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SUMMER 2022 PSYCHOLOGY NEWS



Message from the Chairman

Academic year 2021-22 was a rebound year for us, with teaching, research and clinical activities returning to pre-pandemic levels. It's good to be back in-person, and we are all benefiting from our renewed social interactions. Once again, our faculty, students and staff have been extremely productive, and last year the Department published over 300 articles, chapters and books. Our research activities continue to attract extramural support that ranks us 4th in the entire

University, and the Psychology undergraduate major is the largest in the College of Arts and Sciences. We are extremely proud of these accomplishments, and I am grateful to the faculty, students and staff who have made this happen.

I have just finished my 8th year as Chairman, and I am honored that the faculty and Dean have chosen me to continue in this role for another four years. Helping me with departmental administration will be **Jill Ehrenreich-May** (Associate Chair for Graduate Studies), **Debra Lieberman** (Assistant Chair for Academic Affairs and Research), **Michael Alessandri** (Assistant Chair for Community Outreach), and **Adam Clarke** (Assistant Chair for Business and Administration). I am fortunate to have such competent and professional colleagues assist me.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to **Annette LaGreca**, who has decided to step down as the Director of Clinical Training (DCT) after 22 years in this role. Annette has guided the Clinical Program to national prominence, and she has served as a role model and mentor to countless clinical graduate students over these years. Annette isn't going anywhere, however, and she will stay on the faculty to focus on her outstanding research career. I am also pleased to announce that **Mandy Jensen-Doss** will become the new DCT, and **Daniel Messinger** has agreed to succeed Mandy as the Director of the Child Psychology Division.

Lastly, we have to say goodbye to two of our colleagues this year. **Marc Gellman** is retiring after over 50 years at UM as an undergraduate, graduate student, postdoc and faculty member. For the past 35 years Marc served as the Associate Director of the Health Psychology Division and the Behavioral Medicine Research Center. We are also sad to see **Liz Losin** depart, but she will be moving to Penn State to be closer to her family. Liz has been a stalwart in the Cognitive Neuroscience Division, and a terrific mentor to several graduate students. Both Marc and Liz will be missed, but we wish them well in their new endeavors.

I hope you enjoy hearing about the department in the pages that follow. Once again, 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

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Dr. Michael Alessandri, malessandri@miami.edu (305) 284-6558

RESEARCH

SIMULATING COVID19 TRANSMISSION FROM OBSERVED MOVEMENT
Yi Zhang, Yudong Tao, Mei-Ling Shyu, Lynn K. Perry, Prem R. Wardle, Daniel S. Messinger & Chaoming Song
Scientific Reports
Volume 12, Article number: 3044 (2022)
nature
scientific reports

Current models of COVID-19 transmission predict infection from reported or assumed interactions. Here we leverage high-resolution observations of interaction to simulate infectious processes. Ultra-Wide Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) systems were employed to track the real-time physical movements and directional orientation of children and their teachers in 4 preschool classes over a total of 34 observations.
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MICHAEL ALESSANDRI, PH.D., EDITOR and VIVIAN M. PEREZ, LAYOUT & DESIGN

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Welcome

SIMON HOWARD, PH.D.

DIRECTOR OF THE PSYCHOLOGY OF RACISM, IDENTITY, DIVERSITY, AND EQUITY (PRIDE) RESEARCH LAB



My first semester at the U has been a vibe. The university is beautiful, my colleagues are supportive, kind, and inspiring, and the students, both graduate and undergraduate, are a joy to teach. One of the highlights for me this Spring was teaching the *Issues of Diversity in Psychology* graduate course. Being able to critically engage in topics that I am intellectually and

personally passionate about with a group of students who were always engaged, always ready to interrogate not only the field regarding issues of diversity (e.g., positionality in psychology, Psychology as a WEIRD science, Intersectionality) but also themselves as practitioners, researchers and educators, and always reflecting on ways to address the complex issues we discussed throughout the course, was great experience. Their commitment to diversity makes me hopeful about the future of our field. I hope that I am able to replicate in the future.

On the research side, since arriving to UM, I have been working on a project that examines the influence of conscious hip-hop music on Black individuals collective action intentions and behaviors, a project on implicit associations between race and God, and slowly building the Psychology of Racism, Identity, Diversity and Equity (PRIDE) lab. This fall, I look forward to starting projects examining the relationship between vicarious experiences of racism and race-based traumatic stress, welcoming incoming graduate student **Michael Crawford** to the lab, and continuing to get to know and build with my colleagues in and out of the department.

FACULTY HONORS



AUTISM COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 'RARE GEM' MICHAEL ALESSANDRI

The University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities honored Dr. Michael Alessandri for 25 years of service.

Dr. Alessandri, Executive Director of UM-CARD has dedicated his 40-year professional career to helping people with autism, and to show its appreciation the South Florida autism community was honored for his 25 years of service to UM-NSU CARD at its annual fund-raising event, Tropical Nights this past December.



Save the Date for this year's Tropical Nights, December 10th at the InterContinental Miami.



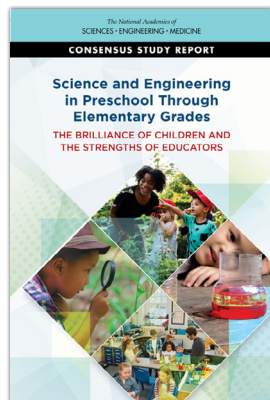
Congratulations JILL EHRENREICH-MAY, PH.D.

ON BEING PRESIDENT-ELECT OF ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIORAL AND COGNITIVE THERAPIES (ABCT) - 2021-2022

The Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies is a multidisciplinary organization committed to the enhancement of health and well-being by advancing the scientific understanding, assessment, prevention, and treatment of human problems through the global application of behavioral, cognitive, and biological evidence-based principles.

CONSENSUS STUDY

Starting in early childhood, children are capable of learning sophisticated science and engineering concepts and engage in disciplinary practices. They are deeply curious about the world around them and eager to investigate the many questions they have about their environment. Educators can develop learning environments that support the development and demonstration of proficiencies in science and engineering, including making connections across the contexts of learning, which can help children see their ideas, interests, and practices as meaningful not just for school, but also in their lives. Unfortunately, in many preschool and elementary schools science gets relatively little attention compared to English language arts and mathematics. In addition, many early childhood and elementary teachers do not have extensive grounding in science and engineering content.



NATIONAL ACADEMIES Sciences Engineering Medicine



A report produced by the Board on Science Education of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) takes up these issues and offers research based conclusions and recommendation on how to address them. **Professor Daryl B. Greenfield** was a member of the NASEM Committee that wrote this consensus volume. The report is available for download as a free pdf - [HERE](#)



PODCASTS

Finding Focus and Owning Your Attention

Brené Brown

with Dr. Amishi Jha



Brené with Dr. Amishi Jha on Finding Focus and Owning Your Attention

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JUL 26 PODCAST EPISODE

Addressing autism spectrum disorder



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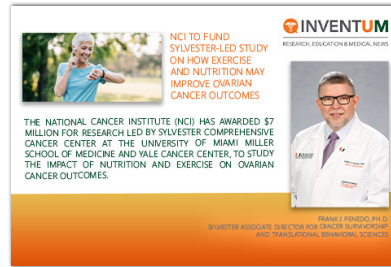
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The year in review: How Psychology is making news!



THE SPANISH LANGUAGE
MAY HOLD THE KEY TO A
PERPLEXING HEALTH MYSTERY?
Dr. Maria Llabre

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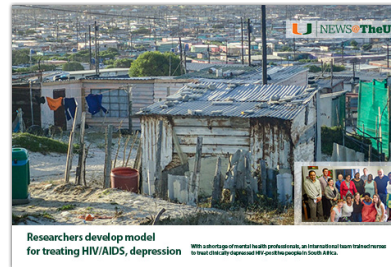
NCI TO FUND SYLVESTER-LED
STUDY ON HOW EXERCISE
AND NUTRITION MAY
IMPROVE OVARIAN CANCER
OUTCOMES
Dr. Frank J. Penedo

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OFFER INSIGHTS ON HOW
TO OVERCOME ANXIETY
Dr. Jill Ehrenreich-May

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RESEARCHERS DEVELOP
MODEL FOR TREATING
HIV/AIDS, DEPRESSION
Dr. Steven Safren

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THE PANDEMIC HAS PLAYED
WITH OUR PERCEPTION OF
TIME
Dr. Aaron Heller

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LEADERS DISCUSS HOW TO
STAY ON TRACK AMID A CRISIS
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STUDENT EXAMINES
RESILIENCE WITH A PERSONAL
LENS
Dr. Michael Antoni

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HOW TO SUPPORT
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH
DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR
Drs. Rebecca Bulotsky-Shearer,
Amanda Jensen-Doss &
Jill Ehrenreich-May

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MEET THE EXPERTS BRINGING
MINDFULNESS TO THE
MILITARY
Dr. Amishi Jha

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WHY DO WE COLLECT
THINGS?
Dr. Kiara Timpano

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AUTISM FRIENDLY
COMMUNITY
Dr. Michael Alessandri

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PEOPLE SPEND HALF OF THEIR
LIVES NOT FOCUSED ON THE
PRESENT, RESEARCH SAYS.
HERE'S HOW TO CHANGE IT
Dr. Amishi Jha

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GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

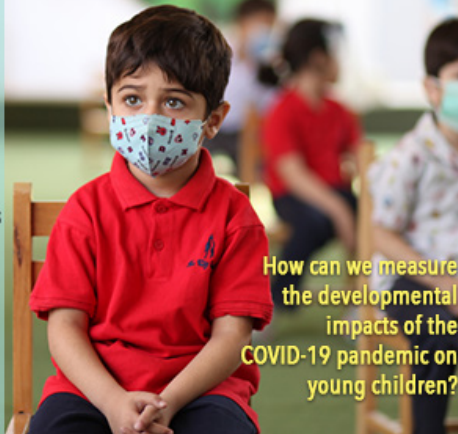
2021
AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
EARLY GRADUATE STUDENT
RESEARCHER AWARD




Congratulations!
ELLIOTT WEINSTEIN
Clinical Psychology - Health Track

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AT ARLINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

**DEVELOPMENTAL
IMPACTS OF THE
COVID-19
PANDEMIC ON
YOUNG CHILDREN:**
a conceptual model for
research with integrated
administrative data systems




How can we measure
the developmental
impacts of the
COVID-19 pandemic on
young children?




IJPDS
INTEGRATED JOURNAL OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL DATA
SYSTEMS

**NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC**



SIXTH-GRADERS HAVE THEIR TEMPERATURES CHECKED AS THEY ARRIVE FOR SCHOOL IN NEW YORK CITY ON OCTOBER 1, 2020. NEW YORK IS EXPECTED TO CONSIDER LIFTING ITS STATEWIDE MANDATE ON MASKING IN SCHOOLS IN MARCH—JOINING IN THE AVE OF STATES THAT HAVE DONE THE SAME IN RECENT WEEKS.
PHOTOGRAPH BY TODD HEISLER, THE NEW YORK TIMES VIA REDUX

SCIENCE | CORONAVIRUS COVERAGE



SAMANTHA MITSVEN
Psychology Doctoral Candidate

**Do masks really harm
kids? Here's what the
science says.**

As more states drop mask mandates,
experts explain why keeping them on
in schools is still a smart move for
families and teachers.

2022 TRANSITIONS CEREMONY CELEBRATING A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TRANSITIONS



We are so proud of you!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATE STUDENTS TRANSITIONING TO THEIR NEXT DESTINATIONS!
Amy Ahn, Jhoneille Bailey, Lara Boez, Cody Boland, Elizabeth Casline, Stevie Custode, Morgan Gianola,
Gabe Hatch, Stephanie Hudburgh, Daisy Lopez, Marcella May, Samantha Mitsven, Silvia Nino,
Liana Preudhomme, Nicole Puccetti, and Satyanand Satyanarayana

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY 2022 Graduate Student ANNUAL AWARDS

RECIPIENTS OF THE
**ROD GILLIS AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING
UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING**



CODY
BOLAND



EVAN
BURDETTE



MOLLIE
PESTER



JASMYN
SANDERS

RECIPIENTS OF THE
**OUTSTANDING TEACHING
ASSISTANT AWARD**



ELIZABETH
CASLINE



MASON
KRUEGER



STEPHANIE
NOVOTNY




NICOLE
PUCCETTI

2022 RECIPIENTS OF THE
KIRK R. DANHOUR MEMORIAL AWARD


Graduate Students are selected by the faculty based on their outstanding academic performance, progress and quality of research, development of clinical skills (if applicable) and leadership, social integration and involvement in department activities.

RECIPIENT FOR THE
ADULT DIVISION




NICOLE
PUCCETTI

RECIPIENT FOR THE
CHILD DIVISION



ELIZABETH
CASLINE

RECIPIENT FOR THE
HEALTH DIVISION



LIANA
PREUDHOMME

2022 RECIPIENTS OF THE
IRONSON DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES AWARD

Given in recognition of the outstanding research efforts of the graduate students of the department, one student from each division is selected to present their research finds in a colloquium during the spring semester.

RECIPIENT FOR THE
ADULT DIVISION



HANNA
BROOS

RECIPIENT FOR THE
CHILD DIVISION



STEPHANIE
NOVOTNY


RECIPIENT FOR THE
HEALTH DIVISION



ELLIOT
WEINSTEIN


RECIPIENT OF THE
**S.T. CALVIN
AWARD**

Given each year to a graduate student for excellence in quantitative methods.



SATYA
SATYANARAYANA

RECIPIENT OF THE
**BERTHA WEBER
SERVICE
AWARD**



NOELLE
MENDEZ


RECIPIENT OF THE
**DR. CAROL
ALSON FINEMAN
AWARD**

Given in support of research dealing with abused or emotionally disturbed children.



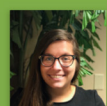
ELIZABETH
HALLIDAY

RECIPIENT OF THE
**MUNDY - SCOTT
AWARD**
EXCELLENCE
IN AUTISM



ELIZABETH
HALLIDAY

RECIPIENT OF THE
**BERTHA WEBER
CLINICAL
EXCELLENCE
AWARD**



MERRANDA
MCLAUGHLIN



This year has been a transformational year for the **University of Miami Linda Ray Intervention Center** as we update the center's visibility and branding, expand resources, and continue to drive our mission to bring *"Brighter tomorrows for Miami's children and families in need"*.

As the new Executive Director of the Linda Ray Intervention Center, I am honored to be part of such an amazing team at the forefront of innovative approaches to early learning through its research-based approach.

Together with **Dr. Daniel Messinger** the center's Research Director, we are happy to announce that we have been awarded an **Innovation Grant, Toddlers Talk: Let's Take Turns**. The proposed pilot would be the first time LENA technology is used to count conversational turns between an adult and child in Miami-Dade County that occur within the home environment.

Our team is committed to ensuring high-quality education which motivates and empowers children to be lifelong learners. We strive to have all children achieve their full potential in a nurturing environment.

Through a collaborative approach, the center brings together the power of many to support children and families.

Thank you to all who support our mission.
With heartfelt gratitude,

Isabel S. Chica



FACULTY TRANSITIONS

The Psychology Department held its first in-person Transitions Ceremony since 2019. This tradition celebrates the accomplishments of our graduate students and faculty.



SPECIAL THANK YOU
Dr. Annette La Greca

Thank you for 22 years of service as
Director of Clinical Training



**OUTSTANDING GRADUATE
MENTOR OF THE YEAR**
Dr. Amanda Jensen-Doss



**OUTSTANDING GRADUATE
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**
Dr. Sierra Bainter



Dr. Christine Delgado

The Muse Award is awarded for contributions to the undergraduate program throughout the past year.

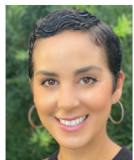
Faculty Promotions



Dr. Debra Lieberman
Professor



Dr. Rebecca Bulotsky-Shenker
Professor



Dr. Yanerys Leon
Research Assistant Professor



Dr. Hillary Hoffman
Senior Lecturer



**OUTSTANDING GRADUATE
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**
Dr. Sierra Bainter



**NEXT DESTINATION
RETIREMENT**
Dr. Marc Gellman



**NEXT DESTINATION
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY**
Dr. Elizabeth Losin

Farewells



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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOALS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY IS TO ACQUIRE, ADVANCE, AND DISSEMINATE KNOWLEDGE WITHIN THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BIOBEHAVIORAL SCIENCES. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS THE DEPARTMENT SEEKS A BALANCE AMONG SEVERAL ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS INCLUDING: TEACHING, RESEARCH AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, WHILE BEING MINDFUL OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION ISSUES IN ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES.