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## Greetings from the department head

I fondly remember the years 1980-1984 as having life figured out. I was an undergraduate at the University of Illinois majoring in computer science, planning to work for a major corporation and finally make the kind of money I coveted. As the son of a bartender and waitress, I grew up with iron-on knee patches on my jeans and rare McDonald's outings. I saw college as job training and consequently only paid attention in those courses I deemed directly related to my projected career. Well, it didn't work out quite as I had planned. That job at a corporation, Procter & Gamble, ended a few years later so I could pursue a doctorate in computer science. I successfully earned my master's degree, but decided to switch to psychology, although I had no previous experience. Obviously, my younger self hadn't foreseen a doctorate in psychology in my future. However, my dissertation did involve a lot of computer modeling, so my first love didn't go to waste.

Over the past few years as I listened to politicians and community members discount the value of majors like psychology, I have been continually reminded how hard it is to predict someone's career trajectory. My story is not unusual. Our department includes two faculty members with undergraduate degrees in areas other than psychology— Lester Loschky has a degree in fine arts and Chip Pickens in biology. The diversity of directions available with a psychology degree makes careers even more difficult to predict. Our alumni include a former chief of security for the National Football League, a sales consultant for a major tech firm, the director of human resources for a major hotel chain, the CEO of a multinational company, as well as independent business owners, doctors, neuroscientists, clinical psychologists, professors, high school teachers and consultants. Thus, when I hear someone suggest that we have too many people pursuing "less useful" degrees, I conclude that the speaker is unaware of the unanticipated career twists and turns experienced by the modern American employee.

Choosing a career that is not directly related to one's major can lead to the conclusion that the money spent on the degree was wasted; I disagree. In my own experience, I have benefited in so many ways from my background in computer science. I program psychology experiments using video game engines, have a deeper understanding of the calculus behind statistics, and am quick to embrace new analytical methods for analyzing data. Thus, my prior training has influenced the type of psychologist that I am today. The same is true for everyone — we are a product of our experiences, marking each of us unique.

Our faculty is committed to providing students with knowledge that is useful in many careers, but they also are training future leaders. Topics we teach range from research methods and industrial psychology to prejudice, aging and neuroscience. We anticipate that our students will emerge with the skill sets to secure employment but also with the preparation to be good citizens. College is not the only path to fulfillment, and a college degree does not guarantee success. Being a lifelong learner is increasingly critical in the ever-changing workplace, and I hope that our department succeeds in fostering a love for learning that our students carry with them after their departure.

For current department news, I encourage you to not only read the rest of this newsletter but to also follow us through our Twitter feed, @KSUPsychSci, our Facebook page, [facebook.com/KStatePsych](https://www.facebook.com/KStatePsych) or our website's news section, [k-state.edu/psych](http://k-state.edu/psych). Please email the newsletter editor, Laura Brannon, any alumni updates for next year's fall newsletter, including photos. Go 'Cats!



Michael Young, professor and head, Department of Psychological Sciences



# Recent Award Winners

## College of Arts & Sciences' William L. Stamey Award for Undergraduate Advising

**Sarah Buchanan**, undergraduate student advisor, won the K-State College of Arts & Sciences' Williams L. Stamey Award for Undergraduate Advising.



## John C. Peterson Undergraduate Scholarship Prize

**Madelyn Ray**, May 2016 bachelor's graduate from Jenks, Oklahoma, received the John C. Peterson Undergraduate Scholarship Prize for outstanding graduating senior and was co-recipient of the E. Jerry Phares Undergraduate Research Award. She has conducted research in both behavioral neuroscience with Charles Pickens and social psychology with Don Saucier. Ray will pursue a doctorate in psychology with a specialization in behavioral neuroscience at Boston College in the fall.



Peterson Prize and Phares Prize winner Madelyn Ray receives her awards from Michael Young.

## E. Jerry Phares Undergraduate Research Award

**Jeremy Lott**, May 2016 bachelor's graduate from Wichita, is this year's recipient of the E. Jerry Phares Undergraduate Research Award. His research examined the effects of dominant/subordinate relationships in paired-housing conditions on food reward motivation and risky and impulsive choice. In fall 2016 Lott will be a medical student at the University of Kansas Medical Center where he will pursue a career in neurology.

## Curtis Lee and J.B. Gee Psychological Sciences Scholarship

**Sara Doss**, senior from Bradenton, Florida, is the winner of the Curtis Lee and J.B. Gee Psychological Sciences Scholarship. This award is based on a combination of academic achievement and financial need. Earlier this year, Doss also received the K-State Transfer Student Academic Award.

## Dr. Leon Rappaport Psychology Undergraduate Scholarship

**Steven Chalman**, senior from Manhattan, received the Dr. Leon Rappaport Psychology Undergraduate Scholarship. This scholarship honors the memory of a member of the psychological sciences department and is targeted at a nontraditional, high-achieving student. Chalman is actively involved in Don Saucier's social psychology lab where he is developing research to examine the effects of masculine honor on altruistic behavior. Chalman plans to pursue a graduate degree for a career in clinical/counseling psychology.

## Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowships

**Angelica Castro**, senior from Salina; **Navante Peacock**, senior from Wichita; **Sydney Edmisten**, senior from Prairie Village; and **Hope Rietcheck**, senior from Damascus, Maryland, are this year's recipients of the Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Awards. The award provides funds to enable students to conduct research with their faculty mentors during the following academic year.

Castro is working with Don Saucier to examine the potential use of humor targeting the fear of appearing racist as a means of reducing interracial anxiety and interracial distancing.

Peacock will investigate perceptions of microaggressions and how priming different perspectives of thinking about prejudice influences these perceptions, also in Saucier's lab.



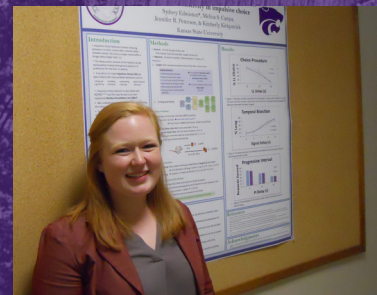
Shanteau Research Award recipient Hope Rietcheck receives her award from Michael Young.



Shanteau Research Award recipient Navante Peacock at his undergraduate convocation poster.

Edmisten is investigating the neurobiological mechanisms of decline of episodic-like memory with age by analyzing levels of choline acetyltransferase within the brain regions of rats. Edmisten is working with Kimberly Kirkpatrick.

Rietcheck is using an encephalograph to study how the brain responds to making errors when attempting to inhibit a response. Rietcheck is conducting this research in Michael Young's lab.



Neuroscience researcher Sydney Edmisten at her convocation poster.

## Outstanding Graduate Research Award/Harry Helson Memorial Scholarship

**Erik Garcia**, Centennial, Colorado, and **David Arndt**, Algonquin, Illinois, each received this year's Outstanding Graduate Research Award/Harry Helson Memorial Scholarship. Both Garcia and Arndt have published a significant number of journal articles and book chapters in behavioral neuroscience during their time at K-State and under the supervision of Mary Cain.

## Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award

**Chelsea Schnabelrauch Arndt**, Pinckney, Michigan, and **Amanda Martens**, Shelby, Iowa, each received the Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award this year. Schnabelrauch Arndt also was the winner of the national American Psychology Association of Graduate Students Teaching Excellence in Psychological Sciences Award, received honorable mention for the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools Excellence in Teaching Award in the doctoral category, and received the K-State Graduate Student Council Teaching Award in the doctoral category. The recipients received monetary awards from the Nobuko S. Nicholson Opportunity Fund for Psychological Sciences.



Graduate Student Council Doctoral Student Teaching Excellence Award recipient Chelsea Schnabelrauch Arndt shows off her plaque.

## Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

**Robin Besse**, Minot, North Dakota, was the department's winner of the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. Besse has been the graduate teaching assistant for a wide range of courses, including General Psychology, Cognitive Psychology and Psychology of Personality. Besse's award was funded by the department's Graduate Teaching Assistant Support Fund, which is supported by many of the department's alumni.



Regina Crowell, senior administrative assistant, shows off the refreshment table she has prepared for the spring graduation reception.

# Psi Chi

by Heather Bailey

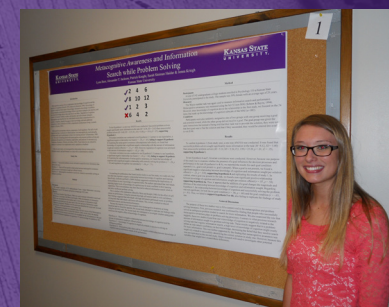
Psi Chi completed another active year under the leadership of Kristen Graham, president; Hope Rietcheck, vice president; Erika Fraire, secretary; and Jenna Kriegh and Brooke Barrow, treasurers. This was also a year of transition, as Heather Bailey co-advised with Richard Harris, who will be retiring soon. Some activities from the year included panels on graduate school application and job seeking, a field trip to the Glore Psychiatric Museum, a very successful used clothing drive and social events. Unfortunately, the annual spring banquet was canceled due to severe weather. The officers for 2016-2017 are Mary Hellmer, president; Teresa Kearns, vice president; Erika Fraire, secretary; and Jennica Rogers, treasurer.



Kristen Graham, president, and Erika Fraire, secretary, read initiation requirements to new Psi Chi members.



Professor Heather Bailey, second from right, with students. From left are Logan Crawford, undergraduate researcher; Kimberly Newberry, graduate student; and Austin Preis, undergraduate researcher.



Undergraduate I/O researcher Jenna Kriegh presents her poster at the Undergraduate Research Convocation.



# Alumni Council

by Lindsey Bock

Our Alumni Advisory Council's ninth annual meeting was Friday, Oct. 9, 2015, in Manhattan. Members attending included Milt Ahlerich, Gail Antenen, Sue Astley, Lindsey Bock, Jenn Bonds-Raacke, Mitch Brigell, Tom Clark, Will Conaway, Joel DiGirolamo, Frank Ferraro, Janet Gee, Amy Gross, Andy Karafa, Sandy McCoy, Desirae Moreno, Steve Quackenbush, John Raacke, Lodis Rhodes, Ken Sewell, Jeanne Tomiser and Gary Wells.



K-State Alumni Council members, Ken Sewell, Milt Ahlerich, Desirae Moreno, Lodis Rhodes and Will Conaway speak on a panel about jobs for psychology majors.

The day began with faculty presentations in behavioral neuroscience. Chip Pickens described his research on the relationship between alcohol use, decision-making and anxiety. Mary Cain described her research on individual differences related to why some alcohol and drug users become addicted and others do not. Finally, Kim Kirkpatrick shared her research on reward timing and decisions involving immediate versus delayed gratification with rats. Kirkpatrick also provided the council with an update on the department's COBRE, or Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence, \$12 million grant proposal for faculty training, postdoctoral training and infrastructure improvement. According to Kirkpatrick, the department received good scores from the first round of reviews in February 2014. The revised proposal was submitted in February 2016.

Gary Brase, graduate program director, provided an overview of our graduate program. Key points included an ongoing search for a tenure-track faculty member in industrial/organizational psychology, the department's progress on meeting its short-term goals for 2013-2015, and the ongoing challenge of increasing financial support offered to graduate students.

Mike Young provided the council with an extended review of the department. He covered department staffing updates, including the phased retirements of Jerome Frieman, Richard Harris and Clive Fullagar. Young informed the council of the undergraduate and graduate programs, mentioning that there has been a steady increase in the size of both programs over the past five years. Young updated the council on the status of research grants obtained by faculty and about improvements to the department's infrastructure. Alumni, awards, honors and recognition were shared with the council.

Emily Mahoney from the KSU Foundation discussed how the Alumni Advisory Council and the department can increase departmental donations.

Frank Ferraro was elected chair of Alumni Advisory Council for 2016-2017, effective after the annual meeting Friday, Oct. 7, 2016, in Manhattan.

The council recessed to attend a presentation by 2003 doctoral alumnus Frank Ferraro, "You Need Nature: Emerging Evidence from Psychology and Neuroscience."

Following Ferraro's presentation, council members took part in a panel discussion on undergraduate degree career options or informal discussions with graduate students. The afternoon concluded with laboratory tours.

Alumni interested in becoming a council member should contact Jerry Frieman at 785-532-0607 or frieman@k-state.edu. Please provide a brief statement sharing your interest and current employment. A list of current council members can be found at k-state.edu/psych/alumni/advisorycouncil.



Professor Frank Ferraro

# Faculty News

## New Faculty

### CHRIS LAKE

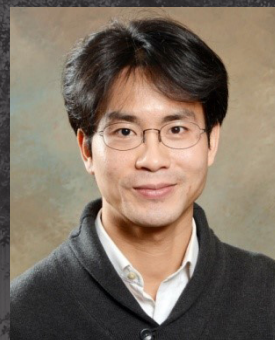
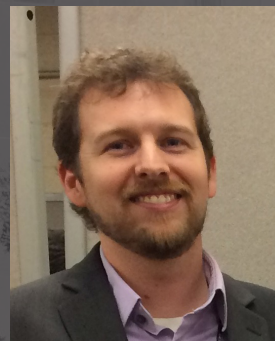
Chris Lake is beginning his first year with the department after earning his doctorate in industrial and organizational psychology from Bowling Green State University. Most recently, he taught at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. His research interests include job satisfaction and commitment, workplace decision making, and the limitations of self-report survey data.

He enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking, camping and nature photography.

### JIN LEE

Jin Lee was previously a postdoctoral research fellow at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety. His research aims to identify which work systems components improve the safety climate and may inform future safety climate research and intervention. He also has research interests in safety climate assessment and management in high-risk industries, work system improvement through the perspectives of macroergonomics and total worker health, application of advanced quantitative methodology in multidisciplinary research efforts, and data visualization and application of machine learning approaches to I/O psychology. He earned his doctorate and master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology from the University of Connecticut, Storrs and also is a graduate of Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, with a master's in clinical psychology and a bachelor's, with honors, in psychology.

He is a big fan of impressionist art and classical and rock music.



## Individual Faculty News

### HEATHER BAILEY

Heather Bailey just completed her third year at K-State, which was full of many changes in her professional and personal life. She recruited her first graduate student and worked with a great team of undergraduate researchers from various departments, including psychological sciences, kinesiology, biology and gerontology. Her graduate student has been evaluating the role of knowledge and expertise on memory, and her undergraduate students have been examining how high-intensity exercise improves cognition in older adults.

Bailey also enjoyed teaching the undergraduate Experimental Methods course in 2015-2016. Bailey and her husband, Troy, and two sons, Cooper and Cole, continue to enjoy Manhattan.

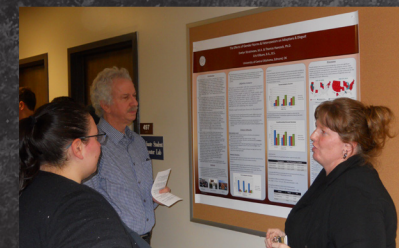


Professor Heather Bailey with husband, Troy, and sons, Cooper, left, and Cole, right.

### MARK BARNETT

Mark Barnett's recent research has focused on children's responses to teasing and to peers with undesirable characteristics, such as being extremely aggressive or overweight.

Barnett and his wife, Valerie, celebrated their first wedding anniversary in May. Barnett's son, Neil, continues as an account executive for an insurance agency in the Kansas City area. His daughter Megan, her husband and two young children recently moved from Minneapolis to the Kansas City area. Barnett, aka Poppa, is very pleased with the move.



Social psychology graduate student Evelyn Stratmoen describes her poster to Professor Mark Barnett and graduate student Susan Himes

### LAURA BRANNON

Laura Brannon continues her research on attitudes and health/pro-social communication. She was appointed to the editorial board of the journal *Health Communication*. Her students are working on messages promoting forgiveness, befriending the lonely and encouraging responsible eating, tanning and exercise behaviors. Three of her students — Whitney Jeter, Chelsea Schnabelrauch Arndt and Robin Besse — completed their doctorates.

In her personal life, Brannon had a few grand adventures with her sister and her family. For spring break, they went camping and had the ultimate tree house experience. During the summer, they went on a whirlwind tour of Europe and revisited some of her favorite places, including Rome, Paris and London. She also explored the ancient ruins in Athens, toured Venice in a gondola, visited castles in Prague and relaxed in Copenhagen.



Professor Laura Brannon enjoys a gondola ride in Venice with her sister, Diana, brother-in-law, Howard, and their daughters, Chelsea and Lily.

### GARY BRASE

Gary Brase took over as the department's graduate program director in fall 2015, which has been quite an adventure. In addition to his ongoing research projects, Brase also helped put together and edit the book, *Solar Powered Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles: A Sustainable Development*.

His son, Alex, is a junior at K-State, and his daughter, Emma, will start at K-State this fall.

### MARY CAIN

Mary Cain recently began her yearlong term as the president of the Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Cognition for Division 6 of the American Psychological Association, or APA. She also serves as the liaison for the Committee on Women in Psychology for APA Division 28, which is psychopharmacology and substance abuse. Her undergraduate and graduate students presented their research at the Society for Neuroscience and Behavior, Biology and Chemistry annual meetings. In addition, she was invited to speak at the Midwestern Psychological Association annual meeting. She is fortunate to work with excellent graduate and undergraduate students who have received national and local awards for their research.

### JERRY FRIEMAN

Jerry Frieman has completed the fourth year of his five-year, 25 percent-phased retirement. He teaches one course and continues to work with our Alumni Advisory Council. He is the co-author of "Learning: A Behavioral, Cognitive, and Evolutionary Synthesis" published by Sage Publications in August 2015. He is working with Don Saucier and graduate student Stuart Miller on a textbook for quantitative methods.

His wife, Jeanne, retired from private practice in May. Their son, Karl, daughter-in-law, Wanda, and their 13-year-old twins, Isaac and Taylor, live in Oakland, California. Karl is an attorney in San Francisco and New York. Their daughter, Varda, son-in-law, Jim, and daughters Ava, 3, and Evelyn, 1, live in Apex, North Carolina. Varda works at Fidelity Corp. in the Research Triangle where she manages a team that handles pension funds for other companies.

### CLIVE FULLAGAR

Clive Fullagar is now entering his third year of phased retirement. When not teaching graduate classes and mentoring students, he is developing his second career as an artist. You can see his work at clivefullagar.com.

He also is enjoying some momentous life events such as his son, James Thomas, and daughter, Megan, earning graduate degrees from the University of Texas, Austin and CUNY, respectively. His daughter is engaged, and his eldest son and his wife are expecting their first child in November.

### RICHARD HARRIS

Richard Harris is completing his third year of phased retirement. After 42 years, he is planning to fully retire in December 2016. He looks forward to spending more time on recreational reading and writing, more intensive family history research, household projects and family.

His wife, Caprice, continues working as a nurse in a local doctor's office. Harris' children, Clint, an actor, and Natalie, a graduate student in marriage and family therapy, live in Austin, Texas. Natalie and her husband, Quinn, are raising Quinn's three young siblings. Harris' son, Grady, recently finished his Master of Science in zoology at the University of Wyoming.

### STEPHEN KIEFER

Stephen Kiefer has focused on his teaching in the last few years but continues to enjoy collaborating with colleagues on research. Currently, he is looking forward to teaching the newly designed Experimental Methods course. Students will now take the lecture one semester and then the lab the following semester. As former students know, the two used to be taught concurrently.

Kiefer's wife, Nancy, continues to teach English as a second language to adults in the local school district. Her students come from all over the world. Their oldest son, Zachary, lives in Denver and works in investment banking. He also is active in the community, volunteering for Brent's Place, the Rose Community Foundation and Shwayder Camp. Kiefer's youngest son, Brian, moved to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in fall 2015 and is currently teaching English in a private language school.



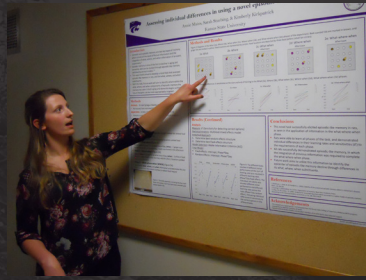
K-State faculty members of Phi Beta Kappa honor society include three psychological sciences faculty: Professors Laura Brannon, Stephen Kiefer and Richard Harris.



## KIM KIRKPATRICK

This past academic year has been exciting both professionally and personally for Kim Kirkpatrick. Her lab has seen a lot of exciting research and her students had a particularly good year with an unusually large number of undergraduate and graduate student awards. Her R01 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health was renewed through 2020 for \$1.35 million, which will provide much needed resources to support her students. Kirkpatrick also had good fortune in placing lab members in excellent employment and training programs. Two of her students were accepted to medical school at the University of Kansas, another student accepted a postdoctoral fellowship position at the University of California, Irvine and former postdoc, Jen Peterson, took a January faculty position at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Kirkpatrick will miss them all and wishes them all the best in their new endeavors.

On personal fronts, Kirkpatrick sent her son, Sam, off to his first year of college at K-State. He is majoring in food science. She had to make a few adjustments with him out of the house, but they made it through the transition pretty well and can't believe he will be a sophomore.



Undergraduate researcher Annie Mains and her poster with Professor Kim Kirkpatrick at the Undergraduate Research Convocation.

## PATRICK KNIGHT

This year Patrick Knight hooded his 20th doctoral student. He has continued to serve as director of the I/O master's program and welcomes inquiries from any department alumni about this degree.

Personally, he is enjoying his three grandchildren and observing his wife, Diane, enjoy her retirement.

## WENDONG LI

Wendong Li has left K-State and taken a position in Hong Kong to be closer to family.

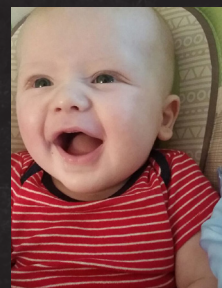
## LES LOSCHKY

This year has been a busy one for Les Loschky, his wife, Miki, and their adult daughters, Althea and Sophia. Loschky has been busy as guest editor of a special issue of the *Journal of Vision* on Scene Perception from Central to Peripheral Vision. He is currently working on a review paper for the special issue with six co-authors.

This summer, Loschky, Miki, Sophia and her boyfriend, Ryan, visited Japan for two weeks for a niece's wedding. It was heart-warming to see so many members of Miki's family and be immersed again in the Japanese language and culture.

## CHIP PICKENS

Charles "Chip" Pickens had a very eventful year. He bought a house in Manhattan and got married in the backyard. Later that year, he and his wife, Sarah, welcomed their son, Auggie, who is doing well. The couple hopes their lives get a little calmer as Auggie learns to sleep through the night.



Augustus "Auggie" Pickens

## DON SAUCIER

This year, Don Saucier received the Dr. Ron and Rae Iman Outstanding Faculty Award for Teaching, was named a fellow of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues in Division 9 of the American Psychological Association and served as the 2015-2016 Coffman Chair for University Distinguished Teaching Scholars. He also was elected to the faculty senate. He and his students presented their research at the conferences for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in San Diego; the First-Year Experience in Orlando, Florida; Psychology and Education Research in Salina, Kansas; and the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago.



Professor Don Saucier receives the Iman Teaching Award from Ron Iman and Kirk Schultz, former K-State president.

## JESSICA WILLIAMSON

Jessica Williamson continues to enjoy teaching at K-State. She is excited about submitting a manuscript that describes her research on whether the labels people give themselves — such as survivor, victim or neither — after experiencing sexual assault affects attitudes toward the self and post-traumatic growth. There were no significant differences between groups.

## MICHAEL YOUNG

Mike Young's research program has shifted toward the conduct of more EEG research this past year. His advisee, Tony McCoy, completed a master's degree in which he investigated error-related brain activity in risky choice. An undergraduate student in his lab, Hope Rietcheck, will conduct a similar project this coming school year that will involve errors to inhibit. Young also branched out and gave an invited talk at the Society for Experimental Social Psychology conference in September 2015 and was a co-author on a Society for Industrial/Organizational Psychology poster in April 2016, which was presented by one of his previous undergrad research assistants. He's now published/presented in a variety of the department's research areas.

# Honor Roll of Giving to Psychological Sciences

July 2015-June 2016

\$10,000-\$49,999

Deketa and Mark Schuckman

\$5,000-\$9,999

Michael and Dee Troutman  
Ron Downey and Irene Ward

\$1,000-\$4,999

Milt and Alice Ahlerich  
Kyle and Gail Antenen  
Mitch and Deborah Brigell  
Bill Deeds and Pam Hoadley  
Jerwen and Chian-Hua Jou  
Kenneth and Beth Sewell  
Lisa and Jason Way

\$500-\$999

Kim Linin and James Devlin  
Jerry and Jeanne Frieman  
Charles and Michelle Hendrix  
Mary and Joseph Lewis  
Julia Pounds  
Dallas and Sharon Richards

\$250-\$499

Joel and Karen DiGirolamo  
Gene and Peggy Hoffman  
Lori and Richard Krause  
Gregory Monaco and Jeanne Tomiser  
Kirk and Noel Schulz  
Michael and Carolyn Young

\$100-\$249

Suzette Astley  
Troy and Heather Bailey  
Kristin Bruno and George Michael Barnes  
Richard Harris and Caprice Becker  
Amy and Jason Beckman  
Gary and Sandra Brase  
Deborah Carlson  
Michael Dougherty  
Russ Ewy  
Richard Felton  
Kim and Rick Flott  
Susan Heil  
William and Amy Hill  
Sandi McCoy Kramos and Greg Kramos  
William Lewis  
Wendong Li  
Amy Gross and John Pagen  
Jeffrey and Sylvia Reed  
Akim and Jami Reynolds

Aurora Rowland-Martinez and Sonny Martinez  
Kevin and Helen Schartz  
Wendy Strevey-Tien and Loren Tien  
Jon and Kathy Van Gaasbeek  
Carrick and Camilla Williams  
Sharon and Richard Wilsnack  
James Wright

