Achievements by the Faculty of the Department of Psychology
James Madison University
2017-2018

Awards:

- Department of Psychology faculty were selected for awards by the College of Health and Behavioral Studies:
  - Kenneth Barron has been awarded the CHBS Madison Scholar Award
  - David Daniel has been awarded the CHBS Distinguished Teacher Award
  - David Szwedo has been awarded the CHBS Outstanding Junior Faculty Award
- Claire Lyons has been awarded the General Education Distinguished Teacher Award
  - [http://www.jmu.edu/gened/LyonsDTA.shtml](http://www.jmu.edu/gened/LyonsDTA.shtml)
- Kimberly DuVall received the Provost’s Award for Excellence in Academic Advising
  - [http://www.jmu.edu/universitystudies/advising-award.shtml](http://www.jmu.edu/universitystudies/advising-award.shtml)
- Jessica Irons received an educational leave for Spring 2019 for her work on improving writing across the behavioral sciences.

Appointments:

- Natalie Kerr was named University of Mary Washington Psychology Graduate-in-Residence.
- David Daniel will be the JMU General Education Cluster 5 Coordinator for a 3 year term.
- Jaime Kurtz will be the Faculty Member in Residence (FMIR) for Fall 2018 in Florence.

Nominations:

- Kenn Barron will be nominated by JMU for a SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award.
- Jessica Irons was nominated for the Provost's Award for Honor's Teaching.
- Jessica Irons is the CHBS nominee for the JMU Ford Faculty Endowment Award.
- David Szwedo is the CHBS nominee for the Goodman Faculty Fellowship Endowment for Excellence in Teaching Award.
- JoAnne Brewster was nominated by a student for the Woman of Distinction Award.
- Bill Evans was nominated for the Provost's Award for Excellence in Global Education.
- The following faculty were nominated for a Provost Advising Award:
  - Bill Evans
  - Kethera Fogler
  - Dan Holt
  - Krisztina Jakobsen
The following faculty were nominated for the Make Your Next Move Award:

- Kevin Apple
- Matt Bukowski (adjunct faculty member)
- JoAnne Brewster
- Jay Davis (graduate student teaching PSYC 101)
- Kimberly DuVall
- Bill Evans
- Bryan Saville

In the News:

- **Kala Melchiori** was interviewed for the radio show “With Good Reason” for her work on confronting prejudice. In the interview, Kala provided tips on having difficult conversations without ruining a family’s holiday gathering. The interview aired on WMRA 90.7 FM on November 22. [https://www.withgoodreasonradio.org/episode/lets-talk-turkey/](https://www.withgoodreasonradio.org/episode/lets-talk-turkey/)
- **Bill Evans** was profiled in JMU Breeze’s Purple & Gold Society. [https://www.breezejmu.org/influentials/2018/](https://www.breezejmu.org/influentials/2018/)

Community Engagement:

- **Bill Evans and the Psychology Service Organization (PSO)** hosted Day with the Dukes. Approximately 60 JMU volunteer “Buddies” partnered with Special Olympic athletes throughout the day.
- **Bill Evans and the Psychology Service Organization (PSO)** once again hosted The Campus Camp. Over 30 student volunteers partnered with children who have experienced grief for this daylong camp.
- **Kristzina Jakobsen** and **Melanie Shoup-Knox** presented “Body Language: Measuring Thoughts without Words” as a workshop at the Expanding Your Horizons JMU conference to introduce young females to STEM. [https://www.jmu.edu/outreach/programs/all/eyh/index.shtml](https://www.jmu.edu/outreach/programs/all/eyh/index.shtml)

Other:

- **Melanie Shoup-Knox’s** proposal for a Visiting Scholar was accepted. Thanks to Melanie’s proposal, Dr. Christy Olezski visited campus during Spring 2018.
- **Kethera Fogler** and **JoAnne Brewster** mentored the research team that won the Michael Serafino Award for Best Undergraduate Poster at the Society for Police & Criminal Psychology meeting. “Influences on Juror Sentencing Decisions” by Amanda Powell, Megan Parker, Kethera Fogler & JoAnne Brewster
- **Lynette Chappell-Williams** (Psychology Alum) is this year’s Distinguished Alumni Award Winner for CHBS. [https://www.alumni.jmu.edu/s/1591/18/interior.aspx?sid=1591&gid=3&pgid=4710](https://www.alumni.jmu.edu/s/1591/18/interior.aspx?sid=1591&gid=3&pgid=4710)
This was a remarkable year for presentations by our faculty and students. During 2017-18 our faculty and students completed 87 conference symposia, workshops, presentations, and posters. Students were listed 138 times as authors or co-authors on these presentations. Works authored by students are indicated by an asterisk (*). These works included:


**Barron, K.E.** (2017, November). Is there a simple formula to understand and improve student motivation? Invited workshop to be presented at Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA.

