The department has kept itself busy for the 2017-2018 academic year. We are excited to be welcoming our new students and sending a group of students off to internships and post-doctoral placements. Research teams have kept active and have several presentations accepted for APA 2018 and various other conferences. We are delighted to share what has been going on with the department over the past year.

Enjoy!
Welcome the 2017-2018 Cohort

Ally Schimmel- Bristow
Degree: M.S. Clinical Psychology, Thesis Track
Loyola University Maryland
Research Interests: Sexuality and LGBT Issues

Daniel Cruz Lattimore
Degree: M.S. Clinical and Mental Health Counseling, Marquette University
Research Interests: Academic Retention in First-Generation Students, Humor in Therapeutic Settings, Role of Microaggressions on Mental Health

Kanesha Moore
Degree: M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling, University of Memphis
Research Interests: resilience in racial minority girls, sexual satisfaction within religion, married couples, and effects of racial microaggressions on mental health.

Erica Magsam
Degree: M.S. Mental Health Counseling, Oklahoma State University
Research Interests: Health Psychology and Sexuality
Asia Amos
Degree: M.Ed. in Human Development at Vanderbilt University
Research Interests: Intersectional Feminism and Sexuality

Kimberly Adams
Degree: M.A. in Creative Arts Therapy Counseling at Hofstra University
Research Interests: international psychology, needs of refugees, trauma, and health disparities among minority populations.

Emily El-Oqlah
Degree: M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy at University of Houston- Clear Lake
Research Interests: International and Refugees, Couples and Families, and Sexuality

Dorothy’e Gott
Degree: M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling at University of Memphis
Research Interests: Mental Health and Family Systems, Mental Health and African American populations
Faculty Research Interests

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Core Counseling Psychology Faculty

Rosie P. Bingham Davis, Ph.D., Ohio State University. Dr. Bingham recently joined the Counseling Psychology faculty after a long tenure as the Vice President for Student Affairs. Dr. Bingham has served at the President of the Society for Counseling Psychology (APA Division 17) and as Vice President for Student Affairs at The University of Memphis. She is the 2015 recipient of the APA Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Institutional Practice. Her interests include multicultural career counseling, ethics, health and health disparities, and university and college administration.

Sara K. Bridges, Ph.D. Interests include therapist training, trans*, gender nonconforming, and GLB issues and sexuality, Kink issues in therapy, human sexuality, and constructivist and humanistic theory. The Constructivist Sexuality Team focuses on personal constructions of sexuality and the meaning sexuality has for individuals and couples. Specifically, we are interested in the subjective and uniquely personal experiences of sexuality in all its definitions for individuals in their social and relational contexts. As a team we focus on issues related to optimal sexual satisfaction, kink issues, body image, gender role, masculinity and femininity, and interpersonal competence as it relates to experiences of and satisfaction with sexuality.

Suzanne H. Lease, Ph.D. Current interests are: masculinity and gender norms, career/work issues with underserved populations, and health behaviors (integrated primary care, health promotion) as they intersect with gender and career. The research team has a masculinity and health focus, but I'm always interested in career research also. Currently, the team is looking at nurses’ perceptions of patients with pain, especially when those patients present in gender atypical ways; gratitude, self-efficacy, and outcome expectations in physical therapy patients; and examining aspects of masculinity, self-esteem, and physique anxiety as they cluster together into profiles that predict health risk behaviors.

Douglas Strohmer, Ph.D. Dr. Strohmer is the former Chair of the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research and has an appointment in the Counseling Psychology program. His interests include: clinical judgment and decision-making, personality assessment, and psychologist professional identity.
Faculty Research Interests

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O. Richard Lightsey, Ph.D. Interests: psychological resilience and wellness, including how vulnerable people cope effectively with stressors; psychological strengths that foster growth even during times of adversity. He enjoys teaching Group Psychotherapy. His Wellness Team aspires to foster human well-being by enhancing understanding of resilience, stress-coping, and happiness. Examples of the team’s work include: Ascertaining the role of meaning, positive affect, positive and negative thoughts, and self-efficacy in shaping life satisfaction and psychological well-being and testing how meaning in life leads to happiness.

Laura Marks, Ph.D. Dr. Marks’ is the director of the G.R.O.W.T.H. (Global Research On Working To Ameliorate Health Disparities) Research Lab. Her research interests are centered on understanding social determinants of health risk behaviors and factors that influence mental health in the Black population. More specifically, she is interested in factors beyond individuals’ control (i.e., microaggressions and overt discrimination) that may influence their mental health and their decision to engage in health risk behaviors. Further, she is interested in unpacking individuals’ strengths (i.e., moderators and mediators) that may ameliorate the relationships between these variables. Currently, her research team is working on a project examining size-related microaggressions in college students and HIV-related microaggressions in women living with HIV.

