“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” This quote from John F. Kennedy captures the sentiment around the Department of Psychology these days, because although we are sad to accept inevitable change, we also look to the future with anticipation and excitement. After 22 years of outstanding leadership, Dr. Rod Wellens stepped down as Chairman of the Department in June. Rod put his stamp on the department, including hiring 28 of the current 41 faculty members. Under his watch, the department grew into the largest undergraduate major in the College of Arts and Sciences and the largest departmental Ph.D. program in the university. Rod was instrumental in the development and growth of our community outreach programs, including the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD), the Linda Ray Intervention Center (LRIC), and the Psychological Service Center (PSC). During his time as Chair the total extramural grant dollars awarded to the department went from $1.1 million/year to a peak of $17.2 million/year, ranking us in the top group of psychology departments in the U.S. for research funding. All of us who have served under Rod know him as fair-minded, kind and modest, never taking credit for successes, but always making sure that others receive the praise. We are all grateful for his service, leadership and friendship, and we wish him well in the future.

As I begin my tenure as Chair, I feel privileged to be the steward of such an illustrious department, and I feel challenged to maintain and further develop our excellence in research, teaching, clinical training and community service. Helping me with this task will be our new leadership team, which includes Dr. Maria Llabre (Associate Chair/Graduate Studies), Brian Doss (Assistant Chair/Academic Services & Research), Michael Alessandri (Assistant Chair/Administration & Community Engagement), and Richard Williams (Assistant Chair/Finances and Compliance). The department has several exciting opportunities for growth, most notably the functional brain imaging facility in the new Neuroscience Annex. Over the past four years we have hired six new faculty members with research interests in cognitive neuroscience, who are spread across our three departmental divisions: Adult, Child and Health. This cross-cutting approach has allowed for the further integration of basic science and clinical research, and will help to foster centers of excellence in translational research within the department. In the pages that follow you can read about these new faculty members, the accomplishments of our other faculty and graduate students over the past year, and catch up on what some of our alumni have been doing. Let me thank you for your generous support of the department and its programs over the years, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Phil McCabe, Ph.D.
Professor and Chairman
Dr. Jennifer Britton has been appointed Director of the Neuroscience fMRI Facility. Dr. Britton also received Flipse Award funding for her project, “Reconsolidation Update Mechanisms in Healthy Youth.”

Dr. Kiara Timpano was the recipient of the Early Career Award from the Anxiety Disorders Special Interest Group of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, and a Career Development Leadership Award from the Anxiety & Depression Association of America. She also received the Victoria Noriega MUSE Cup.

Dr. Losin will join us in January 2015 after completing a postdoctoral research fellowship in the Institute of Cognitive Science and the Department of Cognitive Science and Neuroscience at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She received her Ph.D. in 2012 from UCLA in the Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program and Culture, Brain and Development Program. Her research uses behavioral and neuroimaging methods to investigate the neural mechanisms of social behavior in the context of cultural experience.

Dr. McIntosh’s work examines the mechanisms by which regulation of affect, i.e., feelings, thoughts and emotions, ultimately contribute to disease progression in persons living with HIV/AIDS. Specifically, he is interested in neuroendocrine, neurocognitive, inflammatory-immune, metabolic and cardiovascular risk factors mechanisms as they relate to dysregulated affect, e.g., anger, apathy, alexithymia and depression, in cross-sectional and longitudinal cohorts.

Dr. Szeto is a former graduate student of ours who has returned to the department after finishing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Diabetes Research Institute in the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Her research deals with the influence of behavioral factors (e.g., social environment, obesity/adiposity) on the progression of atherosclerosis, diabetes and systemic inflammation.

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On April 17th, the department honored Dr. Rod Wellens for his twenty-two years as Chairman of the University of Miami, Department of Psychology. Dr. Wellens joined the University of Miami in 1972. He was an early pioneer in the study of non-verbal communication and its importance in studying telemediated communications and experimental human-intelligent machine interactions. He was elected Chair of the Department of Psychology in 1992. From 2004 to 2006 he also served as Vice Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Department of Psychology is now one of largest Ph.D. granting departments at the University of Miami while also graduating the largest number of undergraduate majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. The department has extensive research and service programs throughout Miami-Dade County carried out by its 41 faculty and 100 full-time staff and research personnel. Its research programs have been ranked among the top nationally for National Institute of Health (NIH) funding in psychology departments, and its clinical program has received continuous accreditation by the American Psychological Association since 1966.

In 2008 the department received the American Psychological Association’s Culture of Service Award in the Psychological Sciences.

Through the collaborative efforts of the Departments of Psychology and Biology, as well as faculty from the Miller School of Medicine, the University of Miami was awarded a $15 million grant funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to construct a Neuroscience and Health Building on the University’s Coral Gables Campus. The building opened in 2013 and contains a state of the art functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) facility that is being used to study brain plasticity and networking. In collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences’ “Understanding the Brain” Initiative, the Department of Psychology has hired a group of neuroscientists who will make use of this facility to study brain mechanisms involved in both normal and abnormal social-emotional development.

In recognition of Rod’s outstanding service and commitment to the university, an annual employee award has been established.

The inaugural Rod Wellens Outstanding Service Award was presented in May 2014 to Ms. Jossie Dauval and Dr. Richard Williams.
The Clinical Program has had an outstanding year! As you may recall, in August 2013, we submitted our Self Study for renewal of our program accreditation by the American Psychological Association (APA). In April 2014, we had our official site visit and it went extremely well. This past summer, the APA Commission on Accreditation conducted their final review of our program. We are now re-accredited for the maximum 7-year period (until 2021)! Thanks to all of you - our graduate students and program graduates - for your help and support with this important but time-consuming process.

We currently have 63 graduate students (33% ethnic minorities) in clinical psychology enrolled within the department, including 10 who began their clinical internships this summer (see list). This fall, we have our largest “first year” class in a while, with 16 new clinical students admitted (4 in adult clinical, 6 in child clinical or pediatric health, and 6 in adult health). We also have hired a new clinical faculty member in the Adult Area (Assistant Professor, Dr. Aaron Heller), who will begin his position in the fall of 2015.

