



CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY | NEWS FOR THE CLASS OF 2021



Student and Faculty accomplishments for the 2016-2017 academic year

April 2017

Announcements

The Clinical Psychology Program is happy to announce that all 24 students who entered the internship match process have obtained placements, and 18 of 24 (75%) have mated at APA-accredited sites.

Recent Student Research

Second year students, Kristen Shaughnessy and Megan Constance traveled to Melbourne, Australia to present research conducted with Dr. Kate Jansen, entitled *Bridging the Gap between Physician and Psychologist Communication Methods*, at the 14th International Congress of Behavioral Medicine (ICBM).

Second year students Chelsie Smyth and Lauren Blake presented their research, *Gritty but Under Supported: Personal and Environmental Factors in Physician Burnout* at the 2017 Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers (APAHC) in Detroit, MI.

Third year student Kelsey DeGrave presented a poster titled, *Firefighters' interpersonal relaxation education (FIRE): A stress management program*, at the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP) annual conference in Phoenix, AZ.

Future Student Research

Jones, C., Jansen, K.L. (2017). *Sexual Healing: Physician Perceptions of Sexual Dysfunctions*. Poster to be presented at American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT) Annual Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

Sheehan, C.C., (2017). *Integration through co-education: Psychology on a medical school campus*. Poster to be presented at the 2017 Southwestern Psychological Association Convention, San Antonio, TX.

Steele, K., Jansen, K.L. (2017). *Sex, Stress, and School: Sexual Satisfaction of Graduate Students During the Span of Graduate School*. Poster to be presented at the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT) Annual Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

Turner, C., Jansen, K.L. (2017) *Behind Closed Doors: The Concealment of an Individual's Sexual Preference*. Poster to be presented at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Convention, Salt Lake City, UT

Collectively, faculty have more than 30 presentations completed or planned this academic year. The topic areas are varied and showcase diverse interests among our faculty.

Dr. Ruchi Bhargava presented on language and development.

Dr. Bhupin Butaney is presenting on evidence-based practices in managing therapeutic relationships.

Dr. Melissa Flint presented on Marfan Syndrome and transforming grief.

Dr. Kate Jansen presented on teaching communication in medicine.

Dr. Angela Breitmeyer was an invited panelist for the Board of Special Education Administrators Association.

Dr. Jessica Powell presented on cognitive changes in Parkinson's Disease.

Faculty travel locally, nationally, and internationally to present on these and other topics.



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

H.O.M.E.

Health Outreach through Medicine and Education (H.O.M.E.) is a program that offers education to the underserved homeless population in the Metropolitan Phoenix area. This past year H.O.M.E. expanded to include pet therapy as well!

A special thank you to student liaisons Dino Alihodzic, Carly Zankman, Chelsie Smyth, Lauren Blake, Jourdin Watkins, Beth Richter, Zara Raskin, and Geoff Streeter for all their work this year on the H.O.M.E. !

Psi Chi

Midwestern's Psi Chi chapter has been busy this inaugural year setting up policies, procedures, and event planning.

Psi Chi has held an "Alum & Yum" panel discussion/canned food drive during which four MWU Clinical Psychology alumni spoke about their experiences in grad school and post-graduation.

Some of our chapter members and faculty represented MWU at an Arizona State University sponsored Graduate School panel discussion in Tempe.

Finally, the group organized a student and faculty panel discussion designed to inform and encourage undergraduate students in efforts to pursue education and careers in psychology.

Division 19 Society for Military Psychology

Midwestern's on-campus student division of the Society for Military Psychology hosted an alumni event, bringing back past graduate Courtney Baker to discuss working in the VA.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year, Midwestern University offers spirit of service scholarships, which emphasizes community service and leadership. Congratulations to the current clinical psychology spirit of service scholarship award winners :

- Kolette Butler
- Anna Darbonne-Bjorndal
- Chris Glowacki
- Stephanie Lehto
- Alexx Meneses
- Shirley Yang

Second year student Chelsie Smyth was awarded the Singh Scholarship

Second year student Jourdin Watkins was awarded a full-ride scholarship from the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (U.S. Navy).

First year student Jude Alatorre was also awarded a full-ride armed services scholarship

Accomplishments

Second year student Cynthia Turner was presented with the Psi Chi Diversity award at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Annual Convention for her research conducted with Dr. Kate Jansen.

Second year student Chelsea Sheehan was selected as a distinguished presenter at the 3rd Annual Advocacy & Psychology Workshop.