FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the MS Psych newsletter! We hope to get this newsletter out once a semester to keep faculty, alumni, and current students informed about the many things happening in our program. We have many new exciting things occurring from a new faculty member (Zach Horne) to the launch of our Online MS Psychology track to significant program changes in our Thesis and Applied Project tracks starting in Fall 2018 (e.g., eliminating the comprehensive exam). Finally, we are so proud of our graduating 2nd year students who are getting a record number of PhD program interviews and admissions! We would love to hear from our alumni about where they are now and any special memories of the program to add to our next newsletter.

Kristin D. Mickelson, Program Director

WHAT'S NEW?

Recent and Upcoming Conferences:
- Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), March 1-3, Atlanta, GA
- American Psychology Law Society (APLS), March 8-10, Memphis, TN
- Anxiety and Depression Association of America (ADAA), April 5-8, Washington, DC
- Western Psychological Association (WPA), April 26-29, Portland, OR

Join us for our weekly Brownbag Presentations on Wednesdays from 12-1pm in CLCC 199, where you can hear about the research being conducted and join in on the lively Q&A! Remember, attendance is mandatory for all students in the program!

WELCOME: NEW FACULTY - ZACH HORNE

Zach Horne joined the MS Psych faculty this Spring after previously working as a National Research Council Postdoctoral Associate. He earned an impressive two PhDs: 1) in Philosophy (2014) and 2) in Psychology (2017) from the University of Illinois. His research interests include cognitive psychology, big data, and social psychology. His current research explores the cognitive basis of people's beliefs. Zach attended ASU as an undergrad, and was excited to return to Arizona to join the MS Psych faculty and be close to friends and family again.

Outside academia, Zach is a self-proclaimed coffee snob, and enjoys spending time with his cats and occasionally golfing with his girlfriend. Other fun facts: prior to beginning his PhD, Zach had no psych experience. He also shared that his favorite memory in grad school was the first time he published a paper.
**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

What do students do after graduating from the MS Psychology program?*

* **For the 2010-2015 cohorts:**
  - 53% of graduates went onto PhD programs
  - 41% went onto a job/career or were applying to jobs
  - For the 2015 cohort, 8 of 19 graduates went onto PhD programs while 7 graduates went onto a job/career

PhD programs include:
- USC (Exercise Science PhD)
- ASU (Counseling PhD)
- Texas Tech (Law School)
- UNM (Cognitive Psych PhD)
- UW Milwaukee (Neuroscience PhD)

Current careers include:
- Psychology Research Lab Coordinator
- Director of Clinical Research
- Assistant Director of Data Science
- Assistant Professor

* Statistics only include those for whom we were able to get post-graduation information

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**GRADUATED STUDENT STORY: JONATHAN COVARRUBIAS**

Jonathan graduated from the MS Psychology program in Spring 2017; he is currently enrolled in the Psychology PhD program at the University of Texas at El Paso. His research focuses on a variety of topics including wrongness admission, metaphor use, music emotions and coping use, meaning in life as it relates to moral decision making, and moral dumbfoundedness. Additionally, he collaborates with the Philosophy Department at UTEP, where he and others are currently planning a morality workshop. During his time at ASU, Jonathan was accepted for an oral presentation at the 8th International Association for Relationship Research Conference and was an assistant with the SAM Lab. Reflecting on his experience in the program, he shared that his relationship with his advisor was “far and away the best aspect of the MS program. [My advisor] did well to prepare me for where I am today.” Furthermore, his favorite memory from the program was the feeling he had upon defending his thesis and being told “Congratulations, you are mastered!”. Jonathan is a true success story!

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**KUDOS!**

Congratulations to the following students who accepted admission into a PhD program for Fall 2018:

- **Nicky Jiang** - University of Southern California (Social Psychology)
- **Ryan Becker** - Utah State University (Psychology- Behavior Analysis)
- **Ashley Trow** - University of Southern Mississippi (Counseling Psychology)

Congratulations to Marin Schmitt, who recently accepted a position at Norton Thoracic Institute as a Clinical Research Coordinator!

Congrats to Hannah Phalen who was awarded the APLS Student Presentation Award for her paper “Expressing Anger Makes Male Attorneys More Effective, but Female Attorneys Less Effective”.

A huge congratulations to Dr. Jessica Salerno who was recently recognized as a "Rising Star" by APS. The Rising Star designation recognizes outstanding psychological scientists in the earliest stages of their research career post-PhD whose innovative work has already advanced the field and signals great potential for their continued contributions.

Kudos to our oral and poster presenters at the Social Psychologists of Arizona (SPA) conference:

For future newsletters, please send accomplishments, kudos, etc. to Kaitlyn (kschodt@asu.edu)

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 12: New College Graduate Colloquium**
- 4:30 - 5:50 pm, UCB 240

Network with other grad students from New College, present your research, and hear about what others are working on! Refreshments will be provided.

Proposals can be submitted to Dr. Majia Nadesan (majia@asu.edu).

Questions? Email Kaitlyn at kschodt@asu.edu.