Department News!

A Warm Welcome to Returning Faculty Member in Counseling Psychology, Dr. Rosie Bingham!

Introducing the New Department Chair of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Research, Dr. Steven West!
Introducing the New Cohort!

**Greg Horn**

Hometown: Boone, North Carolina

Degree: M. A. in Clinical/Health Psychology from Appalachian State University

Research Interests: Responses to trauma and minority stress and interventions to alleviate posttraumatic stress

**Alexandra (Ali) Fuss**

Hometown: Milwaukee, WI

Degree: M. S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Marquette University

Research Interests: Invisible Illness/Disability and Their Impacts on Patients' Lives, Grief as It Relates to Medical Loss, and Integrated Healthcare

**Christy New**

Hometown: Aiea, HI/Baltimore, MD

Degree: M. A./C. A. S. in Psychology/School Psychology from Towson University

Research Interests: Human Sexuality and Cognitive/Physical Disabilities
Jennifer Yeoward

Hometown: Rock Falls, IL
Degree: M. S. in Clinical-Counseling Psychology from Illinois State University
Research Interests: Gender Issues, Grief and Loss, Vocational Counseling, and Issues Relevant to the Older Adult Population

Whitney Shuman

Hometown: Visalia, CA
Degree: M. A. in Mental Health Counseling from Southern Oregon University
Research Interests: Masculinity and Loss

Parker Rhomberg

Hometown: Dublin, OH
Degree: M. A. in Counseling Psychology from University of Denver
Research Interests: Student-Athletes and Health Psychology

Brian Adams

Hometown: Memphis, TN
Degree: M. Ed. in Counselor Education from University of Mississippi
Research Interests: Positive Psychology, Resilience, and Solution-Focused Brief Therapy
A Fond Send-Off to Our Students Leaving for Internship!

**Emily Brown**
Internship: Towson University
Towson, MD—Psychology Internship
Dissertation: “Predictors of Body Dissatisfaction in Transgender Men and Women”

**Ben Brett**
Internship: Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System
West Haven, CT—Clinical Neuropsychology
Dissertation: “Neurocognitive Impairment in Parkinson’s Disease Patients: Assessing the Unique Contributions of Depression and Fatigue While Controlling for Disease Severity”

**Hannah Emery**
Internship: Virginia Tech/Thomas Cook Counseling Center
Blacksburg, VA—Psychology Internship
Dissertation: “The Influence of Gender Role Conflict on Perpetration andVictimization of Intimate Partner Violence in Same Sex Male Relationships”

**Whitney Stubbs**
Internship: South Texas VA Health Care System
San Antonio, TX—Geropsychology
Dissertation: “Evaluating the Ecological Validity of the Frontal Assessment Battery in a Veteran Memory Clinic Sample”
Megan Loew

Internship: Medical College of Georgia/Norwood VA Med Center
Augusta, GA—Medical Psychology—HIV-AIDS Track
Dissertation: “Antiretroviral Therapy Adherence in Youth Living with HIV: Exploring the Role of Risk Behaviors, Health Promotion Behaviors, and Depressive Symptoms”

Adam Fishel

Internship: Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System
Little Rock, AR—Health Psychology
Dissertation: “Gratitude Interventions with Physical Therapy Patients”

Eric Suedmeyer

Internship: Southwest Consortium/NMVAHCS
Albuquerque, NM—General Track
Dissertation: “The Development of a Career Resilience for Adults with Disabilities Scale”

Sarah Hatcher

Internship: AHRC New York City
New York, NY—Psychology Internship
Congratulations to Our 2016 Graduates!!!
Students Currently on Internship

**Brian Bruijn**—Michigan State University-Counseling

**Wally Cole**—Butler University

**Kaitlin Duckett**—Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center/Lackland AFB

**Brittany Lee**—University of Central Florida Counseling and Psychology

**KT Heistand**
★ KT graduated in 2010, and she currently has a private practice at Hiestand Psychological Services, PLLC.

**Richelle Ashley McGee Long**
★ Richelle completed an internship at Tulane University School of Medicine in the Infant Mental Health Track in 2013-2014, followed by a clinical fellowship at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. She currently works at UC Davis in the department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and is an Assistant Professor on the volunteer clinical faculty.

**Jessica Nicholson**
★ Jessica plans on taking a full-time job as a suicide prevention coordinator at Dorn VA in Columbia, South Carolina in August 2017.

**Danielle Miro**—University of Kansas Medical Center

**Ben Smith**—James H. Quillen VA

**Huan-Hsiang Ueng**—UC Riverside

**Stephanie Zuckerman**—Federal Bureau of Prisons-Tallahassee

**Aron Katz**
★ Aron is currently a staff psychologist at UC Davis Student Health and Counseling Services and serves as the Center’s staff representative for collective bargaining as they join a union.