Because the Department of Psychology has one of the largest clinical psychology programs in the country, and is a major emphasis within the department, Academic Analytics was asked to evaluate the quality of our research program in comparison to the 94 clinical psychology programs in their database (in part, to gather data for the department’s strategic plan). The clinical program ranked in the upper 10% based on the following indicators of success (total number of citations, number of grants per faculty member, number of faculty who publish, and total number of articles published).

Overall, the UM Program was in the top 20% of all clinical programs – both in the Academic Analytics database and in the 2014 report published by the U.S. News and World Report on 177 clinical psychology Ph.D. programs. These ratings are consistent with our reputation as one of the best clinical psychology programs in the country with a clinical science emphasis.

In addition, our program data that we report annually to APA also shows that we are significantly above their “benchmarks” for all our clinical and research outcomes, including: the percent of students who match with an APA-accredited internship; the percent of graduates who are licensed; the percent of current students who publish and present at meetings each year. If you are interested in seeing these outcome data, just go to the homepage for the Clinical Program and click on Student Admissions, Outcomes, and Other Data (www.psy.miami.edu/graduate/clinical_training/admissions_outcomes_other_data.pdf).

We enjoy hearing from our graduates, so don’t forget to drop us a line!

2014 INTERNS

Adrienne Alpern
Children’s Hospital of Orange County, Orange, CA

Emily Bilek
University of Michigan Mary A. Rackham Institute, Ann Arbor, MI

Erin Etzel
VA Medical Center, Miami, FL

Sarah Henry
University of California, San Diego VA, San Diego, CA

Courtney Kelsch
VA Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

Emily Lattie
Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Katherine McLean
Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Cara Remmes
Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY

Maria Rossetti
VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

Jamie Stagl
Harvard Medical School Mass. General Hospital, Boston, MA

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Dr. Roger McIntosh has joined the Division of Health Psychology as a Research Assistant Professor engaged in HIV/AIDS research. Dr. Angela Szeto has also joined the us as a Research Assistant Professor; she works closely with Phil McCabe on his funded NIH research projects involving animal models of atherosclerosis. Dr. Elizabeth Losin will join the Health Division and department on January 1, 2015 as a tenure-line Assistant Professor. Dr. Losin uses imaging technology to study the neurological correlates of sociocultural influences on human health. She joins a faculty group that includes Dr. Lucina Uddin, who studies brain connectivity and function related to social-behavioral factors in autism and Dr. Amishi Jha, who also uses magnetic resonance imaging to study mind-body relationships. These investigators as well as other faculty members in the division conduct research that often crosses our department’s permeable divisional boundaries.

An important project within the Division of Health Psychology has been the Hispanic Community Health Study/Study of Latinos (SOL). Based on the previous success of SOL in terms of major research accomplishments and publications, the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of NIH has continued funding SOL through 2019. Headed by Dr. Neil Schneiderman, key Miami Field Center faculty investigators include Dr. Marc Gellman (project manager), Dr. Barry Hurwitz (echocardiography) and Dr. Maria Llabre (methodology and biostatistics). Dr. Schneiderman received the 2014 Distinguished Scientific Award of the American Psychosomatic Society for his “lifetime contributions.”

In research aimed at reducing cardiovascular risk in adolescents, Dr. Pat Saab leads an NIH project focusing on good nutrition, physical activity, healthy lifestyle, and health careers. Pat also heads the ROSE (Reaching Overweight Students Everywhere) program, an obesity prevention program for young people made possible by a generous gift from Dr. Howard and Mrs. Muriel Rose. The ROSE program recently began providing clinical services in Miami-Dade County Public Schools in collaboration with the Jocelyn Lawrence (UM Family Medicine) school-clinic based health initiative.

Another important research focus in the division is on cancer. Dr. Michael Antoni leads the effort in our department and is the Program Co-Leader in Cancer Prevention Control and Survivorship at the UM Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Antoni, who leads major grants conducting cognitive-behavioral treatment of cancer in women, is Associate Editor of two international journals, Psychology and Health and the International Journal of Behavioral Medicine. Dr. Monica Webb, who also conducts cancer-related research, is involved in extramurally-funded investigations in tobacco-cessation, minority health and genetics and has also begun research concerning e-cigarettes.

Dr. Youngmee Kim’s research, funded by the American Cancer Society, has been examining ethnic disparities in cancer caregiver’s elevated health risk.

Dr. Gail Ironson leads the Miami component of an NIH funded HIV prevention and trauma treatment program in collaboration with former Health Division graduate student, Conall O’Cleirigh, now on the faculty at Harvard. Dr. Ironson also is funded by the John Templeton Foundation to conduct survey research relating spirituality and health.

As it has for many years, the division continues to benefit from an impressive cadre of highly productive post-doctoral fellows and graduate students, who upon completion of their training go on to successful professional careers. In recognition of this excellence in training, the NHLBI of NIH has continued funding our research training grant in cardiovascular disease through 2019. The training grant, with Neil Schneiderman as director, has been continually funded since 1979.
It is with very mixed feelings that we announce that Dr. Heather Henderson, Associate Professor and Associate Director of the Child Division, has taken a faculty position at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. This is wonderful news for Heather’s family, who have missed her very much, but sad news for us who valued her tremendously as a researcher, collaborator, mentor and friend. We will be initiating a search for a new developmental faculty member this year.

We are very pleased to have a new faculty member in neuroscience join the Child Division. Dr. Jennifer Britton, an Assistant Professor, conducts research on the behavioral and neural correlates of anxiety. She has also been appointed Director of the Neuroscience fMRI facility.

Child Division faculty members continue to receive awards for their accomplishments. Dr. Annette La Greca received the 2014 Distinguished Career Award from the Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (APA Division 53) for her research on children’s risk and resilience in the aftermath of trauma/disasters.

Dr. Daniel Messinger has been named a UM College of Arts and Sciences Cooper Fellow for 2014-2017. Dr. Jill Ehrenreich-May was honored as a 2015 Beck Scholar for her intervention research and training expertise in child anxiety. Dr. Jennifer Britton was awarded the University of Miami, College of Arts and Sciences, Scholarly and Creative Activities Award. She also became an Associate Member of the competitive research society, American College of europsychopharmacology (ACNP).

