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Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology



Master of Applied Psychology Master of Applied Behavior Analysis Doctor of Psychology

Class of 2025

Convocation

Nicholas Music Center Cook/Douglass Campus May 15, 2025

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF APPLIED AND PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

We prepare exceptional practitioners, scholars, and leaders in applied and professional psychology to serve diverse populations by translating scientific knowledge into innovative practices that promote social justice and create lasting positive impact.

Core Values. We are guided by four core values that are apparent in our learning environment, centers, and clinics:

- 1. Academic excellence in preparing students for careers in applied and professional psychology.
- 2. Commitment to social justice and helping underserved populations.
- 3. Diversity of students trained, approaches used, theoretical orientations followed, and populations served.
- 4. Knowledge generation and dissemination using contemporary research approaches.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Welcome and Opening Remarks Dr. Daniel Hart, Interim Dean

Faculty Honors Presentation of Professor of the Year Awards Dr. Daniel Hart, Interim Dean

Congratulatory Remarks Dr. Francine Conway, Chancellor, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Student Speakers

Lindsey Cicalese, Department of Applied Psychology Angelina DeCapua, Department of School Psychology Alma Campiani, Department of Clinical Psychology

Student Honors

Presentation of the Cyril M. Franks Award Dr. Ryan Kettler, Associate Dean of Academic and Faculty Affairs

Presentation of Degree Candidates and Guest Speaker Remarks

Master of Applied Psychology Candidates
Master of Applied Behavior Analysis Candidates

Dr. SungWoo Kahng, Department Chair, Applied Psychology

Welcome from the New Jersey Association for Behavior Analysis

Dr. Meghan Deshais, Treasurer

Doctor of Psychology – Organizational Candidates

Dr. SungWoo Kahng, Department Chair, Applied Psychology

Doctor of Psychology – School Candidates

Dr. Timothy Cleary, Department Chair, School Psychology

Welcome from the New Jersey Association of School Psychologists

Stacey Maugeri, President

Doctor of Psychology – Clinical Candidates

Dr. Timothy Cleary, Interim Department Chair, Clinical Psychology

Welcome from the New Jersey Psychological Association Dr. Alexandra Miller Clark, President

Induction of New GSAPP Alumni Dr. Joseph Conerty, Alumni Speaker

Concluding Remarks and Conferring of Degrees Dr. Daniel Hart, Interim Dean

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Master of Applied Behavior Analysis Candidates

Lindsey Cicalese

Jennifer Pariona Tiara Paulino

Doctor of Psychology Candidates

Organizational Psychology

Matthew Choquette ^{°°}

Embedding Sport Psychology Services in NCAA Division III With Organizational Support From Student Wellness Centers Dissertation Committee: Peter Economou, Daniel Lee

Alexander Gamble »

Basketball as a Tool to Promote Wellness for Youth and Young Adults of Color Dissertation Committee: Peter Economou, Margaret Swarbrick

Luke Nathan [∞]

The Feasibility and Acceptability of a Mindfulness-Acceptance-Commitment-Based Sport Psychology Program for High School Athletes Dissertation Committee: Peter Economou, Katherine Fackina, Deirdre Waters

Marissa O'Brien [∞]

Mindfulness-Based Interventions: Addressing Workplace Challenges and Enhancing Well-Being in Healthcare Settings Dissertation Committee: Peter Economou, Lisa Goldman

School Psychology

Elisa A. Campos ≠

Effective Components of Professional Development (PD) for Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Implementation Dissertation Committee: Maurice Elias, Jennifer Foster

Janna Hackshaw [≠]

LGBTQ+ Students' Perception of School Climate Dissertation Committee: Anne Gregory, Elisa Shernoff

Gabrielle Pignatelli ≠

An Analysis of Environmental Components to Identify Leisure Preferences Among Adults With Autism Spectrum Disorder Dissertation Committee: Robert LaRue, Kate Fiske

Rachel Riedel-Prabhakar*

Building Upon Current Practices: Tiered Systems of Support for Student Mental Health Dissertation Committee: Adam Lekwa, Jennifer Foster Karina Grace Heaton [≠] Teachers' Attitudes Towards Trauma-Informed Care: A Trauma-Informed MTSS Approach in a Large, Urban, Public School Dissertation Committee: Erum Nadeem, Tanya Saraiya

Samantha Silber ^{*} Teachers' Needs During the Initial Outbreak of the Coronavirus Pandemic: A Qualitative View Dissertation Committee: Erum Nadeem, Elisa Shernoff

Eve Hauptle [≠]

Relationship Between Classroom Student Engagement and Achievement in Urban High-Poverty Elementary Schools Dissertation Committee: Linda Reddy, Adam Lekwa

Shira Wolff [∞]

Premarital Education in the Orthodox Jewish Community: Exploring Knowledge Gaps and the Lived Experiences of Newlywed Couples Dissertation Committee: Karen Riggs-Skean, Jeffrey Segal

Angelina DeCapua ≠

Parent Involvement and Satisfaction With School-Based Mental Health Services Dissertation Committee: Elisa Shernoff, Erum Nadeem

Melisa Dennis [≠]

Exploring the Relationship Between Teacher Practices and Student Behavior Dissertation Committee: Elisa Shernoff, Adam Lekwa

Gianna Marie Rinaldi ≠

The Role of the School Psychologist in Supporting Teacher Mental Health Dissertation Committee: Elisa Shernoff, Emily Graybill

Ayomitunde Adebowale [≠]

Associations Between Ethnic Identity, Own Group Conformity Pressure, and School Belonging Among Racially Diverse Middle School Students Dissertation Committee: Joanna Williams, Patrick Connelly

Leah Flanzman *

The Relationship Between Middle School Students' Perceptions of School Interracial Climate and Psychosocial Outcomes Dissertation Committee: Joanna Williams, Anne Gregory Vinaiya Charlai Fryar [≠] Unpacking Commitment: A YouTube-Based Analysis of Black Men's Discourse on Romantic Relationships Dissertation Committee: Jennifer Durham, Karen Riggs-Skean

Clinical Psychology

Emily Brennan [#] Deconstructing Information About Autism Diagnosis on TikTok: A Cross-Sectional, Descriptive Content Analysis Dissertation Committee: Vanessa Bal, Joshua Langberg

Tanya Lalwani ≠

Treatment Community Needs Assessment of Trauma Intervention in Substance Use Treatment Settings Dissertation Committee: Alexandria Bauer, Tanya Saraiya

Anita Batuure ≠

An Exploration of Parasocial Relationships, Celebrity Worship, and The Five Factor Model of Personality Dissertation Committee: Nicole Cain, Stephanie Lyon

Che Harris ≠

A Multi-Surface Circumplex Assessment of Empathy Dissertation Committee: Nicole Cain, James Walkup

Jessica Reed [≠]

Relationships Between Adverse Childhood Experiences, Racial Identity, and Mental Health in African Americans Dissertation Committee: Nicole Cain, Nicholas Sibrava

Hannah-Puah Brody [≠]

Parent Influence on Avoidance and Approach: The Fear Effect With Depressed and Anxious Youth Dissertation Committee: Brian Chu, Kristen Riley

Germeen Kilada ≠

Impact of Parent Distress and Behavior on Child Threat Interpretation: A Study on the Relationship Between Parent and Child Anxiety and Depression *Dissertation Committee: Brian Chu, Jessica Hamilton*

Alvin Tran [≠]

An Analysis of Youth Mental Health Outcomes During the COVID-19 Pandemic Beyond the First Wave: How Family Factors Impacted Negative Outcomes

Dissertation Committee: Brian Chu, Jazmin Reyes-Portillo

Saipriya Iyer ≠

From the Individual to the Collective – A Program Proposal for a Training Series Focused on Cultural Humility Dissertation Committee: Patrick Connelly, Kristen Riley

Damilola Kolade ≠

Addressing Suicide in Nigeria: The Acceptability, Appropriateness, and Feasibility of Dialectical Behavior Therapy: An Exploratory Qualitative Research Study Dissertation Committee: Shalonda Kelly, Kristen Riley, Nancy Boyd-Franklin

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Short-Term Psychodynamic Psychotherapy (STPP) for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD): The Hybrid Case of "Serena" Dissertation Committee: Stephanie Lyon, Brook Hersey

Rebecca McCarthy ≠

Ethical Considerations for Licensed Psychologists as Social Media Mental Health Influencers: An Exploratory Study Dissertation Committee: Karen Riggs-Skean, Brook Hersey

Lamar Nero *

Race and Psychoanalysis: Exploring Transference and Countertransference as a Black Clinician Dissertation Committee: Karen Riggs-Skean, Brook Hersey, Nancy Boyd-Franklin

Zoe Verrico 🐔

From Hurting to Healing: Assessing the Feasibility of Applying Elements of Accelerated Experiential Dynamic Psychotherapy (AEDP) to Meaning-Centered Psychotherapy (MCP): A Pragmatic Case Study Dissertation Committee: Kristen Riley, Karen Riggs-Skean

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Integrated Healthcare, Interprofessional Education, and the Experience of Psychologists Dissertation Committee: Kristen Riley, Susan Forman

Melanie Rosen ≠

The Relationship Between Affective Variability and Variability of Self-Injurious Thoughts and Behaviors Among Adults with Borderline Personality Disorder Dissertation Committee: Shireen Rizvi, Alison Ruork

April Yeager ≠

An Exploratory Evaluation of Changes in Adolescent and Caregiver Family Functioning and Conflict Across Six-Month DBT - A Treatment Dissertation Committee: Shireen Rizvi, Linda Oshin

Grace Ecton ≠

The Experience of Gender in Nonbinary People and its Clinical Implications, A Phenomenological Study Dissertation Committee: Louis Sass, Stephanie Lyon

Ezra Ellenberg ≠

A Qualitative Study of Communication and Treatment Preferences Among Young-People At-Risk for Psychosis Dissertation Committee: Louis Sass, Shaynne Herrera

- **August 2024 graduates
- * October 2024 graduates
- ♦ January 2025 graduates
- ∞ May 2025 graduates
- ≠ August 2025 graduates
- *** October 2025 graduates

Candidates receiving an August 2025 or October 2025 Diploma have met their requirements pending internship completion.

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From far and near we came to Rutgers And resolved to learn all that we can; And so we settled down, In that noisy college town, On the banks of the old Raritan.

Refrain: On the banks of the old Raritan (my friends) Where old Rutgers evermore shall stand, For has she not stood Since the time of the flood, On the banks of the old Raritan.

Then sing aloud to Alma Mater And keep the scarlet in the van' For with her motto high Rutgers' name shall never die On the banks of the old Raritan.

(Refrain)

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