Welcome First-Year Students!

by Your Program Office

We would like to welcome our first-year students into the consortium. Here are some quick bios to get to know them better.

Jessica Block (Bottom Right)
From: Nyack, NY
Graduated from: University of Maryland College Park, B.S.
Research Interests: Family, parenting, development of depression and anxiety, and cross-cultural psychology
Fun Fact: Taught English in Ecuador for a year

Denise Calhoun (Middle Right)
From: Waukesha, WI
Graduated from: University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, B.S. in Psychology
Research Interests: Anxiety disorders, PTSD, OCD, substance abuse, dependency disorders.
Fun Fact: High school competitive springboard diver

Stefan LaTulip (Middle Left)
From: Midland, MI
Graduated from: Michigan State University, B.S. in Psychology, Old Dominion University, M.S. in Experimental Psychology
Research Interests: Psychometrics, assessment, adult attachment, and biological/cognitive psychology.
Fun Fact: Named after former Detroit Red Wings Goalie Greg Stefan

Willie McBride (Right Top)
From: Louisville, KY
Graduated from: University of Louisville, B.S. in Psychology, Eastern Kentucky University, M.S. in Clinical Psychology
Research Interests: Forensics, Neuropsychology, PTSD, TBI.
Fun Fact: Won the elementary school spelling bee

Tiren Parker (Left)
From: Fayetteville, NC
Graduated from: South Carolina State University, B.S., University of North Carolina Pembroke, M.S. in Counseling
Research Interests: Marriage, families, minorities, military.
Fun Fact: Lived in South Korea, Italy, Turkey, and Belgium

Kristoffer Park (Middle)
From: Atlanta, GA
Graduated from: Georgia State University, B.S. in Psychology, Emory University, M.T.S. in Theological Studies
Research Interests: Cultural dynamics in immigrant families, ethnic identity formation, spirituality.
Fun Fact: Backpacked around India for a month

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Upcoming Events
November 11-12: APA Accreditation Site Visit
November 27-29: Thanksgiving Break
Barbara Rivera Haskins graduated from her internship at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on October 25, 2013. She will continue as a Lieutenant in the US Navy at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in her position as a Staff Psychologist. Her next major goal is to obtain licensure and of course continue help service members and those who support these individuals.

“This past year has been challenging, but overall, very fulfilling. I actually had two skill sets I focused on this past year- one of which was learning what was expected of me as a Naval Officer, while the other was strengthening my skills as a military psychologist. I am very glad and proud that I selected this internship and if I had it all to do again, I would not change a thing!” – Barbara Rivera Haskins

Debra Brown will begin a one-year postdoctoral fellowship at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Hampton, VA. Her program’s emphasis will be on women’s health and trauma.

Claire Kelley is a recent graduate of the VCPCP (August degree conferral). She is currently in a one-year research postdoctoral fellowship with the Uniformed Services University in the Center for Health Disparities, located in Bethesda, Maryland. She will be working primarily on a project examining a weight loss intervention in a sample of overweight and/or obese African American women. She may also have the opportunity to work on other projects within her lab related to health disparities with a focus on obesity prevention and intervention in African Americans.

Ryan Wikes is another recent August Consortium graduate. He recently completed his predoctoral internship with the USAF at Malcolm Grow Medical Clinic and Surgery Center (Joint Base Andrews, MD) and dissertation (Youth Social Competence Assessment: Convergent Validity Problems with Rorschach Comprehensive System (CS)/Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS) Variables and a PIC-2 Scale). During internship, Ryan completed rotations in outpatient mental health, clinical health psychology, and integrated primary care psychology. He is now stationed at Hill AFB, Utah where he is working toward licensure and providing traditional mental health services to an Active Duty military population in our outpatient Mental Health Clinic. In addition, he works in their Primary Care Clinic providing brief behavioral health consultation services consistent with an integrated primary care psychology model to Active Duty members, their dependents, and retirees. Ryan also provides resiliency-themed outreach services to other units on base and manages the Automated Neuropsychological Assessment Metrics program.

“My wife and I just welcomed our second son - Archer Parks Wilkes (born July 30, 2013) - who is younger brother to 22-month-old Calder West Wilkes. We are enjoying Utah and looking forward to the next several years here!” – Ryan Wilkes

David Gershan graduated from the consortium in August. He is now a psychology resident in Columbus, Ohio working at the Matrix Integrated Psychological Services.
Research across the Consortium

Publications


Markham, P.T., Porter, B. & Ball, J.D. (2013). Effectiveness of a program using a vehicle tracking system, incentives, and disincentives to reduce the speeding behavior of drivers with ADHD. *Journal of Attention Disorders*, 27, 233-248.


Grants


Desi Hacker, PhD has been awarded a HIV/Substance Abuse Prevention grant by the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of $794,000 for a period of three years.

Awards

Michael Stutts

2012-2013 Instructor of the Year, EVMS Clinical Psychology Internship, June 2013

Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists – Distinguished Contributions to the Practice of Clinical Psychology, April 2013

Dr. Lau-Barraco

SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award (Rising Start) Dean Nomination

ODU College of Sciences Early Career Distinguished Research Award

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Loan Repayment Program
Awards Continued

J.D. Ball

EVMS Foundation Endowment, June 2013

The Clinical Training Award for Contributions to Personal and Professional Development, Class of 2013, Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology, May 2013

Presentations


Ball, J.D. (May, 2013). Supervising Clinical Psychologists: Broad Brush Considerations. Workshop presented to psychology staff at Veteran’s Administration Medical Center, Hampton, VA.