Our faculty continues to receive external funding for child clinical and developmental research. Our faculty has been very successful in obtaining grants and support from the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). For example, Dr. Amanda Jensen-Doss was awarded an IES grant to test the effectiveness of modular psychotherapy in school-based settings while Dr. Christine Delgado participated in a research partnership with IES that will build infrastructure to support longitudinal research with Miami-Dade Public School and other early childhood agencies. Dr. Rebecca Shearer was also awarded a 2-year researcher-practitioner grant, “Miami-Dade County Partnership for School Readiness and Early School Success” from the IES. Dr. Shearer also, in collaboration with colleagues at the University of Virginia, piloted a social-emotional professional development intervention with the Miami-Dade County Head Start program, called Learning to Objectively Observe Kids (LOOK). Finally, Dr. Daryl Greenfield’s school readiness lab continued its work on IES-funded early childhood science projects, Lens on Science, Enfoque en Ciencia, and Early Childhood Hands-On Science. Dr. Greenfield’s group also continued its National Science Foundation funded early childhood integrated science and engineering project, Readiness through Integrative Science and Engineering (RISE).

Our faculty is also consistently funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other external funding agencies. Dr. Alexandra Quittner, for example, received a 5-year continuation of her NIH grant studying the effects of cochlear implant surgery on the developmental outcomes of deaf children, as well as a new grant from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to develop measures of barriers to adherence. Dr. Quittner is also working on a European Union FP7 grant to develop health-related quality of life tools for children, adolescents, and adults with primary ciliary dyskinesia. Also funded by NIH, Dr. Daniel Messinger received a new grant examining the role of genetic variants in parent-infant communication among families affected by autism as well as a grant from NSF to study infant attention. Dr. Brian Doss finished collecting pre-post results on his online program for distressed couples (www.OurRelationship.com, funded by National Institute of Child Health and Human Development) and preliminary results indicate it has important effects on relationship functioning and mental health.

As we continue to expand the translational nature of our research, our reach into the local and national community has expanded. A number of our faculty are identifying processes and interventions that can be disseminated and implemented in the community. Examples of this include Dr. Kristin Lindahl who is developing an Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual (LGB) family support website based on her NIH funded research. Dr. Jill Ehrenreich-May has had a very successful year running the Child and Adolescent Mood and Anxiety Treatment Program (CAMAT), recruiting over 100 youth and their families to participate on-site in assessment and treatment. Several evidence-based interventions are offered, including Kid Detectives (for children ages 6-13 with anxiety and comorbidities) and the Attending to Anxiety Study (a collaborative intervention study with Dr. Jennifer Britton for adolescents, ages 13-17). Dr. Alexandra Quittner chaired the International Guidelines Committee on Mental Health in Cystic Fibrosis; they are disseminating recommendations for annual screening of depression and anxiety in both patients and parent caregivers.

For more information regarding the Child Division please visit us on the web at www.psy.miami.edu/graduate/clinical_training
There were two bits of particularly good news for the Adult Division this year. The first is that Dr. Debra Lieberman has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. We congratulate her on that very important achievement, and look forward to her continuing professional development.

The second is that the Adult Division successfully recruited a new faculty member this spring. Dr. Aaron Heller, a clinical psychologist from the University of Wisconsin, is currently completing a postdoctoral fellowship and will join us in August of 2015. He tells us that he has already obtained his first UM t-shirt. Aaron is expected to help lead the Adult Division into the world of neuroimaging, along with the department’s other imaging specialists in other tracks. His research interests are in the cognitive and neural underpinnings of psychopathology, particularly depression.

Dr. Heller’s arrival in Coral Gables will coincide with Chuck Carver’s return to UM, after an extremely well-deserved sabbatical year, which he will spend at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, at Stanford University, from September through next June. Also on sabbatical in the coming year from the Adult Division will be Rod Wellens (a sabbatical that is more than extremely well deserved) and Debra Lieberman (a sabbatical that, let’s just say, is also well-deserved).

Given the number of absences in the coming year due to these sabbaticals, the Adult Division will defer its next effort at faculty recruitment until the following year, when everyone will be back in place. The Adult Division will again be short by two faculty members, with this year’s departure of Dr. Matthias Siemer, who will join Dr. Jutta Joormann at Yale.

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Rod Gillis, Ph.D. has been a full time member of our teaching faculty since 1993. He has taught many classes including introductory psychology, social psychology, child and adolescent development, introduction to biobehavioral statistics, intermediate statistics, and the experimental social and personality laboratory. Dr. Gillis shares his expertise in the classroom by conducting workshops for our first year graduate student instructors and has extended his range to teaching the introductory graduate statistics class as well.

Frank Foote, Ph.D. has been with the department full-time since 2004. He enjoys teaching introductory statistics and human sexual behavior every semester and at various times also teaches abnormal, industrial/organizational, personality, and social psychology. Outside of teaching, he has a small private practice working with couples and individual therapy with adults. He also has served as President of the Miami-Dade/Monroe Counties Psychological Association and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Florida Psychological Association. He is an enthusiastic supporter of Hurricane football and women’s basketball. Go Canes!

Rick Steutzle, Ph.D. has been with the department since 1999. He primarily spends his time teaching statistics and research methods, as well as tests and measurements and other courses as needed. In addition, he collaborates with Dr. Gail Ironson in her Positive Survivors Lab, examining psychosocial predictors of disease progression in HIV-positive patients. He has served on several thesis and dissertation committees, and as part of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee he is working to modify and improve the curriculum and experience for Psychology majors.

We also have a dedicated group of individuals who devote time to teaching including Michael DiTomasso, Veronica Fernandez, Blanche Freund, Hillary Hoffman, Elyse Hurtado, Jill Kaplan, Amy Schaffer and Barry Zwibelman.
GRADUATE NEWS
GRADUATE STUDENT ANNUAL AWARDS

BERTHA WEBER AWARD
CARA REMMES
In appreciation of service to the department.

DR. CAROL ALSON FINEMAN AWARD
EMILY BECKER
In support of research dealing with abused or emotionally disturbed children.

