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After a few days of frantic hustle and bustle, we can all take a breath. That's right, the APA site visit was completed last semester. An exciting but nerve-racking time for the PsyD faculty and students the site visit is another step closer to achieving APA full accreditation status. The site visit included a comprehensive 2-day schedule of meetings with University administration, faculty, students, practicum supervisors, and program graduates. It was clear during the feedback meeting that the site visitors thought very highly of our program. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and the site visitors noted everyone's dedication to making this an outstanding program.

The site visit team will write up a report that is submitted to the APA Commission on Accreditation (CoA). That provides detailed information about the program. We will have a month to respond to any concerns raised by the visitors. Those responses, the initial self-study, and site visitors' report will then be reviewed at the April, 2020, meeting of the APA CoA in Washington, DC and we will receive notice of their decision approximately one month later in May of 2020.

Director of our Psy.D. Program, Dr. Wygant, feels very confident about how the site visit went and does not anticipate any major issues that would prevent the program from receiving full accreditation.

EKU Young Alumni Award

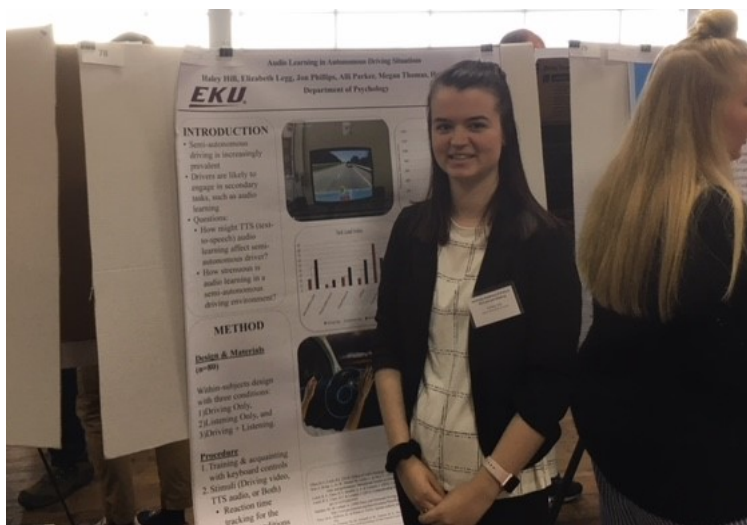
Congratulations to our own Dr. Caelin Scott, a winner of the 2019 ECU Young Alumni Award. The Young Alumni Award is given to someone who is an outstanding role model for our students and prospective students, and has in some way made their mark in less than 10 years after graduation. Caelin graduated with a psychology major in 2007 and currently serves as an Assistant Online Coordinator for our undergraduate e-Campus psychology program. After graduating with her bachelor's degree in psychology she obtained her master's degree in recreation and park administration in 2010, and her doctoral degree in educational leadership and policy studies in 2014. To read Caelin's bio you can head over to the ECU alumni page on the ECU website.



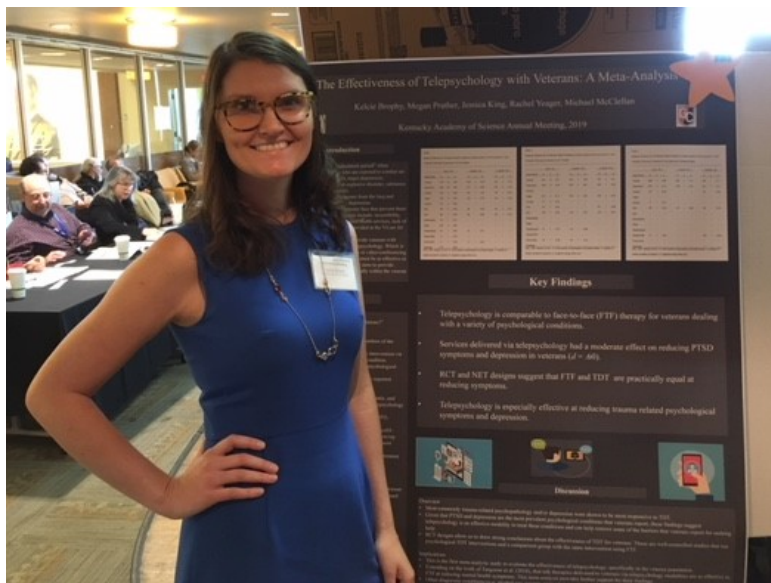
EKU at Kentucky Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting

On the weekend of November 1st, the annual Kentucky Academy of Sciences (KAS) meeting was held in Berea, Kentucky. The Psychology Department at ECU sent 43 undergraduate and graduate students to present their research posters. The KAS conference was a good networking experience for our students, as well as an opportunity for them to gain practice explaining their findings to others attending the conference.

