Summer Dissertation Defenses

Isaiah Ares-Christian - An Exploratory Study of Roman Catholic Priests’ and Deacons’ Perspectives on Mental Health Treatment
Committee Members: Brenna H. Bry, PhD (chair), and Nancy Boyd-Franklin, PhD

Caitlyn Cafferty Mehok - A Grounded Theory Approach to Investigating the Sibling Relationships of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their Typically Developing Siblings
Committee Members: Kenneth C. Schneider, PhD (chair) and Paige Fisher, PhD

LaToya Gaines - Working with African American Males in Urban Education: An Exploratory Study of Public High School Teachers
Committee Members: Nancy Boyd-Franklin, PhD (chair), and Patrick Connelly, PsyD

Angela Gonnella - School Psychology Graduate Training in Evidenced Based Interventions for Mental Health
Committee Members: Elisa S. Shernoff, PhD (chair), and Kenneth C. Schneider, PhD

Kahina Arielle Louis - Posttraumatic Growth in Children and their Parents Following Child Sexual Abuse
Committee Members: Jami Young, PhD (chair), and Lindsay Liotta, PsyD

Christina Marie Ortiz - Experiences of Adolescents in a Private Residential Treatment Program: An Exploratory Study
Committee Members: Nancy Boyd-Franklin, PhD (chair), and Brenna H. Bry, PhD

Yaakov Weiner - Perceptions of School Psychologist Role and Function Among Newly Enrolled School Psychology Graduate Students
Committee Members: Elisa S. Shernoff, PhD (chair), and Ryan J. Kettler, PhD

UPCOMING DISSERTATION

Arielle S. Gartenberg - School Based CBT for Anxiety in Adolescents with High-Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Comparison of the Pragmatic Case Studies of Brian and Bridgette
Committee Members: Daniel B. Fishman, PhD (chair), and Scott A. Roth, PsyD

Date: September 11, 2017
Time: 11:30am
Location: Room 301 - Psychology wing
Need Dissertation Help....
Join the dissertation committee to discuss topics, questions, logistics on how to begin the process! Meetings will be held on the Monday's listed below from 11:30 - 1pm in A302.

**September 11** - discussion on logistical issues

**October 2** - faculty from school and clinical programs advise students on how to identify a topic, conceptualizing research questions, securing a chair, etc.

**November 6** - University Librarian to discuss resources, differences with copyrighting/microfilming, publishing your dissertation

**December 4** - Panel discussion of advanced trainees from both the school and clinical departments

RSVP if you plan to attend to [Sylvia Krieger](mailto:sylvia.krieger@university.edu)

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**APA Gathering with Alumni**

Dean Francine Conway had the pleasure of meeting some alumni along with faculty and students at the APA Convention at Washington, D.C. for a casual gathering.

Cheryl Rothery (Clinical ’92), Dean Francine Conway, & Nancy Boyd-Franklin, Jenya Gaskin (School ’13), Dean Conway, & Jessica Floyd (Clinical ’08)

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**Upcoming Events**

**Annual Welcome First Year Students Picnic!!**

*Come join us in welcoming our first year students!!*

All Faculty, Students and Staff are Welcome

Date: Wednesday, September 6

Time: 11:30am - 1pm

Location: Lawn between Physics and Smithers

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**Alumni/Student Social Networking Event**

Given the success of our past student-alumni events, alumna Sharon Ryan Montgomery, Psy.D. has graciously offered to host a social networking event at her home in Morristown, New Jersey, on **Sunday, September 17, 2017, from 4:00pm-7:00pm.** Please note that, due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict,
we have moved the event, which was originally scheduled for September 24, to September 17.
This promises to be a fun and engaging event to reconnect with classmates, meet and network with other alumni, and interact with students. GSAPP’s Dean, Dr. Francine Conway, will be joining us. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required so that Sharon can plan accordingly. Here is the link for registration:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gsapp-student-alumni-networking-event-tickets-36628123704

Upcoming Continuing Education Workshops

**Somatic Issues**
Stopping Chronic Pain (not just managing it!)
Monday, September 18, 2017
Time: 8:45a - 12:15p
Presenter: Jeffrey Axelbank, PsyD
Location: Center for Applied Psychology, 41 Gordon Road, Piscataway, NJ

For more information and registration, go to: Continuing Education

**Developmental Disabilities**
Best Practices for Addressing Core Symptoms of Autism Spectrum Disorder
Wednesday, September 27, 2017
Time: 8:45am-4:15pm
Presenters: Kimberly Sloman, Ph.D., BCBA-D & Kate Fiske, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Location: Center for Applied Psychology, 41 Gordon Road, Suite C, Piscataway NJ

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**Special Opportunity for GSAPP Students**

GSAPP has newly formed the Office of Professional Development and Continuing Studies, which will be providing Continuing Education workshops to licensed psychologists. Soon, you will start receiving emails about workshops on a variety of topics. For each workshop, a limited number of seats will be available for GSAPP students to attend FOR FREE!

If you see a workshop that you would like to attend, please email Jessica Benas at jbenas@rutgers.edu for special permission and to receive the registration discount code. Requests will be granted on a first come, first serve basis.

To see current offerings, you can click below to visit the website, or access it from the main GSAPP website

Visit the CE website

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**What's New at GSAPP!!**

Please join us in welcoming our new staff members...

Angelica Diaz-Martinez - Assistant Director of Clinical Training
Denise Hien - Director, Center for Alcohol Studies
Liotta Lindsay Anderson - Assistant Director, Center for Psychological Services, Foster Care Project
Erin McDonough - Clinical Assistant Professor
Hamel Paraison - Program Coordinator, Center for Psychological Services
Sharon Slinsky, Office Administrator
Maureen Vella-McGarrity, Business Assistant
Karla Wallack - Director of Development, Alumni Engagement and Communications
CALL FOR PAPERS

Latino Mental Health Association of New Jersey
Annual Conference - Friday, February 2, 2018
For more information, click on link.