S.T. CALVIN AWARD
ERIC PEDERSEN
For excellence in quantitative methods by a graduate student.

DR. KEITH G. SCOTT - CARD GRADUATE AWARD (DEVELOPMENTAL)
CASEY BURROWS
For the graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in developmental research in autism.

DR. PETER MUNDY - CARD GRADUATE AWARD (CLINICAL)
KAYLA GURAK
For the graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in clinical research or treatment in autism.

ROD GILLIS AWARD
ANDRES BUSTAMANTE
ASHLEY SHAW
The recipients of the Rod Gillis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARDS

CRYSTAL NOLLER
BRIAN RICHTAR
MARC WEINTRAUB

THE KIRK R. DANHOUR MEMORIAL AWARD
is awarded each spring to one fourth year graduate student from each of the department’s three divisions. Students are selected by the faculty based on outstanding academic performance, progress and quality of research, leadership, social integration, involvement in departmental activities, and development of clinical skills (if applicable).

KIMBERLY ARDITTE
Adult Division

DEVON GANGI
Child Division

EMILY LATTIE
Health Division


The Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology (UASP) office works with undergraduate psychology and neuroscience majors to educate them about their academic opportunities and help them plan for graduation and beyond. With approximately 700 psychology students and 275 neuroscience students, these two majors compose roughly 18% of the College of Arts and Sciences and 8% of the University, making UASP one of the largest units on campus.

Throughout the year, the Director of Undergraduate Academic Services, Sean Kilpatrick, and the Advisors, Alida Lambert, Idrissa “Dris” Stephen, and Nicole Laviña, worked closely with the Peer Advising Liaisons (PALs) to continue to provide students with the highest-quality advising services by helping them develop graduation plans, explore research opportunities, and prepare for graduate school and/or future careers. They also launched their new brand (see pg.13) as a visual representation of their mission to help increase their visibility on campus.

PEER ADVISING LIAISONS (PALs)

The PALs are a group of 15 highly-trained student employees who serve as the “liaison” between the undergraduate population, the professional advising staff, and the faculty. Congratulations to the 2013-2014 PAL graduates, Alea Agrawal, Jennifer Baumgartner, Vidhya Krishnan, Nicole Laviña, Grace Madsen, William McAuliffe, Alex Perez-Calvo, and Raisa Uddin.

ACADEMICS

For yet another year, the Department of Psychology carried the third heaviest undergraduate teaching load of any unit in the University. The faculty taught 8,385 credit hours in the fall, which was 10.29% of the total hours taught in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and 5.08% of the total hours taught in the University. This trend continued in the spring as the instructors taught 7,546 hours or 9.90% of those in the CAS and 4.73% of those in the University.

The end of the 2014 summer sessions marked the end of the first year of the department’s new undergraduate curriculum. Changes to the curriculum were originally proposed years ago to make the curriculum more consistent with the American Psychological Association’s recommendations for breadth of exposure to the different areas of psychology, to provide each graduate with a strong foundation in statistics and research methods, to create a greater sense of coherence between each of the psychology courses, and to better prepare undergraduates for graduate school, professional school, and/or other careers. These changes were the largest changes ever made to the department’s undergraduate program. The new curriculum included the creation of new course numbers to reflect course level and psychology subfield, the addition of prerequisites to require a stronger knowledge base in the foundations of psychology, and the development of a new statistics and research methods sequence. The implementation of the new curriculum could not have gone smoother. A special thank you goes to the UASP staff and the faculty, especially the statistics and methods instructors, for their support.

GRADUATES

Approximately 230 psychology and 70 neuroscience majors graduated this academic year. All students were invited to the annual Graduation Party where the following students received one of the department’s prestigious senior awards:

- Sarah Alfonso
- Outstanding Psychology Major Award
- Dina Djiani, Joaquin Jimenez, and Raisa Uddin
- Ed Green Outstanding Neuroscience Major Award
- William McAuliffe
- Eber Award
- Ana Moas
- Psi Chi Award

FACT FORUM and TUMS

Every year UASP welcomes hundreds of new students to the University and works closely with them through their FACT FORUM and TUMS programs during their first year. Roughly 150 freshmen participated in FACT (Freshmen Advising Contact Term) last fall where they met weekly with the Director of Undergraduate Academic Services, an Advisor, and a PAL to discuss academic advising, academia, research, curriculum planning, campus resources, and post-baccalaureate options. In the spring, these students entered the FORUM (Faculty Overview of Research and Undergraduate Mentoring) class where they met weekly with a psychology or neuroscience faculty member to learn about the research process in general, the faculty member’s research, and the different research opportunities available at the University. Thank you to Drs. Bramlett, Britton, Ehrenreich-May, Hurwitz, Jensen-Doss, Jha, Kim, McCullough, Shearer, and Timpano for mentoring our freshmen FORUM students.

- Fact Forum and TUMS con’t
Transferring to a new institution can be very difficult for a number of students. To help alleviate “transfer shock,” UASP worked closely with 50 new transfer students in the TUMS (Transfer to the University of Miami) program. This one semester course is similar to FACT FORUM but is specially tailored to the unique needs of the transfer students, and it’s designed to help ease their adjustment to the University.

RESEARCH

A high percentage of psychology and neuroscience majors participated in different types of research experiences this past year. Thirty-five students worked one-on-one with a faculty mentor and his/her laboratory to write a Senior Honors Thesis for Departmental Honors. Others presented their research at national conferences and some students turned their work into publications.

The 17th Annual PRIME (Psychology Research Initiatives Mentorship Experience) and JUMPSTART (Just for University of Miami Psychology Students to Accelerate Research Training) summer research programs, supported by the Fred C. and Helen Donn Flipse Endowment, wrapped up on July 25th with a full professional poster session. The 9 PRIME students and 4 JUMPSTART students who participated in these 10-week programs spent at least 20 hours a week invested in their faculty member’s laboratory where they put together an original research project. Thank you to Drs. Britton, Doss, Ehrenreich-May, Ironson, Jensen-Doss, Jha, Kim, Messinger, Quittner, and Timpano for serving as PRIME and JUMPSTART mentors.