Elin Ovrebo, Ph.D. Current interests are social justice, LGBT issues and international issues in counseling psychology such as human trafficking, refugees, and trauma. Current research team projects for the international team include mapping human trafficking services; self-care among refugee workers; adjustment and vocational needs among refugees living in the greater Memphis area; mental health seeking attitudes among Asian international students; and two different studies on the internationalization of counseling psychology. The LGBTQA team is looking at trauma, IPV, gender identity, and psychological distress; the vocational and mental health needs in the trans community in Memphis; the impact of non-disclosure of same-sex activity and HIV+ status on psychological distress, anxiety, and HIV treatment outcomes; and stigma and barriers related to mentoring across cohorts in the gay community.
Other Departmental Faculty

- Alison Happel, Ph.D. Georgia State University (2011). Qualitative methodology, post-structural, post-colonial, and feminist theories, ecojustice and ecofeminist education.
- Leigh Harrell-Williams, Ph.D. Virginia Tech (2009). Statistics and quantitative research methods; instrument development; Rasch, IRT, and SEM applications to educational and psychological data.
- Vicki Murrell, Ph.D. (University of Memphis (2005). Student self-efficacy; constructivism and cognitive learning theories in online teaching; impact of technology on cognitive processes.
- Susan Nordstrom, Ph.D. University of Georgia (2011). Qualitative methodologies, subject-object relations.
- Chrisann Schiro-Geist, Ph.D. Northwestern University (1974). Interests include: international, vocational, and disability-related issues in counseling psychology. Current research projects are in the areas of vocational psychology, as it relates to return-to-work for incarcerated persons, and transitions to work for high school seniors with disabilities.
- Denise L. Winsor, Ph.D. University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2008). Early childhood development, specifically developing a systems framework involving epistemological and theory of mind development in very young children; personal epistemology of pre-service teachers and how it influences their instructional techniques in the classroom; literacy and argumentation.
- Yonghong Jade Xu, Ph. D. The University of Arizona (2003). Statistics and quantitative research methods; large-scale data analysis with statistical and data mining approaches; comparison of different data analysis methods.
- Stephen Zanskas, Ph.D. Michigan State University (2007). Development of consultation skills in graduate rehabilitation counseling education programs, the psychosocial aspects of disability, professional issues and ethics.
Rickey Lee Bates Combs  
Internship: Memphis VA Medical Center  
General Psychology (Memphis, TN)  
Dissertation: Development of the Emotional Problems Scales - Corrections Sexual Offender Scale

Joseph P. Dunn  
Internship: Counseling Center at the University of Rochester  
Psychology Internship (Rochester, NY)  
Dissertation: Operatic becomings: A narrative investigation of singers' personal and professional development

William A. Ramsey  
Internship: VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System  
General Psychology (Las Vegas, NV)  
Dissertation: Targeting Self-Critical Thoughts in the Treatment of Non-Suicidal Self-Injury in Adolescents

Shondolyn D. Sanders  
Internship: University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, VA Medical Center  
General Psychology (Oklahoma City, OK)  
Dissertation: The Influence of Mentoring and Sense of Belonging on the Self-Efficacy Development of Ethnic Minority Doctoral Students

Rami E. Steinruck  
Internship: Virginia Tech/Thomas E. Cook Counseling Center  
Psychology Internship (Blacksburg, VA)  
Dissertation: Heterosexual workplace environments and subjective career success for bisexual vs. gay/lesbian individuals: Coping self-efficacy, career adaptability, and community connection as moderators
Diversity Committee Events

We kept ourselves busy this year and were happy to take part in so many events!

Women's Rally
Mid-South Memphis Pride
March For Our Lives
St. Jude Marathon Volunteers & Runners
MLK 50 Events
Viewing & Discussion of Black Panther
Screening & Discussion of The Mask You Live In
Dr. Davis talk on Race and Poverty
Study Abroad in Thailand

Dr. Elin Ovrebo and teaching assistant Madeline Stenersen lead a group of students around Thailand to learn about various social justice issues. They were able to meet with several organizations including Urban Light, a non-profit that talked with the students about what it is like to work with young boys in sex trafficking, and Free Bird Cafe, a non-profit that spoke about their work with Burmese refugees. Students were also able to meet with Thai individuals to discuss their experiences regarding gender/sexuality and living with a disability in Thailand.
Incoming 2018-2019 Cohort

Clarie Koehn
Re'Sean Johnson
Danielle Sample

Morgan Bullard
Lauren Hayes
Gregory Edgin

Robbie Luten
Laura Condon
Congratulations to our 2018 Graduates!!!

Adam Fishel Frose  
Internship: Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System  
Little Rock, AR—Health Psychology  
Post Doc: Spark M. Matsunaga VA Medical Center, Honolulu, HI

Hannah Emery  
Internship: Virginia Tech/Thomas Cook Counseling Center  
Blacksburg, VA—Psychology Internship  
Post Doc: Virginia Tech/Thomas Cook Counseling Center, Blacksburg, VA

Sarah Hatcher  
Internship: AHRC New York City  
New York, NY—Psychology Internship

Eric Suedmeyer  
Internship: Southwest Consortium/NMVAHCS  
Albuquerque, NM—General Track  
Post Doc: Buwalda Psychology, Tempe, AZ

Benjamin Brett  
Internship: Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System  
West Haven, CT—Clinical Neuropsychology  
Post Doc: MCW, Milwaukee, WI

Whitney Stubbs  
Internship: South Texas VA Health Care System  
San Antonio, TX—Geropsychology  
Post Doc: South Texas VA Health Care System, San Antonio, TX

Megan Loew  
Internship: Medical College of Georgia/ Norwood VA Med Center  
Augusta, GA—Medical Psychology—HIV-AIDS Track  
Post Doc: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN

Emily Brown  
Internship: Towson University  
Towson, MD—Psychology Internship  
Post Doc: University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC