Publications


Giarelli, E., Ruttenberg, J., & Segal, A. (in press). Bridges and barriers to successful transitioning as perceived by adolescents and young adults with Asperger Syndrome. *Journal of Pediatric Nursing.*


**Recent Presentations, Continued**


morbid features II: Further neuropsychological comparison of cluster-derived subgroups. Poster presented at the 41st annual conference of the International Neuropsychological Society, Waikoloa, HI.


**Recent Presentations, Continued**


**Morse, C.L.,** Askin, E., Lewis, T. (2013). *Predictors of Rehabilitation Participation Following Brain Injury: A Novel Perspective.* Invited Address given at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, Philadelphia, PA.
Recent Presentations, Continued


**Recent Presentations, Continued**

Spiers, M. V., & Tart-Zelvin, A. (2013). *We do use more than 10% of our brains: Using movies to address misconceptions about the brain.* Poster presented at the Annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology, St. Pete Beach, FL.


**Grants and Awards**

Katherine Alvarez won 2nd place at the 13th annual Drexel University College of Arts and Sciences Research Day for her poster entitled, “Do oral contraceptives affect women’s perception of facial anger?” (advisor: M. Spiers).

Stephanie Brooks-Holliday received a High Commendation recognition from the Drexel University Graduate Research Awards Committee (advisor: D. DeMatteo).

Christy Giallella received American Academy of Forensic Psychology (AAFP) Applied Law/Psychology Dissertation Grant ($600) for her dissertation, entitled “Are crossover youth a distinct group? Comparing the mental health and substance use needs of crossover youth and delinquent-only youth” (advisor: N. Goldstein).

Lauren Greenberg, M.S. was granted the Graduate Student Research Award ($1500) from Health Psychology, Division 38 of the American Psychological Association in support of her dissertation research examining the efficacy of Problem-Solving Therapy in reducing stress, high blood pressure, and other outcomes in patients with hypertension (advisors: C. Nezu, A. Nezu).

Emily Haney-Caron was selected as the Executive Editor of Notes for the Drexel Law Review for the 2013-2014 academic year (advisor: N. E. S. Goldstein).

Aimee Hildenbrand received the 2013 Doctoral Research Excellence Award ($500) from Drexel University in May 2013 (advisor: B. Daly).

Peter Hitchcock received a Distinguished Poster Award from the Society for a Science of Clinical Psychology in May 2013. This award includes a $100 monetary compensation and a 1-year APS membership (advisors: J. Herbert & E. M. Forman).
**Grants and Awards, Continued**

**Kelly Jones**, psychology graduate student, is the 2013 recipient of the Philadelphia Neuropsychology Society John E. Gordon Dissertation Award (advisor: B. Daly).

**Dr. Adrienne Juarascio**, jointly mentored by Drs. Evan Forman and James Herbert, won the 2013 Theodore Blau Early Career Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Clinical Psychology. This prestigious award is presented jointly by the Society for Clinical Psychology (Division 12 of the American Psychological Association) and the American Psychological Foundation (given jointly with APF). The $5000 award is to be presented at the American Psychological Association convention, Hawaii, August 2013.

**Mitra Khaksari** was invited to present her research at Books After Dark on May 16th, 2013. The talk was titled “Accessing treatment for infertility: The impact of perceived barriers.” A bookplate will be placed in the Library collection to recognize her participation at this event and her research at Drexel (advisor: P. Geller).

**Chris King** received a $500 student travel award from the American Psychology-Law Society. He also received a $1000 Dissertation Grant in Applied Law/Psychology from the American Academy of Forensic Psychology (advisor: K. Heilbrun).

**Casey LaDuke** was awarded the Outstanding Student Poster Award (Best Overall, Award Amount: $150) at the 2013 annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41) for his poster entitled “Neuropsychology can enhance violence risk assessment: Opportunities and limitations for mental health professionals”. He also received a $950 internal funding grant from the Drexel University Simon Fraser University Graduate Student Exchange Program. In April 2013, Casey was a panelist at the Graduate School Application Preparation Program for the Treatment Research Institute in Philadelphia. Casey presented a talk entitled “Can neuropsychology enhance predictions of violence?,” at the Drexel University Graduate Student Association’s Books After Dark: Conversations on Interdisciplinary Research in April 2013 (advisors: D. DeMatteo & K. Heilbrun).

**Chelsea Morse** was awarded the 2012 Foundation for Rehabilitation Psychology Dissertation Award ($3,000) for her project “Multitasking and Vocational Functioning in Multiple Sclerosis: A Performance Based Assessment” (advisor: M. Schultheis). She also received the WIL Edith Kaplan Scholarship Award by the Women In Leadership group of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, in recognition of an essay she submitted describing the influence of her mentors, in which she highlighted Dr. Schultheis' mentorship in particular. Chelsea also noted the positive influence of her practicum supervision by neuropsychologist Dr. Tom Sacchetti, a long-standing contributor to Drexel's doctoral neuropsychology program.

**Amanda NeMoyer** won 1st place in the Oral Category at the 13th annual Drexel University College of Arts and Sciences Research Day. She also received a $500 student travel award from the American Psychology-Law Society to attend the 2013 AP-LS Conference (advisor: N. E. S. Goldstein).

**Kristina Patrick** was awarded the Philadelphia Neuropsychology Society President’s Award, a $250 student research award, for her project entitled “Word-learning strategies of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders” (advisors: F. Hurewitz, D. L. Chute).
**Grants and Awards, Continued**

**Kristin Salber** was awarded a $17,796 grant from the Cooper Foundation in May 2013 to fund her dissertation project, “Experiential avoidance and distress in breast cancer patients.” Kristen and her practicum supervisor (Cori McMahon, Psy.D., Director of Behavioral Medicine at Cooper Cancer Institute) are co-investigators on this grant (advisor: A. Nezu).

**Leah Schumacher** was awarded the Best Graduate Student Poster in the Humanities & Social Sciences at the 15th annual Drexel University Research Day (advisor: E. M. Forman).

**Andrea Segal** won 1st place at the 13th annual Drexel University College of Arts and Sciences Research Day for her poster, entitled “Predictors of attitudes towards seeking medical care and psychological care among veterans” (advisors: A. Nezu and C. M. Nezu).

**Heidi Strohmaier** received a $500 student travel award from the American Psychology-Law Society for her thesis research, entitled “The impact of defendant race and gender on mock jurors’ sentencing of psychopathic defendants” (advisor: D. DeMatteo).

**Preeti Sunderaraman** received a $500 Drexel Travel Award to attend the 2013 Annual Rehabilitation Psychology Conference at Jacksonville, FL and received $195 to attend the 2013 American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology Conference to be held at Chicago, IL. She was also awarded $745 from the Council on Brain Injury to fund her dissertation project (advisor: M. Schultheis).

**Ashley Witt** received a $500 international travel award from the Drexel Office of International Programs to attend the 2013 International Conference on Eating Disorders in Montreal, Canada (advisor: M. Lowe).

**Samantha Winter** has a fellowship to attend the Summer Program for Neuroscience, Ethics and Survival at Brown's Marine Biology Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA from June 23 - July 20 (advisor: T. Hewett).

**Professional Service and Announcements**

- **Katherine Alvarez** works as a volunteer at Camp Cranium, a summer camp for children up to age 21 with a brain injury.
- **Meghann Galloway** will be working at the APA headquarters next year in the Public Interest Government Relations Office. She will be working with the APA and Congress to help develop policy initiatives for future legislation.
- **Kristina Patrick** serves as the Philadelphia Neuropsychology Society Student Representative.
- **Dave Rosen** and his band, Chronicles of Sound, will be having their official release show on June 28, 2013 at Johnny Brendas in Philadelphia. For more information, visit www.chroniclesofsound.com or www.johnnybrendas.com.
- **Preeti Sunderaraman** was recently elected as Division 40’s Ethnic & Minority Affairs Subcommittee’s Student Representative.


Laura Brennan successfully defended her dissertation, entitled “Dopaminergic therapy in Parkinson’s Disease: Psychiatric symptoms, cognition, and everyday functioning,” in April 2013.


Elizabeth Culnan successfully defended her Master’s thesis, entitled “Social jetlag as a mediator of the relationship between chronotype and Body Mass Index,” on May 19, 2013.


Christy Giallella proposed her dissertation, entitled “Are crossover youth a distinct group? Comparing the mental health and substance use needs of crossover youth and delinquent-only youth,” in April, 2013.


Casey LaDuke proposed his dissertation, entitled “Can neuropsychology inform violence risk assessment?” in April 2013.


SPOTLIGHT: Internship Matches 2013-2014

Congratulations to the following matched students, and best of luck at your internships!

Kara Douglas  Philadelphia VA Medical Center
Efrat Eichenbaum  Minneapolis VA Medical Center
Alice Ely  University of California-San Diego Consortium/VA Medical Center
Lisa Glassman  University of California-San Diego Consortium/VA Medical Center
Deborah Green  Boston Consortium in Clinical Psychology
Lauren Greenberg  Palo Alto VA Health Care System
Michael Keesler  University of Carolina Chapel Hill
Sharon Kelly  University of Massachusetts Worcester
Joshua McKeever  University of Washington
Chelsea Morse  Emory University
Christina Nash  Miami VA Medical Center
**SPOTLIGHT: See what our graduates are doing next year!**

**Drexel University Ph.D. Graduates**

**Laura Brennan** *(advisor: Maria Schultheis, Ph.D.)* will have a summer research position in neuropsychology at the VA San Diego Health Care System. In September 2013, she will start a 2-year clinical/research neuropsychology postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Neurology at the Drexel University College of Medicine. Her clinical responsibilities will include working in the Memory and Neurology Clinics assessing a varied population of adults, and her research responsibilities will include working on projects within the Consortium for Epidemiological Neuropsychological Data Analysis regarding vascular risk factors and cognitive decline, as well as projects examining everyday functioning in Parkinson’s disease.

**Stephanie Brooks Holliday** *(advisor: Kirk Heilbrun, Ph.D.)* will be starting a two-year postdoctoral fellowship next year with the War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) at the Washington DC VAMC. The postdoctoral position will have a split emphasis on neuropsychology and research related to post-deployment health, and Steph hopes to pursue research that combines her interests in forensic psychology and veteran populations.

**Lizzy Foster** *(advisor: David DeMatteo, J.D., Ph.D.)* will be a post-doctoral fellow in forensic psychology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

**Stephanie Rabin** *(advisors: James Herbert, Evan Forman)* will be completing her post-doctoral training at the Center for Emotional Health, a private practice in Cherry Hill, PA, that specializes in the treatment and assessment of anxiety disorders.

**Sarah Horsey Simpson** *(advisor: Jackie Kloss, Ph.D.)* will be finishing her internship at Rush Health track and beginning a postdoc with primary care emphasis at the San Francisco VA Medical Center. She will be working in several of their primary care clinics, in the multidisciplinary pain clinic, conducting organ transplant and/or bariatric surgery evaluations, and collaborating on research with a sleep emphasis. Sarah will also begin the process of applying for licensure through Maryland and plans to take the EPP during postdoc. Finally, she will be applying for certification as a specialist in Behavioral Sleep Medicine (CBSM).

**Jennifer Serico** *(advisor: Naomi Goldstein, Ph.D.)* will be starting a postdoctoral fellowship at the Family Center at Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, MD. The fellowship is a clinical position with opportunities for research funded through Johns Hopkins. The Family Center provides an array of evidence-based practices for families that have experienced significant trauma.

**Sanjay Shah** *(advisor: David DeMatteo. J. D., Ph.D.)* will be completing his internship at Emory University and beginning a postdoctoral fellowship at the Emory School of Medicine’s Law and Psychiatry Service. He will also be performing forensic assessments at an Atlanta-area private practice.
Drexel University M.S. Graduates

Richa Aggarwal (Drexel advisor: Brian Daly, Ph.D.) will be entering the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA this upcoming Fall. She will be working with Dr. Deborah Drabick, studying family functioning and neuropsychological risk factors in children and adolescents, and conducting preventative and early interventions for underserved youth.

Katherine Alvarez (Drexel advisor: Mary Spiers, Ph.D.) will be living in Philadelphia, PA next year and applying to positions in research.

Taylor Blake (Drexel advisor: Maria Schultheis, Ph.D.) will be working as a Program Coordinator at the Louis and Anne Green Memory Disorders and Wellness Center at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL.

Elizabeth Culnan (Drexel advisor: Jacqueline Kloss, Ph.D.) will be entering the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA this upcoming Fall. She will be working with Dr. Jackie Kloss, studying health psychology and sleep.

Jennie Davis (Drexel advisor: David DeMatteo, Ph.D.) will be joining the Boston College Law School class of 2016 in Boston, MA.

Megan Hudson (Drexel advisor: Felicia Hurewitz, Ph.D.) was offered a position as a PhD student/research assistant at the University of Heidelberg in Heidelberg, Germany. She will be concentrating specifically on child development and cognition, using eyetracking to map development, and will work in conjunction with the Autism Center in Frankfurt, Germany to establish a high risk group for ASD development.

Arwa Ibrahim (Drexel advisor: James Herbert, Ph.D.) will be relocating to Raleigh, NC, where she will pursue a research position with a focus on minority populations.

Mitra Khaksari (Drexel advisor: Pamela Geller, Ph.D.) will be moving to Baltimore, MD and is currently applying to positions in research and academia.

Renee Mikorski (Drexel advisor: Meghan Butryn, Ph.D.) will be moving to New Jersey next year and applying to positions in research.

Andrea Segal (Drexel advisor: Christine Nezu, Ph.D., Art Nezu, Ph.D.) is excited to join the Scattergood Ethics team in the Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy at the University of Pennsylvania. She will be working as an evaluation consultant engaging in research pertaining to the ethics of behavioral healthcare.

Lisa Shank (Drexel advisor: Michael Lowe, Ph.D.) will be entering the Medical and Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, MD this upcoming Fall. She will be working with Dr. Marian Tanofsky-Kraff, studying eating disorders, obesity, and binge eating.

Ariana Tart-Zelvin (Drexel advisor: Michael Williams, Ph.D.) will be entering the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program at Idaho State University in Pocatello, ID this upcoming Fall. She will be working with Dr. Kandi Turley-Ames, studying decision-making and cognitive abilities in individuals with disabilities and chronic conditions.