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The Virginia Consortium Newsletter



WELCOME BACK!

On September 14, 2024, we welcomed our new and returning students to the Fall 2024 semester at our annual Welcome Back Party held at Woodstock Park in Virginia Beach, VA.

The day was filled with food, fellowship, and fun photo ops in our new VCPD t-shirts (as seen above). A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making this gathering a success.

Here's to a phenomenal year ahead!

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From Our DCT

DID YOU KNOW?



We're on social media?
Don't forget to like, follow, and subscribe!



Great news!

We now have a space for our alumni to connect on Facebook. If you've been looking to reconnect with your former consortium classmates and you're active on social media, head over to Facebook and request to join our private VCP alumni network. If social media isn't your thing, no worries—we've got you covered! In addition to the Facebook group, we've set up a listserv for alumni to stay connected and receive consortium updates. You should soon receive an invitation via email to join the listserv. We're excited about these new opportunities and all that we have in store for our alumni!

Welcome New Students of 2024

Maurice Alsing

From: Raised in Germany

Research Interest: Service Members, their families, and the Veteran population, exploring topics such as cohesion, isolation, and resiliency.

Dream Destination: Singapore



Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Fun Fact: I witnessed the Tour de France in Belgium.



Welcome New Students of 2024



Jewelien Fairchild

From: Flint, Michigan

Research Interest: Intergenerational transmission of childhood trauma, child abuse risk, parent-child interactions.

Dream Destination: Costa Rica



Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Fun Fact: I have 2 cats: one is very friendly and likes to meet new people. But the other is very timid and hides whenever a new person comes near her.



Alyssa Giannone

From: Rockland County, New York

Research Interest: Disordered eating and body image.

Dream Destination: Japan

Favorite Holiday: Halloween

Fun Fact: I won “Nicest” for my middle school superlative.



Welcome New Students of 2024



Christopher Latourrette

From: Broadlands, Virginia

Research Interest: Trauma and PTSD in civilian samples, specifically comorbid substance abuse use and abuse.

Dream Destination: The Swiss Alps

Favorite Holiday: A two week trip with my best friends to Japan in 2023!

Fun Fact: I spent several years in my youth living in Australia and Germany!



Kaitlyn (Kat) Ryan

From: Scottsdale, Arizona

Research Interest: Body image eating behaviors LGBTQIA+ individuals and couples.

Dream Destination: Thailand

Favorite Holiday: Halloween

Fun Fact: My one and only tattoo is an impulsive \$13 decision I made on Friday the 13th.



Welcome Faculty & EVMS

Xiao Yang, Ph.D.

Dr. Yang's research focuses on the physiological correlates of cognitive and affective processes, emphasizing emotion regulation, motivation, and their health outcomes. He obtained his Ph.D. in Biological Psychology from Virginia Tech in 2017 and completed his postdoctoral training at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine from 2017 to 2021. At ODU, his research projects utilize multimodal psychophysiological measurements, including autonomic measures, EEG, functional near-infrared spectroscopy, and eye tracking, as well as computational modeling of behavioral data. He has applied these methods to the study of depression and aging. Moreover, Dr. Yang has collaborated with researchers in neuroscience, psychiatry, and data science to develop diagnostic and screening tools for populations with depression and cognitive impairment.



After over two years of thorough planning, EVMS has officially merged with ODU to create the Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences at Old Dominion University. As of July 1, 2024, EVMS has integrated into ODU, forming Virginia's largest and most comprehensive academic health sciences center. We're thrilled about the new Elmer College of Health Science building and warmly welcome all EVMS faculty and staff to the ODU family, including our own Dr. Kelli England, Dr. Jennifer Flaherty and Dr. Paul Harrell!

We thank Dr. England, Dr. Flaherty, and Dr. Harrell for their continued involvement in VCPCP!

VCPCP Diversity Committee



The VCPCP Diversity Committee has been busy this academic year! Here are some highlights of the committee's activities:

The Diversity Committee is in the process of revising their mission statement, which describes the overall goals of the committee and, importantly, the specific and actionable steps the committee aims to take to advance the program's mission related to diversity, equity, accountability, and inclusion.

One of the primary goals of the committee this year is to assist with diversity in program admissions for the upcoming cycle. To kick things off, our student team hosted the program's first virtual open house geared toward answering questions from prospective applicants about diversity in our training and program culture, as well as questions about the experience of being a student from a diverse background. Feedback from attendees indicated that they found the meeting helpful and that it increased their likelihood of applying to our program. Our team looks forward to continued efforts to support diversity throughout the upcoming application cycle!

During National Suicide Prevention month, members of the committee, in collaboration with the Up Center and Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic, presented to mentors and parents on the important topic of youth suicide prevention.

Finally, in the fall semester, a number of VCP students attended an anti-racism workshop, designed specifically for graduate students to enhance understanding of cultivating an anti-racist approach to mentoring. Students were introduced to various individual level racist missteps, were given context on why racist missteps occur, and were taught tangible strategies to recover from a racist misstep. Overall, students found this workshop helpful and look forward to future opportunities to engage critically with this important topic. Further, the program has procured "Beyond Fragility" workbooks - a skills-based guide to effective anti-racist allyship - for use. We welcome (and encourage!) both students and faculty to check out this fantastic resource!

Introducing Our Newest Graduates

Thomas J. Augustin

Year of Graduation: August 2024

Primary Advisor: Dr. Rick Handel

Dissertation Title: Gender Measurement Invariance of the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory - Adolescent - Restructured Form (MMPI-A-RF) Internalizing and Externalizing Specific Problem Scales.

Postdoctoral Role: Forensic Psychology
Postdoctoral Resident



Kenneth L. Ayers, Jr.

Year of Graduation: August 2024

Primary Advisor: Dr. Alan Meca

Dissertation Title: Testing a Model of Ethnic/Racial Discrimination, Ethnic Identity, and Adult Attachment in College Students.

Postdoctoral Role: Sports Psychology
Postdoctoral Associate



Alicia L. Milam

Year of Graduation: August 2024

Primary Advisor: Dr. Michelle Kelley

Dissertation Title: The Impact of Emotional Impulsivity on Emotion Regulation and Internalizing Disorders: Competing Latent Path Models.

Postdoctoral Role: Clinical Neuropsychology
Resident/Postdoctoral Fellow



Introducing Our Newest Graduates



Cassidy M. Sandoval

Year of Graduation: August 2024

Primary Advisor: Dr. Kristin Heron

Dissertation Title: Body Image Dissatisfaction, Positive Body Image, and Health Behaviors During Pregnancy: A Between-Trimester Comparison.

Postdoctoral Role: Assistant Professor

Madison Smart-McCarthy

Year of Graduation: December 2023

Primary Advisor: Dr. Rick Handel

Dissertation Title: Incremental Validity of the MMPI-A-RF and MACI in an Outpatient Setting.

Postdoctoral Role: Postdoctoral Fellow



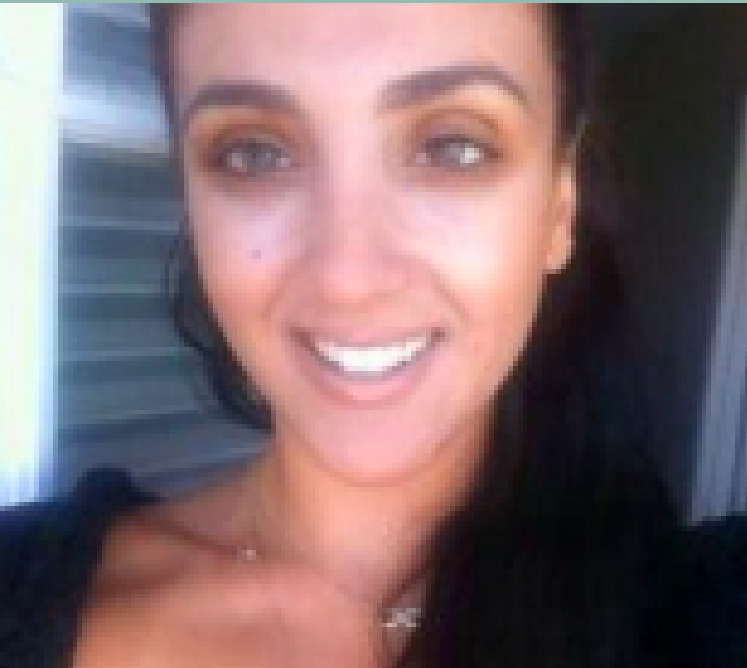
Bilgé Özgé Yılmaz

Year of Graduation: December 2023

Primary Advisor: Dr. Kelli England

Dissertation Title: The Impact of Mandatory Substance Abuse Counselor Reporting Requirements on Child Maltreatment Reporting Outcomes.

Postdoctoral Role: Postdoctoral Fellow



Student Accomplishments

Tiana McKan



Congratulations to Tiana McKan for being honored with the prestigious Southern Regional Education Board Scholar Award. This award will support her doctoral studies for the remainder of her time in the VCPCP.



Student Accomplishments

Kinjal Patel



Congratulations to Kinjal for receiving the 2024 ODU College of Sciences Award for her outstanding master's thesis!

Kayla Pitchford



Congratulations to Kayla for receiving the APA Society for Health Psychology Student Research Grant for her dissertation research.

Student Accomplishments

Douglas Glenn



Congratulations to Doug for receiving the 2024 ODU Graduate Summer Award for his outstanding dissertation!

Defended Dissertation: Drinking to Compensate: Expanding Upon the Motivational Model of Alcohol Use.

Karolina Kazlauskaite



Congratulations to Karolina for being this year's recipient of the Ellen O'Neil Outstanding Consortium Service Award. This award is given to an outstanding consortium student who made significant contributions to the program. The student receives a plaque and a cash award and is included on the plaque of award recipients in the VCPCP program office.

Student Accomplishments

Raksha Kandlur



Congratulations to Raksha for receiving the 2024 ODU Graduate Summer Award for her dissertation! Additionally, Raksha was awarded the ODU Graduate Student Travel Award.

Working Dissertation Title: Exploring the Link Between Experiences of Racial Discrimination and Suicidal Ideations Among Asian College Students: An Intensive Longitudinal Examination Through a Cultural Lens.

Edoardo Modanesi



Congratulations to Edoardo for winning the APA Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice Award for his research poster presented at the APA Convention in Seattle, WA.

Student Accomplishments

Emily Junkin



Congratulations to Emily for being this year's recipient of the Candace M. Shorter Distinguished Student Award. This award is given to a distinguished student from a group of students who will be on internship the following year. The criterion for this award includes excellence in all areas of the program (academic, research, and clinical training). As the recipient, she received a plaque and a cash award and is now included on the plaque of award recipients in the VCPCP Program Office.

In addition to being honored with the Shorter Distinguished Student Award, Emily has also received the ODU Graduate Summer Award for her dissertation. As if that weren't impressive enough, she completed ODU's first-ever alcohol administration study. Check out the article [here: Emily Junkin Completes First-Ever Alcohol Administration Study at ODU.](#)

Defended Dissertation: Examination of an Experimental Paradigm of Impaired Control over Alcohol Use

Student Recent Publications

Current VCPCP Students are indicated in **bold**-lots of alumni and faculty, too!

Braitman, A. L., Ayala, R., Shipley, J. L., Strowger, M., **Glenn, D. J., Junkin, E.,** & Lau-Barraco, C. (2023). The impact of COVID-19 pandemic experiences on self-reported changes in college drinking via mental health: Moderation by race. *Alcohol: Clinical and Experimental Research*, 47: 2313 – 2330. <https://doi.org/10.1111/acer.15200>

Fisher, L., Curreri, A., **Hull, S.,** Tuchman, S., Cetinkaya, D., Nyer, M.B., Luehrs, R., Zafonte, R., Pedrelli, P. (2024). Adapting Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression after Traumatic Brain Injury: A Case Study. *Cognitive and Behavioral Practice*.

Glenn, D. & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024). An experimental investigation into the impact of acute stress on alcohol craving. *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology*. Advance online publication.

Glenn, D. & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024). An application of the stressor-vulnerability model in college student drinkers. *Substance Use & Misuse*, 59(10), 1527-1536.

Glenn, D., Lau-Barraco, C., & Goings, K. (2024). Simultaneous substance use with alcohol in a community-based sample of young adults. *Journal of Dual Diagnosis*, 20(4), 279-290.

Hawn, S.E., **Kliebhan, T.,** Richardson, N., Deoliveira, M., Heron, K.E., Mitchell, K. (under review). Psychometric Evaluation of a Novel Measure of Trauma-Related Eating to Cope. *Journal of Mood & Anxiety Disorders*.

Hull, S., Origlio, J.*, Noyola, N., Henin, A., & Liu, R. T.** (2025). Dimensions of experienced gender and prospective self-injurious thoughts and behaviors in preadolescent children: A national study. *Journal of Affective Disorders*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2024.10.033>

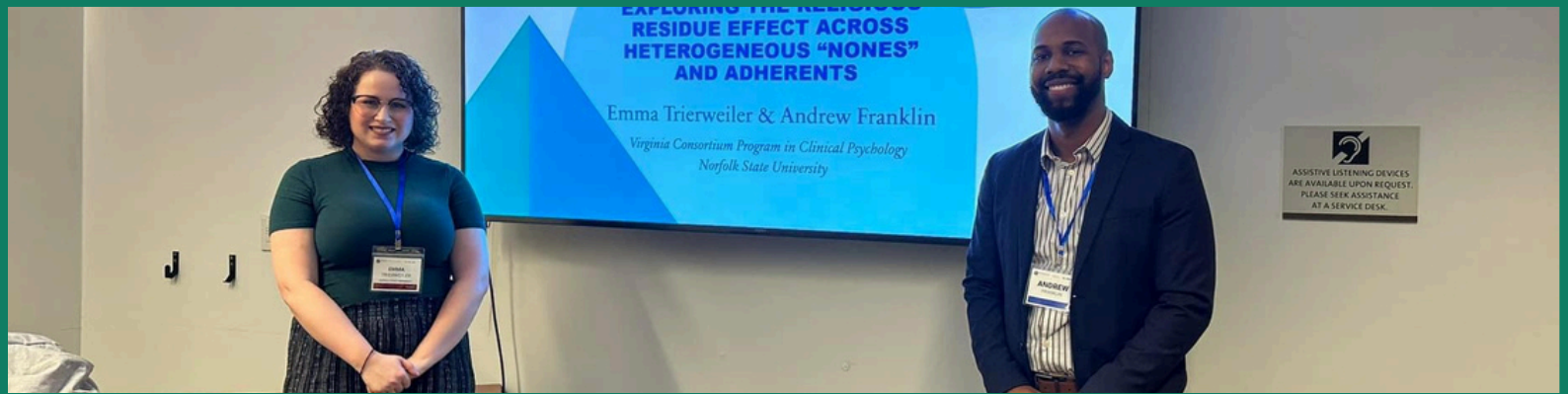
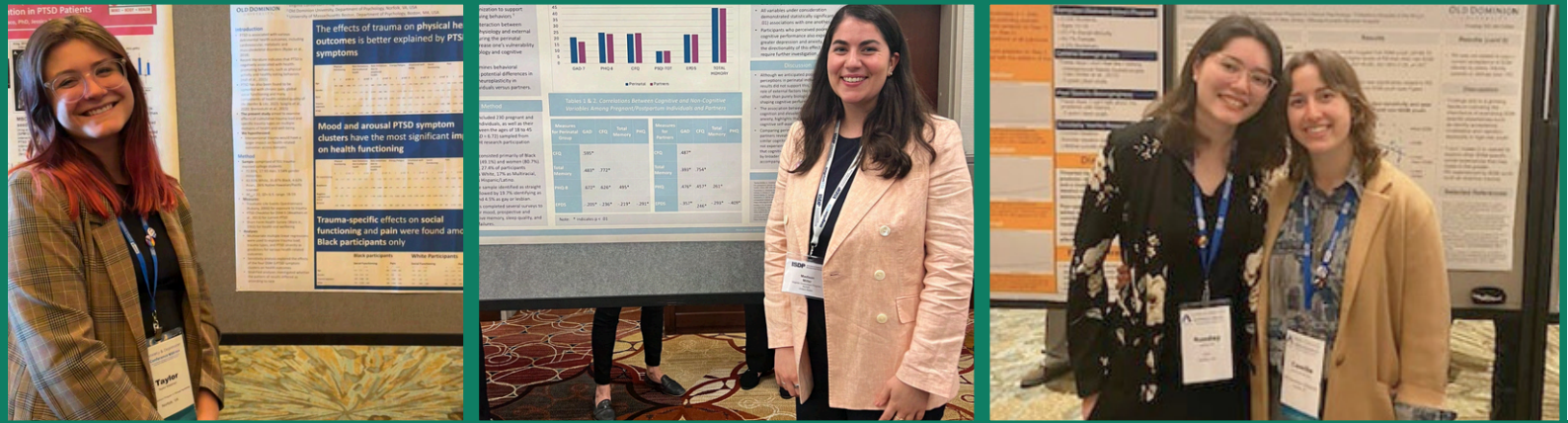
Jimenez, W. P., Zeytonli, A., **Nabulsi, Y.,** & Hu, X. (2024). (Don't fear) the factors: An item-level meta-analysis of the Fear of COVID-19 Scale's factor structure and measurement invariance. *Stress and Health*, 40(5), Article e3472. <https://doi.org/10.1002/smi.3472>

Rodriguez, C. M., Pu, D. F., Conchell, R., Gonzalez, S., & **Modanesi, E.** (2024). Risk factors and moderators of intimate partner violence victimization versus perpetration among women in Spain. *Violence and Victims*. Advance publication <https://doi.org/10.1891/VV-2024-0069>

Yatziv, S. L., Pedrelli, P., Baror, S., DeCaro, S. A., Shachar, N., Sofer, B., **Hull, S.,** Curtiss, J., & Bar, M. (2024). Facilitating Thought Progression Reduces Depressive Symptoms: A Randomized Controlled Trial. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 10.2196/56201. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.2196/56201>

Student Research Presentations

Here are a few photos highlighting our students in action as they present their research.



Student Research Presentations

Current VCPCP Students are indicated in **bold**-lots of alumni and faculty, too!

Bermudez, J., **Junkin, E.**, & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, February 29–March 2). Outcome expectancies as predictors of alcohol and marijuana use throughout the pandemic [Poster session]. Eastern Psychological Association 2024 Conference, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

Bermudez, J. N., III, **Junkin, E.**, & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, March 30). Sensation seeking as a moderator of perceptual and cognitive enhancement expectancies and past-month marijuana frequency [Poster session]. Old Dominion University 2024 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Norfolk, VA, United States.

De Lucia, D., Sliman, H., Noell, G., & Gansle, K. (2024). Establishing Hierarchical Classification Responding: Directly Trained and Emergent Responses. Poster presented at the ODU Graduate Student Government Association Research Conference. Norfolk, VA.

Glenn, D., Bermudez III, J., Dahlberg, J., & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, November 14-17). Drinking to compensate: Expanding upon the motivational model of alcohol use [Conference presentation]. ABCT 2024 Convention, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

Hawn, S.E., **Kliebhan, T.**, Miller, M.W., Kimbrel, N., & Wolf, E.J. (November 2023). Psychometric evaluation of a dimensional traumatic stress phenotype Paper presentation at the 39th Annual Convention of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Los Angeles, CA.

Hawn, S. E., **Kliebhan, T.**, Deoliveria, M., Richardson, N., Heron, K. E. (April 2024). Psychometric Evaluation of a Novel Measure of Trauma-Related Eating to Cope. Poster presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Conference, Boston, MA.

Hawn, S. E., **Kliebhan, T.**, Barham, R., Thomas, A., Amstadter, A. (April 2024). Evaluation of a comprehensive measure of trauma-related drinking to cope. Poster presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Conference, Boston, MA.

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Heron, K.E., Hawn, S.E., Yarish, N., Dawson, C.A., Sandoval, C.M., **Turner, M.I.**, & Braitman, A.L., (2024, March). Disordered eating, body image attitudes, and sociocultural pressures among young adult sexual minority and heterosexual women. Live Research Spotlight Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.

Heron, K., **Pitchford, K.**, Weiner, L., Nagel, S., & Hartman, S. (2024, March). Body Dissatisfaction Associations with Psychosocial and Physical Functioning Among Younger Women with Breast Cancer. Poster presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine 45th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hull, S., Johnson, C. N., Luce, A.J., Auad, E.C., Esposito, E.C., Gleason, M.M., Kleiman, E.M., Liu, R.T., & Glenn, C.R. (2024, April). Comparing age of onset of self-injurious thoughts and behaviors among high-risk adolescents identifying as a gender minority or cisgender. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, Boston, MA.

Hull, S., Kandlur, R., Allison, K. K., Johnson, N. C., Luce, J. A., Auad, C. A., Leets, M., Moser, S. E., Eskin, K. C., Gould, M., & Glenn, R. C. (2024, November 14–17). Identities, Volunteering Motivations, and Mental Health Experiences of Youth Crisis Line Volunteers. Poster Presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 57th Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

Hull, S., Kandlur, R., Allison, K. K., **Johnson, C. N.**, Luce, A.J., Auad, E.C., Leets, M., Moser, E.S., Eskin, C.K., Gould, M., & Glenn, C.R. (November, 2024). Exploring Youth Crisis Line Volunteers' Lived Experience with Mental Health Challenges and Motivations for Crisis Line Work. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.

James, C., **Kazlauskaite, K.**, & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, November 14-17). The Effects of Coping Strategies, Sex Influence, and MPBS Usage on College Marijuana Consumption. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

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Johnson, C.N., Hull, S., Auad, E.C., Luce, A.J., Gleason, M.M., Kleiman, E.M., Liu, R.T., & Glenn, C.R. (2024, April). Examining associations between rejection sensitivity, relationship quality, and acceptance of sexual and gender minority identity among adolescents at high-risk for suicide. Poster presented at the 2024 Anxiety and Depression Association of America Convention, Boston, MA.

Johnson, C.N., Hull, S., Auad, E.C., Luce, A.J., Gleason, M.M., Kleiman, E.M., Liu, R.T., Glenn, C.R. (2024, November). Exploring the link between rejection sensitivity and suicide ideation in sexual minority, gender minority and cisgender heterosexual youth at high risk for suicide . Poster presentation at the 2024 Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Convention, Philadelphia, PA.

Junkin, E., Glenn, D., Shipley, J. L., **Kazlauskaite, K.**, Braitman, A. L., & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, February 29 - March 2). Implications of recreational marijuana legalization among Virginia college students [Conference presentation]. EPA 2024 Convention, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

Junkin, E., Dahlberg, J., & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, November 15). Predictors of event-level intention-inconsistent drinking. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Convention, Philadelphia, PA.

Junkin, E., Bermudez, J.N., III, & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, November 15). Event-level estimates of impaired control over alcohol use: Association with protective strategies and consequences. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Convention, Philadelphia, PA.

Kandlur, R., Allison, K ., & Glenn, R. C. (2024, November 14-17). Examining the Link Between Racial Discrimination and Suicide Ideation: The Moderating Role of Identity. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

Kazlauskaite, K., Lamanna, J., James, C., & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, February 29-March3). Examining the association between self-control and alcohol outcomes through protective behavioral strategy use. Poster presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

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Kazlauskaite, K., Ziemian, S., & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, February 29-March 3). Factors moderating the association between social network “drinking buddies” and personal drinking. [Conference presentation]. Eastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Kazlauskaite, K., & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, November 14-17). Examining the Unique Impact of “Drinking Buddy” Descriptive Norms on Individual Alcohol Consumption. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Kenneally L. B., & Paulson J. F. (2024, May). Express yourself? Consequences of emotion expression depend on level of emotional awareness. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Kenneally L. B., & Paulson J. F. (2024, July). The association between relationship satisfaction and emotional intimacy is moderated by expressive suppression. Poster presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference, Boston, MA.

Kliebhan, T., Hawn, S.E., Deoliveira, M., Barham, R., & Heron, K.E. (April 2024). Exploring unique associations between trauma, PTSD symptoms, and health and well-being among racially diverse college students. Poster presented to 2024 Anxiety and Depression Association of America Conference, Boston, MA.

Kliebhan, T., & Hawn, S. E. (May 2024). Sexual minority differences across various PTSD self-medication behaviors . Poster accepted to the 2024 Virginia Academy of Science Conference, Richmond, VA.

Macchia, J. M., **Glenn, D.**, & Economou, P. J. (2024, August 8-10). Queer athletes: The relationship between competition, internalized homophobia, and mental health [Conference presentation]. APA 2024 Convention, Seattle, WA, United States. Professional Poster of the Year Award – Division 47

Martinez, I., **Glenn, D.**, & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, February 29 - March 2). Examining mental health, coping strategies, and ethnicity on drinking in emerging adults [Conference presentation]. EPA 2024 Convention, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

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Martinez, I., **Glenn, D.**, & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, March 30). Examining psychological characteristics and ethnicity on drinking in emerging adults [Conference presentation]. ODU 2024 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Norfolk, VA, United States.

Miller, M., & Paulson, J. (2024, April 5) Perceptions of performance in pregnancy and postpartum [Poster Session]. Old Dominion University's Graduate Student Government Association Annual Research Conference. Norfolk, VA.

Miller, M., & Paulson, J. (2024, October 2-4). The early parental environment: exploring perceptions of the maternal brain. Poster presented at the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology (ISDP). Chicago, IL.

Modanesi, E., & Rodriguez, C.M. (2024, March 13-16). Examining risk factors for physical versus psychological interpersonal violence. [Paper presentation] Southeastern Psychological Association Annual Convention, Orlando, FL, USA.

Modanesi, E., & Stover, C. (2024, March 13-16). Exploring changes in substance use during batterer intervention programs. [Poster presentation]. Southeastern Psychological Association Annual Convention, Orlando, FL, USA.

Modanesi, E., & Rodriguez, C.M. (2024, March 13-16). Differences between countries in IPV and childhood abuse overlap. [Poster presentation]. Southeastern Psychological Association Annual Convention, Orlando, FL, USA.

Modanesi, E., & Stover, C. (2024, March 13-16). Reflective functioning, emotion regulation, and the cycle of violence. [Paper presentation]. Southeastern Psychological Association Annual Convention, Orlando, FL, USA.

Modanesi, E., & Rodriguez, C.M. (2024, July 14-16). Association between IPV and parent-child aggression among parents: The role of parent and child gender. [Poster Presentation]. Violence Prevention Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH, USA.

Modanesi, E., & Rodriguez, C.M. (2024, July 14-16). Predicting psychological versus physical IPV victimization: exploring risk factors among expectant parents. [Paper presentation]. Violence Prevention Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH, USA.

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Modanesi, E., & Rodriguez, C.M. (2024, July 28-30). Differentiating risk factors and moderators of intimate partner violence victimization versus perpetration among Spanish mothers. [Poster presentation]. International Society for Research on Aggression Convention, Munich, Germany.

Modanesi, E., & Rodriguez, C.M. (2024, July 28-30). Exploring unique contributors to psychological versus physical IPV among expectant parents: Examining self and combined reports. [Paper presentation]. International Society for Research on Aggression Convention, Munich, Germany.

Modanesi, E., & Rodriguez, C.M. (2024, August 7-10). Moderators of substance use and child abuse risk: differences between mothers and fathers. [Poster presentation]. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Seattle, WA, USA.

Modanesi, E., & Stover, C. (2024, August 7-10). Association between substance use and working alliance among IPV perpetrators. [Poster presentation]. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Seattle, WA, USA.

Moulder, A., Martinez, I., James, C. Shipley, J. L., Braitman, A. L., Heron, K. E., & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, March). Examining the role of sexual orientation in food and alcohol disturbance using a community sample of women with disordered eating. Poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Moulder, A. M., **Glenn, D.**, Bermudez III, J. N., & Lau-Barraco, C. (2024, August 8-10). The asexual paradox: A pilot study of substance use and sensation-seeking in asexual individuals [Conference presentation]. APA 2024 Convention, Seattle, WA, United States.

Munshell, P., Rodriguez, C. M., Leerkes, E. (2024, April). Mother-Infant Interactions: Observed Behavior in Relation to Child Abuse Risk. [Poster presentation]. Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) Conference, Orlando, FL.

Munshell, P., Rodriguez, C. M., Barrig Jo, P., Gracia, E., Conchell, R., Lila, M. (2024, August). From Approval to Action: Analyzing Parent-Child Aggression Across Cultures. [Poster presentation]. International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) Conference, Uppsala, Sweden.

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Munshell, P., Rodriguez, C. M., Leerkes, E. (2024, August). Exploring Parent-Child Interactions: Implications for Child Abuse Risk Assessment. [Poster presentation]. International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) Conference, Uppsala, Sweden.

Munshell, P., Rodriguez, C. M., Leerkes, E. (2024, April). Predicting Mother-Child Interaction: Building a Bridge from Pregnancy to Toddlerhood. [Paper presentation]. Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA) Conference, Orlando, FL.

Nabulsi Y., De Jesus, K., Gazzaniga, M., & Yang, X. (2024). The Role of Ex-Gaussian Parameters and Apathy in Reward Sensitivity Using a Modified Probabilistic Learning Task. Presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Austin TX. Abstract in CAN

Patel, K.K., Kleiman, E.M., & Glenn, C.R. (2024, April). Investigating negative emotion dynamics and suicidal thoughts in high-risk adolescents. Poster presentation at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.

Patel, K.K., Kearns, J.C., Foti, D., Kleiman, E.M., & Glenn, C.R. (2024, July). Examining anhedonia as a mechanism linking insomnia and next-day suicidal thoughts: An intensive longitudinal study in high-risk youth. Poster presentation at the 2024 Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology Future Directions Forum, Columbus, OH.

Patel, K.K., Kleiman, E.M., & Glenn, C.R. (2024, November). The impact of age on negative emotion dynamics and suicidal thoughts in high-risk youth: Findings from a real-time monitoring study. Poster presentation at the 2024 Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Convention, Philadelphia, PA.

Pitchford, K., Turner, M.I., Howard, L.M., & Heron, K.E. (2024, April). Differences in denial of disordered eating among black and white female college students. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.

Shagani, S., **Pitchford, K.**, Dawson, C., Masa, R., & Heron, K. (2023, November). Intersecting Social Determinants of Health and HIV Pre-Exposure (PrEP) Use Among Black Women: Perspectives of Community Healthcare Workers. Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Shiple, J. L., **Moulder, A.**, Allison, K. K., Ayala Guzman, R., Renzoni, E. S., Braitman, A. L., Lau-Barraco, C., & Heron, K. E. (2024, April). The interaction of race and sexual identity for eating and alcohol behaviors among young adult women. Poster presented at the Annual Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction Meeting, Denver, CO.

Shiple, J. L., Heron, K. E., **Turner, M. I.**, & Braitman, A. L. (2024, June). Sexual identity, affect, and disordered eating among young adult women. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Ambulatory Assessment, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Sliman, H., & Noell, G. (2024). The Impact of Peer Observational Learning on Honesty Following a Transgression. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association. Seattle, WA.

Sliman, H., De Lucia, D., Wheelbarger, E., Noell, G., & Gansle, K. (2024, August). Increasing Honesty Behavior through Contingent Differential Emotion Induction. Poster Presented at the American Psychological Association. Seattle, WA.

Trierweiler, E. J., & Franklin, A. S. (2024, April 18-20). Exploring the religious residue effect across heterogenous “nones” and adherents [Paper presentation]. 2024 annual mid-year conference of the Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality, Princeton, NJ.

Turner, M.I., Shiple, J. L., Braitman, A.L., & Heron, K. E. (2024, June). Momentary body dissatisfaction and disordered eating among sexual minority and heterosexual women: Examining the moderating role of sexual orientation. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Ambulatory Assessment, Ann Arbor, MI.

Alumni News

Jody Alperin ~ Class of 1995



Since 1995, Jody Alperin has made a significant impact as a psychotherapist in Norfolk. One of the ways she has made a difference is through her participation with Higher Ground, a non-profit that provides therapeutic recreational trips for veterans and individuals with disabilities. With a Doctor of Psychology from the Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology, Alperin has dedicated her career to counseling military personnel and their families at the Churchland Psychological Center.

Alperin's work with Higher Ground allows her to support veterans facing challenges such as PTSD and traumatic brain injuries through outdoor activities like kayaking and fishing. She describes her role as providing support rather than traditional therapy, fostering a sense of community among participants. Having traveled to locations like Texas and California for these trips, Alperin highlights the transformative power of nature and human connection. She actively promotes Higher Ground to her patients, aiming to help them find healing and camaraderie in these unique experiences.

To read the full article, visit: [Jewish News VA](#)

James Macchia ~ Class of 2023



Congratulations to our alumnus, James Machia, on his recent addition to the Bryant West Psychology team. James is a licensed clinical psychologist in New York, specializing in adult individual and couples therapy. He takes an integrative approach, combining relational, cognitive, behavioral, and skill-based techniques to help clients manage a variety of concerns, including anxiety, depression, stress, identity issues, LGBTQ+ health, life transitions, high-performance coaching (athletic, career, academic), interpersonal conflict, relationship and dating challenges, self-esteem, chronic illness, trauma and PTSD, grief and loss, and addiction.

For more information, visit [Bryant West Psychology](#).

Alumni News

Kelly Romano ~ Class of 2023



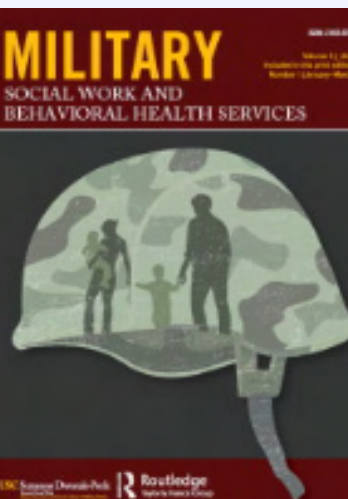
Congratulations to our alumna Kelly for being awarded the 2024 VCPCP David Leigh Memorial Pancoast Award for her Outstanding Dissertation!

Rachel Amerson ~ Class of 2022

Rachel Amerson, a 2022 graduate, was promoted to Training Director at Wichita State University Counseling and Psychological Services in May 2024. In her new role, she oversees training for CAPS as well as the APA-accredited Wichita Collaborative Psychology Internship Program, which encompasses WSU CAPS, the University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita, and Prairie View Community Mental Health. Rachel is now the 12th Training Director of one of the oldest continuously accredited psychology internship consortiums in the country and had the honor of presiding over its 70th graduating cohort in July 2024.



Rachel Davies ~ Class of 2023



Rachel Davies, a 2023 graduate, recently published an article in the Journal of Military Social Work and Behavioral Health Services.

Davies, R. L., Kelley, M. L., & Gabelmann, J. M (2024). Unit support moderates the association between institutional betrayal and military women's use of minimization after sexual assault. Journal of Military Social Work. Advance online publication. Journal of Military Social Work and Behavioral Health Services.

Other News

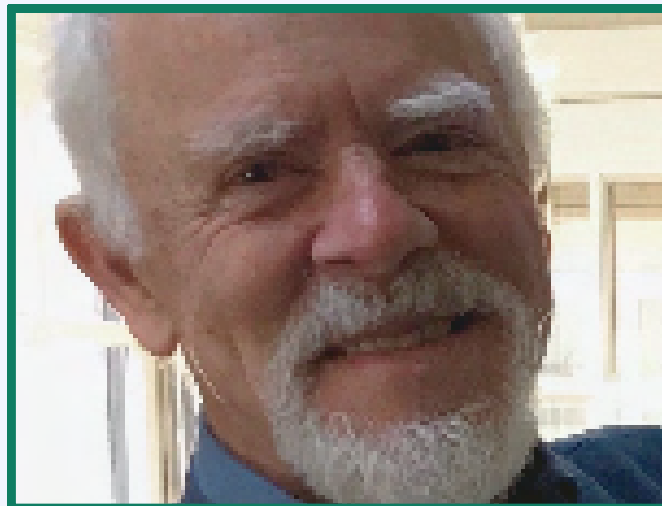
Dr. Lau Barraco & Dr. Glenn



Look at our faculty in action!

Dr. Cathy Lau-Barraco & Dr. Cassie Glenn at the ABCT graduate program meet and greet event where they met students interested in the Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology.

J.D. Ball, Ph.D., ABPP, Professor Emeritus



Former VCPCP EVMS professor J.D. Ball, Ph.D., ABPP, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Eastern Virginia Medical School, has concluded an impressive 8-year term on the Virginia Board of Psychology, including 4 years as Vice Chair and 1 year as Chair. In December 2024, Dr. Ball will also complete his 8-year tenure as Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Perceptual and Motor Skills*.

Thank You for Being a Part of the Consortium Family!



Thank you for taking the time to connect with us. We hope you found value in the positive updates we shared. If you're passionate about supporting the well-being of our students and community, and would like to contribute to the VCPCP through donations, please visit:

<https://sci.odu.edu/vcpcp/alum.html>



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