News:

Name Change

The department recently received university approval to rename the former Cognitive and Developmental Psychology Ph.D. program to Cognitive and Brain Sciences Ph.D. program. The name change better reflects the nature of our graduate training efforts and faculty interests, and will allow our graduates to be even more competitive for academic and non-academic jobs.

ERP Bootcamp

The LSU Department of Psychology hosted an ERP (Event-Related Potential) Bootcamp on August 20-22 led by Steve Luck (UC Davis). Faculty and graduate students from psychology and other departments were treated to an outstanding educational experience. The training will be used to foster research in the Psychology Department’s EEG Neuroscience laboratory, and was made possible by a grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents.

Life Course & Aging Center

Dr. Katie Cherry, Executive Director of the LSU Life Course and Aging Center, recently expanded the LCAC website to provide new information on aging well in the 21st century. Please visit their website at http://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/lcac/ to see what they have been up to.

Convention Presentation

Clinical area graduate students, Sonia Shah, Kim Dean, and Tony Ecker will be presenting their research at the annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies next month in Chicago.

New Committee - CDOP

In accordance with LSU’s statement on diversity, the Department of Psychology has created a new committee dedicated to improving recruitment and retention of diverse students and faculty.
## FACULTY RESEARCH

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<td>Primary focus concerns understanding the nature and treatment of anxiety disorders, with a particular interest in the relations between anxiety and addictive behaviors.</td>
<td>Research interests are broadly in the area of clinical neuro-psychology. Particularly in improving measurement of cognitive and emotional functioning in individuals with neurological disorders.</td>
<td>Laboratory focuses on understanding how emotional and neurocognitive abnormalities contribute to social dysfunction in schizophrenia.</td>
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<td>Research interests focus on cognitive and affective variables in substance use initiation, maintenance, cessation, and relapse. Primarily interested in licit (tobacco/nicotine) and illicit (cocaine/methamphetamine) psychomotor stimulants.</td>
<td>Research interests focus on assessment and treatment of anxiety disorders in children, adolescents, and young adults. Particularly on the phenomenology, etiology, assessment, and treatment of specific phobias. Specific interests include one-session treatment for specific phobia, evidence-based practice, behavioral assessment, and cognitive-behavioral therapy.</td>
<td>Research has focused on the behavioral assessment and treatment of children and adolescents. Topics of interest have included ADHD, home &amp; school interventions for children with externalizing problems, and the psychological effects of violent exposure. She has also been involved with developing several assessment measures for children and adolescents.</td>
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<td>Research has focused on the development of assessment and treatment methods in the fields of intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorders. He has over 800 publications including 41 books on mental retardation, autism, and severe emotional disorders.</td>
<td>Research focuses on understanding the cognitive processes involved in the perception of a complete and continuous visual world.</td>
<td>Research interests include post-Katrina resilience and long-term recovery, interdisciplinary studies of healthy aging, and cognitive aging (especially memory processes in healthy older adults).</td>
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Dr. Emily Elliott  
Cognitive  
Research focus includes the areas of short-term memory and working memory, and also the interaction of attention with memory performance.

Dr. Jason Hicks  
Cognitive  
Research focuses on source memory and decision processes. Interests lie in the extent to which source memory and these decision processes are influenced by the test curing environment.

Dr. Sean Lane  
Cognitive  
Research goal is to understand how memory and cognitive processor are deployed in complex real-world events. The source-monitoring framework motivates the vast majority of the research.

Dr. Janet McDonald  
Cognitive  
Research is done within the field of psycholinguistics. Specific interests lie in first and second language acquisition, bilingualism, and language comprehension. Research projects involve language learning in adulthood, as well as alternative explanation of age of acquisition effects on language mastery based on cognitive processes.

Dr. Megan Papesh  
Cognitive  
Lab focuses on investigating human perception and memory, using converging techniques to study multiple, interrelated phenomena. Across studies, data at multiple levels of analysis are collected, emphasizing classic techniques, while also incorporating newer dynamic measures.

Dr. Frank Gresham  
School  
Research interests include social skills assessment and intervention for children & adolescents with or at-risk for emotional and behavioral disorders, using Response-to-Intervention (RTI) approach for addressing academic & behavioral needs of children & youth, and in the assessment of prosocial & problem behaviors using multi-informant behavioral rating scales.

Dr. Anna Long  
School  
Research focuses on 1) increasing awareness of and access to proven practices to prevent & ameliorate risk (with a particular focus on traditionally under-or poorly-served populations, and 2) in promoting treatment integrity.

Dr. George Noell  
School  

Dr. Tyler Renshaw  
School  
Research is broadly devoted to enhancing the well-being of students and their caregivers in school settings. Interests lie especially in population-based approaches to service delivery and non-traditional paradigms for approaching assessment and intervention in the schools.
Dr. Steven Greening is excited to join LSU and the Department of Psychology. He was drawn to the program for its opportunities to grow in cognitive neuroscience and brain imaging research.