**Adrian Murray**
★ Adrian is currently the Clinical Team Program Director at the Tallahassee VA Medical Center. She passed the EPPP in March 2016.

**Brandy Smith**
★ Brandy is currently the Assistant Director of Clinical Training at Auburn University Student Counseling Services and is in the process of getting that site APA-accredited as an internship program.
**Dr. Marks’s G.R.O.W.T.H. Lab**

(Global Research on Working to Ameliorate Health Disparities)

Currently, The G.R.O.W.T.H. research team is working on projects: (a) exploring mediators and moderators of the relationship between microaggressions and mental health outcomes, (b) exploring the status of health psychology in the Caribbean, and (c) exploring the influence of microaggressions in adults living with HIV/AIDS.

**Dr. Bridges’s Constructivist Sexuality Lab**

We are currently working on projects: (a) exploring attitudes toward PreP use, (b) implementing a Delphi methodology to identify the mental health needs among those who practice kink, (c) exploring the loss experiences of trans* individuals post-transition, (d) investigating the retrospective experiences of ostomates regarding the adequacy of information provided to them about sexuality with an ostomy bag.

**Dr. Ovrebo’s International Team**

Our team is gearing up to begin an exploration/creation of an intervention for refugees in the Memphis area addressing their educational and language needs. Additionally, the team is looking at examining the attitudes towards having international students in counseling psychology programs and multicultural competencies resulting from international/multicultural experiences.
Dr. Ovrebo’s LGTB-Trauma Team

We are currently developing manuscripts surrounding interpersonal trauma and its effects on the LGBT population regarding their psychological well-being, experiences of minority stress, and help-seeking behaviors. One study in particular is looking at the applicability of the Conformity to Female Norms Inventory (CFNI) and the Conformity to Masculine Norms Inventory (CMNI) to an LGB sample of individuals.

Dr. Schiro-Geist’s TigerLIFE Research Team

We are currently working on projects: (a) exploring what factors motivate students to become peer mentors of TigerLIFE students, (b) examining the attitudes and apprehensions university faculty have towards students with intellectual disabilities, (c) exploring how the financial and subjective well-being of TigerLIFE parents has changed since their child graduated from TigerLIFE, (d) investigating whether Vocational Rehabilitation counselors with master’s degrees have better client outcomes than counselors with only bachelor’s degrees, (e) examining the efficacy of the TigerLIFE program through a randomized-controlled trial, and (f) validation of the Attitudes Toward Intellectual Disability Questionnaire.

Dr. Lease’s Masculinity and Health Research Team

We are currently working on projects: (a) investigating how gratitude interventions increase self-efficacy and outcome expectations and possibly decrease pain in physical therapy patients, (b) exploring how presentations of pain and gender atypical/typical behavior influence nurses’ perceptions of target patients, and (c) investigating the moderating effects of perceived social support on the relationship between conformity to gender norms and grief reactions to non-death loss.
Dr. Rosie Bingham is running for APA President!!

- If you would like to help with the campaign, please contact Rami Steinruck at rsteinruck@gmail.com
- Please remember to vote in the elections!

Dr. Schiro-Geist is serving on the accreditation committee for the National Coordinating Center for Inclusive Postsecondary Education Programs and represented the University of Memphis at the 2016 International Congress of Psychology in Yokohama, Japan.

Dr. Marks joined the Counseling Psychology faculty in 2015 — she earned her Ph.D. from Purdue University, and her research interests are centered on understanding social determinants of health behaviors in adults of color and factors that influence mental health and career outcomes in racial minority populations.

Dr. Lease looks forward to creating and securing new practicum sites and positions that concentrate on integrated healthcare and provide valuable experience in this growing and crucial area in the field.
The Diversity Committee has been very busy this past year!

- Volunteering to help M.A.G.Y. with their booth at the Memphis Pride Parade
- Participated in Diversity Outreach talks during the fall semester, which covered a variety of topics, including microaggressions and ableism
- Third year Sarah Hatcher and first year Jennifer Yeoward led a discussion with Phi Mu at the National Civil Rights Museum
- Members helped set-up with the Memphis Empty Bowls Project, which helps raise money for charities in the Memphis area
- Many Counseling Psychology students volunteered or ran at the St. Jude Marathon!
- Participated in the Women’s March in Memphis on January 21st, 2017
- Various events during Black History Month, including a lecture about Rosa Parks during Women’s History Month
Coming Soon!

University of Memphis

University of Houston-Clear Lake

University of Memphis

Marquette University

Loyola University Maryland

Vanderbilt University

Hofstra University

Oklahoma State University