FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS
From receiving grants for innovative research to awards for continued excellence, our faculty never cease to amaze!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS
We recognize our students for successfully defending their dissertations and earning well-deserved scholarships!

MEDIA MENTIONS
Our faculty and alumni were prominently featured in several media channels and publications. In addition, GSAPP is featured on Rutgers.edu!

SAVE THE DATE
Mark your calendars for a much-anticipated event, our annual Welcome Back Picnic!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
OPDCE continues to offer a variety of live and on-demand webinars. Peruse the list of informative and affordable CE opportunities, and get a jumpstart on your fall learning!
WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

We are thrilled to announce the below new additions to our GSAPP Team!

Dr. Julia Iannaccone recently joined GSAPP as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Practice in the Applied Department and at the Rutgers Center for Adult Autism Services (RCAAS). To read Dr. Iannaccone's full bio, click here.

Dr. Deirdre Waters recently took on a new role with GSAPP, as Director of the Master of Applied Psychology (MAP) Program in the Applied Department. To read Dr. Waters' full bio, click here.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Important Reminder from Institutional Planning and Operations (IP&O) - Department of Transportation Services (DOTS)

The 2022-2023 Annual Faculty and Staff Parking permits are now available. In order to park in a Rutgers University lot or deck, you must renew or purchase a new Parking E-Permit. Click here to purchase a 2022-2023 annual permit.
FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

DR. BAL RECEIVES THE SARA S. SPARROW EARLY CAREER RESEARCH AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. Vanessa Bal for receiving the APA Division 33’s Sara S. Sparrow Early Career Research Award! This award is presented to an individual who has made substantial contributions to the understanding of intellectual or developmental disabilities as reflected in his or her published and presented works. “I am so grateful to the amazing mentors that have invested in training and supporting me. I have been so fortunate,” said Dr. Bal at the award ceremony. What an amazing, well-deserved achievement!

Division 33 of the American Psychological Association (APA) is an organization of psychologists concerned with research and practice in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder. To read more, click here!

GRANT RECOGNITION

CONGRATULATIONS TO DRS. BAL & CHU ON RECEIVING $400K GRANT

Dr. Vanessa Bal & Dr. Brian Chu were awarded a $400K grant from the NJ Governor’s Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism, to adapt Dr. Chu’s transdiagnostic Group Behavioral Activation Treatment (GBAT) to support autistic adults with depression, anxiety, or mood regulation difficulties. This collaboration will include an advisory group of autistic adults to inform and guide development of supplemental materials to tailor GBAT+ to address barriers and support the mental health of autistic people.

Congratulations, Dr. Bal and Dr. Chu! This remarkable achievement was recognized university-wide on the Rutgers Office for Research’s website, which you can view here, and in their e-newsletter, Research Connections!

Click here to submit your news for upcoming issues
WE ARE SO PROUD

The following GSAPP students successfully defended their dissertations:

- **Madeline Bono** defended "Lonely and Disaffected Young Men: A Thematic Content Analysis of Forum Posts by Members of Incel Forums"
  - Committee Members: Kristen Riley and Brook Hersey

- **Idil Franko** defended "The Correlates of Explicit Weight Bias Among Mental Health Providers in Training"
  - Committee Members: Kristen Riley and Terry Wilson

- **Sara Ghassemzadeh** defended "The Dissemination and Implementation Blueprint for a Future Clinical Doctoral Support Model"
  - Committee Members: Kristen Riley and Brian Chu

- **Jacqueline Shinall** defended "Validity of Existing Instruments for Informing First-Time Diagnosis of ASD in Adulthood"
  - Committee Members: Vanessa Bal and Bob LaRue

**Upcoming Dissertation**

If you would like to join the session, please contact student for the Zoom link.

- **Liza Comart** will be defending "Development and Proposed Evaluation of a Mentoring Program for Refugee Youth through a University and Community Partnership" on **September 13, 2022**
  - Committee Members: Shalonda Kelly and Monica Indart
CONGRATULATIONS 2022 GSAPP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We are honored to recognize the below Scholarship winners. Congratulations to these deserving students!

