

# the Standard Deviation

Official Newsletter of the Manhattan College Department of Psychology

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## Chair's Welcome:



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

## Course Spotlight:



## *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

# Faculty Focus



**Dr. Danielle Young**  
Assistant Professor

## **\*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!

### ON-CAMPUS SUMMER SESSION I

#### **Motivation & Emotion**

(PSYC 333)

Professor: Dr. Kelly Marin

M/W 1:00-4:00pm

#### **Statistics**

(PSYC 205)

Professor: Dr. Kelly Marin

M/W 9:00am-12:00pm

#### **Intro to Psychology I**

(PSYC 150/PSYC 203)

Professor: Jessie Wallace, M.S.

T/TH 5:00-8:00pm

### ON-CAMPUS SUMMER SESSION II

#### **Intro to Psychology I**

(PSYC 150/PSYC 203)

Professor: Dr. Arno Kolz

T/TH 1:00-4:00pm

#### **Psychological Testing**

(PSYC 302)

Professor: Jessie Wallace, M.S.

M/W 9:00am-12:00pm

### STUDY ABROAD SUMMER SESSION I

#### **Sensation & Perception**

(PSYC 367)

Professor: Dr. Maria Maust-Mohl

Bahamas, June 2017

### ONLINE SUMMER SESSION I

#### **Child Psychology (PSYC 345)**

Professor: Dr. Martha Mendez-Baldwin

#### **Abnormal Psychology (PSYC 421)**

Professor: Dr. Nuwan Jayawickreme

### ONLINE SUMMER SESSION II

#### **Adolescent Psychology (PSYC 346)**

Professor: Dr. Martha Mendez-Baldwin

#### **Cognition & Learning (PSYC 340)**

Professor: Dr. Maria Maust-Mohl



## 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.

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

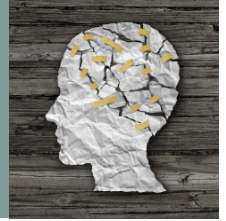
Jennifer Ballingall	Lindsey Burns
Raymond Caridi	Lauren Davison
Jillian Enyart	Jessica Esposito
Madison Goldrick	Adriana Irizarry
Gregory Inzinna	Thomas Leo
Taylor Maher	Olivia Payne
Zachary Mermelstein	Talia Price
Karina Rodriguez	Alana Rios
Sherin Shaju	Sabrina Storms
Tori-Ann Williams	

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

## **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!

## Alumni Spotlight



**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.

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.



## 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm, Alumni Room (Room 100), O'Malley Library.

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

## Mark Your Calendars!

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

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**\*\*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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