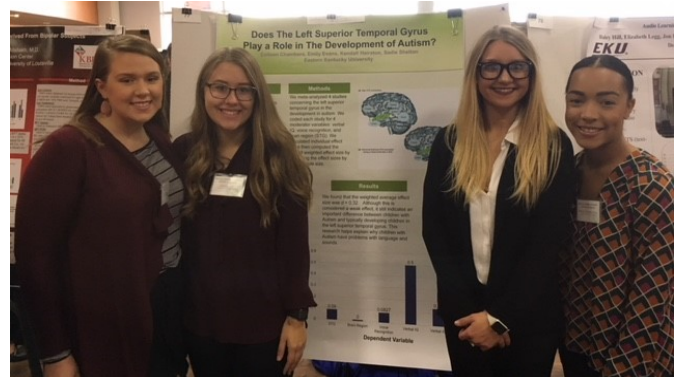
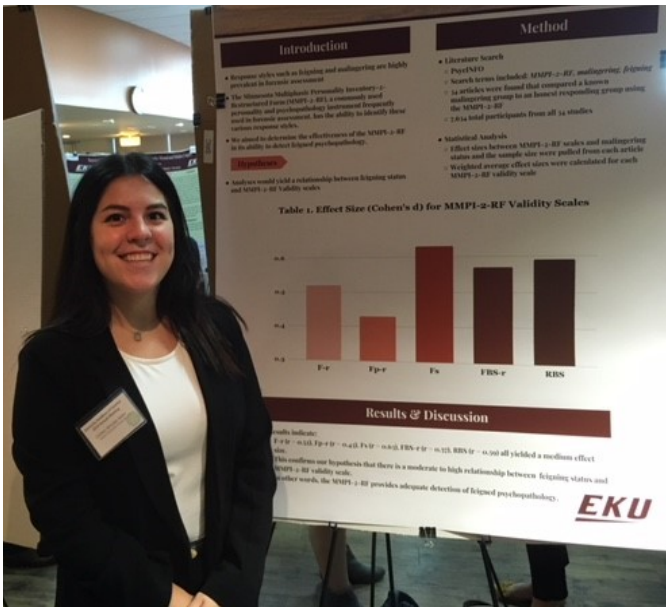
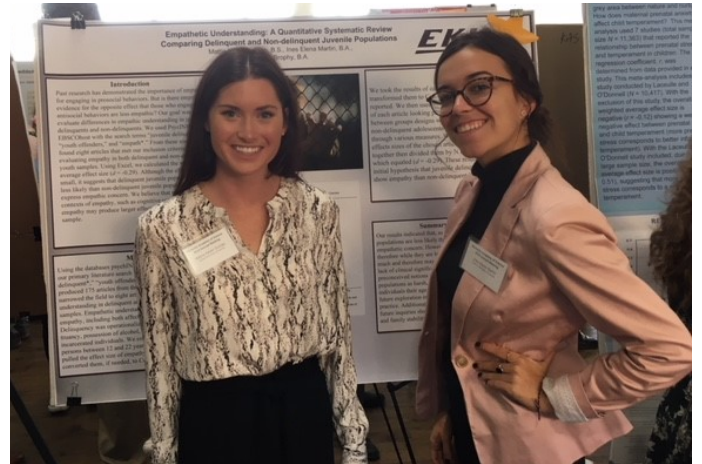
The undergraduate student posters were part of a competition among other schools including NKU, WKU, Berea College and others. One of our students placed 2nd in the poster competition, a big congratulations to Haley Hill! Haley's poster was titled "Audio learning in autonomous driving situations" Her research mentor was Dr. Michael Chen.



Pictured to the left is Haley Hill with her award winning poster.



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Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

Five Eastern Kentucky University students were awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, a highly competitive study abroad grant that receives thousands of applicants per year. It was the highest number of winners at ECU in any one year. The winning Colonels were among 23 named recipients in Kentucky.

Named for former U.S. Rep. Benjamin Gilman, the congressionally funded program is administered by the U.S. Department of State. Around 1,000 scholarships were awarded this summer out of 5,000 students who applied throughout the country. Winners of the scholarship can receive up to \$5,000 to study or intern abroad — ECU's Gilman winners were awarded \$2,000 to \$3,500 each.

Among these five winning Colonels is a psychology major! Brookelynn Brindley who has her sights set on spending the summer in Kenya, received this scholarship award. Congratulations Brookelynn on being awarded this very competitive scholarship!



Mind is the Matter Podcast

Mind is the Matter! Dr. Winslow has created a new departmental podcast. We have reached out to him for a briefing on the details of his creation. The Mind is the Matter podcast has a goal of sharing exciting topics in psychology and highlight the work that is being done currently in the department by professors and students.

Dr. Melinda Moore, Dr. Alex Varakin and Dr. Jon Gore are a few of the people who have been featured as guests thus far on Mind is the Matter with a number of future guests slated for the spring semester. The broad variety of topics of the podcasts make it appealing to more than just our students and faculty. Head over to <https://www.spreaker.com/show/mind-is-the-matter> and see what all is going on with Dr. Winslow and his guests!