Clinical Department Awards:

- **Bonnie Markham Dissertation Award**: Tanya Lalwani
- **Nancy McWilliams and Stanley Messer Psychodynamic Endowed Fund**: Corey Bryant
- **GSAPP Student Assistantship Endowed Fund**: Saipriya Iyer

School Department Awards:

- **GSAPP Student Assistantship Endowed Fund**: Alina Yu
- **Kenneth and Linda Schneider Scholarship in School Psychology**: Andrew Cosgrove & Esther Fried

GSAPP-Wide Scholarships:

- **Edith Neimark Dissertation Award-Autism**: Norma Jules
- **Michael Fowlin Endowed Scholarship**: Marissa O'Brien
- **Rebecca Fine Endowed Fellowship**: Lamar Nero
- **Trauma Endowed Fund**: Cindy Forestal
- **Dean’s Academic Excellence Award**: Rebecca McCarthy

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MEDIA MENTIONS

GSAPP's esteemed faculty were once again featured in the mainstream media, graciously sharing their expertise on a variety of relevant topics. We are very proud of their impressive work and appreciate their representation of GSAPP!

If any Faculty member is interested in serving as a GSAPP media representative, please email: marcom@gsapp.rutgers.edu.

GSAPP SPOTLIGHT

We are thrilled to announce that GSAPP is being highlighted on Rutgers University's homepage, Rutgers.edu throughout the month of August! Explore the amazing GSAPP showcase here!

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DR. DIBELLO FEATURED IN RU TODAY

Assistant Professor, Applied Psychology Department and Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies (CAS), Dr. Angelo DiBello's coauthored research study was the subject of a Rutgers Today feature article entitled "Symptoms of Insomnia May Reduce Likelihood of Alcohol-Induced Blackout."

Dr. DiBello's study found that heavy drinkers with insomnia symptoms, such as difficulty falling or staying asleep, may be less likely to suffer alcohol-induced blackouts. Click here to read the article.

DR. YU QUOTED IN USA TODAY

Lei Yu, PhD. Distinguished Professor, Department of Genetics and Human Genetics Institute, and the lead of the neuropharmacogenetics lab at the Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies (CAS), shared his expertise in the USA Today article, "Are Asians 'allergic' to alcohol? How the dreaded 'glow' makes drinking feel isolating." Read the full article, here.

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Fostering the Mental Health of Athletes, Coaches, and Staff

GSAPP Professor Emeritus, sport and performance psychologist, Charlie Maher, PsyD’s new publication, Fostering the Mental Health of Athletes, Coaches, and Staff, is scheduled for release on September 28th.

This book describes a systems approach for fostering the mental health of athletes, coaches, and staff in sport organizations at professional, collegiate, and secondary school levels. Through this approach, readers can collaborate effectively with a range of professionals in sport organizations, helping to create a mentally healthy entity.

You can preorder the publication here!

SAVE THE DATE

GSAPP WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Please join us as we kick off the 2022-2023 academic year! This highly-anticipated annual event for students, faculty, and staff will take place on Wednesday, September 7th from 12:00-1:30 pm in the Psychology Courtyard (152 Frelinghuysen Road, Piscataway).

Meet our new dean, Dr. Arpana Inman, enjoy good food, music, and friends. Seating will be provided, but feel free to bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket to extend beyond our tent.
From the Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center (DDDC)

- Check out the DDDC on Facebook to stay connected on upcoming events and news!
- Visit the DDDC website for more information: https://dddc.rutgers.edu/

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE DDDC

Please join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center (DDDC)! Their 50 Faces of the DDDC Campaign shines a spotlight on special people whose stories have shaped the DDDC and highlights how the center’s impactful work and outreach continue to build professional support and expand services for the autism community.

JOIN US AT THE 40TH AUTISMNJ CONFERENCE

The DDDC invites you to visit their table at the annual AutismNJ Conference on October 20-21, 2022 at Harrah's Resort-Atlantic City. In addition, several GSAPP faculty will be conducting informative workshops. Speaking of anniversaries, AutismNJ is turning 40! Together, we are celebrating 40 collaborative years of supporting our state’s underserved population of individuals on the autism spectrum.

In addition to the DDDC, the Rutgers Center for Adult Autism Services (RCAAS), and GSAPP’s Applied Psychology Department will have a shared table at the conference.

Click here to submit your news for upcoming issues
From the Rutgers Center of Adult Autism Services (RCAAS)

- Follow the CAS on Twitter, @Rutgers_CAS to keep up-to-date on current news and innovative research!

- Check out the CAS website for more information here!

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CAS WELLNESS EVENT

Check out the Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies (CAS)'s Wellness Self-Care Program! Engage in a series of interactive sessions that empower professionals to practice simple self-care strategies to stay well. Learn how to build these wellness self-care habits into your day-to-day life. There are an array of upcoming sessions you can attend! For more information on the full list of courses and to register, click here!

From the Rutgers Center of Adult Autism Services (RCAAS)

- Check out the RCAAS on Facebook to stay up-to-date on the latest happenings!

- Visit the RCAAS website for more information: https://rcaas.rutgers.edu/

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AUTISM SPEAKS TO HOST NJ PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT VIRTUAL EVENT

On Thursday, September 22nd, all are invited to attend a panel discussion with local experts, including RCAAS Executive Director, Christopher J. Manente, Ph.D., BCBA. Expert panelists will share information about resources and employment services for adults with autism and their families.

This free, virtual event will bring awareness and education about autism into the workplace. For more information on the event and to register, click here.
First-year undergraduate students can register for the Byrne Seminar “Perspectives on Autism in Adulthood,” instructed by Dr. Vanessa Bal and Dr. Christopher Manente in the Fall 2022 semester! Please help spread the word!

This seminar will take place at the RCAAS Community Center. It examines the nature of autism and how a diagnosis of autism can impact a person’s life throughout adulthood. It offers a guided exploration of the services and recent models of support for adults with ASD, and explores supports currently being developed.

In addition, the seminar addresses common obstacles individuals with ASD face, such as “aging out” of the support provided in schools from grades K-12, and how to create solutions for these challenges. Students can register here with the course number: 01:090:101 section 68.

Byrne Seminars are one-credit courses, limited to 20 students. Taking a Byrne Seminar is a requirement for Honors College students. Classes are taught by world-renowned faculty across the university. Each unique seminar offers the chance to experience the excitement of original research, as faculty members share their curiosity, their intellectual passion, and their new ideas and fields of knowledge.

SENDING CONDOLENCES

The GSAPP community mourns the loss of former faculty member, Professor Emeritus, Dr. James (Jim) Langenbucher, who passed away on August 14th. Jim was a clinical and forensic psychologist who worked with the Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies for thirty years.

Jim was a scholar, a colleague, and a friend. Our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time. For expressions of sympathy and support, please click here.
Looking to earn your Continuing Education (CE) credits? GSAPP’s Office of Professional Development and Continuing Education (OPDCE) strives to meet the training needs of professional psychologists and other behavioral health professionals through a variety of conveniently offered, on-demand and live webinars. Check out the featured webinars below! You can access the full library of offerings here. For questions, email ce@gsapp.rutgers.edu.

**FEATURED ON-DEMAND WEBINARS**

**On Demand Webinar**

**Opioid Addiction and Its Treatment: A Brief Overview for Psychotherapists**

- 1 CE Credit
- $25

**ON-DEMAND WEBINAR**

**Domestic Violence and Trauma: Clinical Considerations**

- 4 CE Credits**

**ON-DEMAND WEBINAR**

**Functional Assessment and Treatment Development for Individuals with Special Needs**

- 1.5 CE credits for BCBA/BCABA & Psychologists

**ON-DEMAND WEBINAR**

**Understanding and Addressing Implicit Biases in Clinical Practice**

- 1.5 CE credits

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### Don't Miss September's Exciting Live Webinars

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Get an early start on your fall learning! OPDCE will be featuring several live webinars that cover a variety of relevant topics. These courses can help you earn CE credits and are taught by renowned faculty and experts in their respective fields. Learn more about each webinar and register [here](#)!
"What you think, you become. What you feel, you attract. What you imagine, you create."
-Buddha