Senior Honors Thesis students and former PRIME participants presented their research projects at the University’s Annual Research, Creativity, and Innovation Forum (RCIF) on Wednesday, April 2nd. Two psychology majors, Nicole Laviña and Sara Witcraft, tied for 1st in the Social Sciences category, and one neuroscience and one psychology major, Adam Burton and Sarah Alfonso, tied for 3rd. Three other neuroscience majors, Samuel Powell, Shreyans Patel, and Daniel Valenzuela placed first, second, and third, respectively in the Biological Sciences category.

The department was fortunate enough to have four undergraduates represent psychology and neuroscience at the 9th annual ACC Meeting of the Minds Undergraduate Research Conference from April 3rd-5th at the University of Pittsburgh. During this conference, undergraduates from the 12 ACC institutions shared their original research projects with faculty and peers. This year Christa Hunt, Emily Minor, Samuel Powell, and Raisa Uddin represented the department with their top-notch research.

Eight advanced neuroscience majors also took part in the annual College of Arts and Sciences Beyond the Book/Lois Pope Summer Research Fellowship during summer 2014. All students worked full-time with a neuroscience faculty member throughout the 10-week program where they participated in all aspects of the research process. A special thanks goes to Drs. Bramlett, Chiba, Kim, McCabe, Muller, Perez-Pinzon, Sick, and Toborek for mentoring the Lois Pope students.

OTHER NEWS

2014 UM STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

UASP’s own Peer Advising Liaison (PAL), Nicole Laviña, was named as the University’s Student Employee of the Year during the annual Office of Student Employment Awards Celebration on Tuesday, April 15th. Nicole was nominated by UASP because she completely embodies the office’s mission, and she is always willing to go above and beyond for the team and for the students they serve. In recognition of her hard work, Nicole received a $1,000 scholarship and entry into the regional Southern Association of Student Employment Administrators (SASEA) Student of the Year competition.

THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN PSYCHOLOGY

Under the leadership of UM’s Psi Chi chapter president, Andrea Lafnitzegger, and faculty advisor, Dr. Jennifer Durocher, Psi Chi increased its visibility in the department and on campus by hosting discussion panels on current and relevant topics related to psychology, participating in community service events (e.g., Fun Day), and inviting researchers to participate in a Research Recruitment Fair. The student group also inducted its newest members at the Newman Alumni Center this past spring, included honorary member, Kent Schomber, the department’s senior mail clerk.

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THE UNDERGRADUATE NEUROSCIENCE SOCIETY (TUNS)

TUNS seeks to increase interest in the interdisciplinary field of neuroscience by connecting and educating students, faculty, and community members. Throughout the past academic year, Daniel Valenzuela, president of TUNS worked closely with his executive board and their faculty advisor, Dr. Phil McCabe, to host numerous guest lectures, create an exhibit at the Miami Brain Fair, and develop exciting new services (e.g., shadowing connections for pre-med neuroscience majors).

JUST DESSERTS

In February, over 130 undergraduate psychology and neuroscience majors attended the annual Just Desserts celebration where they were given their “just desserts” for making the honor roll. During the event, Dr. Kiara Timpano was presented with the 2014 Victoria Noriega MUSE Cup for contributions to the Undergraduate Program to recognize her dedication to teaching and mentoring undergraduate students. Congratulations to Dr. Timpano and the honor roll students!

Psychology and Neuroscience - Phi Beta Kappa

Sarah Alfonso  Krystal Gonzalez  Kristina Pak
Shreya Baid  Gabriel Jimenez-Garcia  Jennifer Rizzo
Semerjit Bains  Keun Lee  Shawn Shah
Kathleen Borghoff  Jeffrey Lowell  Karina Somohano
Christena Caminata  Camilo Martinez  Kenneth Transky
Gaela Cohen  Danielle  Katryna Thomas
Dina Dajani  Morabito  Valerie Villar
Jason Frishman  Brock Gamez  Fuyuan Xie
Andrew Nashed  Jacob Yomtoob

BUILDING THE BRAND

UASP’s philosophy is that all students can become their own best advisors but by working together, UASP can provide them with the information they need to take full advantage of their undergraduate education. It is their goal to see students successfully transition from rewarding undergraduate careers to the world beyond. They know students come from a myriad of backgrounds and have an even larger number of ambitions and post-baccalaureate goals. Therefore, UASP strives to provide a comprehensive range of services so no goal is unattainable.

This year, UASP decided to develop a brand students would recognize and associate with their commitment to meeting their academic needs. They wanted to incorporate themes related to UM, psychology, success, and independence, as well as how they envision bringing all of these elements together.

2014 Lois Pope Neuroscience Summer Research Fellows

Eleven neuroscience students participated in an intensive research experience with a UM faculty member. Student researchers spent 40 hours per week for 10 weeks conducting neuroscience research. Congratulations to this year’s Lois Pope Fellows and their mentors!

Roberto Diaz worked with Dr. Kenneth Muller, Physiology
Natalie Hamilton worked with Dr. Philip McCabe, Psychology
Hope Hua worked with Dr. Michael Kim, Pharmacology
Kayla Kistler worked with Dr. Helen Bramlett, Miami Project
Maura Lapoff worked with Dr. Thomas Sick, Miami Project
Jorge Lombardi worked with Dr. Michal Toborek, Biochemistry
Ken Transky worked with Dr. Miguel Perez-Pinzon, Neurology
Fuyuan Xie worked with Dr. Akira Chiba, Biology

2014 PRIME Summer Research Fellows

Caela Cohen worked with Dr. Brian Doss
Savannah King worked with Dr. Kiara Timpano
Noelle Mendez worked with Dr. Kiara Timpano
Maria Metaweh worked with Dr. Gail Ironson
Danielle Morabito worked with Dr. Kiara Timpano
Benjamin Pernick worked with Dr. Amishi Jha
Stefania Pinto worked with Dr. Youngmee Kim
Luis Regalado worked with Dr. Gail Ironson
Brittany Tripp worked with Dr. Jennifer Britton