Dr. Steven Greening brings ample and exciting experience in the field of cognitive neuroscience and psychology. Dr. Steven Greening completed his doctorate at the University of Western Ontario, where his research began to focus on the cognitive neuroscience of affect and psychopathology under the supervision of Derek Mitchell in the Brain and Mind Institute. After completing his doctorate, Dr. Greening moved to L.A. as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Southern California, under the supervision of Mara Mather. There Dr. Greening studied the impact of emotional arousal on both brain and behavior during perceptual processing. This work involved the combination of psychophysiology and fMRI in both healthy younger and healthy older adults, and collaborations with members of the Brain and Creativity Institute.

Dr. Steven Greening plans to build on his past research here at LSU. His research program will focus on elucidating the neurocognitive mechanisms involved in adapting to and controlling the influence of emotional events on the brain and behavior.

Dr. Paul Frick is very excited to join LSU’s Department of Psychology. He was drawn to the program by the opportunity to work with the great faculty, but also to work with the quality of students that LSU attracts. Also, the support for his research by the generous endowment from the Crumpler family will help him contribute to LSU’s mission to be a top public research university. Finally, he is also returning to his alma mater, where he received his BA degree in Psychology in 1984, met his wife, and became a lifelong Tiger fan.

Dr. Frick received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Georgia in 1990. He was on the faculty at the University Alabama from 1990 to 1999. From 1999 until 2015, he was on the faculty at the University of New Orleans, where he was chair of the Department of Psychology from 2007 to 2015. Since 2013, Dr. Frick has held a joint appointment in the Learning Science Institute of Australia at Australian Catholic University in Melbourne, Australia.

Dr. Frick has earned a long list of publications and accomplishments and is excited to be apart of this program.

Dr. Jason Harman joins LSU Department of Psychology after completing his postdoctoral fellow in Decision Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University. He researches how the human mind makes decisions and how understanding memory, attention and learning can help us make better decisions. Particularly, he studies decision making related to finance, health and the environment. Jason received his M.S. and Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology from Ohio University, he has won awards for both his teaching and research and his work has been published in leading journals of Psychology, Organizational Behavior and Computer Science.
### Clinical Psychology

**Dr. Julia Buckner**
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Austin Lemke
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John Bernstein
Scott Roye

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Thanh Le
Rebecca MacAulay
Jessica McGovern
Kyle Mitchell
Elana Schwartz

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MacKenzie Peltier
Melanie Roys
Krystal Kleabir Waldo
Aaron Waters

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Peter Castagna
Maysa Kaskas
Megan Kirkpatrick Lilly
Franziska NoackLeSage
Paige Ryan
Georgia Shaheen

**Dr. Paul Frick**
Julia Clark

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### Cognitive Psychology

**Dr. Drew Gouvier**
Justin Ory

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Leah Adams
Seandra Cosgrove
Ryan Cummins
Ashley Galsky
Morgan Ashwill Grinnell
Shannon Harbin
Katherine Harrison
Blair Burke Kreiger
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Jennifer Piscitello
Kasia Plessy
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Rachel Goldin
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Xinrui Jiang
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Maya Matheis
William Peters
Robert Rieske
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Nicole Turygin
Lindsey Williams

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Katherine Moen

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Katie Stanko

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Corey McGill
Juan Ventura

**Dr. Jason Hicks**
Bryan Franks
Samantha Spitler

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Daniella Cash
Kacie Mennie

**Dr. Janet McDonald**
Ian Comeaux
Lisa Kemp

**Dr. Megan Papesh**
Dina Acklin
Juan Diego Guevara Pinto
Laura Heisick

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### School Psychology

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Megan Erickson
Kelsey Hartman
Sarah Metallo
Kristen O’Leary
Rachel Olinger
Natalie Robichaux
Elizabeth Wilson
Haley York

**Dr. Anna Long**
Sarah Fletcher
Melissa Jo Hamilton
James Upright

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Stephanie Grant

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Rachel Bradley
Meredith Harris
Catherine Lark
Elise Baker McIver
Philip Ross Richard
Michael Schafer

**Dr. Tyler Renshaw**
Sarah Bolognino
Kelsie Hammons
Anthony Roberson
Shelley Upton

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### Industrial/Organizational Psychology

**Dr. Jason Hicks**
Byron Shane Lowery
Psi Chi

The Psychology Club encourages all undergraduates majoring or minoring in psychology to make use of the great resources provided by our organization. Our primary goal is to promote unity amongst those interested in the field of psychology. LSU’s Psychology Club encourages scholastic achievement and peer networking. There are guest speakers at every meeting in order to assist students and further their education beyond the undergraduate level. Guest speakers can range from psychologists, graduate school representatives, and other professional/volunteer-related speakers.

Along with the Psychology Club is LSU’s Psi Chi Chapter. Psi Chi is an international honor society in Psychology. Psi Chi strives to promote the advancement of Psychology as a science in addition to maintaining scholarship excellence. In order to join Psi Chi, you must be a second semester sophomore with at least nine credit hours of Psychology courses (excluding dual-enrollment classes). One must also have a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 3.0 GPA in psychology courses taken. Psi Chi has a one-time $70 fee.

If you are interested in joining the Psychology Club or want more information, please contact us at psichi@tigers.lsu.edu.

Lastly, go like our new Facebook page titled, “LSU Psychology Club and Psi Chi Honor Society” to receive daily updates and club information.

Supporting Excellence

The Department of Psychology proudly recognizes the research efforts of our faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students. To this end, we would like to create a travel fund that would go directly to support the financial needs of graduate students who are participating in research conferences. Many of our graduate students would like to travel to conferences, to gain the knowledge of research that can come from such experiences, but often times they are limited by financial resources. In addition to research knowledge, the networking opportunities from conferences create links to other researchers, and builds relationships for future internship and post-doctoral fellowship opportunities.

Yes! I want to support the continuing excellence of the LSU Department of Psychology.

Checks should be made out to the LSU Foundation, with Dr. Paul C. Young Psychology Department Fund written in memo line.

Checks can be mailed to: The College of Humanities & Social Sciences Louisiana State University Attention: Krista Allen (kallen@lsufoundation.org) 132 Hodges Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803 DONATIONS MAY ALSO BE MADE ONLINE: www.lsufoundation.org/givetoHSS
Wendy A. Young  
Administrative Coordinator - Undergraduate Studies  
B.A. in Theatre from Nicholls State  
M.F.A in Theatre from LSU  

For over 15 years, Wendy worked as a singer, dancer, actor, choreographer and fight director at various theatre companies. She taught acting, stage movement and combat here at LSU and at the Virginia Governor’s Magnet School for the Arts. Wendy is also a member of the Society of American Fight Directors.

After retiring from performing, she transitioned into arts and education administration for UNC Chapel Hill, the Tennessee Performing Arts Center and Nashville Repertory Theatre. A Louisiana native, Wendy decided to come “home” to be near her family. And she loved LSU so much as a student that she decided to come back as a staff member. Her favorite part of the job is...“connecting with the students and doing what I can to make college life a little less stressful for them. The Psychology faculty and staff are wonderful to work with. I’m very happy to be back at LSU.”

New Addition to Dr. Anna Long’s Family!

Simone Louisa Long was welcomed into the world on August 12th at 8:56AM.

She weighed 9lbs 5ozs and was 21.75 inches long.

Her current favorite activities are eating, sleeping, taking in the world around her, and stretching like she is a yoga master.

Thank You Message:

The Department would like to thank Dr. Mike Hawkins for his many years of service. He was well-known for telling humorous stories in his classes, and for teaching countless students in the History of Psychology and Physiological Psychology courses. We hope he enjoys spending more time with his family.
In fall 2014, psychology senior Johanna Frelier earned PSYC 4999 course credit working in Dr. Staiano’s Pediatric Obesity and Health Behavior Lab at Pennington Biomedical Research Center. Johanna’s chief responsibility was to write the protocol and collect data for the “Copy Kids” project. Copy Kids was a randomized controlled trial that examined the influence of screen-based peer modeling on preschoolers’ preference and consumption of a modeled vegetable. Johanna is co-author on the manuscript under review, and she also presented research at a regional conference. After graduating in December, Johanna was employed in Dr. Staiano’s lab for 5 months before leaving to pursue an MPH at University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Click here to learn more about Dr. Staiano’s research and opportunities to get involved.

Recent Publications:


Our lab hosted the 2015 Society for Research in Psychopathology in New Orleans. This means we were in charge of organizing it from beginning to end. SRP is an organization devoted to understanding psychopathology using translational and basic psychological science methods. The program featured LSU’s Paul Frick as an invited speaker, myself chairing a symposium about schizotypy and biobehavioral measures, and LSU’s Matt Calamia presenting as well. Grad and undergrad students from my lab presented.

Dr. Katie Cherry

Dr. Katie Cherry has been busy. She recently has a new edited volume titled, “Traumatic Stress and Long-Term Recovery”. She also gave a talk at Science Café that coincided with the Katrina anniversary.
Dr. Melissa Beck  
Dr. Beck’s lab currently has three papers in press:


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Dr. Emily Elliott  
Elliott Working Memory Lab is happy to welcome Juan Ventura, a new graduate student in Cognitive and Brain Sciences.

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Dr. Julia Buckner  
LSU Department of Psychology Graduate students presented at the annual convention of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies in Chicago. The following are the graduate students in the clinical area working in Dr. Buckner’s lab: Tony Ecker (5th year student who is currently doing a clinical internship at the West Haven VA Healthcare System, a Yale University School of Medicine affiliated education and training institution), Sonia Shah (4th year), and Kim Dean (2nd year).


* indicates LSU graduate student author