Hello everyone! It’s great to have a chance to update you with news from the Department of Psychology. Here are some highlights from our teaching, research, and related activities this past year.

Overall, it was a successful year in the department. We were able to offer some new courses as part of the First Year Experience offerings in the fall, including “Food Matters”, “Science of Happiness” and “How do we know what we know?”. Students enjoyed learning more about Psychology in these seminars, while also strengthening their reading and writing skills. We also brought in a few part-time faculty who offered new (or new-ish) courses last spring, including “Language in Mind and Brain” and “Child Health Psychology”. Students enjoyed taking classes from our regular faculty as well as having access to these part-time faculty.

In terms of research, a recent alum launched a new project in local high schools which extended the Body Project from Carolyn Becker’s lab to a younger age group, and to the local community. This project included several current students as well and brought body image improvement to both single gender and mixed gender groups in the area. The Becker lab is also beginning a new partnership with Dr. Keesha Middlemass in Political Science and the San Antonio Food Bank (partly funded by HEB—thank you!), to study pathological eating behaviors when food is scarce.

SUPPORT TRINITY PSYCHOLOGY!
The Psychology Department prides itself on providing students with high quality research experiences. You can support this endeavor by making a donation to Trinity and designating that it goes toward the Psychology Department. This money will be used to fund student research and student travel to conferences.

Janie Childers’ Children’s Research Lab is also starting a new research partnership, this one with UTSA and the DoSeum. This partnership will extend studies of verb learning between the ages of 2- and 5-years to include even more children from the community, and to begin to include bilingual and monolingual speakers of Spanish. We are excited about these new directions. Our newest faculty member, Bill Ellison, initiated a new study with the help (continued on p. 2)
of Psychology research assistants which uses cell phones to gather data about people’s sense of self over time. Students enjoyed conducting and participating in this study, which is key to understanding individual patterns of thinking in typical and disordered populations. **Paula Hertel**, our Murchison Distinguished Professor, continues to conduct her significant research linking cognition and clinical psychology. She began her tenure as Editor of the *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition* this January. **Kevin McIntyre** submitted his first National Science Foundation grant proposal this summer, entitled “Proposing the Self-Resources Model: How Relationship-Induced Self-Concept Change Buffers against Relational and Personal Distress”. We have our fingers crossed that he will be funded in this first round! We were also happy to hear that **Kim Phillips’** recent National Institutes of Health grant WAS funded this summer! She also recently received funding for her exceptional work with primates from the Texas Biomedical Research Institute though private donors—hooray! **Harry Wallace** continues to serve as the Chair of Trinity’s Institutional Review Board (IRB), which is an important role on campus. He enjoyed an Academic Leave to support his research last spring, and we’re happy to have him back in the department this fall. **Carol Yoder** continued her work as an Associate Editor for the *Adult Development Bulletin* journal, and spent many hours this past fall serving on our University Curriculum Council. Her research using environmentally-themed stimuli to ask central questions about cognition across cultures continues to be published, and move into new areas. Finally, in service to the community, we are excited about the launch of the new **Farmer’s Market** on campus, funded partly through a USDA grant written by Trinity students (supervised by Dr. Becker and Dr. Martinez in the Entrepreneurship program). This effort will bring fresh food to our campus, as well as provide a venue for students to launch their own businesses.

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 ARMADILLO (Cognitive conference: 5 students presented), the Cognitive Development Society conference (2 students presented), ABCT (Clinical Psychology conference: 11 students and recent graduates presented), SPSP (Social Psychology conference: 2 students presented), and the Society for Neuroscience conference (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 *Cognitive Science, Journal of Cognition and Development, International Journal of Eating Disorders, Advances in Eating Disorders, Clinical Psychological Science, Journal of Neuroscience Methods, Social Psychology and Personality Science*, and *Personality and Individual Differences*.

Overall, we had a good year last year and we are looking forward to this year. We would love to hear from you! Please email us so we can keep in touch.

**Janie Childers**
Carissa Zimmerman, Dr. Hertel, Lindsay Lampo, and Megan Peet at the 10-year reunion, Fall 2016

Faculty and students from Supervised Research enjoy dinner at Chris Madrid’s

Students from Dr. Ellison’s lab get some tacos

Trinity Psychology/Neuroscience students and alumni at the 2015 Association for Behavioral & Cognitive Therapies conference in Chicago

Trinity students at the 2015 meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Chicago

Students at our 2016 senior dinner. Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors this year!
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


and implementation. Poster presented at the 49th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, IL.


Brian Knutson (1989) says: I guess I have good news...I was promoted to full professor at Stanford, and had a couple of publications come out that combine optogenetics with fMRI and behavior in rats (still doing research on humans too): http://psych.stanford.edu/~span/Publications/ef16s.pdf and http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v531/n7596/abs/nature17400.html. Needless to say, I am most grateful for the solid grounding I received in experimental psychology at Trinity!

Sonny Marks (1990) works as deputy general counsel for Amerisafe, a workers compensation insurer based in DeRidder, Louisiana.

Susi (Beveridge) Mapp (1992) has recently published a book, Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, on the selling of U.S. children for sexual purposes. The book investigated how children are recruited into this crime, how they are sold, and how to help them recover, as well as things the everyday citizen can do to fight this exploitation. She has conducted a variety of presentations and training on this topic, including for the U.S. Navy.

Shannon Johnson Kershner (1994) says: I continue as Senior Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago and have begun my third year in this position. Fourth Presbyterian Church is a healthy, vibrant presence in the city and I am the fifth senior pastor in over 100 years here on Michigan Avenue. Greg and I have been married for almost 22 years and are the parents of two adolescents – a 15 year old daughter and a 12 year old son. We have not made it to Trinity in a long time but a visit is on our list as we get ready to make college visits with our daughter. I continue to be grateful for my years at Trinity and for the ways it nurtured me as a person and as a thinker.

Corey Snipes (1994) says: This year I’ve continued my work as a software consultant, exploring the far reaches of aviation, air traffic management, and the commercial UAS (drone) industry. 22 years after graduating from Trinity, I co-authored my first paper, with more to come.

Jason Crain (1995) says: In 2010 I founded a production company, Mighty Myt Productions, dedicated to telling stories of social justice through a variety of media. Currently, I am directing and producing a feature film documentary titled “In a Moment” about the controversial medical diagnosis Shaken Baby Syndrome. It’s been a wonderful 3 year journey, taking us to Sweden, The Philippines, and around the U.S. We are set to release the film in 2017. On a personal note, I married a wonderful man in 2014 and together we are raising two lazy, fat cats, Stanley and Eliot, in New York and L.A.

Christy Woodruff (1995) says: I am a medical dermatologist, mostly diagnosing and treating skin cancer, acne, eczema, psoriasis, etc. I am starting the Executive MBA program at Rice, a 2 year program (practicing medicine Mon-Thurs, then school every other Friday and Saturday). I have to admit I am not a fan of statistics and figured I would only once in a while have to use it to evaluate articles in my medical journals, but I get to learn this stuff all over again in my upcoming business analytics class. At least this time around I am not so concerned about the grade! Our first week of school is actually a full week of seminars on I/O Psychology. I can see where medicine is going in the future and figured I need to learn business skills to become a leader in healthcare. So you can let your statistics students know, they never know when statistics will jump up and get them again in the future... it’s a good idea to learn it well the first time around!

Nancy Liu (2004) says: I completed my PhD in Clinical Psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2012. Last year, I worked as a Consultant with the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland for a few months before starting as an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Clinical Science Program at the University of California-Berkeley where I also direct our in-house clinic which trains our PhD students in CBT, among other evidence-based practices. I really love the work and on the side, I help with running a small homeless clinic in the Tenderloin district of San Francisco.

Anne McLaughlin (1998): I was pleased to receive funding from NASA last year to investigate the design of cognitive aids for long-term space flight, particularly technology and interfaces that support unusual tasks or procedures in stressful situations. I'm currently an associate professor of psychology at North Carolina State University, directing the LACElab and co-authoring humanfactorsblog.org. Trinity grads, please apply to our PhD program in Human Factors Psychology!

Julie (Vaughan) Sallquist (2004) says: My husband, Eric, and I are still living in the Phoenix area. We have three children: Jacob (6) who just started Kindergarten, Colton (4) who attends preschool three mornings a week, and Lauren (2) who
tries to keep up with her brothers. In spring 2016, I joined Martin Luther College as an online adjunct faculty member. I am teaching a professional development course and a graduate level course both related to children’s social and emotional development. My family and I are involved with our church, and I have been leading a mothers’ group. This past summer we took a road trip to Texas and we drove around Trinity. It was too hot to get out and walk around, even for us Arizonians!

Shanon Bowen (2005): I am now the Director of Development and Communications for Civicorps (a non-profit in Oakland, CA) and I got married in June.

Allison Jessee (2005): I finished my fourth year as assistant professor of psychology at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. I had two papers published this year, and (more exciting) my husband and I had our second child in June.

Julia Carter (2006) says: I earned my PhD in Clinical Psychology and am now working as a VA staff psychologist.

Diana Cavazos Navarro (2006): Since graduating in 2006, I went on to graduate from law school and have been a practicing attorney for nearly 6 years (how my time flies!). On February 27, 2016, I was married to another psychology major (different university). He is a licensed professional counselor in Houston, Texas. Although I do not practice in the field of psychology, I have fond memories of my time in the psychology department, the always exciting and stimulating courses, and particularly all the fun work we did in the social psychology lab.

Jackie Gross (2007): I’m starting my 5th year in the developmental psychology Ph.D. program at the University of Maryland. This past year I received my M.S., advanced to candidacy, and started my dissertation. I’m excited also that my first co-authored book chapter was published in the Handbook of Attachment 3rd edition - about attachment and prosocial behavior, empathy, and compassion across the lifespan. My dissertation will be on a related topic - the development of forgiveness in young children. On a personal note, I got engaged. Very busy and productive year!

Eric Robinson (2007): I’m happy to say that things are going well. I’m working as a research psychologist for the Navy in Dayton, OH. We work on flight-related issues such as the cognitive effects associated with things like hypoxia (insufficient oxygen) or spatial disorientation. I also expect to finally earn my PhD from Wright State University in the next several months. Last but not least, my wife and I are expecting our first child in February!

Marney Babbitt (2008): It has been an exciting year for me! I am still in Flagstaff, Arizona working with Girls on the Run where I am now the Council Director. Our program has grown from 19 teams in 2015 to 28 in 2016! I was also honored this year with the ATHENA Young Professional Award. If you are ever in Arizona please let me know! I’d love to see everyone.

Jenna Kah Bardwell (2008): In 2015 I graduated from New York University with my master’s degree in public health, and my husband and I moved to Chicago. I am currently working as a Research Specialist at the University of Chicago Department of Pediatrics. My research project, a collaboration between the University of Chicago and Harvard, assesses the physical and mental health of survivors of childhood cancer to improve upfront cancer treatment and to tailor long-term guidelines and surveillance for childhood cancer survivors.

Alyson Knapp Burnett (2008): I work at Mathematica Policy Research in Washington, DC, where I conduct research and evaluation on federal policies related to K-12 education, children, and families and am also in a PhD program in measurement, statistics, and evaluation at the University of Maryland. My husband Tom and I recently completed two 300+ mile, multi-day bike rides. In September, we rode from Pittsburgh to DC along the Great Allegheny Passage and C&O Canal, and in May we rode from Eureka to San Francisco as part of the Climate Ride.

Diandrea Garza (2008) is the research coordinator of the Toxicant-Induced Loss of Tolerance (TILT) Project at UTHSCSA and also supports the Department of Family and Community Medicine in pre- and post-award grants and contracts administration. She is also a Research Associate/Writer for the Mi Hermana’s Keeper Project at Southwest Key Programs, a nonprofit that aims to help keep at-risk youth out of juvenile justice institutions.

Elaina (Vasquez) Garcia (2009) began her internship in school psychology with Boerne ISD in August of 2016. She is also currently working in collaboration with a professor and her colleagues on completing a meta-analysis looking at the maintenance and generalization of Functional Communication Training. In addition, Elaina is accruing hours to become a
Board Certified Behavior Analyst and hopes to complete that within the next year or so. Elaina and her husband have two children (now 4 and 1 ½-years-old) and are living in San Antonio once again!

**David Houghton (2009)** is starting his fourth year in the clinical psychology Ph.D. program at Texas A&M. He is collecting data for his dissertation and applying for clinical internships this fall.

**Amanda Benbow (2011):** I am continuing to pursue a PhD in clinical psychology at Georgia State University. I am currently preparing to attend my first international conference: the 8th European Working Memory Symposium in Liège, Belgium. Upon my return I will be defending my master’s thesis examining the relations among common factors variables and treatment response in a sample of individuals who received CBT for social anxiety disorder.

**Amy Oliver (2011):** After graduating with my Master’s degree in Mental Health Counseling from the University of West Florida in Pensacola in April 2015, I moved back to San Antonio to work at the Eating Recovery Center of San Antonio for my Licensed Professional Counseling Internship. I spent a year working as a Milieu Coordinator in San Antonio and then transferred to the Eating Recovery Center of Austin to be closer to my family. I am about halfway through my internship hours, so hopefully by next year’s update I will be fully licensed. I am so thrilled to be living out that 10 year plan I dreamed about back at Trinity!

**Kristina Chen (2012):** I work as an IT Project Manager for The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, using technology to help discover cures and provide platforms to deliver evidence-based treatments to populations in need. In this position, I am able to assist diverse groups with their vital missions. This includes the STRONG STAR Consortium and the Consortium to Alleviate PTSD, federally funded research networks charged with finding the best ways to diagnose, prevent, and treat posttraumatic stress disorder and related conditions affecting service members and veterans. My work also supports agencies like the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services as they strive to provide health care services, education and support for young, first-time mothers with limited resources.

**Chance Raymond (2012):** Since last summer I got engaged! Now I’m working on my third and final year of law school at Tulane in New Orleans. I’ll be taking classes as well as working for the school’s environmental clinic and the local branch of the National Labor Relations Board.

**Valerie Martinez (2014):** I just graduated with my Masters in Social Work, where I completed practicums at Bexar County Juvenile Probation and the forensic unit at San Antonio State Hospital. I just got hired as a clinical practitioner at the Center for Health Care Services, where I will be working with felony probationers receiving mental health services.

**Angeline Bottera (2015):** I have been working with STRONG STAR PTSD Consortium for the past year, researching PTSD treatments for active duty military. I currently work out of Ft. Hood and will be here for about one more year. I am in the process of narrowing down my list of Ph.D. programs in clinical psychology to apply to. I will hopefully be returning to school in 2017 - I’m eager and ready to be back in the classroom. I traveled to Ecuador for New Year’s 2016 and took part in some pretty wacky traditions, which was a thrill! I also rappelled down waterfalls, ziplined in the rain forest, and whitewater rafted -- hahaha! It proved to be much more fun than Ft. Hood, but I also enjoy my job tremendously.

**Tyler Howard (2015):** I am in my second and last year of graduate school at Towson University in Maryland. I was trained in Parent Child Interaction Therapy over the summer and will be interning at Carroll County Youth Services Bureau in Westminster Maryland. I am excited to practice what I’ve learned in a more practical setting and see where it takes me! I have also been planning community service projects, social activities, and logistics for Project Serve orientation. I accepted a graduate assistantship with the office of Civic Engagement and Leadership as a community service program planner. I’m in charge of Project Serve, First Fridays, Alternative Breaks, and The Big Event. I’m very excited to apply what I learned about event planning on the last year to my new position!

**Samantha Mohun (2016)** will be completing a research assistantship at the Cleveland Clinic under the mentorship of **Leslie Heinberg (1988)** at the Bariatric and Metabolic Institute examining the impact of memory and executive function on weight loss and adherence in patients with severe obesity.

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

ψ Student Clara Johnson received a Murchison Fellowship to work with Dr. Becker.
ψ Student Brigitte Taylor received funding from the McNair Scholars program to work with Dr. Becker.
ψ Students Clara Johnson and Brigitte Taylor received a grant from HEB to support their research with Dr. Becker.
ψ Student Amanda Cantu received funding from the McNair Scholars program to work with Dr. Ellison.
ψ Student Shea Voss received a Mach Research Fellowship to work with Dr. Ellison.
ψ Student Samantha Wilkinson received a Murchison Fellowship to work with Dr. Hertel.
ψ Dr. Hertel is in her fourth year of a grant-funded collaboration with Dr. Nilly Mor of Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
ψ Dr. McIntyre was awarded a grant from the Association for Psychological Science Fund for Teaching and Public Understanding of Psychological Science to create a website promoting the use of open data in undergraduate statistics courses.
ψ Dr. Phillips received research grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Texas Biomedical Research Institute.

INVITED ADDRESSES

ψ Dr. McIntyre gave a research talk on a two-dimensional model of relationship-induced self-concept change at the University of Texas at Austin.
ψ Dr. Becker gave two invited addresses on the implementation of evidence-based therapies for eating disorders: a keynote address at the conference of the British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and an invited address at the convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies in Chicago.
ψ Dr. Becker gave an invited address on the Body Project for the W. David Baird Distinguished Lecture Series at Seaver College, Pepperdine University.
ψ Dr. Wallace gave an invited presentation on the social self-restriction hypothesis at Texas A&M University.
ψ Dr. Phillips gave an invited research talk on the potential neurotherapeutics of exercise in a marmoset model of MS at the Biomedical Primate Research Center in Rijswick, The Netherlands.
ψ Dr. Becker gave an invited workshop on exposure therapy with Glenn Waller at the conference of the British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies in Belfast.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

ψ Dr. Phillips assumed the presidency of the American Society of Primatologists (ASP) in August 2016 for a two-year term.

MEDIA COVERAGE

ψ Dr. Becker’s work was covered in Elle magazine and newsday.com.