Up to \$100

Lora and Adam Adair  
Laura Brannon  
Helen and Timothy Brown  
Garra and May Cohen  
Jennifer Cooper  
Regina and Jim Crowell  
Brad Cunningham  
Cindy and John Diederich  
Clive Fullagar and Dorothy Farrand  
Neena Gopalan  
Charles Hermes and Barbara Baldwin  
Pete and Shelly Jafferis  
Gerald and Theresa Kaiser  
Kevin Kenney  
Nancy and Stephen Kiefer  
Kim Kirkpatrick and Stuart Miller  
Celeste and Scott Kirmer  
Muriel Morgan-Chism  
Julie Partridge and Phil Anton  
Charles Pickens  
Willis and Jill Poland  
Darci Pottroff and Joleen Spain  
Erin Sanders-Hahs and James Hahs  
Jan and Dana Schroll  
Deanna and Keith Siemsen  
Samantha Snell  
John and Tamara Steenbock  
Denise and Mace Thornton  
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Diego Valadares Kientz  
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## Land Grant Legacy Society

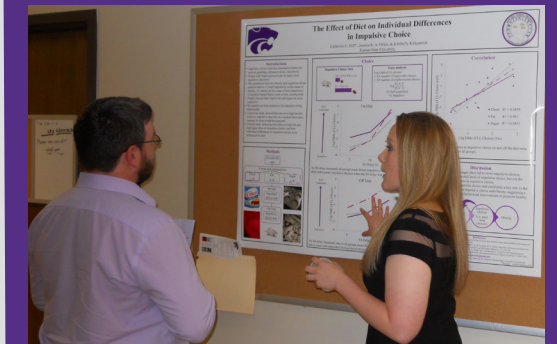
Kyle and Galie Antenen  
Mitch and Deborah Brigell  
Michael and Dee Troutman

(Honors alumni and friends who have chosen to support the university by including K-State in their estate plans.)

# GAPS

by Lisa Vangsness, GAPS President, 2016-2017

This year marks an exciting period of growth and change for the Graduate Association of Psychology Students, or GAPS, one that would not be possible without the support of our students and faculty. Their involvement was evident in a number of ways. Active membership remained strong and more faculty expressed an interest in professional development than we were able to accommodate through our organization's bi-semester events. These figures alone underscore the deep commitment that exists within our department. It is an inspiration to be surrounded by such dedicated people.



Undergraduate neuroscience researcher Jesseca Pirkle explains her poster to graduate student Tony McCoy.

To this end, GAPS has announced winners of the second annual Graduate Student Awards:

- David Arndt, Harry Helson Memorial Scholarship in Experimental Psychology
- Robin Besse, Outstanding GTA Award
- Eric Garcia, Harry Helson Memorial Scholarship in Experimental Psychology
- Alexander Jackson, Dunlap Fellowship in Industrial Psychology Award
- Amanda Martens, Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award
- Chelsea Schnabelrauch Arndt, Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award
- Lisa Vangsness, Mentor Student Award

Additionally, GAPS would like to thank its faculty mentor partners — Heather Bailey, Steven Kiefer, Laura Brannon, Don Saucier and Mary Cain — and all those who expressed an interest in the group's mentorship series. We appreciated your guidance on the writing process, work-life balance, collaboration and dual-career relationships and are enthusiastic about next year's speakers. We'd also like to thank those who attended and helped make the Great Big Chili Cook-off a success.

In the next year, GAPS will continue expanding its first-year mentorship program, growing the student organization, and promoting the personal and professional development of our graduate students through additional events. The club also is in the process of working with faculty to update the graduate student review process — stay tuned!



Graduate students Aaron Entringer, Amanda Martens and Robin Besse were some of the nominees for the 2016 K-State Golden Key Outstanding GTA and GRA of the Year Awards. Martens was chosen as the GRA award winner.



# MIOP

Portions contributed by the K-State Alumni Association

The Masters in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, or MIOP, program continues to thrive. The faculty are proud that one of their graduates, Joel DiGirolamo, was selected as a K-State Alumni Fellow. DiGirolamo earned a master's degree in industrial and organizational psychology from the university in 2006. DiGirolamo is the director of coaching science for the International Coach Federation, where he leads the organization's efforts to develop, curate and disseminate information around the science of coaching. He has more than 30 years of staff and management experience in Fortune 500 companies and is the author of two books. DiGirolamo is a member of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, the Society of Consulting Psychology, the American Psychological Association and the Society for Human Resource Management. He and his wife, Karen, live in Lexington, Kentucky.



Alumni Fellow Joel DiGirolamo

If you are interested in learning more about the MIOP program, please visit [global.k-state.edu/artsci/miop/](http://global.k-state.edu/artsci/miop/) or contact us at [miopsych@k-state.edu](mailto:miopsych@k-state.edu).

# Obituaries

## LADD DURYEYEA

Ladd Duryea, Master of Science in MIOP, 2000, died at age 85 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on Oct. 9, 2015, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He is survived by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, a sister, and nieces and a nephew.

Duryea was born and raised in Nebraska, but moved to Chattanooga after retiring and was very active in local theater. In 2000, he established the Ladd Duryea Scholarship for Graduate Students in Psychology that is specifically targeted to I/O students at K-State. The family requests any memorials be sent to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation.

## CHARLES CALLAHAN PERKINS JR.

Charles Callahan Perkins Jr., former K-State psychology faculty member, died at age 98 on Jan. 6, 2016, in Seattle, Washington, where he and his wife, Nancy, moved in 2006 after more than 35 years in Manhattan.