2014 JUMPSTART Summer Research Fellows

Jessica Janos worked with Dr. Jill Ehrenreich-May
Lissa Mandell worked with Dr. Daniel Messinger
Samantha Walsh worked with Dr. Amanda Jensen Doss
Hoijin Yoon worked with Dr. Alexandra L. Quittner

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Dr. Jennifer Durocher reports that the Autism Spectrum Assessment Clinic (ASAC) has had another productive year. ASAC is a specialty clinic within the Department of Psychology, dedicated to providing diagnostic and psychoeducational evaluations and therapy to individuals with autism and other social-communicative difficulties. Under the supervision of Drs. Melissa Hale and Amy Beaumont, ASAC serves as an evidence-based training clinic for a number of graduate-level practicum students and interns in best-practice assessment and treatment approaches for ASD.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Meaghan Venezia Parladé, who is currently a postdoctoral fellow at CARD/ASAC, has recently become licensed. We anticipate her remaining with ASAC as our Coordinator of Intervention Services. In addition, ASAC has once again had a successful match for our rotation for the Mailman Center’s Internship Program in Clinical Child and Pediatric Psychology. Meredith Brinster has joined our ASAC team as a psychology intern for the 2014 – 2015 academic year. Meredith comes to us from the Doctoral Program in School Psychology at University of Texas at Austin and we are thrilled to have her join our team. For further information regarding ASAC, please visit us online at www.umasac.org.

Dr. Parker joined CARD as the Consulting Director of our NSU Satellite office in 2001 when our satellite office moved to the Fischler School of Education. She was instrumental in building a strong positive relationship between CARD and the Fischler School by serving as a liaison between CARD and the University.

She was a phenomenal mentor and friend to our staff, and enriched our program tremendously with her knowledge, professionalism, and warm and caring spirit. Her love for CARD and what it stood for in the community is inspiring to us all, and we will dedicate ourselves daily to building upon her remarkable legacy.

Dr. Parker’s impact extends well beyond our staff. Over the years, she proudly represented CARD at national conferences and speaking engagements. She was a gifted teacher, a renowned speech pathologist, and an unparalleled leader within the national and international autism communities for her expertise in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). She fought tirelessly to make sure every child’s voice was heard, and she touched the lives of so many families. She will be profoundly missed, but we know that she lives on in each of us whom she touched.

Robin’s family has asked that donations in her memory be made to CARD. Those interested in doing so can visit www.umcard.org. Once on the homepage, simply click on the DONATE tab which will lead you to options to donate to UM or NSU. Funds donated in Robin’s memory to either of those accounts will be used to support the Dr. Robin Parker Technology Scholarship Fund which will allow us to direct scholarship funds and/or AAC support to families in need.

We will be recognizing Dr. Parker’s remarkable legacy in many different ways over the coming months, and we will keep the community she loved (and that loved her) informed every step of the way.

Dr. Christine Delgado, Director of the Children’s Registry and Information System (CHRIS) reports that the project has been continuously funded by the Florida Department of Education since 1991. CHRIS staff, including Olga Camacho, Cory Beermann, and Tony Gonzalez are responsible for the development and maintenance of a statewide registry of young children who have disabilities that may affect their future school performance and children who may be at-risk of developing such disabilities. Additional information on the CHRIS project can be obtained online at www.chris.miami.edu.
The Psychological Services Center (PSC), the Department of Psychology’s training clinic, provides research-driven training to our doctoral graduate students. This past year, the PSC continued to serve a diverse population in our community, providing both outpatient therapy and assessment services to children, adolescents, and adults. In addition, we continue with our commitment to provide other evidence-based services to the community, which include educational workshops, as well as group treatment programs.

Dr. Saneya H. Tawfik, Clinic Director and Director of Assessment Services, as well as Dr. Judith Rey McCalla, Staff Psychologist, are both licensed psychologists. They provide clinical supervision and training for the Clinical Psychology doctoral students at the PSC. A marked increase in the number of graduate students and post-doctoral students receiving evidence-based interventions and assessment training at the Clinic continued this past year. Under the supervision of Dr. Tawfik, advanced students were able to join the Advanced Assessment Practicum group in order to gain further training in assessment and supervision skills. In addition to mentoring students through the overall assessment process, including conducting intake and feedback sessions, and helping with the administration and scoring of tests, they also provided services to the more complex assessment cases referred by schools, hospitals, university disability services, and physicians to the PSC. The Advanced Assessment Practicum group has continued to grow significantly and this past year consisted of the following Clinical Psychology doctoral students, Adrienne Alpern, Emily Becker, Sherilynn Chan, Larisa Cicila, Christine Ghilain, Daniel Hall, Hoa Lam, and Ashley Smith. They were all invaluable in mentoring the beginning practicum students and successfully completing complicated assessment cases.

Dr. Saneya Tawfik was named Co-Chair of two national organization committees—the Diversity Committee and the Supervision Committee for the Association for Psychology Training Clinics (APTC). She also completed another successful year coordinating the school-based group intervention program (PEP-C), which targets children struggling with emotional and academic difficulties.

This past year, advanced students seeking further training in therapy and in gaining supervision experience were also able to join the Advanced Therapy Practicum Group, supervised by Dr. McCalla. Cara Remmes and Katie McLean were part of the Advanced Therapy Practicum Group this year. In addition, a variety of groups were offered at the PSC and supervised by Dr. Judith Rey McCalla. In fall 2013, we started an 8-week Anxiety and Stress Reduction Group for adults who wanted to learn how to reduce their anxiety and manage their stress more effectively. It was led by Cara Remmes and Katie McLean, Child Division graduate students, who were given the opportunity to enrich their training by working with adults. This group program was such a success that it was offered again in spring 2014. This time it was led by Emily Georgia and Ashley Smith, who were from the Adult and Child Division, respectively. Once again, the reviews were very positive. This past Spring 2014, Dr. McCalla also supervised the 10-week Coping Skills Training Group for individuals who wanted to learn ways to cope more successfully with their daily stressors and demands. This group was led by Marissa Alert and Lisa Gudenkauf, Health Division graduate students. Recruitment has already begun for upcoming groups in the Fall, including the Healthy Lifestyle Group, a 12-week intervention that focuses on improving nutrition, increasing physical activity and reducing stress, and the Coping Skills Training Group.

