Welcome Our 1st-Year Students!

Welcome to our 1st-year students! Here are some quick bios to get to know them better.

Peter Preonas (Immediate Left)  
From: Detroit, MI  
Graduated from: University of Michigan, B.A. in Psychology and Political Science  
Research Interests: How social and environmental factors interact with substance abuse  
Fun Fact: Sang in an a cappella group in college

Bilgé Yilmaz (Second from Left)  
From: Saratoga, CA  
Graduated from: University of Hawaii at Manoa, B.A. in Psychology  
Research interests: Trauma and health-risk behaviors; sexual assault and dysfunctional eating behaviors/body image, prevention and treatment interventions within health psychology  
Fun Fact: Would love to be a sci-fi or horror film special effects artist

Leandra Closson (Third from Left)  
From: Warsaw, KY  
Graduated from: Texas A&M, B.A. in Psychology, M.A. in Clinical Psychology  
Research interests: Health and neuropsychology, risk factors for antisocial youth behavior, and resiliency for low-income and homeless populations  
Fun Fact: Attended Maine Maritime Academy for two years

Lydia Qualls (Third from Right)  
From: Emory, VA  
Graduated from: Vanderbilt University, B.A. in Psychology  
Research Interests: Autism, sexuality, and social stress  
Fun Fact: Third Generation Psychologist

Rachel MacIntyre (Second from Right)  
From: Philadelphia, PA  
Graduated from: Bucknell University, B.S. in Animal Behavior  
Research Interests: Women’s issues and health behaviors, adjustment issues in adolescence and young adulthood  
Fun Fact: Studied at St. Andrews in Scotland for a year

Lindsay Howard (Immediate Right)  
From: Minneapolis, MN  
Graduated from: Saint Olaf College, B.A. in Psychology and Economics  
Research Interests: Eating disorders and body image  
Fun Fact: Has 23 first cousins

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Welcome!

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Congratulations, Recent Graduates!

Megan Brokenbourgh completed her internship in June 2015 at LSU HSC with an emphasis in adult inpatient and outpatient therapy and assessment. She defended her dissertation in June 2015 as well and graduated with her Ph.D. in August 2015. She then began a postdoctoral fellowship with LSU HSC School of Medicine in New Orleans, working on the Mental and Behavioral Health Capacity Project (MBHCp) within the Gulf Region Health Outreach Program (GRHOP) to provide services to individuals, families, and communities affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Her position involves working in a variety of settings, including primary care, outpatient clinics, and even tele-mental health, with the entire age range. Megan is completing a fellowship in the Harris Infant Mental Health Program. She plans to stay involved in research, both as part of her fellowship and to maintain lines of previous research within the MMPI family of assessments.

Carol Bonner (nee Robinson) graduated through the Consortium with her Psy.D. in May of 2015, and has been working with the EVMS Neuropsychology Center providing psychological testing. She has just accepted a job offer from the VAMC-Hampton as a Staff Clinical Psychologist. She is now awaiting her start date and is eager to begin providing therapeutic services to those who have honorably served our nation.

Jamie Grisham earned her Psy.D. degree in August 2015. She is completing her post-doctorate fellowship at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington Counseling Center.

Lewis Hackett earned his Ph.D. through the Program in August 2015 and is currently starting a psychology residency at Piedmont Geriatric Hospital (PGH) in Burkeville, VA. His emphasis will be on dementia care, neurocognitive and forensic assessment, and psychotherapy. He completed his internship at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital in San Diego, where he worked primarily with older adults (65+). He said this past year was challenging but also highly rewarding since he was able to gain ample experience working with older adults in a range of settings (inpatient, outpatient, intensive care). Lewis also noted that he gained experience in crisis intervention, individual, group, family and milieu therapy, and interdisciplinary health care. Reflecting on this experience, he said he is very glad to have completed this internship which he believes has prepared him for his next position as a psychology resident at Piedmont Geriatric Hospital.

Casey Iwai received his Psy.D. through the Program in August 2014 and completed a postdoctoral fellowship with Baylor Scott and White Healthcare System in September. With a new baby in tow, he and his wife are moving to Arizona where Casey will complete licensure and enjoy life outside of graduate school!

Joseph (Joe) Minifie earned his Psy.D. through the Consortium in August 2015. He started in 2010 and moved to Nashville for internship at the Vanderbilt-Veterans Affairs Internship in Professional Psychology in 2014. During his internship, Joe spent 3 days/week at Vanderbilt’s Counseling Center, one day at a VA CBOC in Primary Care-Mental Health Integration (PC-MHI), and half a day in didactics. He defended his dissertation in June, just as his internship ended. He is now a postdoctoral fellow in Murfreesboro, TN, specializing in Interprofessional Mental Health at the Tennessee Valley Healthcare System VA Medical Center. His program focuses primarily on working in interprofessional teams in a variety of settings (e.g., outpatient, PC-MHI, acute inpatient). In addition to starting a small part-time private practice, Joe hopes to remain within the VA system after completing the fellowship.

Katharine Seagly earned her Ph.D. through the Program in August 2015. She is currently living in Michigan, completing a 2-year APA/APPCN neuropsychology post-doc at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan/Wayne State Medical School. Upon completion, Katharine intends to become an ABPP in Clinical Neuropsychology and Rehabilitation Psychology. She hopes to continue clinical work and research as a neuropsychologist and rehabilitation psychologist in an academic medical center, while also maintaining a private practice focusing on forensic neuropsychology.
Research across the Consortium

We are proud to recognize individuals who are students, graduates, or faculty within the Consortium for their recent research accomplishments.

**Recent Publications**


**Recent Presentations**


Haywood, J. E., Hacker, D. S., Derlega, V. J., Maduro, R. S., & Mason, T. B. (2015, May). *Cognitive Ruminations and Thought Intrusions are Associated with African American Students’ Negative Affective Reactions to the George Zimmerman Trial.* Poster presentation at the Twenty-Seventh Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, New York, NY.


Heron, K.E., Mason, T., Sutton, T., & Myers, T. (2015, April). *Evaluating the ecological validity of a body image quality of life measure using Ecological Momentary Assessment (EMA) methods.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Antonio, TX.

Heron, K.E., Scott, S.B., Everhart, R.S., & Johnson, K.D. (2015, March). *Ambulatory assessment of stress: A two-study experiment evaluating the role of question format on self-reported daily stressors.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Savannah, GA.


Leibach, G., Miadich, S., Heron, K., & Everhart, R.S. (2015, April). *An innovative approach to examining daily family functioning among urban families with a child with asthma.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Pediatric Psychology, San Diego, CA.


Mason, T. B., Heron, K.E., Braitman, A.L., & Lewis, R.J. (2015, March). *A daily diary study of social isolation, dietary restraint, and negative affect in binge eating.* In K.E. Heron (Chair), Body Image and Embodiment Paper Panel. Paper presented at the Works in Progress Feminist Scholarship Conference, Norfolk, VA.

Mason, T. B., & Lewis, R. J. (2015, April). *Social anxiety and body shame link minority stress and binge eating among lesbian young adults.* Poster presented at the 36th annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Antonio, TX.

Miadich, S., Tolbert, B., Heron, K., & Everhart, R.S. (2015, April). *Daily assessments in urban families: The interaction of caregiver smoking status and quick-relief medication use on sleep quality in children with asthma.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Pediatric Psychology, San Diego, CA.


Sutton, T., Heron, K.E., Mason, T., & Myers, T. (2015, March). *Validation of the Body Image Quality of Life Inventory for college women with subclinical eating disorders*. Poster presented at the Works in Progress Feminist Scholarship Conference, Norfolk, VA.


**Grants**

**Dr. Scott M. Debb**: Key personnel (Psychology): Center of Excellence in Cyber Security; a collaborative project with NSU (primarily faculty from computer Science & math), ODU’s VMASC (for modeling and simulation), and computer science faculty from Tennessee State University

**Dr. Erica R. Russell** was awarded an HBCU Center for Excellence and Behavioral Health mini-grant. *Project #Stigma: Face it, Stomp It, Slam It*. It serves as the springboard for FACE IT, an extension of this work to be introduced during the 2015-2016 academic year. She will be presenting about the project at the Southern Association for College Student Affairs Conference in November.
Awards & Honors

Dr. Richard Handel

Received 2015 Bud Orgel research award, Association of Psychologists in Academic Healthcare Centers. This award is given to outstanding psychologists who advance research and scholarship in medical school and health care settings.

Dr. Robin J. Lewis

Elected a fellow in Division 44 of APA (Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues).

Dr. Erica R. Russell

Selected for and participated in the inaugural ELEVATE Scholars program hosted by Dr. Marybeth Gasman and the Penn Center for Minority Serving Institution staff at the University of Pennsylvania in June. She was one of 18 scholars nationwide selected to be a part of its inaugural cohort. She was selected for and received a scholarship to attend the Leadership and Mentoring Institute of the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE). Each of these activities were devoted to mentorship and development for promising early career scholars. Dr. Russell also received a Norfolk State University Summer Research Award.
Research Day!

On Friday, September 25, clinical doctoral students participated in the VCP's third annual Research Day. Third and fourth year students gave presentations of their completed research projects. The research covered a wide variety of topics, represented by the titles listed below. A large audience of students and faculty followed the presentations with questions and comments. Research Day is an opportunity for students and faculty to learn more about the research going on within the Consortium. Clinical students are required to present at least once, but all students are invited to participate. We are already looking forward to next year’s Research Day!

- Dr. Barbara Winstead

Stefan LaTulip  
Faculty Advisors: Dr. Richard W. Handel (EVMS) & Dr. Robert P. Archer (EVMS)  
Psychometric Functioning of the MMPI-A Restructured Form’s (MMPI-A-RF) Specific Problem (SP) and Personality Psychopathology-Five (PSY-5) Scales with Varying Degrees of Simulated Random, Acquiescence, and Counter-Acquiescence Responding

Will F. McBride  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Richard W. Handel (EVMS)  
Examination of Racial Bias on the MMPI-2 Restructured Form Among African-Americans and Caucasians with Further Investigation Towards Measurement Invariance of the Externalizing Specific Problem Scales

Kristoffer Park  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Desi Hacker (NSU) & Dr. Barbara A. Winstead (ODU)  
Acculturation and Enculturation, Perception of Depressive Symptoms, and Help-Seeking Behaviors among Korean-Americans

Tiren A. Parker  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. James F. Paulson (ODU)  
Exploring Racial and Gender Differences in the Relationship between Marital Messages and Marital Attitudes in Emerging Adulthood

Laurin B. Roberts  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. James F. Paulson (ODU)  
Examining the Factors Related to Bisexual Individuals’ Selection of Future Parenting Partner
Upcoming Conferences

I. January 3rd-6th, 2016 - National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology (NITOP) 38th Annual Conference, The TradeWinds Island Grand Hotel, St Pete Beach, FL
Description: Psychology teachers from high schools, colleges, and universities come together to discover ideas that will improve and extend the teaching skills of attendees. Notable speakers will discuss a variety of topics and instruct those present on inventive and original teaching methods and course content changes.
Accepted Posters:

Description: This conference features a multidisciplinary gathering of clinicians, educators, and scientists promoting the study of behavioral interactions with biology and the environment and applying that knowledge to increase the health and well-being of families, individuals and communities. This year’s theme is “Behavioral Medicine at a Crossroads: 21st Century Challenges and Solutions.”
Deadline for Rapid Communication Poster Submissions: Dec. 28, 2015

III. March 30th - April 2nd, 2016 - Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) 62nd Annual Meeting, Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, LA
Description: This year’s program features student, academic, and professional presentations from colleges and universities across the Southeast. A variety of psychological topics are covered in poster sessions, paper presentations, and continuing education conferences.

