Remembering Attributions, Processes, and Control in Human Memory

Essays in honor of Larry Jacoby
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In the 22 chapters in this volume, many of the world’s foremost memory scientists report on their cutting-edge research on the nature of human memory, with several chapters reporting new empirical studies that are being published for the first time. All the contributions are inspired by the work of Larry Jacoby on human memory, with his emphasis on episodic memory - that is, the processes and mechanisms that enable us to remember our own past experiences. In addition, the volume reflects Jacoby’s appreciation that memory enters into a wide range of psychological phenomena, including perceiving, attending, and performing.

The stellar list of contributors and the breadth of coverage makes this volume essential reading for researchers and graduate students in cognitive psychology and cognitive neuroscience, as well as being a tribute and celebration of the inspirational, groundbreaking -- and ongoing -- work of Larry.

Jeff Zacks, Psychologist, Son of Psychologists

by Deanna Barch

I am always curious to know how people get to where they are going in life (maybe that is why I am a psychologist!), and thus it was truly a pleasure to have an excuse to sit down with Jeff Zacks and hear more about his story. We have been friends as well as colleagues for many years, so I already knew some of the important details, but this was an opportunity to fill in the unknowns and to hear more of the backstory that led him to where he is now. READ MORE
MYRA ALTMAN: BRINGING FITNESS TO MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Thanks to Myra Altman and a couple of other graduate students in Psychology, our department now has a wellness committee which tries to foster healthful activities in the department for students, faculty, and staff such as exercise, study breaks with tea and massage, and group meditation sessions. It is not surprising that Myra should be one of the leaders in this area. In contrast to those whose research is laboratory-based and not very directly connected to people’s lifestyles, Myra’s current work brings her to the center of communities, helping individuals make healthier choices in their eating and activities.

Myra has been a student in the graduate Psychology program since 2011, working with Dr. Denise Wilfley in the Weight Management and Eating Disorders lab at the Washington University School of Medicine. Even this early in her career she has been awarded a multi-year grant from the Skaggs Foundation to examine the efficacy of a tailored and universal intervention for childhood obesity in middle school. This research project takes Myra and her team to Branson, Missouri, where community leaders recognized childhood obesity as one of the most pressing local problems and turned to the Wilfley lab for help. The intervention, called “Staying Fit”, is an online program focusing on healthy eating and activity originally developed for college and high school students by Dr. Wilfley and colleagues at Stanford and expanded to middle school by Myra. She has found that the internet can be as effective as face-to-face contact, is a low-cost way to disseminate prevention and treatment interventions, and is attractive to young people. Additionally, working privately online can minimize the stigma for young participants of being overweight.

Bringing the “Staying Fit” program to children in Branson schools does have its own set of challenges, such as the interruption of snow days, the challenge of introducing novel habits to a rural population with low socioeconomic status, and a level of parental mistrust. But such challenges do not daunt Myra, who says she “really values” the work she does. She is motivated by her belief in interconnectedness, not only among people, but among the causes that help determine health and fitness such as family, cultural and social factors, policy, the built environment, parks, stores, and safe streets. Myra also recognizes that helping children to get an earlier start with healthy habits makes a lot of sense. Her mentor, Professor Denise Wilfley, values Myra’s diligence and passion—“She has put forth a lot of effort to launch the project in Branson, from writing and receiving the grant to establishing the relationships needed with the community partners and stakeholders. She has done a remarkable job in helping to establish a culture of health for under-resourced youth and parents in Branson. I truly admire her dedication and think she will undoubtedly continue to make an invaluable impact in children’s lives.

Myra’s interest in weight management and in psychology generally began when she was an undergraduate at Dartmouth College where her research mentor was Dr. Todd Heatherton whose social neuroscience lab explored self-regulation theories. Myra’s undergraduate thesis concerned neural responses to food cues in restrained and non-restrained eaters, after cognitive overload. The idea is that, for overeaters, restraining oneself from overeating requires cognitive resources which, when used up in other efforts, can lead to more overeating.

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This work supports the idea that making gradual lifestyle changes is more helpful for sustainable health promotion than overly restrictive diets.

As an undergraduate, Myra was recognized with several awards and prizes: the Rintels Award for best undergraduate thesis in Humanities and Social Sciences; the William Brewster Nickerson 1964 Psychological and Brain Sciences Prize; the Benjamin G. Brenner 1969 Award for Excellence in Research in Psychology; and the Escobosa Family Honors Thesis Prize in Psychology.

Another aspect of Myra’s early experiences contributed to her interest in eating behaviors and social approaches to food: she grew up in South Africa where, she says, “the food culture is so different from here in the US where fewer people learn about healthy food, or even how to cook.” In college she noticed how many undergrads didn’t know how to cook. It struck her that people could be otherwise very well educated, but without basic cooking skills, which tend to be overlooked in this culture with its prevalence of fast food and rushed lifestyles. Myra is convinced that how a culture approaches food is reflective of how it defines success, what it values, and that this can be seen in how its members approach other aspects of life. In other words, cultural imbalances lead to imbalances in individuals’ weight and health generally.

Prior to entering Dartmouth as an undergraduate, Myra demonstrated her keen interest in food by attending culinary school, and cooking remains an important and enjoyable activity for her. Favorite cuisines? “So hard to choose,” she says, but “probably Thai and Italian”. She also enjoys running—“mindfully”, she adds. And being part of the Psychology wellness committee is important to her for the purpose of bringing greater balance to the lives of her colleagues and community, and doing work that is in line with her values.
Halpern Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Clinical Psychology

Halpern Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Clinical Psychology presented to Edward A. Wise, Ph.D. for distinguished advances in psychology leading to the understanding or amelioration of important practical problems and outstanding contributions to the general professional of clinical psychology.

Ed Wise received his Bachelor’s degree with Honors from Washington University, St. Louis, in 1975. He completed his Ph.D. in Clinical – Community Psychology at the University of Wyoming and his internship at the University of Tennessee Internship Consortium at UTCHS in Memphis in 1980. Following internship, Dr. Wise was employed at the Frayser Millington Mental Health Center in Memphis. There, he carried a therapy caseload, conducted psychological evaluations, supervised interns as well as the adolescent day program and adult day treatment program. He began his private practice working with inpatient and outpatient adolescents and adults.

During his 30+ years in private practice, Dr. Wise worked on numerous inpatient units treating adults and adolescents with severe mental illness, substance abuse, eating disorders, dual diagnosis disorders, and mood disorders. He has maintained an active forensic practice, serving on the Capital Defense Team, consulting with the Attorney General’s Office, and performing hundreds of court-ordered psychological evaluations. Throughout his career he has worked with medical colleagues in med-surg hospitals, provided consultation services to a pain management program, an extended care hospital, a local PPO, and regional as well as national MCOs. In 1996, he developed the first free-standing psychiatric intensive outpatient program (IOP) in Memphis and added a substance abuse/dual diagnosis IOP in 2006. Both IOPs are based on manualized treatment protocols developed by Dr. Wise and have been the subject of six outcome and satisfaction studies. He has published over 30 peer-reviewed publications related to practice, served as consulting editor for the Journal of Personality Assessment, and a reviewer for many prestigious journals. He is a Fellow of the APA, SPA, Distinguished Practitioner in the National Academies of Practice, and past recipient of the APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Independent Practice in the Private Sector.
Psychology researchers receive NSF grant to study preschool learning

Two psychology researchers at Washington University in St. Louis have received a $620,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for the project “Preschoolers’ Use of Statistical Learning to Discover Spelling and Reading Conventions Prior to Formal Schooling.”

They are Rebecca A. Treiman, PhD, the Burke & Elizabeth High Baker Professor of Child Developmental Psychology in Arts & Sciences, and Brett Kessler, PhD, a research scientist in psychology. Treiman conducts research on language and language development through the analysis of both reading and spelling skills.

Even before children understand that the letters in written words stand for sounds in spoken words, they may learn a number of things about writing. The research examines what preschool children know about the characteristics of writing and how this knowledge relates to their literacy performance once they enter school.
Jim Reid, Ph.D. Fordham ’88 is retiring after 20 years of service as an instructor in the Psychology Department. Jim started working in Psychology in 1995, the last year the Department was located in Eads Hall.

Known more recently as the Instructor of courses such as The Psychology of Adolescence; Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Identity Development; and Introduction to Forensic Psychology, Jim has taught altogether around eighty 300-level undergraduate classes in the Department, been an advisor to numerous undergraduate Psychology majors, and supervisor of clinical cases for Ph.D. students receiving training at the Psychological Service Center of Washington University.

Recently married to his long-time partner Larry Mooney, Jim will remain busy in his forensic practice.

“I am so grateful for my time here with so many wonderful and brilliant colleagues, really nice students, and staff, .... It’s like Lake Wobegon, where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average.”

*Quote from Garrison Keillor*
John G. Baugh, PhD, the Margaret Bush Wilson Professor in Arts & Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, is one of 10 distinguished scholars to be honored as 2015 fellows of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA).

Baugh, an expert on linguistic profiling pertaining to housing, employment, education, health disparities and the law, holds joint appointments in the departments of Psychology, Anthropology, Education, and English, and in programs for Linguistics, African and African-American Studies, American Culture Studies, Psychology-Neuroscience-Philosophy (PNP) and Urban Studies, all in Arts & Sciences.

He is a pioneer in the study of how individual linguistic characteristics can be used as the basis for discrimination in various social domains. His books include Beyond Ebonics: Linguistic Pride and Racial Prejudice (2000); Out of the Mouths of Slaves: African American Language and Educational Malpractice (1999); and Black Street Speech: Its History, Structure and Survival (1983).

LSA Fellows are recognized annually for their “distinguished contributions” to the discipline. LSA inducted its first class of fellows in 2006, and the group now includes such luminaries as Noam Chomsky, William Labov, Steven Pinker and Calvert Watkins.

The 2015 class of LSA Fellows will be inducted Jan. 9 as part of the LSA annual meeting in Portland, Oregon.

Learn more about Baugh and his research program here.
A Leader for the Times

Patricia L. Youngdahl, PhD ‘48 has dedicated her life to peace, equality and justice. Her list of honors and achievements are legion. This is an outline.

Pat grew up in Parma, MO, and earned her Master’s in Psychology at Washington U. in St. Louis in 1948. She and her family moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas in 1957. A year later, they moved to Little Rock and she was recruited to the Women’s Emergency Committee and entered the world of politics big time. Between 1958 and 1984, while raising four children, Pat did postgraduate work in Clinical Psychology at both the U. of A., Fayetteville and at the U. of A. for Medical Sciences in Little Rock (UAMS), while also working for social justice. Pat joined the UAMS faculty in 1964 and got a doctorate in clinical psychology from the Florida Institute of Technology in 1985. When she retired as Assistant Professor in 2006, her department instituted an annual award in her name for an outstanding psychology intern.

One of the major joys and hallmarks of Pat’s diverse activities are the myriad friends she has made along the way. Pat was a member of the Council on Human Relations where she met “a young John Walker” and other activists. She was on the board of the Urban League for many years, and also on the Panel of American Women, fighting for racial and religious understanding.

Pat’s been active in the Democratic Party for decades. She was on the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee, and was Chair of the Arkansas Women’s Political Caucus for ten years working on women’s issues: how to run for office and raise funds and identifying women’s issues. She was among the stalwart fighting to pass the Equal Rights Amendment, to no avail.

Activism in the Democratic Party meant ensuring women and minorities representation. Eventually, the Party passed an “equal division policy” which, Pat says, “means women and men get equal representation on their merits. We had exciting women all around, nationally and locally!”

Pat has been on the faculty of UAMS for 45 years both teaching and seeing clients at the Child Study Center. During the 1970s and 80s Pat had many client families affected by divorce and saw the special impact on women; Judge Tom Glaze recruited her to work with Families of Divorce in the courts. After 25 years of marriage Pat and her spouse were divorced, and she devoted more energy to her professional life. After seeing so many children who needed alternative education she was appointed to the Governor’s Pygmalion Commission.

Pat is a professional volunteer. In addition to all the work above, Pat has been involved in WAND (Women’s Action for New Directions), an organization that advocates for peace and enabling women. She has been board President for two years. And, after retiring from her paying job, Pat started volunteering at the Clinton Presidential Center, the Library and the School of Public Service. Of her life today, Pat adds, “I’m still active in the Pulaski County Democratic Party and have a wonderful family.” When asked if she had any hobbies, Pat looked at the interviewer quizzically. “Politics,” she said.
or cognitive science, he said “it was some of both, but with different timing. When I asked Jeff whether he went to college (Yale) to be in psychology

It may or may not surprise you to hear that Jeff is the son of two prominent research psychologists. Jeff and his sister grew up in an academic college town near Michigan State University (Okemos to be exact). His father is Jim Zacks and he studied sensory psychophysiology and human attention. His mother is Rose Zacks and she studied cognitive function in aging. They are both wonderful people who continue to be actively involved in their academic world post-retirement, and are also an excellent example of a successful two-career couple that started out during an era that was not yet fully supportive of both spouses working in the same academic department (or in some cases both spouses working at all!). I suspect seeing the example set by his parents is part of the reason that Jeff himself is a staunch supporter and leader in terms of how to balance family and a work life and in terms of both mothers and fathers being able to take advantage of the excellent family leave policies here at Washington University.