Fall 2019, Outstanding Senior List

The Outstanding Senior List for the fall, 2019, semester have been announced. This honor is accorded to students who earn a high GPA and are involved in activities beyond the classroom, in the department, on campus, and in the community. Congratulations to each of you on your exceptional accomplishments.

Outstanding Senior List:

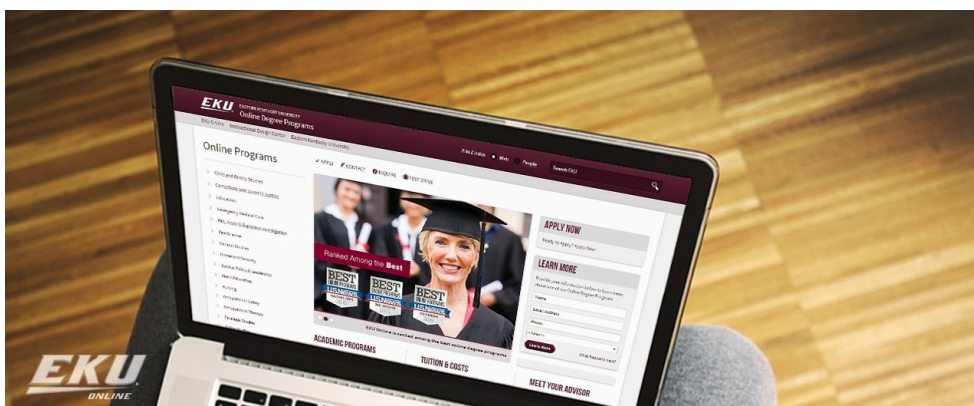
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 Tera Leann Bord
 Logan Burris
 Amanda Carol-Elaine Catalan
 Corey Kip Conklin
 Kasey Nicole Dearing
 John Paul Ferraro
 Leah M. Guggenmos
 Katelyn Abigail Hamblin
 Jordan Taylor Harris
 Aaron Lee Helton
 Paula Lynn Hughes
 Savannah L. Johnson
 Emma P. Moore
 Dylan Hunter Nichols
 Brianna Joyce Williamson



New Online Applied Behavioral Analysis Program

EKU Online offers a new option for a graduate study in psychology. Beginning in the spring of 2020 an Applied Behavioral Analysis concentration will be added to our General Psychology master's degree options, broadening career options for EKU graduates. Also we offer a certification in applied behavioral analysis for those who already holds a master's degree in an associated field who are seeking additional coursework required to pursue their Board Certified Behavior Analyst credential. Dr. Myra Beth Bundy, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, will serve as program coordinator and will develop and teach several of the courses. Students can earn the master's degree in as few as 15 months. Board Certified Behavioral Analysts can hold positions in any setting where there is a need

for behavior change. We are excited about our new online option and wish Dr. Bundy and staff associated with the program good luck!



What has been going on in Cammack?

Halloweenie Boil

This year, the faculty and staff of the Psychology Department celebrated Halloween with students during a special themed event, the Halloweenie Boil! Hot dogs, potato salad, and candy were provided for all. The event ended with a costume contest, where the three best-dressed students received Starbucks gift cards. First place going to Jon Phillips, dressed as Ivan Pavlov, complete with a stuffed dog and a bell!



The Annual Graduate Student Chili Cook-Off

On November 13, 2019, the Department of Psychology hosted the Annual Graduate Student Chili Cook-Off. Seven students entered their chili and while all were quite delicious, Hogan Gagle took the prize with his bison and ground chuck chili. He represented the 2nd-year students in the Psy.D. program and they will be awarded with a celebratory pizza party. A special thanks to all that brought chili, sides, toppings, and especially those that appeased Dr. Brubaker's cornbread cravings.



Psi Chi Update

The members of Psi Chi have been hard at work this semester on a variety of activities and projects. They have placed an emphasis on recruiting new members. The current members held various tablings in Cammack throughout the semester to provide information about the organization. They have also hosted a bake sale in Cammack for students and faculty. This provided ample opportunities for networking about their organization and to raise funds.

Earlier in the semester, Psi Chi partnered with Hope's Wings and participated in their Domestic Violence Awareness March. The event garnered a lot of support from the community. Several different businesses and organizations joined forces to give residents of Madison County more information on what they can do to help to prevent domestic violence. The Psi Chi members have also been selling suicide awareness t-shirts that list the suicide hotline number, as well as a number that is available to text.

Psi Chi hosts an annual Angel Tree for the residents of Madison Towers, an apartment complex here in Richmond. Many of the residents are underserved, and are in need of basic items, which faculty and students provide by purchasing the items as Christmas gifts. Psi Chi hosted a Christmas party at the apartments and distribute the gifts to the residents. Psi Chi is representing our department in a very positive way! If you have the time, stop by and talk to them about the things they have in the works at one of their tablings in Cammack!