IV. April 2, 2016 - Works in Progress Conference, Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk, VA
Description: This conference presents research regarding gender and feminist issues in various stages of development. It is free to attend, and provides a great opportunity for students to present research they are working on in either oral presentation or poster format.

V. May 5-7th, 2016 - Midwestern Psychological Association (MPS) Annual Meeting, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL
Description: This conference is an opportunity to share research across all areas of psychology through invited speakers, papers and posters, workshops, discussions, and more!
Invited Workshops:
Heron, K.E. (2016). Ecological Momentary Assessment (EMA) for Beginners.

VI. May 17-20th, 2016 - Virginia Academy of Science (VAS) 94th Annual Meeting, University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA
Description: This year’s annual meeting is sponsored by the University of Mary Washington and includes presentations by undergraduate and graduate students on diverse scientific topics ranging from biology to computer science to psychology and more.
Deadline for Submissions: Feb. 6, 2016
VII. May 26-29th, 2016 - Association for Psychological Science (APS) 28th Annual Convention, Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Chicago, IL
Description: This convention attracts students and professionals from across the country for symposia, talks and addresses, cross-cutting themes programs and posters on a variety of psychological topics.

VIII. August 4-7th, 2016 - American Psychological Association (APA) Convention, Denver Convention Center, Denver, CO
Description: As one of the largest gatherings of psychologists in America, this conference in the Mile-High city is one any budding psychologist won’t want to pass on. With a multitude of presenters, posters, and networking opportunities, it is sure to be a very educational experience for new and returning conference-goers alike.

Life Events

On May 30th, 2015, Tiphanie Sutton (2nd year) married John Bivens on Fort Monroe in Hampton, VA (see picture on page 1).

On August 6th, 2015, Sean (2nd year) and Jess Flannery welcomed Rowan James Flannery (4lbs, 5 oz.) to the world.

On September 11th, 2015, Dr. Lewis hosted a Start the Year Celebration in her home.

Lindsay Gibson (Class of ’83) has recently published a book entitled *Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents: How to Heal from Distant, Rejecting, or Self-Involved Parents*. This is her second book and teaches adults with parents who were emotionally immature how to step back from the caretaker role by understanding how their parents function, forming a connection with their true self, and learning how to interact with others without becoming emotionally drained. For more information on this book, her first book *Who You Were Meant to Be*, and her blog, visit her website at [drlindsaygibson.com](http://drlindsaygibson.com).

Monica Manley (Class of ’94) is currently working in the Family Medicine Clinic at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP). Her duties include training active duty Predoctoral Clinical Psychology Interns in the Primary Care Model-BHIP (Behavioral Health Integration Program). Dr. Manley is excited to tell us that the Family Medicine Clinic at NMCP is now accepting practicum students enrolled in the Virginia Consortium Program.

Nneka Jones Tapia (Class of ’07) has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Cook County Jail and is the first mental health professional to run a major prison. Watch Dr. Tapia talk about her role as executive director and the special perspective her training as a psychologist gives her on issues of incarceration and mental health in an interview by NACo’s County News on the VCPCP’s website here: [http://sci.odu.edu/vcpcp/alum.html](http://sci.odu.edu/vcpcp/alum.html).

Dr. Jones Tapia (above) was featured in the November 2015 issue of the *Monitor on Psychology*

Please keep us updated with your current contact information and let us know what you are doing! Send an email to [virginiaconsortium@gmail.com](mailto:virginiaconsortium@gmail.com).
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As of the 2017 internship application year, only students from APA- or Canadian Psychological Association-accredited doctoral psychology programs will be eligible to participate in the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC)-sponsored Match for clinical internships. This change was made to encourage non-accredited training programs to apply for accreditation. This will not affect current Virginia Consortium Students, however, as the program was awarded 7-year APA accreditation in 2014.

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