**Barron, K.E.** (2017, September). How can faculty increase student motivation inside and outside the classroom? Invited talk by JMU’s Center for Faculty Innovation and presented to the faculty of James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

**Barron, K.E.** (2018, May). What’s the formula for understanding and improving student motivation? Invited workshop presented at the annual National Center for Women and Information Technology Summit on Woman and IT, Grapevine, TX.


**Barron, K.E.,** (2017, June) Is there a simple formula to understand and improve student motivation? Invited workshop presented at CFI’s jmUDESIGN institute, Harrisonburg, VA.


Evans, W. (February, 2018). We need more servant-leaders! JMU “Madison Leads” student leadership conference. [Invited Workshop Address]


Evans, W.F. (November, 2017). Service and service learning as a path to meaning in life. Address for JMU’s Make Your Mark on Madison (MYMOM) student leadership organization. [Invited Keynote Address]


Jakobsen, K. V. (2018, April). Rounding out your graduate training. Talk presented at the Department of Psychology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.


Melchiori, K. J. (October 2017). Discrimination against women who are childfree by choice versus childless due to infertility. Presentation for the annual meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Boston, MA.

Melchiori, K. J., Mallett, R. K., & Marx, M. (June 2017). Appeals to conservative values protect confronters from backlash. In R. Bozeman (Chair), Resisting bias by increasing confrontation and decreasing backlash. Symposium for the annual meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Albuquerque, NM.


White, H.* & Taft Young, J. (2018). *Face-name and movie title memory affected by type of animated character and presentation style.* Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Sciences, San Francisco, CA.


Grants received by the Faculty of the Department of Psychology
James Madison University

2017-2018

Grants received in 2017-18:

- **Kenneth Barron** received a grant from Harrisonburg City Public Schools to continue his consulting work (2017-2019; $54,237).
- **Natalie Kerr** received an award from Association for Psychological Science for her project “Giving Psychology Away to Parents: The Inaugural Parent Conference” ($5,000).
- **Jessica Irons** received a grant from the Society of the Teaching of Psychology Conference Speaker Grant Program to help fund a stipend for paying a speaker ($1500). These funds will support The Eastern Teaching of Psychology (ETOP) conference hosted annually by Psychology.

Ongoing Grants:

- **Jeff Dyche** received a grant from The Geneva Foundation/Air Force in support of his study “Efficacy of Battlefield Acupuncture on Lower Back Pain and Sleep” ($16,000, 2017-2019).

Psychology faculty received $17,708 in grant funding from the College of Health and Behavioral Studies:

- **Jessica Irons** ($1,000) and **Michael Hall** ($478) received CHBS Mini Grants to support their scholarship.
- **Melanie Shoup-Knox** received a CHBS research grant to purchase supplies necessary for testing salivary hormones collected from males participants following exposure to female voices recorded at varying phases of the menstrual cycle ($4,000).
- **Kristztina Jakobsen** received a CHBS research grant to purchase software to expand the complexity of her analysis of infant eye tracking ($2,230).
- **Kala Melchiori**, along with colleagues from Health Sciences, received a $10,000 CHBS Collaborative Research Grant.

Psychology faculty received $7,908 in grant funding from JMU departments including the Provost’s Office:

- **Jeff Dyche** received the JMU Provost’s Faculty Development Support Award. He used the funds to replace damaged equipment in the animal operant boxes ($2,470).
- **Michael Hall** received the JMU Provost’s Faculty Development Support Award. He used the funds for his project “Fourier Transforms Derived from Minimal Auditory Signal Durations” ($1,250).
- **Jessica Irons** received the JMU Provost’s Faculty Development Support Award. She used the funds for a carbon monoxide monitor and 2 GSR monitors ($2,058).
- **Krisztina Jakobsen** received the JMU Provost’s Faculty Development Support Award. She used the funds to update software used for eyetracking analysis in her research lab ($1,530).
- **Claire Lyons** received an IDEA grant for the project: “Taking Diversity out of the Box” ($600).
This was a good year for publications by our faculty and students. During 2017-18, the faculty and students of the Department of Psychology produced 31 publications including 3 books, 11 chapters, 11 journal articles, and 6 other forms of scholarly writing. Collectively, students were listed 22 times as co-authors on these publications. (Student authors and co-authors are indicated with an asterisk. These include recent graduates.) These works included:


Gibson, P. R. (2017). Living on the margins with access denied: Introduction to special issue on environmental sensitivities. Ecopsychology, June, 2017


The following is a summary of the professional and community service work of the Department of Psychology faculty and staff:

**Jeffrey Andre**
- Editorial Service: 2 Journals.

**Suzanne Baker**
- American Psychological Association
  - Committee on Division/APA Relations (CODAPAR), Committee Member
  - Summit on High School Psychology Education, Member - [More information](#)
- Eastern Psychological Association, Board of Directors
- Society for the Teaching of Psychology
  - Fund for Excellence, Executive Secretary
  - Elections and Appointments Committee, Chair
- College Board
  - Advanced Placement Psychology Development Committee, Member
  - Educational Testing Service Advanced Placement Psychology Consultant, Reader & Table Leader
- Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, IACUC member
- Editorial Service: 3 Journals, 2 Book publishers

**Kenneth Barron**
- Editorial Service: 2 Journals

**David B. Daniel**
- University of Northern Arizona, External Reviewer
- Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Communication Disorders, External Reviewer
- University of Delaware, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, External Reviewer
- University of Virginia, Efficacy Research Academic Symposium, Group 5 Co-Leader
- Hub for Intro Psych and Pedagogical Research, Advisory Board
- US Department of Education, Spelman College First in the world Program Grant, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Advisory Board Member
- American Psychological Association, Fund for Teaching and Public Understanding of Psychological Science, Committee Member (ended April 2017)
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Psychology, Consulting Editor
- Teaching of Psychology, Consulting Editor
- Transforming Education Through Neuroscience Award Committee, Learning and the Brain Society, Coordinator
- National Academies of Sciences, Engineering & Medicine, How People Learn II: The Science of Learning, Panel Member
- The Noba Project, Advisory Board Member
• Brain, Education, and Neuroscience SIG American Educational Research Association, Board of Advisors
• International Mind, Brain, and Education Society, Board of Advisors
• Learning and Brain Society, Translational Science Advisor
• Cerebrum: Centro Iberoamericano de Neurociencias, Educación y Desarrollo Humano, Translational Science Advisor
• Editorial Service: 8 Journals.

Kimberly D.R. DuVall
• Editorial Services: 1 Textbook Review

Jeff Dyche
• APA Division 19, Military Psychology, Conference Abstract Reviewer
• Editorial Service: 2 Journals

William Evans
• Viktor Frankl Institute in Vienna, Austria, Board of Directors
• Our Community Place, food and clothing donation drives with PSO and Fast for Food
• Day with the Dukes, annual JMU Special Olympics
• Campus Camp, annual grief camp for kids age 5-12
• Character, competency, and caring: Living the US Air Force core values. James Madison University US Air Force ROTC Commissioning Ceremony Keynote Speaker. [Invited Graduation Address]

Catherine Fisher volunteers at the
• First Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen
• Still Meadows’ Enrichment Center and Camp Therapeutic Horse Riding program & day camp
• Salvation Army bell ringing

Pamela Gibson
• Chemical Sensitivity Foundation, Board Member
• Re|Shelter problem of homelessness among persons with chemical sensitivity, Advisory Board
• Ecopsychology, Guest Editor
• Editorial Service: 5 Journals

Michael Hall
• Auditory Perception Cognition and Action Meeting, Program Organizer
• Auditory Perception, Cognition, & Action Research Foundation, Election Board
• Auditory Perception & Cognition, Co-Editor
• Editorial Service: 2 Journals

Daniel Holt
• Valley ABA Cooperative, Coordinator
• Mayo Clinic on treatment compliance in wheelchair bound individuals, Co-Investigator
• Editorial Service: 6 Journals
Jessica Irons
- Eastern Teaching of Psychology, Co-Chair

Krisztina Jakobsen
- Society for the Teaching of Psychology, Teaching Excellence Committee, Chair

Natalie Kerr
- Eastern Teaching of Psychology, Co-Chair
- APS funded Parent Conference, Chair
- PsychED Committee, Co-Chair

Jaime Kurtz
- PsychED Committee, Co-Chair
- Boys and Girls Club of Central Virginia, Teen Summit 2017, Session presentation on goals and motivation

Claire W. Lyons
- Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood, Study Abroad Topic Chair
- Editorial Service: 1 Journal

Kala Melchiori
- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Co-Chair
- Editorial Service: 3 Journals

Monica Reis-Bergan
- Minnesota State – Makatao, External Reviewer
- Works with Plains Elementary School coordinating reading tutors
- Member of the Healthy Community Council and works specifically with the teenage pregnancy prevention work group
- Editorial Service, 1 Journal

Bryan Saville
- Teaching of Psychology Journal, Associate Editor
- Teaching of Psychology Journal, Section Editor for The Generalist's Corner
- Psychology Learning and Teaching Journal, Editorial Board Member
- Editorial Services: 3 Journals

Melanie Shoup-Knox
- Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, Judge
- Intel Shenandoah Regional Science Fair, Judge
- VA Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, Judge
- Frontiers in Evolutionary Neuroscience, Action Editor
- Big Brothers Big Sisters, Volunteer
- Editorial Service, 3 Journals
David Szwedo
- University of Virginia, Volunteer Clinical Supervisor

Tracy Zinn
- Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies (CCBS), Advisory Board Member
- Society for Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Program Review Committee
- Volunteer for the La Leche League, Birth Matters Virginia, and Birth Arts International
- Editorial Service: 3 Journals