PSC’s Program for Emotional Problems in Children (PEP-C), under the direction of Dr. Tawfik, had another successful year serving Miami-Dade County Public School’s (MDCPS) children. Dr. Tawfik, along with PEP-C’s Graduate Assistant, Sarah Kennedy, conducted both group treatment programs and educational workshops this past year. Preventive community mental health to ethnically diverse children and their families continued to be our focus. Through in-school group treatment programs, MDCPS students were successfully taught evidence-based strategies on how to cope with stressful events. In fact, since PEP-C’s commencement in 2010, there has been a significant decrease among group participants’ symptoms of anxiety and depression pre and post intervention. In addition to providing bilingual services (English and Spanish) to children and families, PEP-C also provided educational workshops for teachers, counselors, and staff, in order to help them to identify and better manage varying emotional and behavioral disorders in their classrooms.

For more information about PSC, please visit www.psy.miami.edu/psc/ or call us at 305-284-4265 ext. 0.

The Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System/University of Miami (FDLRS/UM) Center
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The FDLRS-University of Miami/Linda Ray Intervention Center has been busy providing a summer early literacy immersion program to over forty infants and toddlers with developmental delays, through funding from the Children’s Trust. Additionally, infant mental health clinical services are being provided to babies and toddlers identified as victims as child maltreatment and/or born prenatally drug exposed and their parents to help repair their relationships, as part of ongoing collaborations with the Juvenile Court and the child welfare community. Training has been provided to a variety of educational and social service agencies, covering topics such as disability awareness, infant mental health and typical and atypical child development, as a component of the FDLRS/UM project, funded by the Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Student Education. A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded feasibility study of the Legacy for Children parenting program model is continuing for the coming year. For more information go to www.fdlrs-um.org.
Samantha Belabin (B.S.Ed. ’14) is now attending Nova Southeastern University’s Psy.D. program in clinical psychology.

Amanda Elyse Bleak, MS, LMCHC, (A.B. ’94) graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic University with Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology in May 2010. In July 2013, she obtained (L.M.H.C.) License Mental Health Counselor certification for the state of Florida. She has worked as a therapist in the outpatient department at Daniel Memorial, Inc. in Jacksonville, FL, since July 2010, and was promoted to senior clinician in 2013. She started her private practice in August 2014 in St. Augustine, FL.

Kim Marie Cortez-Riggio, Ph.D., (AB ’96) earned an M.A. in psychology from Pepperdine University (specializing in child development), and then an M.S. in education (general and special education) from Hunter College. In March 2014, she defended her dissertation in Education/Literacy Studies from Hofstra University. It focused on the intersection of digital literacy, education and the socio-emotional development of elementary-aged children. Married since October 2008, Dr. Cortez-Riggio is the very happy mom of Bodhi Rainn born earlier this year.

Aaron J. Fischer, Ph.D., BCBA, (A.B. ’09) graduated from Louisiana State University with a Ph.D. in school psychology in August 2014. He now serves as an assistant professor of school psychology at the University of Utah. His research interests include the assessment and treatment of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and the use of technology in the practice of school psychology. He recently obtained his Board certification in Behavior Analysis.

Ron Ganellen, Ph.D. (Ph.D. ’83) Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, is a psychologist and neuropsychologist. His areas of expertise include phobias, cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), and panic disorder. He is affiliated with Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Ganellen is President of the Society of Personality Assessment.

Christopher Gentle, Ph.D., (A.B. ’83, M.S. ’86, Ph.D. ’88) received his PhD in neuroscience in 1987. He then earned advanced degrees in education and pursued a career developing technology-based learning programs. He served in a variety of roles at several institutions including Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Nova University, the National Academy Foundation, Kaplan Education and various for-profit educational technology companies. Chris is a noted “education entrepreneur” in the online learning industry, having co-founded numerous for-profit online education companies. Two of his companies, Virtual Sage Online Curriculum and the University of Miami Online High School, were acquired by Kaplan Education/Washington Post in 2007. Subsequently, Chris founded and launched FYI Online Learning, which was recently acquired by a multinational technology company that serves over 40 million learners worldwide. His immediate plans are to remain with the company to pursue the development and implementation of new innovations for online learning on a global scale.

Sherry Goldman, M.D. (AB ’74) graduated from UM in 1974 with majors in psychology and mathematics. She went on to earn her M.D. in 1979 from the George Washington University School of Medicine, followed by a residency in pediatrics at the Children’s Hospital National Medical Center (1980-1983). She subsequently was Chief Resident in pediatrics at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore from 1983-84. She also completed a residency in psychiatry at George Washington University and was a child and adolescent fellow at Children’s Hospital Medical Center. She is now in private practice in child, adolescent and adult psychiatry in Rockville, MD.

Jeff Greeson, Ph.D. (Ph.D. ’06) joined the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine in March 2014, after nine years at Duke University Medical Center. As an Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology in Psychiatry, he currently splits my time between research (70%) and clinical practice (30%). Collaborating with another PI at Kent State University, we were excited to receive our first R01 grant in September to study mindfulness meditation for high blood pressure. I am also finishing a K99/R00 “Pathway to Independence” award, which has supported my early career research on the outcomes and underlying mechanisms of mindfulness training for stress-related symptoms implicated in cardiovascular disease risk. His father and fellow UM alumnus, Larry Greeson, Ph.D. (’73), a longtime professor of educational psychology at Miami University of Ohio, passed away at his home in Venice, FL, in July 2014.

Nathaniel E. Helwig, Ph.D. (B.S. ’07) earned his Ph.D. in quantitive psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) in 2013. He served as visiting professor in statistics at UIUC from 2013-2014. In August 2014, Nate became an assistant professor of psychology and statistics at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He received the 2014 Distinguished Dissertation Award for APA Division 5.

Leon J. Hoffman, Ph.D., A.B.P.P. (A.B. ’61) continues to enjoy his thriving private practice of psychology in Chicago, specializing in individual, group and couple therapy, supervision, consultation, and organizational consulting. A former member of the Miami Symphony, Leon has been a lifelong chamber music cellist. He has brought his psychology and ensemble concepts to the dozens of countries to which he has traveled.