Now having one parent, let alone two parents, in a particular career can have varying influences in the career choices of their children. In some cases children choose to pursue a career that is as different as possible from their parents, espousing the view that “I don’t ever want to do what you do.” In other cases they see the positives of their parents’ career choices and the pleasure in their work, and decide they want that for themselves as well. In Jeff’s case, it was some of both, but with different timing. When I asked Jeff whether he went to college (Yale) to be in psychology or cognitive science, he said “No way – I was going to be an American Studies major and write gonzo journalism.”

Okay – side note. Those of you who know Jeff will know that he has perhaps one of the best vocabularies of anyone you know, and on occasion uses words that I am not ashamed to admit I do not know and have to go look up. This was one such case, and for others like me – according to Wikipedia, Gonzo journalism is a style associated with Hunter S. Thompson that is “an energetic first-person participatory writing style in which the author is a protagonist, and it draws its power from a combination of both social critique and self-satire.”

Okay, back to the real story. Jeff said that when he got to Yale, he starting taking computer science courses and philosophy, and was very interested in understanding how the mind worked. However, he soon became frustrated with the methods of computer science and philosophy and started to look for other ways to answer his questions about how the mind works. He began to take a few psychology courses, and low and behold, started seeing the work of his parents cited and described. At that point, he came to the realization that what his parents did was actually an important way to start to answer interesting questions about how the human mind worked, leading him to focus on psychology for his honor’s thesis. He also credits the outstanding mentorship and engaging teaching style of Mike Tarr in helping Jeff to get excited about psychology.

After graduation, Jeff did not head straight off to graduate school, but instead took time off to work at Bellcore in the research group of Tom Landauer, which focused on information science and human-computer interaction. Tom Landauer was one of the creators of Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA) and one of Jeff’s jobs at Bellcore was to write the first parallel implementation of LSA. Jeff’s time at Bellcore gave him an appreciation for the role that computational approaches could play in helping to understand how the mind and brain function. Thus, when it came time to apply to graduate school, Jeff was torn between focusing on Human Computer Interaction (HCI) and Cognitive Neuroscience.
When asked how he got interested in event cognition, one of his primary areas of research, Jeff said, “It’s actually a story I try not to tell the folks in my lab, because I think it’s not how research ideas usually happen. Most of the time I think we stumble into our best ideas, but this was actually very deliberate. I came to Barbara with this question about how we segment ongoing experience into meaningful chunks, and we spent a frustrating summer reading what little we could find and working out exactly what the problem was and how we might tackle it.” One of the very interesting aspects of this work is that Jeff has also used it to understand how we process many types of literature and media, with a particular focus on film. He teaches a very popular class on the Cognitive Neuroscience of Film and has just come out with a book on this topic “Flicker: Your Brain on Movies.” This book is receiving both critical and popular acclaim as it clearly and engagingly lays out the research behind the ways in which the visual and auditory components of films interact with human information processing, both cognitive and neurobiological, to create the experiences we have as movie consumers.

Jeff has also managed to balance this incredibly productive work life with a wonderful family and a number of other interests. Jeff is married to Leslie Zacks, a force of nature in her own right! Leslie currently works for Wolters Kluwer, a publishing company in a position that keeps her traveling quite a bit. Jeff and Leslie first met at the Interlochen Center for the Arts. Leslie had just graduated from high school at Interlochen, and was working during the summer as a “siren” or someone who helped to recruit students to the school. Jeff was working as a camp counselor. They became friends, but did not start dating until a couple years later. Over the next few years, through several moves and Jeff’s starting graduate school at Stanford, they became progressively closer. Jeff and Leslie were married in 1997, and had their first child Jonah in 2002, after they had moved to St. Louis. Their second child Delia came along in 2006. Jonah and Delia are each wonderful characters in their own right, with curious intellects, outgoing personalities, and many interests and activities (the list is too long right now according to Leslie). The whole Zacks family is big on outdoors exercise, and Jeff has run multiple marathons, including the Boston Marathon, as well as various mud runs with the family. Jeff is also a superb cook and has as many kitchen gadgets as most professional chefs. Ask him about his Big Green Egg or his Sous Vide cooker the next time you talk to him. He also plays in a saxophone quartet with other Washington University faculty, including Mark McDaniel, Alan Lambert and Jason Hassenstab.

The psychology department at Washington University has been ever so fortunate to have Jeff on faculty, and our community has benefited tremendously from his intellectual creativity, his leadership, and his all around good citizenship. I also think that Jeff provides an excellent example of how to balance an extremely successful work life with an active family life and outside interests and activities. I think I know how he does it – he works tremendously hard, has a supportive family and figures out when priorities should change.
Peter Lichtenberg AB ‘81

The Aging and Development program in the Psychology Department is well known for training graduate students, but not so well for the influence it has had on undergraduates. Peter Lichtenberg, Ph.D., ABPP (A.B. 1981), was an undergraduate Psychology major at Washington University who has gone on to leadership in the field of geropsychology. Dr. Lichtenberg, now the Director of both the Institute of Gerontology and the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute and the Founding Director of the Wayne State University Lifespan Alliance as well as Professor of Psychology and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Wayne State University, says of his undergraduate years, “I particularly remember four faculty who were so instrumental in my development as a gerontologist and psychologist. Dr. Len Green was an inspiring, enthusiastic lecturer and even though I had no interest in a career in experimental psychology his lectures made the field and the ideas come alive.” Peter also remembers Drs. Joan Erber and Jack Botwinick who taught the social gerontology course he took, and who had their students volunteer in a nursing home. It was this class and the volunteer experience that made clear to Peter that working with older adults was his calling. Another important influence was Dr. Sol Garfield who was Lichtenberg’s major and Honors advisor. Professor Robert Watson, who taught African American history, was another important mentor: “He inspired me to work harder and to have more confidence,” Peter says.

The influence of Peter’s grandparents and great aunts and uncles was also important in drawing Peter into gerontology. “All of them aged very successfully and were incredibly warm and loving with me,” he says. While a graduate student at Purdue, Peter got to spend a lot of time with his grandmother in Fort Wayne, Indiana, who befriended Peter with tips on books, movies, and stimulating conversation. Peter recalls his mother telling him that when he was just a junior in high school, he announced that he wanted to be a psychologist and work with older people.

Lichtenberg’s latest research deals with older adults’ financial capacity and vulnerability to financial exploitation-- the second leading cause of elder abuse, with prevalence ranging from 5 to 10% per year. Lichtenberg’s lab has done longitudinal work on fraud (not thefts, but scams), and found that psychological vulnerability (a combination of depression, loneliness, and low social needs fulfillment) led to a 200% greater likelihood of being defrauded. Interestingly, this study was done with cognitively intact older adults. Peter points out that vulnerability would be even greater in early stage cognitive impairment or early stage dementia, before family awareness and resources can be marshalled to prevent exploitation. Lichtenberg and his colleagues have created a set of person-centered tools to assess the level of an individual’s financial judgment in particular financial decisions or transactions. They hope that eventually professionals (such as attorneys, financial planners, adult protective service workers, investment professionals, bankers, and police) will administer the scale before important financial decisions are made by older adults, and thereby help reduce fraud and exploitation.

Peter is also an expert on nursing homes. When asked his opinion on the nursing home phenomenon and what makes a good versus bad nursing home, he explains: “Nursing homes have changed in many ways since I began my
When I did my practicum in a nursing home in West Lafayette, Indiana, many of the residents would now be in an assisted living or even independent living facility—long stay residents were higher functioning than would be found today.” He adds that one of the big determinants of nursing home quality is the stability of leadership, and the staffing to resident ratio. Problems arise when the funding of nursing homes leads to too few staff for too many medically complex residents. He also admits that there is a great deal of variability in the quality of homes, and applauds the burgeoning movement (e.g., Green homes; the Eden alternative) to transform homes for the elderly from places where safety of residents and the convenience of staff are emphasized, to resident-focused care emphasizing dignity, privacy, and meaningful social involvement.

Sadly, Peter was widowed at age 25, losing his wife Becky Classen Lichtenberg who was an undergraduate at Washington University with him. Becky was preparing for a career in geriatric medicine when a routine run led to her sudden death from cardiac complications. Fifteen years later Peter married Dr. Susan MacNeill, a nationally known geriatric neuropsychologist with whom Peter worked closely and published many scientific papers. Susan died at age 50 in February 2014 after a four-year battle with breast cancer. Peter established the Lichtenberg Scholarship in Geropsychology at Washington University to honor the memory of both women. It is awarded to academically gifted undergraduate or graduate students who are dedicating themselves to a career helping older adults.

Dr. Brian Carpenter, a geriatric clinical psychologist in the Psychology Department, knows Peter well and has just finished editing with Peter and two others the American Psychological Association’s first handbook of clinical geropsychology. He says, "Peter is one of the true champions of geropsychology and has won every major award in the field, which is a testament to the breadth and depth of his research and service to the profession. He's also one of the most dedicated mentors I've ever known. He takes great interest in students and young professionals, and part of his great legacy will be the many people he has guided in their work to improve the lives of older adults."

Peter has three children, a 22-year-old daughter, a 13-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl. He enjoys hiking, but misses tennis which he has had to abandon due to knee and back problems. He likes to read fiction and see movies in his leisure hours, but raising his two young children, he says, is his biggest full-time commitment.
Henry L. Roediger listed in “An Incomplete List of Eminent Psychologists of the Modern Era.”

Henry L. “Roddy” Roediger won the 2016 APS Mentoring Award!!
The committee has recognized Roddy’s mentoring of 19 Phds, 7 MAs, 13 postdocs, and many others that don’t fit into one of those traditional categories (undergraduates, junior faculty, graduate students of other faculty, anyone interested in academia, etc). Whichever of you wrote that "six degrees of Roddy Roediger" would make a good game hit the nail on the head - Roddy seems to have influenced everyone. His influence goes beyond excellent scientific training, and includes career and life advice, and just about any kind of support you can imagine. The award will be given at the 2016 APS meeting in Chicago.

Awards & Accomplishments

Annual Department award winners

The Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award for the 2013/2014 academic year is going Stephanie Peak. This award was created to recognize an individual TA who has gone beyond the requirements of their TAship and exhibited dedication to teaching. Her nominators praise her concern for students and instructors, shown by her willingness to “go the extra mile” in all her responsibilities. One says, “Perhaps what has impressed me the most about Stephanie is her continual strivings toward making each assignment, each student communication, and each course meeting positive. After the first exam, she was available on a Saturday providing item statistics (and her perspective) on the students’ performance.” Another nominator comments, “Stephanie also did a lecture relating the course material to her interests in social psychology. The lecture was an excellent one. Part of the evaluation of a TA should be the amount learned by having served that role, since our job should be to educate TAs as well as gaining assistance for the teaching of our courses. Stephanie learned a great deal from being a TA for my course, and plans to make use of some that learning for purposes of her research.”

The Outstanding Teaching Award recipient for the 2013/2014 academic year was Ryan Bogdan. This is the 2nd consecutive year that Ryan had been nominated.

I would like to nominate Professor Ryan Bogdan for the Outstanding Professor award. I had him for Abnormal Psychology and he was incredible! His passion shone through in every lecture and he made me want to learn more. I never wanted to miss a class, because Professor Bogdan made the material very engaging and enjoyable. He was very approachable outside of class and was truly there to help his students learn. I believe he is a very deserving candidate.

Faculty

Deanna Barch was elected to membership in the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology.

John G. Baugh, the Margaret Bush Wilson Professor in Arts & Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, is one of 10 distinguished scholars to be honored as 2015 fellows of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). See related article.

Rebecca Treiman, PhD, the Burke & Elizabeth High Baker Professor of Child Developmental Psychology in Arts & Sciences, received the 2014 Society for the Scientific Study of Reading’s Distinguished Scientific Contributions Award, given every two years for outstanding contributions to the field. For more details, visit here.

Denise E. Wilfley, PhD, has been named the inaugural Scott Rudolph University Professor of Psychiatry at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. For more details, visit here.

Jeff Zacks was named Chair, William K. & Katherine W. Estes Fund, 2014-2016. This fund is a joint project with APS and the Psychonomic Society to celebrate Bill and Kay’s tremendous contributions to psychological science.

Students

Psychology Students being awarded Teaching Center Honors
The Teaching Center honored graduate students who have completed one of the professional development programs in 2013-2014 at their annual Recognition Reception.

The Teaching Citation is a professional-development program designed to help graduate students prepare for future faculty positions by 1) Developing knowledge of effective pedagogy; 2) Gaining expertise with varied teaching methods; and 3) articulating a clear teaching approach by writing a teaching philosophy statement.

Psychology recipients of the Teaching Citation include:
Julia Langer
Cheri Levinson
Adam Putnam
Diana Selmeazy

The WU-CIRTL Program is designed to prepare Washington University graduate students and postdoctoral appointees for future faculty positions in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Participants in WU-CIRTL join a learning community through one of four levels of engagement: Community Member, Fellow, Practitioner, and Scholar.

WU-CIRTL Community Members of Psychology include
Andy Aschenbrenner
Lindsey Lilienthal
Khuyen Nguyen
Blaire Weidler

Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence
Blaire Weidler was one of nine teaching assistants recognized for superb performance by a graduate teaching assistant in the instruction of Arts & Sciences undergraduates. Each Graduate Arts & Sciences department is invited to nominate its best teaching assistant for the award. From these nominations, nine graduate TA’s in the humanities, social sciences, and physical sciences have been selected for recognition this year.
The 2014 Poletsky Award (for accomplishments and contributions to the field of aging and dementia) [http://neurosciencesresearch.wustl.edu/News.aspx?id=912](http://neurosciencesresearch.wustl.edu/News.aspx?id=912), an Alzheimer’s Association International Conference Travel Fellowship (Summer 2014) and was a finalist in the Alzheimer’s Association International Conference Student Poster Competition (Summer 2014). His research concerns cognitive changes occurring in old age and early stages of Alzheimer’s disease.

**Alan Ceaser** won the Mary McLeod Bethune Award for Graduate Leadership. Named for the American educator and civil rights leader best known for starting a school for African American students in Daytona Beach, Florida, that eventually became Bethune-Cookman University, and for serving as an advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Mary McLeod Bethune Award is presented annually to the student who has contributed most significantly to the advancement of the Black student community.

**Shelly Cooper** received a National Science Foundation’s Graduate Research Fellowship.

**Andrew DeSoto** received a Dissertation Research Award from the American Psychological Association, a Dissertation Research Award from Washington University Department of Psychology, and was second place in Social Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis Annual Graduate Research Symposium this past year.

**Avanti Dey** was one of the winners of the APS Student Grant Competition in 2014.

**Fade Eadeh** has received the Dean’s award for teaching excellence--Washington University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and Graduate Diversity Travel Award--Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

**Lameese Eldesouky** received an NSF Honorable Mention, an APS Student Travel Assistance Award, and the Arthur D. Behrendt Scholarship from Washington University's Graduate School of Arts & Sciences.

**Adrian Gilmore** received a National Science Foundation’s Graduate Research Fellowship.

**Jon Gooblar** won a 2014 APA Society of Clinical Geropsychology Student Paper Award.

**Juliette Iacovino** was inducted into the Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

**Cheri Levinson** was a winner of the first annual Society for a Science of Clinical Psychology (SSCP) Outstanding Student Researcher Award. This award is intended to recognize outstanding graduate students who are providing exceptional contributions to the science of clinical psychology.

**Caroline Merz** won the Lichtenberg Scholarship in Geropsychology. The Lichtenberg Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an academically gifted undergraduate or graduate student dedicated to a career helping older adults, as evidenced by rigorous clinical and volunteer work with seniors in the community.

**Khuyen Nguyen** received 2nd place from the WU Teaching Center for his Circle of Learning Research Poster. He also received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

**Adam Putnam** is the recipient of an American Psychological Foundation 2014 COGDOP Graduate Research Scholarship. The scholarships, administered by the APA Science Directorate, are intended to assist graduate students whose work reflects excellence in scientific psychology with the costs of conducting their research. “How Do Voters Remember Flip-flopping? The Memorial and Social Consequences of Recollecting Change” is the topic of Putman’s funded research.

**Andrew Westbrook** was invited to give a talk at Donders Discussions 2014 [http://www.ru.nl/dondersdiscussions/about/about-donders/](http://www.ru.nl/dondersdiscussions/about/about-donders/) this past October.
Laura Scherer’s pathway to becoming an experimental social psychologist is one with a few twists and turns, that Laura herself describes as a “bit curvy”. Growing up in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Laura had long had a fascination with the social sciences including, as Laura puts it, a general interest in what it “means to be human”. Part of this interest can be attributed to her father Randolph Nesse, a well-known psychiatrist at the University of Michigan with strong interests in evolutionary psychology. From an early age Laura also loved writing, and these interests propelled her to attend to New School University in New York which was well known to have strengths in the social sciences as well as a strong writing program.

However, once at the New School, Laura found that she yearned for a more traditional curriculum, and for a variety of reasons Washington University loomed large as an attractive academic setting. Laura enrolled here in the spring of 2000. Her interests in the social sciences had continued to grow, but Laura was ambivalent about majoring in psychology. Laura faced a dilemma: Did she really want to be in the same field as her father? Anthropology seemed like a good way of addressing her core interests while still allowing her to pursue her foundational interests in the social sciences. Laura began working with Dr. Pascal Boyer in anthropology who, as it turned out, was one of the more psychologically-oriented members of that faculty. Laura worked closely with Pascal, including a year-long stint working with young children on number cognition. Laura looks back on this experience as both fun and formative, as it introduced her to the core methods of psychological research.

Fast forward to the fall of 2004, Laura had already graduated with honors in anthropology, but had decided that experimental social psychology was a more to her liking in terms of the kinds of methodological approaches used to study human nature. Laura’s early focus was on political psychology, but she eventually developed a strong interest in the dynamics of social psychological priming. [ Priming is an implicit memory effect in which exposure to one stimulus influences a response to another stimulus. For example, NURSE is recognized more quickly following DOCTOR than following BREAD. ] This, in itself, was not particularly unusual, as priming research was (and still is) a “hot topic” in social psychology. However, Laura quickly developed a knack for pursuing the proverbial Big Questions, including one central to the field of implicit attitudes: What are our priming tasks really measuring?

As Laura describes it, “My research is primarily concerned with when, how and to what advantage people use spontaneous associations and “gut feelings” in judgment. People often have spontaneous associations and feelings that color their judgments. My work has examined how these automatic processes influence evaluations of people (e.g. racial bias), and how judgment contexts can alter the activation of such bias.” This interest sparked a programmatic line of research which indicated that automatic facilitation effects—or, “priming effects”, as they are commonly referred to in the field—do not mean what people thought they mean. For many years, it was taken for granted that priming effects provided strong evidence of pre-existing, automatized associations that were already stored in long term memory. Her work shows that this assumption is not entirely correct. This is not to say that pre-potent, automatized associations don’t produce strong priming effects. But Laura’s key insight here is that the reverse is not true: In other words, automatic facilitation effects do not necessarily provide evidence for the existence of these a priori automatized associations. This sounds like a technical point, but this is not the case. In actuality, it’s a startling insight, one that is likely to have a very large impact on an entire sub-discipline within experimental social psychology. To make this kind of “against the grain” impact, this requires some very innovative and elegant experiments to make the case, and this is...
exactly what Laura provided. Her efforts were justly rewarded with a first-author lead article in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, the flagship journal in our field.

By the time she received her Ph.D. in 2010, Laura had already developed an international reputation as a leader in the field of implicit attitudes, with several influential publications in this area under her belt. At this point, Laura could easily have gone in the direction of pursuing a successful research career solely dedicated to priming, but she thirsted for a broader theoretical and methodological approach. During a two-year postdoctoral position at the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences at the University of Michigan, Laura began a program of research which, in some ways, is even more innovative than her work in priming. In particular, Laura used the insights that she and other social cognition researchers have gained about automatic evaluation and emotional processes, and used this as a basis for understanding the factors that cause a person to want a medical test or treatment even when they are told that it will provide little or no benefit, and might even be harmful.

Laura’s work in this area was productive and rich, and generated a wealth of important research findings. For example, some of Laura’s recent research has shown that labeling common symptoms as a “disease” causes people to be more accepting of questionable medical treatments. These and other accomplishments facilitated the next Big Step in her academic career: A tenure track job in the social/personality area at the University of Missouri at Columbia, a position that Laura has held since 2012. Laura’s track record is already impressive, with 23 publications, many of which have appeared in the top journals in our field, and external funding from the Foundation for Informed Medical Decisions.

In some cases, success in academia can come at a cost, in the sense of narrowing one’s range of interests in life. Not so with Laura, who is an exceptional guitarist and singer, a musical talent enjoyed by her husband Will who is a highly accomplished musician in his own right. Laura also has two young children, ages 6 and 2.

Reflecting on her young career, Laura recognizes that her pathway to success has not exactly been what one would call linear, but she wouldn’t have it any other way. As Laura puts it, “Sometimes figuring out what you want to do takes a lot of exploration, and for me it took more than a lot. The most fun aspect of going to work every day is that now my job is to explore. I get to ask the most interesting questions that I can think of, and then figure out ways to answer those questions. I couldn’t think of a better job.”
David Balota, PhD, a leader in the study of cognitive breakdowns that occur in Alzheimer’s, professor of psychology in Arts & Sciences and professor of neurology in the School of Medicine, will receive the Arthur Holly Compton Faculty Achievement Award. The Compton Award is given to a distinguished member of the faculty from one of the six Danforth Campus schools.

The ideal candidates for the Faculty Achievement Award will show excellence in both the research and the service/teaching domains. While outstanding achievement in research and scholarship are weighted most heavily, the awardee must also show a strong record of service to the university and respected accomplishments in teaching, whether that is in the classroom, in mentoring or in other pedagogical capacities.

Balota, a member of the faculty here since 1985, is a cognitive psychologist known for his work on the critical role of attentional control systems in memory, language, and in age-related changes in cognition in healthy aging and in individuals who have developed (or are likely to develop) dementia of the Alzheimer’s type.

In collaboration with researchers at the Charles F. and Joanne Knight Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center, his work has recently demonstrated sensitivity of attentional control measures to biomarkers that are accumulating in individuals before the onset of dementia.

A St. Louis native, Balota earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1976. He received a master’s degree in experimental psychology in 1978 and a doctoral degree in 1981, both from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C.

He is a fellow of the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a member of the esteemed Society of Experimental Psychologists. He is a former chair of the Psychonomic Society, the leading society of experimental psychologists, former editor of the society’s flagship journal, Psychonomic Bulletin & Review, and president of the Experimental Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association.

Balota has contributed to important methodological advances in cognitive science. He developed the English Lexicon Project, a widely used megadatabase of more than 40,000 words and nonwords, including millions of behavioral responses. He also has shown that measures of variability in performance can be particularly important in discriminating among cognitive theories above and beyond mean level performance.

At WUSTL, he has been pivotal in leading the Aging and Development program, which is one of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)’s first training grants related to aging and psychology, and until recently he directed the Linguistic Studies program. He has served on many university committees, including as a member of the promotion and tenure committee for Arts & Sciences.

In 2011, he received the David Hadas Teaching Award in Arts & Sciences and twice has received the Graduate Student Mentor Award.
Applying her training to solve practical problems: Clara Lajonchere, PhD

By Richard Abrams

“I really want to be able to apply the research that I do to solve practical problems,” says Clara Lajonchere, who received her Ph.D. in psychology from WU in 2000. And apply it she does—with her latest role being the chief scientific officer of a silicon-valley-based startup. But more on that later.

Born, raised, and educated (prior to graduate school) on the east coast, Clara was always bound for medical school. As a pre-med student at Tufts, she had excelled in her research courses but hadn’t really thought about a career in research. It was not until she received a fellowship at McLean Hospital during her senior year in college that she even considered a different career path. “Although I was pre-med, I was always intrigued by the mechanisms underlying mental disorders. It wasn’t until I started working on a research project focused on the biological underpinnings of schizophrenia and depression, that I had a Eureka moment!” Encouraged by her mentors at Harvard, she visited WU when applying to graduate school and “immediately fell in love with it”. She cites the collegial atmosphere in the department, amongst both the faculty and the students, as playing a key role. And while her formal training was in traditional experimental psychology, it was always her intention to apply rigorous experimental techniques to address practical problems—practical problems involving detection and treatment of disease, especially in pediatric populations.

In her first position after graduate school, she worked with the UCLA Trauma Psychiatry service and applied her training to establish a clinical research program at a residential facility for children and adolescents with a variety of different emotional and behavioral disorders. The objective was to provide comprehensive clinical and trauma evaluations on all of the residents on a broad range of conditions in order to answer questions about complex post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in this at-risk population. Although the undertaking was rewarding, it lacked the elements of “hard science” that Clara craved.

It was in her next role that Clara was really able to take off. At the organization Cure Autism Now (and then subsequently at Autism Speaks which acquired Cure Autism Now), she rose th rough the ranks to the level of Vice President of Clinical Programs. It was there that she developed the largest publicly available genetic and clinical database for autism researchers—the Autism Genetic Resource Exchange (or AGRE). She worked closely with scientific leaders in the field to create a resource that would leverage the volumes of data that she and others were collecting across the nation. She points out that “this represented a real paradigm shift because it was happening at a time when researchers were just beginning to appreciate the advantages of ‘big data’.” And by compiling data in a way in which they could be readily collected and

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shared with researchers around the world she was able to really make a difference. “That was a signature achievement for me because I was able to leverage the power of the web and my background in research to translate data from behavioral, genomic, and neuroscientific researchers into a useful resource.” Some of the key discoveries in autism genetics arose directly from the AGRE resource. In 2009, AGRE was used in the discovery of an important genetic finding that had been published in Nature earlier that year, which landed at number seven in TIME Magazine's "Top 10 Medical Breakthroughs of 2009". Clara, a co-author of the study, felt so proud that the resource had been instrumental in accelerating the pace of science.

A second major accomplishment during Clara's time with Autism Speaks was the establishment of the Autism Treatment Network—a group of physicians, researchers, and healthcare professionals dedicated to the study and treatment of autism spectrum disorders at 14 different locations throughout North America. “The network allowed physicians for the first time to develop standards for the diagnosis and treatment of autism. And it really advanced our understanding of many of the other medical conditions associated with autism.” She worked closely with her research collaborators to secure $24M of federal funding to support both basic and clinical research projects within the network that would help them answer a variety of questions that have had a direct impact on treatment.

Things were humming along quite smoothly at Autism Speaks, but Clara found herself spending more and more time writing grant proposals to acquire funding for their work. Despite great success receiving funding (several multi-million-dollar grants to support her endeavors), it was a hard slog. As federal funding became almost impossible to obtain she went through what she describes as a sort of mid-life crisis: “I couldn’t afford a Porsche, so I looked for a completely new career path”.

Now Clara finds herself in the silicon-valley startup world. As the chief scientific officer at Cognoa, she has the perfect combination of everything that inspires her. “I like the technology, and the science. But most of all I like the ability to translate the basic science into something that has an impact on people's lives in innovative ways.” Cognoa combines mobile technology, big data, and artificial intelligence to provide a quick way to estimate a child's risk for developmental delay and autism. “With this web-based tool, a parent may be able to identify helpful interventions months or years before they might otherwise be aware of the need.” Of note also is the fact that Clara and Cognoa have joined forces with Steve Kanne, another WU alum, PhD '99, who is executive director of the University of Missouri Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders.

As if an internet startup wasn’t enough to keep Clara busy, she also holds positions in pediatrics and biomedical engineering at the University of Southern California. She spends a few days a week in Palo Alto, but she lives in Los Angeles, anchored there in part by a recently-purchased home, a new relationship, and her foster daughter—a college student of whom Clara is especially proud. Quality of life is key for Clara, and she does admit that she gets testy when the temperature drops below 75 degrees. When she's not on a plane or on the phone, she’s playing tennis, skiing, doing yoga, or biking along the southern California beaches.
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I started as chair on July 1st of 2014, and thus have really only been in this role for a short six months before writing this column. Over the winter break, numerous friends and family members asked me “so how do you like being chair?” or “is the experience of being chair what you thought it would be like?” Thinking about how to answer these questions has led me to realize what a privilege it is to be the chair of the Psychology Department at Washington University. Sure it is, you think incredulously. Sincerely, I do feel this way, because one of the major things I have been learning as chair is exactly how wonderful, engaged, creative, and dedicated the faculty are in our department. To some extent, I knew this before becoming chair (and it made it easier to contemplate taking on this role). However, because our faculty are also modest, I really had no idea about the extent of their leadership and service contributions to Washington University, the field of Psychology and to our surrounding community. All of our faculty excel in research and teaching, and these are the qualities for which they were hired. But in this column, I’d like to take the opportunity to do a bit of bragging about all the other things they do on top of research and teaching!

As a start, our faculty play a major leadership and service role within Washington University. Just to give a few examples, we have faculty who serve as the Dean of Academic Planning (Roddy Roediger), Chair of the Behavioral IRB (Mitch Sommers), Co-Director of the Center for Integrative Research on Cognition, Learning and Education (CIRCLE; Mark McDaniel), Director of Cornerstone, the Center for Advance Learning (Jan Duchek), member of the University Senate Council (Desiree White), Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees (Dave Balota), and member of the Undergraduate Council (Jeff Zacks). We also have numerous faculty who provide service and leadership in the field of Psychology nationally and internationally. This includes numerous faculty who either are currently or have been Editors or Associate Editors of major journals in the field, as well as faculty who have been Presidents of a range of societies in the field, including the Society for Research in Psychopathology, the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior, the Academy of Psychological Clinical Science, the Eating Disorders Research Society, the Psychonomic Society, the Experimental Psychology division of the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science, the Midwestern Psychological Association, and the Society of Experimental Psychologists.

None of this should have surprised me, but I really do not think I fully grasped how involved and generative our faculty were until I had the opportunity to step back and review the activities of our department as a whole. Further, what I had also not realized was how involved our faculty were in the community, both in terms of devoting time to service either using their professional skills or non-professional skills. As just a few examples, we have a faculty member (Len Green) teaching courses as part of the Washington University Prison Education Program at the Missouri Eastern Correctional Center in Pacific Missouri. We have another faculty member (Todd Braver), teaching a course on Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction to middle schoolers at Brittany Woods Middle School in University City. We have faculty who serve as Board members on various local and national K-12 and college boards. I also know that we have numerous other faculty who are engaged in a range of community service activities on both micro and macro scales.

I take several lessons from learning about the wider range of activities in which our faculty are involved. First, it has made me aware of what a brilliant job our prior chairs have done in helping to guide our department to hire and retain people who excel along multiple academic dimensions, but whom are also kind, caring and generous people who give of themselves in both professional and non-professional venues. It is clear to me
that I need to continue to help guide our department to make such considerations a priority in hiring as well. Second, it strengthens the need to encourage postdoctoral fellows, graduate students and undergraduate students to “get involved” as a way to develop themselves into future faculty who have the same kind of wonderful qualities that our current faculty have, whether they will eventually work in academic or non-academic settings.

Yes – I realize I am being “rah-rah” about the Psychology Department at Washington University. Those that know me know that this is part of my style, and so it is not something for which I will apologize! I feel truly privileged to be part of such a wonderful department, and I view a critical part of my job as chair as helping to provide the support necessary to allow our faculty (and students) to continue to excel in teaching, research, service and leadership.
Each faculty, graduate student and post-doc was asked to submit a single publication from 2014 to list. If you are interested in receiving a copy of any article, please drop a note to the author at their email address or mail them at the Department of Psychology, Washington University in St. Louis, Campus Box 1125, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130-4899.

Books and Book Chapters


Publications in Refereed Journals


“Foundations of Diversity at Washington University and Throughout Academia” was the focus of a daylong conference last Sept. 12, in honor of Robert L. Williams II, PhD, professor emeritus of Psychology and of African and African-American studies at Washington University in St. Louis.

A prominent, pioneering figure in the history of African-American psychology, Williams is well known as a stalwart critic of racial and cultural biases in IQ testing; for coining the word “Ebonics” in 1973; and for developing the Black Intelligence Test of Cultural Homogeneity.

He has published extensively, including several groundbreaking books that greatly enhance social science, education, law and racial equality. Williams was a founding member of the Association of Black Psychologists, and he served as its second president.

Williams delivered the keynote address. The conference also included presentations by more than a dozen colleagues from Washington University and other institutions across the country. For a full list of speakers and an agenda, visit here.

The program was sponsored by the Office of the Provost; the dean of Arts & Sciences; the Black Alumni Council; programs in Linguistics and in African and African-American Studies and the departments of Psychology and Education, all in Arts & Sciences.
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Nancy Sutter Axford, BA ’46 is alive and kicking after her 90th birthday this past November. She is still active in the community, taking classes, keeping up with friends and learning, again, to play bridge.

Patricia Youngdahl, MA ’48 is retired and was an Asst. Professor at the University of Arkansas Medical School, Department of Psychiatry for 40 years! She was the Director of the Psychology Internship Program when she retired. Pat has enjoyed working with the doctoral level students and patients at the Child Study Center and also volunteers at the Clinton School of Public Service. “We have had great students from WashU who will get their Master’s Degree in Public Serve.” Pat has four adult children, three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Pat continues to be active with the Psychology community in Little Rock, but is most active in the political arena!

In 2012, Pat was honored by the ACLU of Arkansas as their Civil Libertarian of the Year, Lifetime Achievement. Pat, a lifelong activist from Little Rock is a retired Psychologist, teacher and clinician. She has worked for equality, peace and justice her entire life. She was involved in the desegregation efforts in Little Rock Public Schools in the 50’s, women’s rights including passing the Equal Rights Amendments and efforts to safeguard reproductive rights. She has been a peace and anti nuclear weapons activist for years as well. (See article on p. 8)

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Bettye McDonald Caldwell, PhD ’61 became convinced early in her career of the importance of the first 3 years of life being optimal for a child’s development. She began a small program in Syracuse, New York in 1964 dedicated to this principle. Bettye has more than 200 publications and was briefly the Editor of Child Development. She was elected President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children in 1982. “My Ph.D. in Psychology from WU has been more than returned to society. However … I could and should have done more.”

Donald Dempsey, BA ’61 spent 38 years in the printing business in St. Louis. After retiring in 1999, he joined the St. Louis Banjo Club and learned to play the four-string banjo with no prior experience with a musical instrument. Don is also in his 15th year as an Oasis Tutor and directing a youth banjo band of 13 youngsters.

William H. Mathis, BA ’63 retired for the last time this past summer after 25 years in law practice and another 25 years running Ambassador Courier. Bill’s undergraduate focus on extended self-study in personnel psych was invaluable. He is married 49 years to a Wash U graduate of architecture. Life is good.

Letha Foss Barber was in graduate school in Psychology from 1961 to 1964. She did not finish her dissertation, but enrolled in Medical School at WU in 1964. She graduated from George Washington U Med School in 1968. Letha interned in pediatrics at Medical College of Virginia in 1970-71. Her major interest was child development. She never practiced medicine after her internship, but served on the Governors Medical Advisory Committee in Texas from 1988-91 under a republican and a democrat governor. Letha ended her career doing medical editing for St. Francis Medical Journal in Pittsburgh from 1995 until her death from...
Leukemia in 2002. She was president of the Pennsylvania Medical Alliance 2000-2001.

Howard Leshtz, BA '64 has been retired since 2007 from careers in business. “I never pursued a career or post-grad courses in my major of Psychology, but did utilize knowledge gained from it. I greatly enjoyed my Wash U experience and have many fond memories.”

Joan T Erber, BA '65, received her PhD from St Louis University in 1971 and returned to WashU as a post doc in the Psychology’s aging program from 1972-74, then as a Research Associate until 1982. From there Joan joined the psychology faculty at Florida International University in Miami and is Professor Emeritus from the since 2010. She now lives in Denver, CO. Since retiring, Joan has written two books: Aging and Older Adulthood, Third edition (Wiley, 2013) and Great Myths of Aging (Co-authored with Lenore T. Szuchman, Wiley, 2015).

Byron G. Fiman, BA '65 earned a PhD in organizational psychology at NYU. His career included directing a community mental health center, conducting a call in radio show, authoring over 50 publications, and creating an international change management consulting firm.

Virginia (Carroll) Mills, BA '65 and her husband Doug retired and are refining their talent for goofing off. After working in an education related business for a number of years, Ginny went back to Northwestern for a Ph.D. in education, where she satisfied her research itch. Her favorite was work on an evaluation of a reform mathematics curriculum used in elementary classrooms. They moved from the Chicago suburbs to Pewaukee Lake, Wisconsin full time. However, once they realized just how seriously cold it is in Wisconsin in the winter, they bought a house in Naples, Florida and enjoy playing golf with friends and indulging in a life of endless summer. Their daughter and her family moved to Naples two years ago so they also have 2 grandchildren nearby.

Wendell Rivers, MA '65 resides in the Central West End of St. Louis. He was awarded BS and MA degrees in Psychology at WashU, and a PhD at Saint Louis University in 1970. Wendell later completed post-graduate programs at Santa Clara U. and the University of Havana in Cuba. During his career, he has held faculty and administrative positions at Lincoln University, University of Missouri – St Louis and Washington University. Wendell's major teaching and research interests have been in the areas of auditory and language processing disorders in African American and Hispanic children and adults.

Albert Finkelstein, BA '66 was an Industrial Psychology Major who retired after being a Human Resources executive for the past 48 years. The last 37+ was with Cerro Flow Products LLC, with their corporate offices and production plant in Sauget, IL. Cerro is a manufacturer of copper tubing both for Plumbing and Industrial Divisions that had production plants, distribution centers, and sales personnel across the country. Prior to Cerro, Al worked at ACF Industries also as the Human Resources executive in the St. Louis, MO and Huntington, WVA production plants. ACF Industries manufactured railroad cars.

William M Harvey, PhD '66 is in optimal health, living with wife in Goshen CT and traveling to India twice a year. He has a strong and abiding interest in Spirituality.

Richard L. Wessler, PhD '66 is mostly retired, but he still does a bit of clinical work, reviews book proposals as well as indulges his hobby of music. Richard divides his time (unequally) among New York city, the Berkshires, and the Caribbean.

Howard Paul, BA '67 is a psychiatrist working in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Stanley Woll, BA '67 retired in 2008 after 37 years of teaching and research in social and everyday cognition at Cal State Fullerton. Stanley received his PhD was from the University of Illinois in 1972. Since retirement, he got married (actually in 2006); done volunteer work for The Soldiers Project, the Alzheimer’s Association, and currently, the Orange County Council on Aging; and has taught (and taken) classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCI.

Evie Braman, BA '68 owns her own company as a Real Estate broker and appraiser in the Cleveland area. Evie stays busy on five Boards and subscribes to many plays as well as the Cleveland Orchestra. Her daughter and son-in-law live in New Hampshire with four very nice kids.

Arvilla Sheron, BS '68 was a special education specialist in Missouri and Michigan and ended up as an executive director of educational collaborative in Massachusetts running 14 school systems special needs programs for 20 years. Following that, Arvilla has been a very successful realtor, ten years in California and the past 13 years in Pinehurst North Carolina.

Paul Bainbridge, PhD, '69 is retired. Paul had 31 years as Clinical Program Director at Poughkeepsie Children’s Home and 40 years in Private Practice.

Charles E. Frank, BA '69 has his MD and MBA. He is the Senior Hand Surgeon at Advocate Condell Hospital in Libertyville, Illinois. He is married to Karen Peters.

William Orr, PhD '69 was selected to receive the Clinical Research Leadership Award this past year. This special NSF award recognizes Bill’s seminal leadership contributions to the sleep field related to clinical research.

William Worthen BA '69 is the director of the Historic Arkansas Museum, a state museum in Little Rock.

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Barbara “BJ” Jeffre Franquelli, BA '71 retired after 27 years of teaching. She and her husband enjoy traveling, reading, the theater, and visiting with their children, Virginia and Tomas.

Sally Gabriel, BA '71 has her PhD and is a certified health coach with her business, Second Act Weight Loss, providing nutrition and health coaching services to clients. Sally specializes in obesity and weight loss.

Barbara Janger, BA '70, taught elementary school for 8 years in the Ritenour District in St. Louis as well as receiving her MA at WashU in 1975. Barbara then moved to Scottsdale, AZ where she finished her teaching career in the Scottsdale Unified School District. This is the 4th year of her retirement.
Robert Provine, PhD ’71 is now Research Professor/Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. In October, 2014, he gave the keynote address to the Congress on Brain Circuits for Positive Emotions in Ascona, Switzerland. The German, Japanese, and Chinese editions of his new book, "Curious Behavior: Yawning, Laughing, Hiccupping, and Beyond," were also published in 2014.

Stanley De Loach, BA ’72 works as an Advisor in Leadership and Synthesis, with corporate clients in the US, South Africa, México, and Peru. He also paints and sells abstract artworks for professionals’ offices.

Jane Acri, BA ’73 is Chief of Medications Discovery and Toxicology at the National Institute on Drug Abuse, an institute of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). After graduating from Wash U, Jane received her Masters in Speech Pathology and Audiology from the Catholic University of America and then a doctorate in medical psychology quite a few years later from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. She then was a post-doc fellow at NIH at the NIDA-Intramural Research Program in Baltimore later to join the staff at NIDA headquarters in Bethesda. Jane runs a program of contract research to discover and develop medications for the treatment of drug abuse.

Sherman A. James, PhD ’73 spent the next 40+ years teaching in schools of public health and medicine at UNC-Chapel Hill, the University of Michigan and Duke University. He transitioned to professor emeritus status at Duke University on June 30th, 2014 and on July 1st I accepted a research professorship in epidemiology (50% time) at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta. “I’ve had a wonderful career and I owe much of this to the support I received from faculty in the Department of Psychology at WUSTL.”

Alfreda Brown MA ’74 is at Washington University in the Human Resources Department as a consultant for diversity and inclusion.

Debra S. Campbell, BA ’74 founded Forward Thinking Initiatives in 2004, and in 2011 applied and received non-profit 501(C)3 status. Debra’s career began in economic development. She has managed the international division for the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and headed the Asia Department for the Philadelphia Commerce Department before starting her own economic development consulting company.

She is currently the State Coordinator for the Consortium of Entrepreneurship Education, has chaired the CTE Marketing Committee for the Florida Dept. of Education, and serves on the Advisory Board of Creative Tampa Bay. She is a recipient of Kauffman Platinum Award and has been named a Creative Catalyst by Creative Tampa Bay. Debra is also an educator and an artist.

Lenzie Stewart, BA ’74 retired as a police officer for the city of East St. Louis, IL after thirty-nine (39) years. He spent several years as a police cadet under a MODEL Cities Federal grant for East St. Louis. Lenzie worked part time in the police department in various departments while attending classes at Washington University. He also participated in sports at WU, playing four years of football and one year of track. “My education at Wash U. was very helpful to me in my career. I am considering attending classes to work on my Masters degree in Psychology.”

Cynthia Baum-Baicker, BA ’75 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Philadelphia, PA and Board Chair of the Thomas Scatteredgood Foundation for Behavioral Health and President of the Section of Couples and Family Therapy of APA Div 39.

Sally Comin, BA ’75 worked as a medical social worker at Loyola University Health Systems until she had my first child in 1982. Sally then spent 9 years as a stay-at-home Mom. In August of 1991, she began law school at Chicago-Kent College of law and received her JD in 1994. Sally has been practicing employment law ever since, currently has her own firm “Law Office of Sally A. Comin” in Evanston, IL.

Steven N Gold, BA ’75 is living in Fort Lauderdale, FL since 1982. He has three children, Adam, age 22, Lylah, age 25, and Andrea, age 28. Steven is a professor in the clinical psychology doctoral program at Nova Southeastern University and maintains a private practice in Plantation, FL. He is a past president of APA Division 56 (Trauma Psychology), inaugural editor of the APA journal Psychological Trauma, editor of the upcoming APA Handbook of Trauma Psychology, and author of the book Not Trauma Alone.

Joann Grayson, PhD ’75 is semi-retired. She does work part-time at James Madison University and also does evaluation work in private practice. Joanne and her husband, Phil celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in 2014. They have two grown girls (both professors - one at SUNY Plattsburg and one at University of Richmond) and two grandchildren. This year Joanne received the Carol S. Fox Making Kids Count Award from Voices for Virginia’s Children.

Randy Hammer, PhD ’75 is retired from private practice and is living in Destin Florida. His practice for many years involved individual psychotherapy, couples therapy and sexual medicine. I was also a certified sex therapist.

Robert Ivnik, PhD ’75 finished his 37 year career as a Clinical Neuropsychologist at the Mayo Clinic at the end of 2014. He introduced Clinical Neuropsychology as a subspecialty to Mayo in 1977. During his career Mayo’s clinical services, postdoctoral training, and research activities have grown dramatically, along with an equally dramatic growth of the institution. Upon Bob’s retirement, a staff of 18 Clinical Neuropsychologists (including Dr. Beth Rush, another Wash. U. Ph.D.), 4 postdoctoral fellows, and 20+ psychometrists constitute the neuropsychology practice across Mayo’s three primary campuses (Rochester, Jacksonville, Scottsdale). Bob and his wife Marie are retiring to Loveland, CO.

Barbara Kennard, BA ’75 is a psychotherapist in private practice in Madison, NJ working with children, adolescents and adults. She has an MSW from Columbia University, NYC and has trained extensively in the Internal Family Systems model. Barbara also developed several programs for girls to help develop competence and confidence in relationships and other life spheres. Her husband of 36 years is also
Claretta McDaniel, BA ’77 obtained a graduate degree in Counseling with a concentration in Student Development in Higher Education after 15+ years of working as a consultant and business systems analyst. Currently, Claretta is the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, DC.

Eric Wish, PhD ’77 is the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) at the University of Maryland, College Park. This past year, Eric was awarded a 5 year grant from NIDA/NIH to direct the new coordinating center for NIDA’s National Drug Early Warning System (NDEWS). “I owe much of my career success to the training I received at WU from Marvin Cummins, Aaron Rosen, Arthur Shulman and Lee N. Robins.”

Amy Ansehl, BA ’78 is currently working at New York Medical College. She is an interim assistant dean of public health practice and executive director of the partnership for a healthy population. Amy works extensively in the area of population health promotion leadership and management. She is also a founding member of the children’s environmental health center of the Hudson valley and is the current vice chair of the board of directors for visiting nurse services Westchester group which also serves the Bronx, Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Rockland counties.

Rachel Azrin, BA ’78 is a Behavior Therapist with a successful private practice. She has many awards and publications. Rachel has helped thousands of people with behavior problems for over 30 years. She lives in Aventura, Florida.

Perry Sailor, BA ’78 is a Senior Research Analyst and Assistant Director in the Institutional Research section of the Office of Planning, Budget, & Analysis at the University of Colorado, in Boulder. Perry has been there 16 years.

Ellen Shiwolich, BA ’78 is a singer/songwriter and music reviewer and has been involved in music since graduating.

Phoebe Cirio, BA ’79 completed her MSW at the WU Brown School in 1984. Since then Phoebe has maintained a private practice in psychotherapy and psychoanalysis. She graduated from the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute as an adult analyst in May, 2014. Her practice is in Clayton and she is a candidate in child psychoanalysis at the New Orleans/Birmingham Psychoanalytic Center.

Bart Freer, BA ’79 is a clinical research assistant with the section of colon and rectal surgery at the Washington University School of Medicine.

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Thomas Distler, BA ’80 is an entertainment lawyer in Manhattan, specializing in theatre, film and television. “Psychology was one of my majors and I have to say the most helpful for what I do.”

Pamela Meyer, BA ’80, holds an MBA from Harvard, an MA in Public Policy from Claremont Graduate School, and is a Certified Fraud Examiner. She now owns and is CEO of Calibrate, Inc. Calibrate trains managers, Board members, lawyers, and investigators in deception detection, information elicitation, and insider threat analysis. You can see a TED talk she gave on [How to Spot a Liar](https://www.ted.com/talks/pamela_meyer/how_to_spot_a_liar) which is one of the 20 top TED talks of all time. Pamela also wrote a book on the science of deception called [Liespotting: Proven Techniques to Detect Deception](https://www.elsevier.com/books-and-journals/lie-spotting-proven-techniques-to-detect-deception/pamela-meyer/978-0-12-813910-7).

William N. Robiner, PhD ’81 continues to practice in the Department of Medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He has been collaborating the last few years on a series of articles with Barry Hong, Ph.D., the Vice Chairman, of Clinical Affairs, in the Department of Psychiatry at the Washington University School of Medicine. Their most recent article about the history of psychologists in medical schools was published in 2014 in [American Psychologist](https://americanpsychologist.org). Elizabeth E Jones Seebach, BA ’82 is the chair of the Psychology Department at Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota. After 10 years of private practice as a clinical child psychologist and pediatric neuropsychologist, Beth returned to teaching and research on body image and eating disorders. She lives in Wisconsin with her two dogs and enjoys visits with her daughter when she is on
break from her studies at Wellesley College.

David S Bush, PhD, ’82 continues to enjoy and remains very active in the practice of forensic neuropsychology in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. His daughter, Lauren, is a first year Ph.D. student in the clinical psychology program at Northwestern in Chicago. Her focus is autism research. His son, Eli, is a successful film producer. David and his wife, Susie, travel as much as possible and David is a passionate street photographer. You can check out some of his photos at: https://500px.com/dsbush1.

David B Cohen, BA ’82 is at the Texas Dept. of Assistive and Rehab as a Programmer Analyst, assisting Central Office and Field staff with data needs to help Texans with disabilities return to work. “My work with Dr. Merbaum, Dr. Erber, and Dr. Green are invaluable in interpreting data and making data intelligible and actionable information. David’s plan is to “retire” as a High School math teacher in a few years.

Randi (Joffe) Cowen, PhD ’82 retired from Private Practice and now works part-time as a Consultant Psychologist. She does Psycho-diagnostic work-ups on preschool children with special needs and sees an abundance of children on the Autism spectrum as well as ADHD. Randi’s husband retired several years ago so they are now traveling a lot. “My training in clinical psychology has provided me with a very flexible career through the years.”

Alice Tourville, BS ’82 had a great career, combining nursing, psychology, and social work. Currently, Alice facilitates a Support Group for the Missouri Osteoporosis Foundation. She’s 84 and lives in a retirement village.

Cindy Scott Treece, BA ’82 is a professional fundraiser (Senior Development Officer) at Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas for the past five years. They are finishing the first major capital campaign ever to benefit a public hospital!

Elizabeth "Betsy" Troeder, BA ’82 went on to earn her Masters of Landscape Architecture at the University of Edinburgh College of Art in Scotland. She has since transitioned to land planning for the US Army as an Army Civilian, recently returned from a 12-month tour to Afghanistan, and now works at the Pentagon.

Debbie (Dinkin) Feldman, BA ’83 has a Masters in Social Work and has been in private practice as a Geriatric Care Manager since 1991. Debra is an advocate for seniors and assist families in navigating the challenges of aging.

Dondeneita Fleary, BS ’83 is currently managing D-CIPP, (Discharge-Clinical Intervention Planning for Post-Emancipation) for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. The program was developed to increase the likelihood of stability and success for youth who are “aging out” of foster care.

Amy Suzanne Newman, PhD ’84 is in private practice in Chicago. Her daughter, Alyssa, is attending Duke University in a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology and Amy’s son, Miles, is studying anthropology at DePaul University.

Allison Weinstein, BA ’84 is living in Richmond, Virginia and is co-president of Weinstein Properties. Allison also received her juris doctorate in 1987 at WashU002E

Daphne Powers Fossell, BA ’85 is enjoying life with her husband of 25 years and has two wonderful grown daughters. She is a consultant software engineer at MasterCard in St. Louis.

Robert Lee, BS ’85 is the Functional Leader at the American Job Center - North Oaks Plaza, employed by St. Louis County

Allison Lootens Putman, BA ’85 received a Master’s Degree in Social Work from the University of Houston in 1989. She worked in private practice as a psychotherapist for 10 years, and then founded a non-profit corporation, Resolve It Inc., in Houston. Resolve It works with children who are at-risk. The primary focus is working with children who have been victims of child abuse, neglect, bullying, and other forms of victimization. In addition, they operate a truancy intervention program in Galveston County.

Douglas A. Klein, BA ’86 co-authored the 2nd edition of The Enthusiastic Employee (2013). He is Principal and Chief Leadership Advisor at Sirota working as an organizational psychologist focused on organizational survey research and human resources and management consulting.

Kristen M. Temple, BA ’86 lives in Columbia, Missouri. She is the Associate Director of Residential Life for Residential Academic Programs at the University of Missouri. Kristen has been at Mizzou since 1991.

Peggy Bost, BA ’87 is an LCSW and graduate of Columbia University School of Social Work.

Douglas Johnson, BA ’87 is currently the Director of the Center for Learning, Teaching and Research at Colgate University. He joined Colgate’s Department of Psychology in 1996 after receiving his MA (’90) and PhD (’92) from Johns Hopkins University. Doug’s post-doctoral fellowship was at the National Institutes of Health (’92 - ’96). As a scholar, he studies human cognition, with an emphasis on attention, memory, and the development of expertise as well as teach a variety of courses, including Introduction to Psychology, Human Cognition, Research Methods, Statistics, and Attention and Memory. Doug is an award winning teacher at Colgate and attributes a lot of that to the teaching he experienced at WUSTL. At Colgate, besides directing the Center for Learning, Teaching and Research, he has also served as associate dean of faculty (2007-2010) and chair of the scientific perspectives program (2004-2007).

Caryn Rubenstein, BA ’87 attended Nova Southeastern Law School receiving her Juris Doctor in 1990. She worked for a private firm for 15 years before starting her own law firm 5 years ago, concentrating in residential real estate. Caryn currently works as a settlement officer at NRT Title Agency in Princeton, New Jersey where she runs the Princeton office. In addition to her law license, Caryn is also a licensed title officer. She has been married for 25 years and has two children, a junior at SUNY Binghamton and a junior in high school.
Sue Boland, PhD ‘88 is in her 25th year of teaching psychology at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.

Steve Coen, BA ‘88 earned his MS and PhD in Clinical Psychology from Ohio University. He has been a licensed Psychologist for more than 20 years, now working in managed behavioral healthcare.

Angela Rosenberg Hauger PhD ‘88 is a Professor in the Psychology and Sociology Department and the Director of the Gerontology Program at the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN. Angela also has a small private practice in Duluth. Her husband and she have raised four children and have six grandchildren. They live in rural Duluth overlooking Lake Superior.

Pamela Owens, BA ‘88 completed her PhD in Health Policy and Epidemiology from Yale University in 1999 then went to a post-doctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2001. She is currently a Senior Research Scientist at the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), serving as the Scientific Lead of the AHRQ Quality Indicators. Although Pam works in Washington DC, she is currently living in St. Louis, is married and has 3 boys.

Laura Reilly, BA ‘88 is a resident of Niagara Falls, NY and is the proud Mom of two teenage boys. Laura has been on the faculty of SUNY Buffalo Law School since 2002.

Gary Scheiner, BA ‘88 is owner and clinical director of a diabetes education/management practice near Philadelphia focusing on intensive insulin therapy. Gary has written 6 books on diabetes management and was named 2014 Diabetes Educator of the Year by the American Association of Diabetes Educators. He and his wife Debbie (Wash U BA ‘87) just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They have four kids.

Ruth Davies Sulser PhD ‘88 is the Assistant Chief of Psychology and Behavioral Health at the St. Louis VA Health Care System.

Christine M. Wietlisbach, BA ‘88 has lived in the Palm Springs, CA area for 20 years. She maintains a full-time clinical practice in hand therapy at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage; and is an Asst. Professor at West Coast University in Los Angeles teaching hand therapy. She is currently serving her second term as a Senate-appointee to the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.

Chris Cerrato, BA ‘89 got a job in retail management, moved back to Little Rock and got a job in sales of commercial office furniture. After 20 years at one company as VP of sales, Chris left and started Evo Business Environments. His two boys joined the company as well. His wife is a Wash U grad and practices medicine.

Eleni Demas Clark, BA ‘89 went to graduate school for a Masters in Physical Therapy at WashU. Now twenty three years later, she is still practicing PT doing Home Health principally for the geriatric homebound in Potomac, Maryland. Eleni is married with two teenage daughters and she enjoys running, yoga and coaching soccer.

Teresa M. Roberts, BA ‘89 lives in Boston, MA. She earned a MSN in 1994 and a PhD in 2004.

Rena Singer, BA ‘89 is now Director of Communications for the global development organization, Landesa. She lives in Seattle with her husband and two children.

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Sara (Kudlacik) Erlbbaum, BA ‘90 teaches a specific meditation called iRest to veterans experiencing PTSD and is looking to bring this practice to law enforcement officers. Sara would appreciate the opportunity to connect with anyone who is interested in conducting research with either of these populations. Sara also serves as an elected official in her township.

Arthur Goodwin, BA ‘90 is currently a Senior Research Associate with the UNC Highway Safety Research Center. He studies teen driver safety, distracted driving, motorcyclist safety, alcohol impaired-driving, and other topics related to driving safety.

Valerie Maduro, BA ‘90 is currently the laboratory manager of the Undiagnosed Diseases Program Translational Laboratory at the National Institutes of Health in Rockville, Maryland.

Allan Parungao, BA ‘90 received his MD from Southern IL University (SIU) School of Medicine. He completed his Integrated Plastic Surgery Residency at SIU in 2001 and has been practicing plastic surgery in Chicago since 2001. Allan currently focuses on Hair Transplantation surgery for Bosley Medical Chicago and has an office on the Magnificent Mile on Michigan Ave.

Andrew Pomerantz, BA ‘90 is Professor of Psychology and Director of the Clinical Psychology Graduate Program at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He earned his MA and PhD in clinical psychology at Saint Louis University. He is the author of the textbook *Clinical Psychology: Science, Practice, and Research* (3rd ed., DSM-5 Update), published by Sage. He also maintains a part-time private practice in St. Louis.

Elise Greenberg, BS ‘91 is now an working as a paraprosfessional with Easter Seals/United Cerebral Palsy of North Carolina/Virginia after many years of working as a Certified Activity Director in long-term care. She lives in Waynesville NC.

Ruth Knittel, BS ‘91 is working at Working at Alcatel-Lucent as a Director in Deployment Services.

Fiona Elizabeth Gallahue, BA ‘92 is an Associate Professor and the Residency Program Director for Emergency Medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle. She moved to Seattle from NY in 2008 to help establish the emergency medicine residency program receiving accreditation in 2011. Fiona is married to her high school sweetheart and has daughters, ages 6 and 8.

Amy V Davis, BA ‘92 completed her graduate training at Rosalind Franklin University (formerly The Chicago Medical School), earning a Ph.D. in clinical neuropsychology. Amy is married with two children (ages 16 and 12), and lives in the Chicago area. She is a board certified neuropsychologist practicing at community-based hospital in pediatric neuropsychology.
Bertha Doar, PhD ’92 is the Director of Assessment at the St. Louis Public Schools.

F. Richard Ferraro, Post Doctoral Fellow ’92 was recently named Editor-in-Chief of Current Psychology, an international psychology journal published by Springer (NY).

Tracy Haffner, BA ’92 did the 3/2 program at Wash U and received a BA in Psychology and MBA. “I have used my psychology degree in so many ways the past 22 years as a leader, a manager, and a marketer of consumer goods. It has been invaluable!”

Kimberly Ann Jessie, BA ’92 went on to earn her PhD in Child Clinical Psychology in 1998 from the University of Memphis. Kimberly has been in solo private practice in Bethesda, Maryland, since 2000, where she conducts neuropsychological evaluations and sees children and adolescents in psychotherapy.

Tobi Jasper Rousso, BA ’92 graduated from the University of Miami School of Law in 1995. She has lived in South Florida ever since. Tobi has a daughter who started 9th grade and a son who started 7th grade in August 2014.

Michelle (Rubenstein) Albright, BA ’93 went on to obtain a PhD in Psychology from University of Illinois (Clinical Psychology with a Community & Prevention minor). She completed an internship at University of Maryland, and then did a NIMH sponsored post-doc in Quantitative Training in Mental Health Research at NYU. Michelle now has her own consulting company and is Director, Albright Consulting and Consultant. She is doing a range of things including individual and family therapy/counseling, workshops for families and educators, and program evaluation. Michelle is also a consultant for the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence and serves part-time as the Director of Youth Services in her town of Westport, Connecticut. Visit Michelle at Albright Consulting

Spencer Greene, BA ’93 earned an MS in Immunology and then went on to earn his MD from Albany Medical College. After he completed an emergency medicine residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Spencer served on active duty with the USAF and served as an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at The Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine. He went on to complete a medical toxicology fellowship at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center in Phoenix then moved on to the University of Arizona, where he was the program director for the Medical Toxicology Fellowship. In 2012, Spencer moved to Houston, where he is the Director of Medical Toxicology and an Assistant Professor of Medicine & Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. Spencer is married to Heather and has two children, ages 9 and 11.

Violet E. Horvath, BS ’93 has lived in Honolulu, Hawaii for more than 12 years. She is Director of the Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center and works on multiple community and research projects to better the lives of persons with all types of disabilities.

Scott Plimpton, BA ’93 is pleased to report that all is well out in Sunny Southern California! Scott is happily married for the past 15 years and is working steadily as a Studio Teacher for Nickelodeon.

Laura K Sanders, BA ’93 went to medical school at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, became an Ophthalmologist (graduating from Northwestern) and did a fellowship in plastic and reconstructive surgery at The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary in NYC. Laura now lives in Chicago and works in private practice at the Chicago Eye Institute as well as is a Clinical Instructor in Ophthalmology at both Northwestern and The University of Chicago. In her spare time, Laura also has become a metal smith and loves to fabricate jewelry primarily in silver. “I think my background in psychology has really helped me understand patients better and I am deeply thankful for the excellent education I received at Wash U.”

Lauren Stricof, BA ’93 is an Account Executive at HBO the past 21 years.

Sheila Renee Black, PhD ’94 is an associate professor at University of Alabama.

Shari Harley, BA ’94 founded and runs a communication skills training company called Candid Culture, bringing candor back to the workplace, making it easier to tell the truth at work. Shari is also the author of the book How to Say Anything to Anyone and is a public speaker regarding helping make work a better place to be.

Samar Islam, BA ’94 went to dental school at Northwestern University and now practices dentistry in suburban Chicago. Syed is married and has three little children.

Victoria A. Osborne, BA ’94 finished her PhD in social work from the Brown School at Washington University. She was faculty in social work and public health at University of Missouri before joining faculty at St Louis University School of Medicine, in the department of Family and Community Medicine. Victoria recently accepted a position as Research Scientist with North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health Systems, where she continues research in substance abuse and behavioral health integration in primary care settings. Her lab focuses on motivational interviewing and psychotherapy interventions for substance misuse with particular focus on screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment within primary care, including training clinicians in this model. Additionally, Victoria studies the impact of health promotion and patient/consumer health education on substance use behavior change.

Amy Romano, BA ’94 is living in NY with her husband and two children. She is in Corporate Accounting at Coach, Inc., the high end accessories retailer for the last 15 years.

Adam Schreiber, BA ’94 lives in Philadelphia with his wife Teresa, an 8 year-old daughter, Jolie and a 6 year-old son, Jonah. Adam has been an acupuncturist for over 10 years. He has his own office and also practices at the University of Pennsylvania’s Abramson Cancer Center.

Sarah Graff, BA ’95 went to rabbinical school at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. She has been a rabbi at Congregation Kol Emeth in Palo Alto, CA for 14 years now.
Alyse Levine, BA ’95 runs a successful college counseling firm, Premium Prep, overseeing a team of college counselors.

Katherine Raichle, BA ’95 earned her PhD in Clinical Psychology at the University of Iowa and is now an associate professor of Psychology at Seattle University and an affiliate professor at University of Washington in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine. Katherine lives in Seattle with her husband and two young kids, Olivia and Barrett 2.

Alex Strazzanti, BA ’95 started Strazzanti Photography & Art in the Seattle area in 2003 after receiving his Master of Social Work degree from WashU and working in social services for ten years. Visit Alex at Strazzanti Photography & Art

Therese Jacques, BS ’96 graduated with a Master’s of Arts from Saint Louis University and is currently a Licensed Professional Counselor employed in the University Counseling Center at Saint Louis University.

Sara Wilcox, PhD ’96 is the Director of the CDC-funded University of South Carolina Prevention Research Center within the Arnold School of Public Health. The focus of the center is promoting physical activity in communities, with an emphasis on faith communities. Along with a colleague at USC, Sara also recently received a 5-year NIH grant to study the prevention of excessive weight gain in pregnancy and weight loss in postpartum among overweight women.

Thomas Burroughs, PhD ’97 is now the Executive Director in the St Louis University Center for Outcomes Research and a Professor of Internal Medicine and of Health Management and Policy.

Risa Broudy, BA ’97 is a Clinical Psychologist directing the psychology training clinic called The Meltzer Center in the Department of Psychology at The George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Alison Chasteen, PhD ’97, an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Toronto, was awarded Fellow status in both the Society of Experimental Social Psychology (SESP) and the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) this past year.

Rob Persaud, BA ’97 is currently the SVP of Marketing at Community America Credit Union, living in Kansas City with his wife and two children, Harlowe and Finn.

Marian Coffman, BA ’98 joined the Army Reserve in high school and has worked part time as a Mental Health Specialist with the Army Reserve since March 15, 1986. Marian has been deployed to Iraq 2004-2005 and Afghanistan 2013 as a Noncommissioned Officer in Charge. She is currently working as a First Sergeant with the 226th Transportation Detachment out of Fort Sheridan, Illinois. On the civilian side, Marian works full time (17 years now) as a Youth Specialist with Missouri Department of Social Services. She also works full time with US Department of Veterans Affairs as a Veterans Service Representative. This is a new career she began last August. In this position, she processes veteran’s applications for service connected compensation and educate the public on the resources available to our veterans through the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Shannon Dressler, BA ’98 is the high school social worker at the Churchill school and center in New York City since 2003 and also has a private practice working with children, adolescents, and families.

Emily Anne Garrett, BA ’98 lives in Burlington, VT with her husband and two children. She owns Laughing River Yoga where she teaches yoga, leads teacher training programs and works to create a more conscious community.

Marsica (Singleton) Owens, BA ’98 has been in workers compensation insurance for over 15 years and is currently a Regional Claims Manager. Marcie has two children in college now. She also sells Mary Kay cosmetics as a hobby. Her husband, Jeff, sells insurance for State Farm.

Sarah Noonan, BA ’01 earned her PhD in clinical psychology, with a specialization in neuropsychology, from the San Diego State U – UC San Diego joint doctoral program. She then completed her internship and fellowship through the VA Boston Healthcare System. Sarah is now a practicing neuropsychologist at VA Puget Sound, and lives in the greater Seattle area with my husband and 6-wk-old son.

Peter T. Richstmeier, BA ’01 finished his PhD in Linguistics at the University of Arizona in 2008. Peter continued his education and graduated from Purdue University In August 2014 with a clinical master’s degree in speech language pathology. That same month he started work as an assistant professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK

Amy Waterman, PhD ’01 is a Social Psychologist and Associate Professor in Residence in the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Division of Nephrology and the Founder of the nonprofit corporation, Explore Transplant. For both adult and pediatric patients, Dr. Waterman’s Transplant

Cleveland, Ohio. She and her husband Mike welcomed their first child in October 2014.

Rebecca (Schnitzer) Kotok, BA ’99 obtained her Master’s Degree in School Counseling from Johns Hopkins University. She is a school counselor at an elementary school in the Montgomery County Public School System. She lives outside of Washington, DC with her husband and four children.

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Ashleigh Blankenship, BA ’00 is an occupational therapist working in Seattle for a large hospital providing inpatient, outpatient and ergonomic consultation services.

Wanda Lynn Wright, BS ’00 remains employed with the State of Missouri. She expects to retire within a year and then seek part-time work or enjoy more hobbies.

Sarah Noonan, BA ’01 earned her PhD in clinical psychology, with a specialization in neuropsychology, from the San Diego State U – UC San Diego joint doctoral program. She then completed her internship and fellowship through the VA Boston Healthcare System. Sarah is now a practicing neuropsychologist at VA Puget Sound, and lives in the greater Seattle area with my husband and 6-wk-old son.

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Ashleigh Blankenship, BA ’00 is an occupational therapist working in Seattle for a large hospital providing inpatient, outpatient and ergonomic consultation services.

Wanda Lynn Wright, BS ’00 remains employed with the State of Missouri. She expects to retire within a year and then seek part-time work or enjoy more hobbies.

Sarah Noonan, BA ’01 earned her PhD in clinical psychology, with a specialization in neuropsychology, from the San Diego State U – UC San Diego joint doctoral program. She then completed her internship and fellowship through the VA Boston Healthcare System. Sarah is now a practicing neuropsychologist at VA Puget Sound, and lives in the greater Seattle area with my husband and 6-wk-old son.

Peter T. Richstmeier, BA ’01 finished his PhD in Linguistics at the University of Arizona in 2008. Peter continued his education and graduated from Purdue University In August 2014 with a clinical master’s degree in speech language pathology. That same month he started work as an assistant professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK

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Erica Rosen-McGinnis, BA ’02 received her MSW from the WU Brown School of Social Work. She is currently a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice in Wildwood, MO.

Cinnamon Stetler, MA ’02 is teaching at Furman University where she was granted tenure and promoted to Associate professor in 2013. Cinnamon teaches courses in Health Psychology and Abnormal Psychology, as well as first-year and senior seminars. Her research interests are the health effects of stress and the placebo response.

Brian Demmer, BA ’03 is currently an Assistant Professor of Psychology and of Neurobiology at Yale University. Steve’s laboratory studies neural mechanisms of social behavior in nonhuman primates.

G Brock George, BA ’03 has combined his writing skills; knowledge of technology; educational interests in psycholinguistics, org psych and the EMT certification he gained at Wash U; as well as his invaluable work with John Newcomer in the Psychiatry Department and counseling training and experience provided by Dr. Suzanna Rose (adjunct from UMSL) to be an IT Technical Writer with an emphasis on Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery planning and execution.

Sara (Lindenbaum) Goldfarb, BA ’03 moved to Tucson, Arizona and obtained her JD from the University of Arizona in ’06. After a judicial clerkship, Sara worked as a staff attorney from 2010-2014 with the Pima County Office of Children’s Counsel, a law office specializing in the legal representation of abused and neglected minors. She met her husband, Captain Joshua Goldfarb, in Tucson in 2011, and was married in 2013. Due to his job, they recently relocated to an area near Pensacola, FL, where Sara is searching for full-time employment and writing a novel.

Blair Hedges, BA ’03 earned a Master of Arts in Higher Education and Student Affairs at Ohio State in 2007 then worked for Jewish Life at Duke in Durham, NC for a number of years. She then returned to school and earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in 2013 via the University of Alabama at Birmingham’s Accelerated Master’s of Nursing Program. Blair now works as an RN on a hospitalist unit at UAB and is finishing up her Master of Science in Nursing. She will soon be a Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Blair is also getting married in September of this year and lives in Birmingham, Alabama with her fiancé and their fat cat, Gordon.

Gillian Kennedy, BA ’03 manages integrated marketing for Tillamook Cheese. This amazing cheese can now be found at Schnucks, so keep an eye out! Gillian lives in Portland, Oregon, is married and she had their first child this past December.

Rachel (Alexander) Protzel, BA ’03 is currently a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at SSM St. Mary’s Health Center in St. Louis and a mother of two.

Brittani Baldwin, BA ’04 is now a clinical psychologist and neuropsychologist for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences/Arkansas State Hospital. She also serves as the Assistant Training Director for the Predoctoral Internship Program.

Cameron Eckstein, BA ’04 is Vice President of Commercial Bank Risk and Operations at MUFG Union Bank in San Diego.

Steven Parsons, BA ’04 has been working in advertising in Minneapolis the past 6 years. Currently he oversees
Amy Reahard Stutety, BA ’04 received a MS in Art Therapy from Eastern Virginia Medical School. She worked at a school for children with Autism and as a crisis counselor at a community mental health outpatient facility. Amy then moved back home to Indianapolis last year and is the mother of two young boys.

Sabrina Ursaner, BA ’04 is the Director of Practice Management at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York. Sabrina graduated from NYU School of Law in 2010, and then clerked in the Delaware Court of Chancery for former Chancellor William B. Chandler III and Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock III.

Before joining Wachtell, Lipton in her current role, she was a litigation associate in the Delaware office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati focusing on matters involving Delaware corporate law, fiduciary duties, corporate governance, defensive measures, and various statutory requirements and litigation issues relating to corporate transactions.

Victoria Willard, BA ’04 earned her PhD in Child Clinical Psychology from Duke University in September 2011. She completed a predoctoral internship at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, OH and then a postdoctoral fellowship at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Tori just started a junior faculty position at St. Jude this summer, where the majority of her time is spent in research with a focus on social functioning in children with cancer. Tori also spends about a third of her time doing therapy and assessment with children through the Psychology Clinic.

Aaron Winkler, BA ’04 is back in school after some years in the music industry. Aaron is a third year medical student at Wake Forest University in North Carolina where he has initiated his own clinical research testing if ornamental plants in patient rooms improve outcomes just by making the healing environment more pleasant. He also spear-headed the creation of a new peer-reviewed journal, the Wake Forest Journal of Science & Medicine, the first issue of which is set to be released in early 2015. Aaron is actively considering psychiatry largely due to his wonderful psychology experience at Wash U.

Erica Daiell, BA ’05 received her JD from Northwestern University, practiced litigation for a while at a Chicago Loop firm, and currently does labor relations work in the law department of the Chicago Transit Authority.

Vivian Chen, BA ’06 has danced professionally in Chicago, obtained her MBA at UCLA Anderson School of Management, worked at Mars, one of the largest private companies in US and is currently working at Mattel as a Marketing Manager for top girl brands such as Disney’s Sofia the First and Monster High.

Kelly Lynn Donahue, BA ’06 earned her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Indiana University in 2012 and completed her internship training at the University of Chicago at Illinois Dept. of Psychiatry. Kelly is currently a postdoctoral research and clinical fellow in Adolescent Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Hannah Reed, BA ’06 is now an MD in a combined residency and fellowship child psychiatry training program at Yale University School of Medicine’s Albert J. Solnit Integrated Training Program with a research and clinical focus on autism spectrum disorder.

Ben Schumacher, BA ’06 pursued a career in management consulting graduating from Harvard Business School in 2011. Ben shifted to the non-profit sector, focusing on strategy and leadership development at Teach For America in the Office of the co-CEOs. In 2014, Ben joined the founding team of a new charter management organization in Nashville, TN called Valor Collegiate Academies where he currently teaches 5th grade science. Ben also happily married his long-time girlfriend, Regina, in May of 2013.

Robert W. Stillings, BA ’06 is doing well with wife Chrissy, 2 kids (Colby 13, Mckenzie 2), and a baby due in December. Currently he is an Armor Captain in the U.S. Army in Command of HHT, 2/11th Armed Cavalry Regiment at Fort Irwin, CA.

Giancarlo Colon-Vilar, BA ’07 is currently Chief Resident in the Department of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai Beth Israel in New York City.

Tassy Hayden, BA ’07 graduated from Washington University School of Medicine in 2011 and completed her residency in Family Medicine at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester, MA, in June of 2014. Since this August, Tassy has been employed as a family medicine physician by Mercy in Hillsboro, MO (in Jefferson County), living in Saint Louis City.

Shari Steinman Haxel, BA ’07 graduated with a PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Virginia in August 2014, and is currently on post-doc, studying OCD and related disorders at New York State Psychiatric Institute at Columbia University Medical Center. She has been happily married to her husband, Seth Haxel, since August 2013.

Rebecca Sherman, BA ’07 is an attorney in Anchorage, Alaska working for a firm that represents Native American and Alaska Native Tribes and tribal organizations. Becca went to Alaska from Chicago for a judicial clerkship and fell in love with the land, the people, the outdoors, and the laid-back culture. She decided to stay and found a position that combined her interests in litigation with her interest in helping people, especially disadvantaged populations.

Daniel Winarick, BA ’07 received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology in May 2014 from Adelphi University. He is currently adjunct faculty at Adelphi University and Long Island University - Brooklyn Campus as well as a postdoctoral fellow at the New York Psychoanalytic Institute and Assistant Professor (pending), research track, in psychiatry at Mt Sinai Hospital.

Tanya Antonini, BA ’08 received her PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Cincinnati in August, 2014 after completing her pre-doctoral internship at Texas Children’s Hospital. She is currently staying at Texas Children's Hospital to complete a 2-year post-doctoral fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology.

Tiffany Frey, BA ’08 is managing editor for J&J Editorial. She is also the founder of nido, a coworking and childcare cooperative in Durham, NC. They offer a shared office space and Montessori-
based childcare, all under the same roof. You can see more at Nido.

Sam Richter, BA ’08 received his M.D. degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University in 2012. Sam is currently in his 3rd year of residency training in Radiation Oncology at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Richard A Schatz, BA ’08 is a second year Internal Medicine Resident at the Medical University of South Carolina. “Thanks to WashU for a tremendous education and lifelong friendships!”

Elizabeth Schwartz, BA ’08 is currently an LCSW working as a psychotherapist in private practice in Chicago. “My psychology degree definitely served me well!”

Ashley Tullman, BA ’08 moved to Los Angeles to pursue her doctorate in Clinical Psychology. After completing her PsyD, Ashley is now working in Chicago as a Clinical Health Psychologist for Primary Care Psychology Associates. They provide integrated care with Northwestern Memorial Physicians Group.

Emily Katherine White, BA ’08 is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. She earned her M.A. in clinical psych from UNLV in 2013.

Denise Zona, PhD ’08 and family moved to Germany. Denise is still working for the Air Force and had been asked to establish a health psychology clinic at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (it’s the hospital all our war fighters return through on their way back to the states). It’s a three year assignment. Husband, Kevin is currently teaching high school art and hopes to get a teaching job at one of the department of defense schools. Son, Sol will be a high school junior in the fall...he had the hardest time with the news but came around when he learned that Paris is only a 5 hour drive from our new home.

Patrick Burden, BA ’09 lives in New York City. In 2012, he graduated from Columbia University with a Masters of Science in Social Work. Since earning that degree Patrick has worked at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City as a social worker with the Preventable Admissions Care Team Program.

Andrew Butler, PhD ’09 finished at Duke in a postdoc position last year and began a faculty appointment this past January as an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin.

Candace Farmer, BS ’09 works for WashU at The Genome Institute as the Purchasing and Support Services Manager. She lives in the Wildwood area of St Louis with her husband and two daughters.

Ashley Gold, BA ’09 is pursuing her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the University of Missouri - St. Louis. Her current practicum placements are at Children’s Advocacy Center (child trauma emphasis), Colarelli, Meyer & Associates (consulting firm), and the VA (Spinal Cord Injury unit).

Heather Hayes, PhD ’09 is the Director of Deaf Education Studies and Assistant Professor in the Program in Audiology and Communication Sciences at Washington University School of Medicine. She is also a member of the Leadership Team of a new 5-year collaborative agreement award from the U.S. Department of Education to train doctoral students in the fields of sensory disabilities.

Sarah Ashley Hill, BA ’09 (nee Johnson) is adjusting to life as a mom of a one year old little firecracker of a boy. Sarah is also finishing her doctorate in clinical psychology (PsyD) and working on her resource development dissertation focused on trauma healing in urban, African-American neighborhoods.

Zak E. Josephson, BS ’09 started a company that makes soap products for the ultra-luxury market.

Defne Dinler Oatney, BA ’09 is currently a Somatic Counseling Psychotherapist in Louisville, CO. She has her private practice working experientially with trauma, anxiety, family constellations etc. with adults and teenagers.

Alexander Talkovsky, BA ’09 is currently a fourth year Psychology graduate student at the University of Houston under Peter J. Norton, Ph.D.

Whitney Wade, BA ’09 is currently working as a Senior Research Associate with a diversity-focused executive search firm in Chicago. After her undergrad, she went to the Brown School to complete her MSW.

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Sharon Chien, BA ’10 is on internship at Pillars, a community mental health clinic in the Chicago area. She is in her 5th year as a PsyD student at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Alissa Cooper, BA ’10 is a second year medical student at Alpert Medical School at Brown University.

Dana Cooper, BA ’10 graduated with her MD from Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. She is now in her first year of my Neurology Residency at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

Zainab Delawalla, PhD, ’10 finished her fellowship in Neuropsychology at the West Los Angeles VA and BSBA in 2012 and moved back to her hometown of Atlanta, GA. Zainab is currently an adjunct professor at Oxford College of Emory University, teaching psychobiology and abnormal psychology. She is also a proud mama of two boys, 4-year-old Khaled and 1-year-old Zubin.

Elise Dorsett, BA ’10, returned to her hometown of Raleigh, NC. after living and working in Buenos Aires, Argentina for two years upon graduation. She is now working at New Kind, a branding, design, and communications strategy firm specializing in building community. Elise also teaches yoga and dance tango.

Hannah Eisen, BA ’10 is a first year medical student (D.O.) at Midwestern University in Downer’s Grove, IL.

Alexandra Fine, BA ’10 started Dame Products, a company dedicated to making well-engineered and inventive sex toys. Their first product Eva - a non-intrusive couple’s toy- has become the world most crowdfunded sex toy ever.

Andrea Goldschmidt, PhD ’10 is currently an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience
and Director of the Eating Disorders Program at the University of Chicago. She conducts research on binge eating and obesity in children and adolescents.

Chad Rogers, PhD '10 moved back to St. Louis in 2014 and is a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Otolaryngology at the Med School.

Anne Appleton, BA '11 went on and completed her Masters in Social Work at the George Warren Brown School at Washington University. Anne’s concentration was in Social and Economic Development, with a specialization in Non-Profit Management. She now works at the YMCA of San Francisco, at the region headquarters as a Development Associate planning special fundraising events and furthering the YMCA mission.

Victor van den Bergh, BA '11 obtained his Masters in Educational Policy and Management from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2013. He is currently working in Cambridge, MA, as an educational researcher, specializing in program evaluation in informal learning.

Taylor Martin, BA '11 is a Teach for America alumnus who earned an MA in Teaching from Relay Graduate School of Education. He is now pursuing an acting career in NYC while still working part-time as a curriculum consultant for North Star Academy Charter School of Newark.

Patricia Morency, BA '11 is a graduate student at Widener University, pursuing a dual degree: a Masters in Social Work and a Masters in Education (specialization in Human Sexuality).

Elizabeth (Mulligan) Shumaker, PhD '11 is a staff psychologist at the VA Boston Healthcare System and Track Coordinator of their Geropsychology Training Program. Beth married Erik Shumaker, PhD '12 in October 2013. They were delighted to have many friends from Washington University in attendance. Erik is also currently employed by the VA Boston Healthcare System and works in private practice.

Abigail Russo, BA '11 lives in Boston and holds a master’s degree in International Education Policy from Harvard University. She is the Director of Training and Education for the American Heart Association Tobacco Regulation and Addiction Center at the Boston University School of Medicine.

Debora Spraggins, BS '11 is the Business Officer at the Washington University Olin Library.

Stephanie Breilsford, BS '12 started working at the Medical School in November 2007 and has now been here 7 years. She is now the Assistant Registrar of the Medical School.

Ali Chowdhury, BA '12 is in his second year of dental school at University of Missouri – Kansas City.

Samuel Coster, BA '12 got cancer and then killed it. He owns a video game studio in St. Louis.

Caitlin Gillespie, BA '12 started a Masters in Public Health program at Boston University. She is concentrating in global health and hope to use behavioral change to prevent disease and risk behaviors in Southeast Asia.

Dana Glenn, BA '12 is working as a Research Assistant for the Language Development Project at the University of Chicago. This study’s main goal is to explore language-learning processes in young children.

Robyn Husa, BA '12 is attending St. Louis University for a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology, with an emphasis in Cognitive Neuroscience.

Steven Ley, BS ’12 also completed his master of arts in nonprofit management at WU University College besides his psychology degree and began some teaching there in 2012. He launched Buzzbold to help nonprofits manage complexity and growth with the help of technology and strategy in 2011.

Latoya Smith, BA ’12 is currently a first year medical student at the University of Cincinnati.

Cynthia Wooldridge, PhD ’12 is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Lindenwood University. She also serves as the Assistant Chair of the department, Chair of the Faculty and Student Scholarship Committee, and co-chair of the Student Research Symposium and Exposition Task Force.

Antonya Gonzalez, BA ’13 is currently in a joint M.A./Ph.D. program in Developmental Psychology at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC.

Allie Michels, BA ’13 is currently at Boston University as the Senior Program Coordinator in the department of Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences. She recently relocated to the east coast from Madison, WI where she spent the last year working for Epic. Allie is “thrilled about being back in academia and am grateful to Wash U (particularly the Psych department!) every day for providing me with a really magnificent undergrad experience.”

Alexander Sones, BA ’13 is currently a medical student at UCLA hoping to become a psychiatrist. He sent a shoutout to Dr. Desiree White, “thanks for being a great advisor and mentor!!”

Emily Vanderbleek, BA ’13 is working towards her PhD in Clinical Psychology at Notre Dame.
Elizabeth Jane Nettles, Ph.D. ’78
Elizabeth died April 11, 2014 at the age of 80. She was the loving daughter of the late Edwin Carter Nettles and Louise Robertson Nettles of Wakefield, VA; dear sister of Charles Leland Nettles (Donna) of Syria, VA and the late Edwin Carter Nettles Jr. (the late Kathryn Chappell Nettles); dear aunt of Bryan Chappell Nettles (Christopher Ogle), Kathryn Carter Nettles (Kristie Helms), Louise Robertson Nettles (Christopher) and Edwin Carter Nettles III; great-aunt of Kathryn Sandberg Brodell Johnson (Ian), Gregory Gerard Rogan Jr. and Benjamin Leland Christopher; very special friend of Mrs. Ethel Mae Ellis, who was her companion and caretaker for over 41 years.

Dr. Nettles resided in the St. Louis area since 1956, attended Washington University, and served the St. Louis area for many years in the mental health profession.

Eric James Nuetzel, M.D.
Dr. Nuetzel taught simultaneously in the Department of Psychiatry and the Performing Arts Department at Washington University. Before becoming a doctor, he had considered a career as an actor. He would later settle for acting part-time.

Dr. Nuetzel died of complications from lung cancer in May 2014 at his home in Creve Coeur. He was 63.
After graduating from Ladue Horton Watkins High School in 1968, he earned a degree in anthropology in 1972 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he acted and directed numerous plays.

Dr. Nuetzel graduated from Saint Louis University School of Medicine in 1976. In 1980, after completing his residency in psychiatry at New York State Psychiatric Institute-Presbyterian Hospital, he returned to SLU as an instructor in psychiatry. In 1982, he established a private practice. From 1980 to 1988, he participated in St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute’s training program; and in 1988, he joined the institute’s faculty.

Three years later, he returned to his first love: the theater. He had taught and practiced psychiatry for 15 years when he entered a Washington University master’s program with what he called “a very specific agenda: to study live drama from a psychoanalytic perspective.”

While working on his master’s degree, which he received in 1995, Dr. Nuetzel joined the school’s clinical psychiatry faculty and later taught psychology there. Upon graduation, he became a professor of drama at the school. During the 2000s, he served as secretary and then chair of the Board on Professional Standards for the American Psychoanalytic Association in New York City. He received the Association’s Distinguished Service Award in 2010.

Dr. Nuetzel wrote and edited numerous publications. He served on the editorial board of the Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association and the International Journal of Psychoanalysis. He was a much sought-after speaker for film, theater, performance and psychoanalysis.
Harvey M. Thomas, Ph.D. ‘53

Harvey M. Thomas PhD, 87, Liberty, MO, quietly passed away at home surrounded by his family on Tuesday evening, April 16, 2013. While in high school he was accepted into the Navy V12 officer training program at Missouri Valley College and later was graduated from the Northwestern University Midshipman’s School in 1945. He served aboard the Flagship, U.S.S. Taconic as a Tactical Radar and Photography Officer until the end of the war. Harvey continued his education at William Jewell College and was graduated in 1947. While in college he met Irene Simon who became his wife and best friend over an amazing 65 years of marriage. Following college graduation Harvey and Irene moved to St. Louis where he attended Washington University to pursue a PhD in Psychology graduating in 1953. While at Washington University, Harvey received an invitation to join the Sigma Xi Society for scientific research. Harvey and Irene returned to William Jewell where at age 23, he became Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychology. They spent many years living in Liberty while raising a family of three boys. Changing careers he joined the firm of Nordli, Ogan, Wilson, Consultants to Management in New York City. He later founded his own Consulting firm, Thomas and Associates, Inc., continuing to practice until retirement in 2009.

Harvey enjoyed teaching Sunday School for many years. In 1996 he received the William Jewell College Citation for Achievement and in 2003 the Entrepreneurial Mentor of the Year award from the Kansas City Business Journal. Harvey was an accomplished violinist throughout his lifetime. He loved all types of music and performed throughout his life as a soloist and member of several orchestras. He loved all types of ships and was always engaged in building a new ship model for his extensive collection of sailing vessels. Harvey was an avid hiker and over the years returned to England, Ireland, and France for long "walks in the countryside".

He is survived by his wife Irene and their three sons.