Hello everyone! I hope you had a great year and a great summer! Here are some highlights from the teaching, research, and related activities in the Psychology department.

Major changes have been afoot at Trinity led by our new President, Dr. Danny Anderson, and our new Vice President, Dr. Dee Jones. I hope you receive the emails they send to the campus and to alumni. It’s been a great time of change!

Our department is gearing up to add to our faculty. This year, Dr. Chuck White is rejoining the department after serving many years in the administration, most recently as Vice President of Information Resources, Marketing & Communications. We’re happy to have him back! He will be teaching multiple sections of our introductory psychology course next academic year, after a short administrative leave. I look forward to the many hints he may have for using technology! This fall, we are also launching a search for a new position in the department in the area of neuroscience. We will be carefully scrutinizing the applications we receive this fall and are optimistic that we will find a great new faculty member to add to the many strengths of our department!

In our research, Dr. Becker’s lab is continuing its partnership with Dr. Keesha Middlemass in Political Science and the San Antonio Food Bank to study psychopathology when people are unable to reliably access sufficient food. Drs. Becker and Middlemass and their team successfully raised enough money through a TUgether initiative to fund two students as full-time researchers this summer. The project is going well and the first paper from this work has already been published. Dr. Childers’ Children’s Research lab continues to work with multiple child care sites off campus, (continued on p. 2)
collecting data from children aged 2-5 years across the city. This summer, papers were presented at two international conferences in France, and she and two collaborators were awarded a book contract by Springer-Verlag. Dr. Bill Ellison is starting his third year, and continues his studies which involve students. One project in his lab is to use meta-analysis to examine the outcome of therapy for Borderline Personality Disorder. Dr. Paula Hertel, our Murchison Distinguished Professor, continues as Editor of the Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition. As usual, she had several publications last year and will be able to focus her efforts on research this fall as she was awarded an academic leave. Dr. Kevin McIntyre has created a great web resource for professors who are teaching statistics across the US and the world. Check out the “Open Stats Lab” link at https://sites.trinity.edu/osl! The site allows professors to use articles and open data from a top journal, Psychological Science, for teaching statistics in a meaningful way. Dr. Kimberley Phillips received multiple research grants last year and recently completed a research trip to Indonesia with two undergraduate students. On this trip, they were able to collect data from monkeys living in the wild that will inform our understanding of primate cognition. Dr. Harry Wallace continues to serve as the Chair of Trinity’s Institutional Review Board (IRB), which is a key role on campus. He continues his work on narcissism by including student perception of narcissistic professors, in one of his lines of research. Of course, these types of professors are difficult to find here! Dr. Carol Yoder continues to serve as an Associate Editor for the journal Adult Development Bulletin and continues to make an important difference in the lives of many students. Her cross-cultural research using environmentally-themed stimuli to ask central questions about cognition continues to involve students and to move into new areas.

Our students also had a great year in the department last year! Many of them were able to attend national or international conferences to present their research, partly supported by generous giving to our Student Research Fund for Psychology (thank you!). Some of these conferences included the Society for Cross-cultural Research in New Orleans (3 students presented), the Society for Research in Child Development conference in Austin (2 students presented), ABCT in New York City (Clinical Psychology conference: 5 students presented), the North American Society for the Study of Personality Disorders in New York (Clinical Psychology conference: 2 students presented), SPSP in San Antonio (Social Psychology conference: 7 students presented), and the Society for Neuroscience conference in San Diego (Dr. Phillips took several students who presented). This type of experience is invaluable for students who can network with faculty that are potential graduate school advisors, as well as alumni in the field. In addition to appearing as co-authors on conference papers and posters, students also were co-authors on many publications last year including papers that appeared in: Applied Cognitive Psychology, Clinical Psychological Science, Cognitive Science, Journal of Cognition and Development, International Journal of Eating Disorders, Journal of Health Psychology, Behavioral Brain Research, and Animal Cognition.

We had a great year, and hope you did too! We would love to hear from you. Please e-mail us so we can keep in touch.

- Janie Childers
Anna Rigodanzo, Ryan Reusch, and Dr. Phillips in Bogor, Indonesia, August 2017

Blaire Porter and Andrea Lee present a poster at the 2017 meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX

L: Dr. Childers with Abby Seamster, recipient of the Presidential Award of Excellence
R: Dr. Hertel with Samantha Wilkinson, recipient of the Outstanding Student in Psychology Award

Samantha Mohun, Samantha Wilkinson, Sarah Parrish, Clara Johnson, and Juan Hernandez at the meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York City

B: Brigitte Taylor and Amanda Burris at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio

Dr. Childers and her lab at Chris Madrid’s
Our department has a very active research program, which allows undergraduate students to have intensive research experiences. Students are involved in all aspects of research, including study design, data collection and analysis, and the preparation of publications and presentations. Below are recent publications by Trinity faculty (with Trinity student co-authors highlighted in bold).

**PUBLICATIONS**


**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**


Warren Camarano (1962): Married 55 years to Margie Kay Martin, whom I met while we attended Trinity. Marriage yielded three children and two grandsons. Recently, I have been singing (Bass) in a 120+ male barbershop chorus (Friends in Harmony). Have performed twice at SA Spurs games (opening with our National Anthem) along at several San Antonio local churches. I attended "a white coat" ceremony this summer, recognizing my oldest grandson's entry into the University of Texas (Galveston) Medical School. Proud Grandfather!

Elin Cogan-Adewunmi (1986): I graduated with my MSW in 1992 from Washington University and am currently Interim Director of Care Coordination at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. I serve on the STL Regional Homelessness Leadership Team and as a member of the vestry at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church. My most valiant endeavor involves being a mother to 3 children (LJ, Alexis and Max). My husband Julius Adewunmi is from Nigeria. We plan to travel to Nigeria in early September to celebrate my mother-in-law’s 80th birthday.

Corey Snipes (1994): I joined two jazz bands last winter, and have been enjoying performing and continuing to learn about this amazing musical form. My career as an aerospace software engineer continues, with three recent papers on UAS (drone) industry forecasting, and user interface work on a variety of air traffic management software systems. My family and I will be moving from Denver to Cleveland next summer, and we are looking forward to many new adventures!

Jacquelyn Gross (2003): I'm in my final year at the University of Maryland for developmental psychology - finishing my dissertation, planning a wedding, and applying for jobs. In my spare time, ...just kidding. Those three things keep me busy! In the next year, I hope to start postdoctoral research evaluating and implementing parenting interventions to promote healthy child social and emotional development - preferably in Europe.

Lani Steffens (2003): Picked up from Orlando and moved to Rockville, MD (just outside Washington DC) in January in order to start working for a small social science research firm called EurekaFacts. We do research for social good: to benefit public health, transportation, citizen engagement, education, etc. I'm currently a Senior Research Analyst for the Public Health and Social Marketing division. I'm also an adjunct faculty member for Health Communication and Marketing for George Washington University Milken School of Public Health.

Nancy Liu (2004): After a wonderful psychology education at Trinity, I received my PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2012. I've been able to do some international work under Fulbright and Fogarty fellowships in Beijing and Buenos Aires and more recently, was in Geneva to work as a consultant at the World Health Organization. Currently I'm an Assistant Clinical Professor and Clinic Director at the Clinical Science program at the University of California, Berkeley. I just received approval for a joint appointment at the University of California, San Francisco and will spend one day/week providing therapy to women in a high-risk OB clinic. In my free time, I love spending time with my family (especially my nephews), in trees & water, and more recently, giving psycho-ed and anti-stigma talks about mental health & faith through some local churches.

Frank Puga (2004): This summer my eight-year-old son, Jeremy, and I took a three-week trip overseas to visit Ireland, Scotland and England. We enjoyed some amazing countryside views and visited some cool castles. This was my son’s first trip to Europe. I am also looking forward to teaching Neuroethics at Trinity this Fall.

Amy Mahan (2006): I just finished law school at the University Pennsylvania and am moving to Chicago to practice intellectual property litigation.

Emily Stanley (2006): I’m about to start my second year as an Assistant Professor of Psychological Science at the University of Mary Washington, which is a public liberal arts college in Fredericksburg, Virginia. I love teaching here and am excited to do some more research this year with my research team. I am also happy to report that I got married in June to Scott Horton in Key West, FL. It has been a busy year!
Eric Robinson (2007): It’s been a busy year. I finally finished my PhD in Human Factors psych at Wright State University in April. I’m still working as a research psychologist at the Naval Medical Research Unit Dayton. My current projects are looking at the effects of hypoxia on pilot performance, the possible role of line perception in certain types of spatial disorientation, and the human performance effects of wearing chemical protective suits. My wife and I also had a baby girl in February. She is a lot of work, but a joy to have in our lives. She’s starting to crawl, so we’ve got our hands full! The dog likes her, but the cat doesn’t care.

Chelsea (Gilts) Ratcliff (2008): I am excited to share that I this fall, I joined the Sam Houston State University clinical psychology doctoral program as an Assistant Professor! I look forward teaching, mentoring students, and continuing to study effective ways to provide mental health care to individuals with medical illness. We also celebrated our daughter’s first birthday this summer, and are enjoying life with a toddler in the Houston Heights!

David Houghton (2009): I graduated in ’09 (how was it that long ago?), and I’m now in the 5th year of my clinical psychology PhD and on internship at the Medical University of South Carolina. This year, my wife and I are expecting our first child, but really missing our friends and family back in Texas.

Alyson Knapp Burnett (2008): My year has been full of changes. In January, I moved from Washington, DC to Philadelphia for a job opportunity for my husband. I kept my job with Mathematica Policy Research by transferring to our NJ office. In May, I gave birth to our first child, a boy named Felix. I will be taking a year off from work to spend with Felix and work on my dissertation. My PhD will be in measurement and statistics from the University of Maryland, and my research focuses on multi-level propensity score methods.

Chantale Wilson (2009) received her PhD in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the University of Akron in April. Her dissertation titled, "The Impact of Intrusive Dynamic Feedback Interventions on Simulation-based Training Effectiveness," examined the impact of real-time feedback displays on motivation and learning outcomes for novice pilots flying a game-based flight simulation. Her research informed gaming and simulation-based training methods for the military and was supported by the Air Force Research Laboratory. She also recently joined Shaker Consulting Group in Cleveland, Ohio as an Associate Consultant to develop and implement custom selection and assessment tools for various industry clients.

Molly Holmes (2012): I got my Masters in Counseling, I’m currently a PLPC, and have been all over in the mental health field. I worked as a substance abuse rehab counselor, I’ve worked for the state doing community-based family counseling, I’ve done individual counseling in private practice (under my licensure supervisor), and I’ve worked as a gambling addiction consultant. I’ve done several presentations on my own research at professional conferences, I’ve been published once, and I have even been hired to do in-services on eating disorders for local facilities. More recently, I’ve co-founded a mental health wellness company with a colleague of mine and developed a long term addiction/eating disorder recovery support daily planner which has recently gone up for sale.

Jonathan Gallegos (2013): I’m starting my 5th year in the social psychology Ph.D. program at Penn State University. This past year I advanced to candidacy and am now working on my dissertation. A particularly exciting and recent professional accomplishment was the publication of a first-authored peer-reviewed research article in the journal Emotion; the project explored the role of non-valenced affective states (e.g., numbness and neutrality) in contexts of social rejection. On a personal note, I recently adopted a fat cat, who I named Mumbles!

Tyler Howard (2015): I graduated top of my class with an MA in Counseling Psychology from Towson University in Towson, Maryland. I recently passed the National Counselors Examination and am waiting to take the Maryland Jurisprudence Exam in order to obtain licensure as a Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor. Currently, I am working as a primary therapist at Maryland Addiction Recovery Center. I perform individual therapy with a caseload of clients and lead group psychotherapy sessions for our IOP and PHP programs. I am enjoying life on the East Coast and still adjusting to life post-graduate school. I enjoy taking my dog on hikes, visiting the shore, and taking in all of the sights and entertainment that Baltimore and the Inner Harbor have to offer!

Aren’t we all glad to hear about these alums? Consider doing your part next year! -PH
AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Students **Ryan Reusch** and **Anna Rigodanzo** were awarded first place for their poster presentations with Dr. Phillips at the International Symposium on Primate Behavior, Biomedicine, and Neuroscience in Bogor, Indonesia.
- Student **Anna Rigodanzo** received a Murchison Fellowship to work with Dr. Phillips.
- Student **Francesca Gomez** received a Murchison Fellowship to work with Dr. Becker and Dr. Keesha Middlemass (of Trinity’s Department of Political Science).
- Student **Blaire Porter** received a Murchison Fellowship to work with Dr. Childers.
- Student **Chase Acuff** received a Murchison Fellowship to work with Dr. Ellison.

INVITED ADDRESSES

- Dr. Becker gave invited keynote addresses at professional meetings in Montreal, Houston, and Winnipeg.
- Dr. Becker gave invited grand rounds presentations at UT Health Science Center-San Antonio and Rutgers University.
- Dr. Phillips was a Featured Speaker at the International Symposium on “Primate Behavior, Biomedicine, and Neuroscience Research for Promoting Better Health” at Bogor Agricultural University in Bogor, Indonesia.
- Dr. Phillips gave an invited presentation at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- Dr. Becker was one of ten educators in Texas to be named a Piper Professor in recognition of superior college-level teaching.
- Dr. Becker became a Board Certified Psychologist in Cognitive and Behavioral Psychology.
- Dr. Ellison was elected to the executive board of the International Society for the Study of Personality Disorders.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- Dr. Becker’s work was covered in *US News & World Report* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

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