Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology

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

2022 Convocation Graduation Ceremony

Nicholas Music Center
Cook/Douglass Campus
May 12, 2022
11:00 am
HISTORY AND MISSION OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF APPLIED AND PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

“The mission of GSAPP is threefold: education, research/scholarship, and public service. Its goal is to prepare well-educated, qualified, and competent direct-service psychologists who have a special commitment to community involvement and to underserved populations—professionals who can integrate scientific knowledge with innovation in the delivery of psychological services to individuals, families, groups, and organizations. Professionals receiving a degree in psychology should be capable of extending psychological knowledge, as well as exhibiting the high level of analytic skills and theoretical understanding needed to use existing and emerging psychological knowledge.”

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. Ryan Kettler, Interim Dean

Faculty Honors
Presentation of Professor of the Year Award
  Dr. Ryan Kettler, Interim Dean

Student Honors
Presentation of the Student Excellence Award
  Dr. SungWoo Kahng, Chair, Applied Psychology
Presentation of the Robert D. Weitz Award
  Dr. Brian Chu, Chair, Clinical Psychology
Presentation of the Robert D. Weitz Award
  Dr. Anne Gregory, Chair, School Psychology
Presentation of the Cyril M. Franks Award
  Dr. Ryan Kettler, Interim Dean

Presentation of Degree Candidates
Presentation of Master of Applied Psychology Candidates
  Dr. Peter Economou, Program Director, Applied Psychology
Presentation of Master of Applied Behavior Analysis Candidates
  Dr. SungWoo Kahng, Program Director, Applied Behavior Analysis
Presentation of Doctor of Psychology - Clinical Candidates
  Dr. Brian Chu, Chair, Clinical Psychology
Presentation of Doctor of Psychology - School Candidates
  Dr. Anne Gregory, Chair, School Psychology

Congratulatory Remarks and Conferring of Degrees
  Dr. Francine Conway, Chancellor-Provost and Former Dean of GSAPP

Induction of New GSAPP Alumni
  Dr. Joseph Conerty, President of GSAPP Alumni Organization

Welcome from the NJPA
  Dr. Peter DeNigris, President, New Jersey Psychological Association

Congratulations to the Class of 2022!!
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Master of Applied Psychology Candidates

Nayera Bassiony
Aiyana Bedoya
Nizar Bekai
Douglas Bowlby
Willard Boyd
Alexa Camaño
Shelby Chapman
Isra Chaudhary
Gargi Choudhury
Eric Cutler
Amanda Faison
Alexis Franklin
Jack Frazer
Tori Glascock
Allyson Graves
Kaan Kideys
Jeffrey Lane
Linze Li
Nina Lohan
Liam McCabe
Ethan Mendelsohn
Swati Swapna Moharana
Eva Niemeijer
Gabrielle Perone
Aditi Poddar
Neha Rao
Donna Rhymer
Sasha Singh
Jasmine Swanson
Erika Tan
William Zuckerberg

Master of Applied Behavior Analysis Candidates

Tiffany LaRusso
Halle Norris
Joshua Wattenberg
Rana Yassa
Doctor of Psychology Candidates
Clinical Psychology

Maria Alba***
Evaluating Demographic and Trauma Factors Associated with Caregiver Involvement in Trauma Therapy for Children and Adolescents
Advisors: Lindsay Anderson and Shireen Rizvi

David Asamoah-Duodu***
Best Practices in Mental Health Services for Ghanaian Immigrants in the U.S.
Advisors: Shalonda Kelly and Nancy Boyd-Franklin

Emily Badin***
Conflict, Cohesion, and Accommodation: The Impact of Caregiver Responses to Youth who Refuse School
Advisors: Brian Chu and Elaina Zendegui

Katharine Bailey ***
Evaluating the Impact of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on Suicidal and Self-Injurious Behaviors in Individuals with Borderline Personality Disorder
Advisors: Shireen Rizvi and Nicole Cain

Lauren Blanchette ***
Reliability and Validity of the Registrant Risk Assessment Scale as a Method of Sexual Offender Risk Assessment
Advisors: Adam Lekwa, Sean Hiscox and Zachary Yeoman

Jay Newman Bosworth ***
Sex Workers on OnlyFans: An Exploratory Investigation of Services Accessibility, Psychosocial Influences, and Online Culture
Advisors: Karen Riggs-Skean and Nicole Cain

Sydney Basie Brinson***
Treating African American Women Trauma Survivors: Clinician Perspectives on Incorporating Religion and Spirituality
Advisors: Shalonda Kelly and Nancy Boyd-Franklin

Brittany N. Cabanas ***
Increasing the Utilization of Psychologists in Healthcare through Interprofessional Education
Advisors: Kristen Riley and Susan Forman
Cindy Chang***
Application of Minority Stress and Suicide Models in Bisexual versus Gay/Lesbian Young Adults
Advisors: Edward Selby, Brian Feinstein and Brian Chu

