ideas for a thesis project. She has worked clinically at a comprehensive day care with special needs children, as a mental health worker, and at the Rape Crisis Center. Virginia's future goals include becoming a mental health counselor. She hails from Murfreesboro, TN, and is a big University of Tennessee fan. We will just have to forgive her for that.



Erin McBride. Erin is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, where her advisor was Dr. Christine Blank. While Erin has little undergraduate research experience, her current interests include Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, and childhood psychopathology. Erin's immediate future goals include working with children, possibly in a hospital setting, after receiving her master's degree. Eventually, she would like to continue her education at the doctoral level and work in a private practice setting.



Isaac Pappas. Isaac is a proud graduate of William Patterson University in New Jersey (Isaac says it's really close to New York City). His advisor at WPU was Dr. Gloria Leventhall, with whom he conducted research examining cognitive and personality traits of children with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. He also has conducted research examining the effects of viewing television violence on children's behaviors. He has presented his findings at local conferences. Isaac's current research interests include psychological reactance, cognitive and emotional correlates in psychopathology, and anxiety/emotional disorders. His goals include continuing his education at the doctoral level. Isaac is an avid reader, likes to cook, enjoys lifting weights, and enjoys watching science fiction movies.



Amanda Sowers. Amanda joins us from Quincy University, where her advisor was Dr. David Edgerly. Amanda is unsure of her research interests, and is willing to listen to offers for thesis topics. She has done some clinical work with families, and her career goals include becoming a marriage and family therapist.



Justin Wright. Justin attended Lambuth University in Jackson, TN, where his advisor was Dr. Cheryl Bowers. Justin's undergraduate research experience included examining the effects of humor on spatial reasoning. He presented this and other research at the Mid-South Psychology Conference. Justin's current research interests include sport psychology, humor, depression, and autism. Justin has clinical experience working with people with disabilities ranging from Bipolar Disorder through Mental Retardation. His future goals include obtaining a doctoral degree and then hanging out his own shingle. Justin played soccer for four years at Lambuth, and is now coaching with SKY FC here in Bowling Green.

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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