With Spring Break behind us, it seems that the end of the Spring term is fast approaching. Yet, we have so much more to share about what’s going on in the Department. Make sure you check out the interesting topics, our faculty highlight, recent accomplishments, and our alumni spotlight!

Gear up for the home stretch, students!

--Dr. Moore

**Social Psychology (PSYC 321)**

To study social psychology is to study people. Taught by Dr. Kim Fairchild, this course will teach you how to better understand yourself and the people around you. The realm of social thinking deals with questions relating to attitudes, beliefs, and judgments; social influence addresses issues of conformity, persuasion, and group pressure; social relations focuses on the topics of attraction, prejudice, helping, and aggression.

**Fall 2017: Offered T/W/F, 10:00-10:50**
*Where did you go to school?*

I earned an MA from San Francisco State University, and a PhD in Social and Personality Psychology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

*What psychology classes do you teach?*

I typically teach Roots: Psychology, Research Methods, Advanced Research Methods, Theories of Personality, and Social Psychology.

*Can you tell us more about the Advanced Research Methods course?*

Advanced Research Methods is a psychology major’s capstone course. It allows them to integrate all the knowledge and skills they’ve built as students of psychology to investigate an original question. During this course, students engage in the full process of psychological research including formulating a question, determining how to empirically test this question, creating and running a study, and analyzing the data. Students also present their research findings through writing a research paper, along with oral and poster presentations. All in one semester! It’s challenging and a lot of fun.

*What is the focus of your research?*

My research examines interpersonal and intergroup bias, with a special focus on reducing and coping with these biases. Previous research has explored the role of how everyday theories of the underlying properties of social groups (such as racial and gender groups) is related to bias. Current research is looking at the role confronting bias has in reducing stigma and its negative impacts.

*What do you do when you’re not teaching or doing research?*

I try and take advantage of New York City. In particular, I’ve been trying to engage in art and other creative outlet events. My husband and I have been binge-watching the Great British Baking Show, so we’ve also been baking up a (tasty, chocolate-covered) storm.

*Fun questions! What book are you reading right now? What is your can’t-miss TV show? Have you seen any recent movies?*

I am an avid reader, and generally read a book a week (depends on how much grading I have to do!). Some spectacular recent reads include: Long Division by Kiese Laymon, The Fifth Season by N. K. Jemisin, Hag-Seed by Margaret Atwood, and Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi. I like a wide-range of TV shows, but I’m fond of things that have ensemble casts. Current TV shows I love to watch are Westworld, Brooklyn Nine-Nine, Game of Thrones, Doctor Who, The Great British Baking Show, Riverdale, and Bob’s Burgers.
Interested in taking a psychology course over the summer? We are offering a wonderful variety of on-campus, online, and study abroad courses this summer!

### Great Summer Courses!

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Did You Know?

**Dr. Martha Mendez-Baldwin**

- Her two papers: 1) “An interactive bully prevention program: Using story time, dolls & pledges to teach about bullying;” and 2) An examination of high school athletes’ attitudes about bullying and hazing”, are in-press in the *Journal of Bullying & Social Aggression*, along with student co-authors Andrew Fontaine and Jack Consiglio.

**Dr. Kelly Marin**

- Her paper, "Meaning-making in emerging adults' narratives about the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election: An intersection of history, development, and self," has just appeared in the journal *Emerging Adulthood.*

**Dr. Zella Moore**

- In May, she will spend a week in Venice, Italy teaching Italian sport psychologists her model for training their Olympic and professional athletes.

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**Congratulations to our new 2017 Psi Chi members!**

Jennifer Ballingall
Raymond Caridi
Jillian Enyart
Madison Goldrick
Gregory Inzinna
Taylor Maher
Zachary Mermelstein
Karina Rodriguez
Sherin Shaju
Tori-Ann Williams

Lindsey Burns
Lauren Davison
Jessica Esposito
Adriana Irizarry
Thomas Leo
Olivia Payne
Talia Price
Alana Rios
Sabrina Storms

…and a special thanks to graduating Psi Chi President, Andrew Fontaine!

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**Our great EPA student representatives!**

Ray Caridi, Kelsey Cannamela, Sherin Shaju, Alexa Mennuti, and Mari Perlala presented posters at the annual Eastern Psychological Association (EPA) convention!
Jennifer Pisco, M.A.

Jennifer Pisco comes from a family of Jaspers and is a proud Manhattan College alumna. Majoring in Psychology with a minor in Education, she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree with honors in 2010 under the mentorship of Dr. Martha Mendez-Baldwin. She then chose to continue her education at Manhattan College, and went on to earn both her Masters and Professional Diploma in School Counseling.

Alumni Spotlight

After completing her Masters, Jennifer worked as a Counselor and Assistant Supervisor in the Residential Treatment Center of Green Chimneys Children’s Services in Brewster, NY. During this time, she worked closely with school-aged children with emotional and behavioral disorders, providing treatment and support to residents and their families. Jennifer has returned to Manhattan College as a guest lecturer to discuss topics such as Psychological Disorders in Children and Residential Treatment Programs for the Emotionally Disturbed Child. In these lectures, Jennifer shared her firsthand experiences and extensive knowledge of the field and developed an interest for working in higher education. Currently, she works at Post University in Waterbury, Connecticut, where she serves as an Academic Advisor to undergraduates, as well as an Adjunct Professor, teaching Fundamentals of Psychology and Cross Cultural Psychology. She is proud of her accomplishments and is grateful for the education, experiences, and friendships that she gained during her time at MC.
Mark Your Calendars!

Join us for our student-led annual Advanced Research Methods Poster Session!

May 4th, 3:00!
Alumni Room, O’Malley Library
Come support your fellow psych seniors and talk one-on-one with student researchers as they show off their work!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Event: Anuk Arudpragasam will read from his novel, *The Story of a Brief Marriage*. The story is set in the last few days of the Sri Lankan civil war (when between 20,000 and 70,000 individuals lost their lives) and is a haunting depiction of the human cost of civil war. Wednesday, April 12th, 6:30-8:00pm, Hayden 100.

Event: Supporting Former Child Soldiers and Other War-affected Children: A Community Resilience Approach;
Presentation by Dr. Michael Wessells from Columbia University. Wednesday, April 19th, 4-6pm, Alumni Room (Room 100), O’Malley Library.

Event: Students are encouraged to attend Hunter College’s 45th Annual Psychology Convention on April 23rd from 9:00-5:00 in the Hunter College West Building. It’s local and free!

**Want to get involved in faculty-led research programs? Now’s the time to reach out to faculty to form these relationships! You’ll need to get onboard with a faculty member now to be considered for a research assistantship. It’s a selective process, so don’t wait or spots will be taken!**
Faculty at a Glance

Full-time Faculty:
Kim Fairchild, Ph.D.
Jay Friedenberg, Ph.D.
Nuwan Jayawickreme, Ph.D.
Arno Kolz, Ph.D.
Kelly Marin, Ph.D.
Maria Maust-Mohl, Ph.D.
Martha Mendez-Baldwin, Ph.D.
Zella Moore, Psy.D.
Danielle Young, Ph.D.

Adjunct Faculty:
Faith Florer, Ph.D.
Stephen Keolamphu, Ph.D.
James Reidel, Ph.D.
Robert Rivera, M.A.
Asghar Sajadian, Ph.D.
Jessie Wallace, M.S.

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