Tracy Kantrowitz (A.B. ’99) recently received the Distinguished Early Career Contributions - Practice Award from the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology (APA Division 14).

Avanthi Kopuri (AB 99) completed her orthodontics residency at the University of Colorado, with her Masters of Science and Orthodontics Certificate. She is now working as an Orthodontist at Central Florida...
Orthodontic Specialists, which has eight locations throughout Central Florida.

Shireen Lackey (A.B. ’00) was selected by the Department of Veterans Affairs to attend the Army’s Command and General Staff College as a civilian student, providing a valuable non-military perspective to Army officers training for leadership roles. She completed the program in June 2014, earning a master’s degree in military arts and science, and the prestigious General Colin L. Powell Interagency Award for Excellence. One week before graduating, she married classmate Major Brendan McEvoy.

Dana Litt (BA ’04) received her Ph.D. in applied social psychology from the George Washington University in 2010. She is now an assistant professor at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA. She is the recipient of several NIH extramural grants in the area of alcohol and risky sexual behavior among adolescents and young adults.

Victor Mancini (A.B. ’14) is now working as Dr. Eden King’s lab manager at George Mason University, doing industrial and organizational psychology research, after graduating from UM in 2014. In his new position, Mancini has worked on two projects that will result in SIOP submissions, and will continue to contribute to various graduate research projects that will eventually result in submissions to major journals, and may result in publication. He hopes to begin an I/O Ph.D. program in the near future.

Mark J. Myers (A.B. ’14) has been working at a local clothes and giftware distribution center in Worcester, MA, for the past 26 years. The avid musician is pursuing a career in ragtime piano, and saxophone. He plays alto and tenor saxophone in a local community band.

Kendra Negron (A.B. ’09) started a Miami-based mental health practice called Familiar Healthcare in June 2014.

Stephanie Lee (Wisby) Nissens, (A.B. ’92) serves as the State Behavioral Health Programs Director for the North Carolina National Guard (NCNG). She is responsible for the oversight of the NCNG Integrated Behavioral Health System (IBHS), which she helped develop and implement, serving over 12,000 soldiers, airmen and their families. The NCNG IBHS has been recognized by a congressional task force as a best practice for DOD-to-VA transition. Previously, Stephanie worked as a police counselor and consultant in both Florida and North Carolina. She is a military daughter, sister and aunt.

Thomas Oswald, M.S. (B.S. ’09) graduated from UM in 2009 as a psychology major with minors in chemistry and biology. He is now pursuing his Psy.D. in clinical psychology at Nova Southeastern University (NSU); he earned his M.S. in clinical psychology from NSU in 2012. Thomas completed several externships, including one at the UM Autism Spectrum Assessment Clinic. He is currently a neuropsychology intern at the Miami VA Medical Center and expects to obtain his doctorate in July 2015, after which he will pursue a post-doc in neuropsychology.

Sara Pasternak (A.B. ’13) has recently started Columbia University’s Masters program in social work.

Mitch Prinstein, PH.D., A.B.P.P. (M.S. ’94, Ph.D. ’97) is now the John Van Seters Distinguished Professor of Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he also serves as the director of Clinical Psychology and the editor of the Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology.

James S. Richardson (A.B. ‘65) was selected for inclusion in Marquis’ Who’s Who in America (2015).

Stephanie Roberts (M.S. ’03, Ph.D. ’08) graduated with her Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 2008. Recently, she and colleagues published The Bipolar II Workbook: Managing Recurrent Depression, Hypomania and Anxiety.

Shawn Rose (B.S. ’00, Ph.D. ’06, M.D. ’07) recently accepted a position as an associate medical director in the Immunosciences Early Development Translational Medicine Division at Bristol Myers Squibb. He was previously a Metzger Clinical Scholar at NIAMS and NHLBI within the National Institutes of Health.

Danielle Rosen (B.S. ’09) completed her Master’s in Public Health and is in her fourth year of medical school at St. George’s University.

Carly Schwartzman (A.B. ’14) is currently working as the clinical research assistant for Dr. Christina Boisseau’s OCD Research Group at Butler Hospital (associated with the Brown Medical School) in Providence, RI. She is working on a new study hoping to aid OCD patients taper off of long-term SRI medication. She intends to apply to clinical psychology doctorate programs in two years.

Jamie Lewis Smith (M.S. ’04, Ph.D. ’07) recently moved to Jacksonville, FL, to become the organization development manager for the Nemours Health Care System. She previously served as an organization development Psychologist at the VHA National Center for Organization Development in Cincinnati, OH, for five years. In April 2014, Jamie was asked to present at the Greenleaf Centre (Asia) for Servant Leadership’s Annual Conference in Singapore on a 360-degree assessment she developed while working at the VA.

Catherin Wyndell Stallings L.M.H.C. C.A.P. (A.B. ’92) has a private psychotherapy practice in Palm Beach County (http://www.wynnestallingsmhc.com/). She specializes in the “addicted family system” and enjoys working with addicts in recovery, family members of addicts and adult children of addicts and dysfunctional families. She seeks to help people recover from the effects that addiction and dysfunction wreaks on people’s lives, including helping them to set up boundaries, improve self-esteem, communication, conflict resolution, reduce compulsive behaviors and take responsibility for their own choices and well being. She has been training in psychodrama as a therapeutic tool, which utilizes a therapy-in-action approach. This year Wynne expects to become a qualified supervisor to supervise registered mental health counselor and marriage and family interns. She also plans to include psychodrama groups as a regular offering to the community. Wynne serves as Vice President of the Palm Beach County Canes Club and oversees the Game Watches for North PBC.

Teresa Vargas (B.S. ’14) is a research fellow at the NIH, where she is working as part of the Clinical Brain Disorders branch of the NIMH in the dynamic imaging genetics unit.

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Ph.D. (M.S. ’97, Ph.D. ’07) published Too Heavy a Yoke: Black Women and the Burden of Strength (Cascade Books), which explores the myth of the strong Black Woman and its impact upon the physical and emotional health of Black women in the U.S. She currently serves as assistant professor of pastoral care and counseling at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University.
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