Perkins earned his Bachelor of Arts from Harvard in 1941 and his Master of Arts and doctorate from the University of Iowa in 1942 and 1946, respectively. There he met and married fellow graduate student, Nancy Marsh Phillips. Long devoted to causes of peace, Perkins served in CPS camps for conscientious objectors in Illinois, Idaho and Michigan during World War II. He later taught at Grinnell College, Kent State University and was department chair at Emory University from 1960-69. While in Atlanta, the Perkins were active in the civil rights movement and marched with Martin Luther King Jr. Perkins came to K-State in 1969, where he stayed until his retirement in 1986. He taught and did animal learning research. He also taught the Logic and Methods course, which he saw as a critical philosophy of science framework for the discipline.

Outside the classroom, Perkins taught UFM courses on peace and nonviolence, counseled Vietnam War draft resisters and was active in the Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice. He was also an avid fly fisherman and spent many summers at his beloved cabin in Montana.

Perkins is survived by Nancy, his wife of 73 years; their five children; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

# Alumni News

The news below comes from numerous alumni from our undergraduate and graduate programs across several decades. It is always interesting and gratifying to hear that majoring in psychology can prepare students for such a wide variety of careers. While some of our graduates are actively pursuing careers doing exactly what they prepared for at K-State, many others are using their psychology degrees in ways they probably never dreamed. Please continue to send news and pictures for future newsletters to [lbrannon@k-state.edu](mailto:lbrannon@k-state.edu).

## 1976

**James Lamiell**, Ph.D., is currently on phased retirement from the Department of Psychology at Georgetown University where he has taught for many years. He and his wife, Leslie, recently moved to West Valley, Arizona. Lamiell's son, Kevin, lives in Brooklyn, New York, and his daughter, Erica, and her children in Southern California. Lamiell returned to K-State in May 2016 to deliver a lecture in honor of the late Franz Samelson.

## 1979

**Mark Larson**, B.S., is a physician and health officer for Kittitas County, Washington. Among other things, he is working to decrease tobacco use among youth.

## 1981

**Kristin Bruno**, Ph.D., and her husband, Mike Barnes, visited Manhattan in spring 2016 for the first time since graduating. Bruno is now retired from administration at Glendale Community College in Pasadena, California, while her husband continues teaching computer science at California State University, Northridge and is now on phased retirement. Their son, Carl Barnes, and his wife, Meredith, live in Santa Barbara.



Aluma Kristin Bruno, second from left, her husband, Mike Barnes, left, with Professor Richard Harris and his wife, Caprice Becker, on their spring visit to Kansas.

**Bernie Carducci**, Ph.D., recently had published his book titled, *Shyness: The Ultimate Teen Guide* (Roman & Littlefield), which is a popular-press book offering teens strategies to deal effectively with their shyness. Carducci was the first inductee to the Community College Pathway Psychologists, or CCPP, Hall of Fame. Sponsored by Psi Beta, the National Honor Society in Psychology for Community and Junior Colleges, the CCPP Hall of Fame recognizes psychologists graduating from a community college or junior college who have made a significant contribution to the study of psychology. In 2016, he was appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Scientific Committee of the Associazione Unitaria Psicologi Italiani, or Association of United Italian Psychologists. His most recent research at Indiana University Southeast, where he has been teaching since leaving K-State in 1979, explores the experience of shyness by the elderly and the addiction-like symptoms of cell phone use in college students.

## 1982

**Tony Dubitsky**, Ph.D., is a data analyst for Population Health and Informatics Services in Aurora, Colorado. He and his wife, Debbie, live in the Denver area.

## 1987

**Michael Klassen**, Ph.D., will begin phased retirement from his position as professor of marketing at the University of Northern Iowa. He and his wife, Emily, plan to spend one semester at their home in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and the other in Santa Barbara, California, where their son, Robb, lives and has a photography business.

## 1989

**John Kappelman**, B.S., lives in Frisco, Texas, and works for Bimbo Bakeries USA, working on business transformation, asset strategy and supply chain optimization. He and his wife, Natalie, have three children. He completed his master's degree in management from the University of Iowa in 2000 and expects to complete a doctorate in organizational leadership in 2017.

## 1991

**Stephani Johns-Hines**, B.S., is currently the associate vice president at Cowley College in Kansas and is working on a doctorate in education with a focus on leadership and administration.

## 1995

**Ann Hackett**, Ph.D., is executive director of learning and development at DineEquity Inc. in Overland Park, Kansas.

## 1996

**Steve Quackenbush**, Ph.D., is a professor and chair of the psychology department at the University of Maine in Farmington, Maine, the Honors College for the University of Maine system.

## 1999

**J. Andy Karafa**, Ph.D., recently accepted a position as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at SUNY Fredonia in Fredonia, New York. He and his wife, Thuy, have lived in Big Rapids, Michigan, for many years.



2000

**Christina Scott**, Ph.D., was recently granted tenure and promotion to associate professor of psychology at Whittier College in Whittier, California, where she has taught for several years. She also keeps busy as the mother of twin 2-year-old girls, Caitlin and Cassidy.