Donald Cohen***
CPT for PTSD: Connections to Psychodynamic Theory and Implications for the APA PTSD Clinical Practice Guidelines
Advisors: Karen Riggs-Skean and Monica Indart

Michael Friedman***
Avoidance, Inactivation, and Symptom Severity in Anxious and Depressed Youth: The Mediating Role of Distress Tolerance
Advisors: Brian Chu and Andrea Quinn

Marco Romero Garcia *
The Social Within: Pichon Riviere, Vinculo, and the Spiral Process
Advisors: Louis Sass and Karen Riggs-Skean

Julia Harbell***
Motherhood and Migration: Comprehensive Maternal Care for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the United States
Advisors: Kristen Riley and Nancy Boyd-Franklin

Tara Kellman***
Examining Group Dynamics and Role of Culture in Couple Relationship Education
Advisors: Shalonda Kelly and Traci Maynigo

Rupali Kulshreshtha***
Perspectives on Sexual Minority Mental Health in India
Advisors: Nicole Cain and Margaret Nichols

Hyein Lee***
Exploring Autistic Adults’ Perspectives of their Own Behaviors and Interests
Advisors: Vanessa Bal and Kate Fiske

Drew E. Madore***
Mind, Body, and Heart: A Psychosocial Group Intervention for Left Ventricular Assist Device Recipients
Advisors: Karen Riggs-Skean and Kristen Riley
Anne-Valerie Pierre-Canel***  
Racial Battle Fatigue: Exploring How Early Career Black Psychologists Navigated Racial Trauma While in Graduate School  
Advisors: Shalonda Kelly and Nancy Boyd-Franklin

Ruby Rhoden***  
Look At Us as People Too: The Phenomenological Experiences of Traumatic Childbirth in Primi and Multiparous Black Women  
Advisors: Kristen Riley and Shalonda Kelly

Sheila Rouzitalab***  
Millennial Iranian American Beliefs about Mental Health and Treatment: A Qualitative Study  
Advisors: Shalonda Kelly and Angelica Diaz-Martinez

Stuart Nathan Singer***  
Mutual Influence in the Gay Male Therapist – Heterosexual Male Client Psychotherapy Dyad: An Exploratory Qualitative Analysis  
Advisors: Karen Riggs-Skean and Brook Hersey

Helen Tan***  
Stages of Meaning Making in the Psychodynamic Treatment of Psychosis  
Advisors: Louis Sass and Monica Indart

Shin Teh***  
Understanding Factors that Influence the Daily Living Skills of Adults with Autism  
Advisors: Vanessa Bal and Kate Fiske

Irada Yunusova***  
The Role of Exposure Therapy in Accelerated Experiential-Dynamic Psychotherapy: A Case Study  
Advisors: Karen Riggs-Skean and Lindsay Liotta Anderson
Doctor of Psychology Candidates

School Psychology

Amanda Austin***
Evaluating Compassionate Supervisory Practices and Burnout among ABA Staff
Advisors: Kate Fiske and Adam Lekwa

Tori Cedar***
Perspectives from Consumers with Down Syndrome on their Experiences at PALS Programs
Advisors: Kenneth Schneider and Timothy Cleary

Melissa Fluehr***
School Psychologists’ Attitudes, Beliefs, Practice, Knowledge, and Skills Related to School Re-Entry for Students with Cancer
Advisors: Susan Forman and Kristen Riley

Julie Foeldes***
The Contextual Factors that Impact the Quality of Relationship Between a Teacher and a Paraprofessional
Advisors: Adam Lekwa and Linda Reddy

Alexandra Franklin***
Paraprofessional Ratings of Supports, Stress and Teacher Classroom Practices
Advisors: Linda Reddy, Todd Glover and Anh Hua

Caroline Kleeman
“See Amazing” in the Classroom: Evaluating Opportunities for Educating about Autism in Early Childhood Classrooms
Advisors: Maurice Elias and Elisa Shernoff

Natalie Manno***
Concurrent Validity of Direct and Indirect Measures of Externalizing Behavior Symptoms on Academic Achievement
Advisors: Linda Reddy and Adam Lekwa

Isabella Massaro***
Evaluation of the Value of Activity-Based Token Reinforcement
Advisors: Kate Fiske and Robert LaRue
Amy Oliveira***
Conversion and Divergence of Stakeholder Perspectives on the Implementation of a Restorative Practices Initiative
Advisors: Anne Gregory and Susan Forman

Sade S. Porter***
An Application of a Multitrait-Multimethod Matrix to Pre-Treatment Measures for Clients in the Foster Care Counseling Project: A Measurement Validation Study
Advisors: Ryan Kettler and Kelly Feeney-Kettler

# August 2021 graduates
*October 2021 graduates
** January graduates
Candidates receiving an ***August 2022 Diploma. These students have met all of their requirements pending internship completion this summer.
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ALMA MATER

On the Banks of the Old Raritan

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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