FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KRISTIN D. MICKELSON

Winter always reminds me why I moved from Ohio to Arizona. While the northern part of country deals with snow, ice, and cold - we enjoy beautiful sunny, warm days and cool nights.

We hope that our alumni and friends in the colder climates are staying warm and don’t envy us here in AZ too much! While we do not worry about weather, this time of year in our program does bring stress as first year students prepare their brownbag presentations and second year students begin to wrap up their thesis research in preparation for their oral defenses in late March and early April (while also preparing for doctoral program interviews or job hunting!). We are so proud of all our MS students and the hard work they put into their research and courses.

I cannot wait to celebrate all of the wonderful achievements of our students & faculty in our upcoming Spring celebration in April!

KUDOS

Congrats to Quinton Beck-White - an Online MS Psychology student who received the New College Outstanding Graduate Student Award at the Fall 2018 convocation ceremony.

A big congrats to Madison Adamoli and Brianna Bailey who each received GPSA research grants for $750.

Congrats to all the students who have been accepted to present at an upcoming conference! We are so proud of you!

Congratulations to Dr. Kristin Mickelson who received an ASU-Dignity Health Strategic Partnership grant for $250K for a study on “Racial Disparities in Low Birth Weight: Discrimination, Resilience, and Biomedical Pathways in a Sample of Black, Hispanic, and White Pregnant

WHAT MAKES MS PSYCHOLOGY SO GREAT?

I felt very prepared for doctoral interviews, and I think that is one of the best parts of this program - if you put in the effort, it will prepare you for whatever your next step or goal is. - Kaitlyn

The program encourages me to think of ideas and goals that I before thought were too big or impossible! - Emily

All of the professors, second years, and my cohort are super helpful. This has helped me ask questions and learn as much as I can! - Nicole

My favorite part of the program is that all the professors are really supportive and willing to help students out at any time! - Wenxi

Dr. Mickelson has taught me so much and I have grown as a writer, researcher, and as a person. For women seeking to go into STEM, it is so inspiring to see brilliant, strong women pursue their passions and careers so successfully. It is encouraging to talk to people who are highly intelligent and have well-formed research ideas. - Laura

I love that we have so much support from the faculty - Madison
UPCOMING EVENTS

Scott Lilienfeld  Professor of Psychology at Emory College of Arts and Sciences, will be joining on us March 20th as a guest speaker to present on the implications of intellectual humility for different fields of psychology. He will be speaking during our normal brownbag time, 12-1pm in CLCC 199.

The Spring Celebration will be on April 24th and will be an opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of the students and faculty this year. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Upcoming conferences:
APLS - American Psychology Law Society
March 14-16 in Portland, Oregon
WPA - Western Psychological Association
April 25-28 in Pasadena, California
APS 2019 - Association for Psychological Science
   May 23-26 in Washington, D.C.
APA Annual Convention August 8-11 in Chicago

ALUMNI STORY: JADE YONEHIRO

Jade graduated from the MS Psychology program in Spring 2018 and worked with Dr. Nick Duran. She is currently in her first year in the Psychology Ph.D. program at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Her research focus is on understanding how children develop executive functions, as well as how environmental and social factors play a causal role in development.

Jade has done incredible work throughout the Boulder community in the short time she has been there. She is collaborating with a non-profit (Thorne Nature Experience), to study how increasing nature-based spaces improves family dynamics and children’s wellness in lower-income areas. She also runs her studies at the Denver Children’s Museum to get families involved in research! Jade has great memories of her time in the MS Psych program. She believes the program gave her “a chance to explore research interests and build up a strong CV.”

Her one piece of advice for those going on to apply to Ph.D. programs, would be to “take your rejections as a learning opportunity instead of failures…this can help you develop as a researcher.” Jade’s accomplishments are truly amazing and we are excited to count her as one of our star alumni!

FACULTY BIO: DR. DEBORAH HALL

Deborah L. Hall is a newly tenured Associate Professor in the School of Social & Behavioral Sciences. She joined ASU as a faculty member in August, 2010. She earned her BA degree in Psychology from Claremont McKenna College in 2002 and her PhD in Social Psychology from Duke University in 2010.

Deborah studies how aspects of social and group identities shape people’s psychological experience. She has been exploring a variety of different research topics, including how social class and political identity shape consumer behavior, and how psychological science can inform the development of automated tools for identifying cyber-bullying risk among teens on social media. She is also a co-PI on an NSF grant examining cyberbullying.

Deborah is a valued member of the MS Psychology faculty - she teaches the Quant II course each year. Students love her teaching style and her enthusiasm for statistics!

Deborah is the current Director of the SAM (Statistics & Methods) lab at New College, which provides undergraduate and graduate students with tutoring for quantitative courses.

Outside of academia, she spends most of her time with her husband, adorable 3-year-old son, and two dogs. We are lucky to have Deborah!