2003

**J. Shawn Farris**, Ph.D., is director of UX innovation at Nielsen in Orlando.

**Jason Ward**, M.S., is vice president of brand research, strategy and innovation at BrandIQ in Kansas City, Missouri.

2004

**Jodi Foura Craig**, B.S., and her husband welcomed their second child, Jackson Craig, in February 2016. He joins older brother, Anderson.

**Brian Friel**, Ph.D., and his wife, Cindy Seto-Friel, welcomed new son, Nathan, into their family on Sept. 24, 2015. He joined older brother, Collin. Cindy recently completed her doctorate.

2005

**Jeff Mark**, Ph.D., is division human resources manager for the Telecom Division at Black and Veatch.

2006

**Joel DiGirolamo**, M.S., is director of coaching science at the International Coaching Federation in Lexington, Kentucky. DiGirolamo was also one of the alumni fellows invited to campus in spring 2016, representing K-State's Global Campus, where he earned his Master of Science through the psychological science department's MIOP program.

**Julie Scuka Kabriel**, B.S., gave birth to a daughter, Alexandra Quinn Kabriel, on Jan. 3, 2016, who joins her brother, Sam. Julie, Chris and their children live in the Des Moines, Iowa, area.

**Meridith (Pease) Selden**, Ph.D., is now an associate professor at Yuba College in California.

**John Steele**, Ph.D., is senior manager of human capital analytics at Best Buy.

2007

**Peter Elgin**, Ph.D., is UX specialist at Balanced Experience in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Joel Lundstrom**, Ph.D., is provost for the Carroll Campus of the Des Moines Area Community College.

2008

**Kendal Kershner**, B.S., received his doctorate from Argosy University in Phoenix and completed his internship at Clemson University. He recently returned to K-State to join the counseling staff at Counseling Services.

**Beth Larabee**, B.S., earned a Master of Science in statistics and now works as a statistician for the Mayo Clinic.

**Andrew Wefald**, Ph.D., was recently married to Fani Kozar. Wefald continues on the faculty in the Staley School of Leadership Studies at K-State.



*Kyle Bures, B.S., 2008, and his wife Amanda, son Deacon, and daughter Deni, 4 months.*

2009

**NZinga Rasberry**, B.S., has earned her doctorate in international psychology, with a concentration in organizations and systems at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She currently works in data collection at the Nashville branch of Health Stream.

2010

**Maggie Gill**, Ph.D., has served as an assistant professor at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, since 2013.

**Gwendolen Powell**, M.S., began a new job as pediatric behavioral health chaplain at the Spiritual Health Services at the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis. She and her husband, Pavlo Pylyavskyy, a math professor at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, welcomed their first child, Sophia Wynne Powell, on June 25.

2011

**Margo Woller**, M.S., completed her doctorate at Michigan Institute of Technology and now works as a research assistant at The Judge Groups at Google Communications UX.

2012

**Caitlin Britt**, B.S., is a human services assistant with Prevention and Protection Services at the Kansas Department for Children and Families.

**Katrina Ellis**, M.S., completed her doctorate at Michigan Institute of Technology and now is assistant professor of psychology at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida.

2013

**Andrew Fiori**, B.S., earned his Master of Science in industrial/organizational psychology at Eastern Kentucky University in 2015 and now works as a consulting analyst at Cerner Corp.

**Morgan Pearn**, B.S., earned her Master of Science in industrial/organizational psychology from Middle Tennessee State University in 2016.

2014

**Jordan Spratt**, B.S., earned his Master of Science in industrial/organizational psychology from Middle Tennessee State University in 2016.

2015

**Jorge Plocuda**, M.S., is now assistant director for career and industry advising in the Career Services Office at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia.

**Yile "Tom" Su**, B.S., recently began his second year in graduate study in marriage and family therapy at K-State.

2016

**Chelsea Schnabelrauch Arndt**, Ph.D., teaches online courses for Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. She lives in Chicago with her husband, David Arndt.

**David Arndt**, Ph.D., is now a postdoctoral associate in neuroscience at the University of Chicago.

**Mary Kate Doyle**, B.S., recently began graduate study to become a physician's assistant.

**Alexander Jackson**, Ph.D., became an assistant professor of psychology at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee this fall.

2016 cont'd

**Robin Besse**, Ph.D., is a research analyst for the Center for Rural Health in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

**Whitney Jeter**, Ph.D., is now an assistant professor of psychology at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas.

**Emily Jorgenson**, B.S., began graduate school in neuroscience at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming.

**Jeremy Lott**, B.S., started medical school at the University of Kansas, where he hopes to eventually specialize in neurology.

**Andrew Marshall**, Ph.D., is now working as a postdoctoral associate at the University of California, Irvine. He also married Emily Reinhardt, B.S., 2010, M.S., 2015, on April 16, 2016, in Kansas City.

**Emily Nelsen**, B.S., began studies for her doctorate in social psychology at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

**Madelyn Ray**, B.S., started her doctoral studies in behavioral neuroscience in the psychology department at Boston College.

**John Smyers**, M.S., is a Cerner test analyst in the Kansas City, Missouri, area. He and his wife, Chelsea Cain, live in Blue Springs, Missouri. Chelsie recently graduated from medical school and has begun her residency in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

**Will Weyhrauch**, Ph.D., is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Army Research Institute in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.



*Michael Young, department head, announces student awards at May graduation reception.*



*Professor Chip Pickens helps some young visitors learn more about psychology at the K-State Open House.*



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