

**42nd Annual Psychology
Research Conference &
Recognition Ceremony**



**Rowan University
April 14, 2016**

**Eynon Ballroom
Chamberlain Student Center**

About the Conference

The Rowan University Psychology Department's Annual Research Conference has been an ongoing tradition for 41 years. Its intent is to allow students from both our undergraduate and graduate programs the opportunity to present their research findings in a professional context. This conference offers students an excellent opportunity to develop their skills and gain experiences that will foster their professional development. Most importantly, the conference allows students to showcase the results of the psychological research they have been doing over the course of the past academic year.

Psychology Department Mission Statement

The objectives of the Psychology Department are to provide its students with the opportunity to appreciate psychology as both a liberal academic science and as an applied art, to fulfill their professional ambitions, to develop integrity, to understand and appreciate diversity and multiculturalism in all that they learn and practice, and to learn the skills and values that will equip them to benefit others. Within the climate of a close knit academic community of learners and teachers, the Department offers coherent courses and programs of study in psychology at both the undergraduate and graduate level that are designed to give students the academic skills and knowledge they will need for reasoned inquiry, for the pursuit of advanced study, for a socially responsible service-oriented profession, for the development of a better understanding of social relationships and events, and for greater self-understanding.

Our Students

We currently serve approximately 1000 undergraduate majors, 240 minors, and 45 graduate students. Our graduates are employed in a variety of professions. Some of our recent graduates were employed by the following organizations: AT&T, Bancroft, Foster McKay, Maxim Behavior Services, New Behavior Network, and Twin Oaks. Our graduates have also attended a variety of graduate schools to earn degrees in Social Work, Occupational/Physical Therapy, Experimental Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Applied Behavior Analysis. Also, some of our recent graduates have attended the following graduate schools: Bowling Green State University, Drexel University, Kean University, Kent State University, Montclair State University, Rowan University, Rutgers University, Stockton College, The College of New Jersey, and University of Idaho.

Conference Schedule

9:00	<i>Sex Ed Just Wasn't Enough: Understanding How High School Risk Behaviors Relate to College Women's Risky Sexual Activity</i> Kaitlyn Bleiweiss, Tiffany Marcantonio & Jill Swirsky Advisor: Dr. DJ Angelone
9:20	<i>A Pilot Study Examining the Feasibility of a Smartphone Intervention for Smoking in Schizophrenia</i> Ashley Weaver, Adriana Pennacchi & Sharanjit Pujji Advisors: Dr. Bethany Raiff & Dr. Tom Dinzeo
9:40	<i>Girls these days: The Role of Substance Use in Adolescent Girls' Perpetration of Controlling Behavior With Dating Partners Via Social Networking or Information Technology</i> Rachel Taylor, Christie J. Rizzo, & Tiffany Marcantonio Advisor: Dr. Meredith Joppa
10:00	<i>Telehealth Delivery of Parent-implemented Verbal Behavior Intervention for Children with Autism</i> Jacqueline Eggink & Michele Simon Advisors: Dr. Michelle Soreth & Dr. MaryLou Kerwin
10:20	<i>Does Benevolence Benefit? Understanding the Role of Benevolent Sexism in Predicting Sexual Aggression Among Men</i> Alyssa Shilinsky & Kaitlyn Bleiweiss Advisor: Dr. DJ Angelone
10:40	Break/Poster Setup
11:00	Poster Session I
12:00	Lunch Break
1:00	<i>Effectiveness of Self-Help Material</i> Helen Cardoso & Bryan Stites Advisor: Dr. Jim Haugh
1:20	<i>Traumas, and Traumas, and Traumas...Ob No! The Stories of College Women</i> Maureen Sessa, Jill Swirsky, & Tiffany Marcantonio Advisor: Dr. DJ Angelone

1:40	<i>Factors Influencing Beliefs About Oneself and Others in Undergraduate Students</i> Sharanjit Puji Advisor: Dr. Tom Dinzeo
2:00	<i>Flip Cup, Beer Pong, Power Hour: Understanding the Role of Pre-Game Drinking Motives with Sexual Assault for American and Spanish Women</i> Kyra Suarez & Tiffany Marcantonio Advisor: Dr. DJ Angelone
2:20	<i>The Relationship Between Mindfulness, Social Problem Solving, and Lifestyle Behaviors</i> Rachel Verdecchio Dr. Jim Haugh
2:40	Break/Poster Setup
3:00	Poster Session II
4:00	Psi Chi Induction & Annual Awards Ceremony

**To view full presentation abstracts and
award descriptions please visit our
website:**

<http://www.rowan.edu/colleges/csm/departments/psychology/researchconference.html>

Poster Session I

1.	<i>Possibilities of Virtual Contingency Management Interventions</i> Daniel Gillespie, Dishayna Dennis, Athanasia Moore, & Matthew Lasoski Advisor: Dr. Bethany Raiff
2.	<i>Power and the Five Facet Mindfulness Scale: Positive Relationships with Acting Awareness</i> Louis Guardino Advisor: Dr. Josh Fetterman
3.	<i>Comparing Health Delivery Models for Treatment of Behavioral Disorders in Young Children Identified in Primary Care Pediatric Practice: A Pilot Study</i> Lauren Heller, Kristen Thomsen & Lynne Farbman Advisors: Dr. Michelle Ennis Soreth & Dr. MaryLouise Kerwin
4.	<i>Parent Satisfaction With Two Adjunctive Parent-Implemented Interventions for Young Children Diagnosed with Autism</i> Jacqueline Eggink & Bianca Coleman Advisors: Dr. Michelle Ennis Soreth, & Dr. MaryLouise Kerwin
5.	<i>Effects of Experimental Task Demands on Joint Attention and Verbal Behavior Observed During Parent-Child Interactions</i> Victor Chin, Gabrielle Ward & Carley Mason Advisors: Dr. Michelle Ennis Soreth & Dr. MaryLouise Kerwin
6.	<i>Pilot Evaluation of Parent-Implemented Interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorder Delivered Via a Web-based Videoconferencing Platform</i> Michele Simon & Jacqueline Eggink Advisors: Dr. Michelle Soreth and Dr. MaryLou Kerwin
7.	<i>The Relationship Between Schizotypy, Cannabis Use, and Creativity</i> Adelyn Schuenzel, Christina Carter, M.A., & Melissa Charfadi, M.A. Advisor: Dr. Tom Dinzeo
8.	<i>Mobile Contingency Management With Underserved Smokers: A Pilot Study</i> Rebecca Eckardt, Jaime Pierce & Rory Campbell Advisor: Dr. Bethany Raiff
9.	<i>Relationships Among Sleep, Emotion Regulation Strategies, and Mental Health Symptoms in College Students</i> Eva Buggy Advisor: Dr. Betsy Pantesco
10.	<i>I'll Do It Myself: Older Adults' Use of Social Support to Manage Multiple Chronic Conditions</i> Andrew Gerber Advisors: Dr. Allison R. Heid & Dr. Rachel Pruchno
11.	<i>Preference for Leisure Time and Physical Activity: Survey Development and Pilot Testing</i>

	Amanda Tessler, Ashley Palamone & Sarah Krchnavek, Advisor: Dr. Bethany Raiff
12.	<i>Decreased Performance of Old Homing Pigeons (Columbia livia) in Completing a Two-Choice Spatial Cognition Task</i> Jared Richards, Richard Verticelli, Claire Corbett, Camille Elliott, Kathryn Juniewicz & Victoria Livesey Advisor: Dr. Gerald Hough
School Psychology Masters' Theses Advisors: Dr. Roberta Dihoff and Dr. Terri Allen	
13.	<i>News Outlets in Social Media: Aggressiveness in Comments</i> Leslie Holt
14.	<i>Community Factors Affecting Truancy</i> Juan Lorenzo
15.	<i>The Overrepresentation of Hispanics in Special Education Programs in New Jersey</i> Alexandra Chev
16.	<i>Effects of Extracurricular Activities on Youth in the ASD Population</i> Kristina Munyon

Poster Session II

1.	<i>Effect of Identity and Mental Health Factors on the Accuracy of Eyewitness Testimony: A Proposal</i> Jamie Sullivan, Larisa Lucaci, Shelby Thornton & Rose Amoroso Advisor: Dr. Dawson Dufort
2.	<i>Comparing Standardized Language Assessment Outcomes of Two Adjunctive Parent Interventions for Young Children Diagnosed with Autism</i> Jodie Justice & Bianca Coleman Advisors: Dr. Michelle Ennis Soreth & Dr. MaryLouise Kerwin
3.	<i>Inattentional Deafness</i> Emily Banks Advisor: Dr. Bonnie Angelone
School Psychology Masters' Theses Advisors: Dr. Roberta Dihoff and Dr. Terri Allen	
4.	<i>Do Education and Personal Relationships Reduce the Stigma of Those Labeled?</i> Jessica Rose Johnson
5.	<i>The Impact of Peer Support on Homework Completion</i> Joshua N. Garcia
6.	<i>National Association of School Psychology Approved Programs Applying for Nationally Certified School Psychologist</i> Karly Trovarelli
7.	<i>Socioeconomic Status and its Relationship to Educational Resources</i> Christene Sledge
8.	<i>Gender Differences in Bullying and Perceptions of Bullying</i> Melanie Brzezinski
9.	<i>The Effects of Social Media Use in Undergraduate Students</i> Tara Heffner
10.	<i>Social Media and Self-Esteem</i> Carly Pineiro
11.	<i>Gender Differences in ADHD Diagnosis</i> Anthony Rizzo
12.	<i>Student Loan Debt Influence on Graduate Degree Attainment</i> Alicia Clendaniel
13.	<i>An Exploration of Student Anxiety and the Degree of ABA Services</i> Alexis Stavros
14.	<i>The Effect of a Brief Yoga Practice on Learning</i> Brittany Ballard

15.	<i>Effect of Extended Time Accommodations for Those with ADHD</i> Jacqueline Gardner
16.	<i>College Students' Facebook Posts and Locus of Control</i> Rachel Hartnett
17.	<i>School Readiness in Urban Communities</i> Cree Brooks
18.	<i>Making Room For Play: Preschool Center Choices</i> Hailey Morelos
19.	<i>The Effect of the DSM Changes on Autism</i> Paris Newsome
20.	<i>Differences in Interview Responses Provided to Researchers Based on Their Ethnicity</i> Phenice Chapman-Walker
21.	<i>Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and the Impact on Adults Exiting School</i> Dana L. Kilroy
22.	<i>The Effect of Content-Related and Unrelated Break Activities on Test Results</i> Ryan Gentek
23.	<i>Locus of Control, Parents Involvement and College Disability Accommodations</i> Olivia Aquino
24.	<i>The Effects of Group Cohesion and Experiential Learning Activities on Participation Styles in a College Classroom</i> Elizabeth Shmikler

Our student organizations help to connect students with department faculty members (through our Holiday Mixer, Spring Picnic and other events), as well as connect students with other students (through common research interests, service projects, and club meetings).

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Psychology Alliance

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Psychology Alliance is a great way to get involved at Rowan. Psych Alliance increases student awareness about issues in various fields of psychology through the hosting of guest speakers, field trips and discussions.

Executive Board

Kyra Suarez President	John McPhillips Treasurer	Hope Didio PR Rep
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Psi Chi Liaison

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Applied Behavior Analysis Club

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The ABA club is for students interested in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and increasing knowledge of ABA in the Rowan community by hosting guest speakers working in the field of ABA, getting involved in service projects with children and families in the community, and by visiting local agencies that provide ABA services.

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Korin Langton	Keisha Pierre	Christopher Andreas
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Student Recognition Awards

Undergraduate Student Awards

Medallion Award in Psychology
Sharanjit Pujji

CSM Dean's Senior Recognition Award
Maureen Sessa

Okorodudu Outstanding Contribution to Service in Psychology
Korin Langton

Outstanding Contribution by an Underclassman
Athanasia Moore

Eleanor Gaer Student Research Award
Javid Rahaman

**Specialization for Behavioral Services: Underclassman Student
Research Award**
Emily Banks

**Specialization for Behavioral Services: Upperclassman Student
Research Award**
Amanda Tessler

Graduate Student Awards

MA in ABA First Year Graduate Student Research Award
Victor Chin

MA in ABA Second Year Graduate Student Research Award
Lauren Heller

MA in CMHC Professional Leadership Award
Noel Hoffman

MA in CMHC Excellence in Research Award
Juliana D'Onofrio

2016 Psi Chi Inductees

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 for the purposes of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship, and advancing the science of psychology. Membership is open to graduate and undergraduate men and women who are making the study of psychology one of their major interests, and who meet the minimum qualifications. Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association for Psychological Science (APS).

Kaitlyn Anstotz
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