Dear Friends of GSPP,

Our students and faculty do not slow down over the summer, as you’ll read about below! From international internships to professional conferences, it is a busy time of year for travel. We’ll tell you about a few trips that are underway, and follow up later this summer as we reconvene on campus.

At this year’s June Commencement, we celebrated the accomplishments of over 75 Master’s level students as they transitioned into our alumni community, poised to use their education and training to make the world a healthier place. We also recognized several faculty members who received...
promotions: Drs. Terri Davis, Mark Aoyagi, Judy Fox, Neil Gowensmith, and Nicole Taylor. We are grateful for their commitment to ensuring our students receive outstanding training and mentorship.

Next month, we look forward to connecting with friends and alumni at the annual APA Convention in San Francisco. (Keep reading for details about a University of Denver happy hour and a schedule of GSPP presentations.)

Even amid all of the celebrations, our hearts are also heavy.

As mental health professionals, we know too well the long-term psychological consequences of forced family separation. We know infants and young children are vulnerable and profoundly impacted by early experiences. We know the stressors immigrant and refugee families face when deportation is a constant fear.

We also know there are ways to use our expertise as effective advocates. Faculty from across our different programs have gathered a list of resources, including positional statements from key mental health organizations and opportunities to take action. We hope you will share additional resources that you come across with us, too.

Thank you for continuing to be part of this community,

Shelly Smith-Acuña

Dean Shelly Smith-Acuña

Taking Psychology Off Campus:
TEDxMileHigh and Comic Con
In the span of just one June weekend, GSPP students and faculty found two creative ways to bring the science of psychology to the general public, helping to **normalize the conversation** around mental health.

On Saturday, June 16th, Dr. Kim Gorgens gave a TEDxMileHigh talk on the prevalence of **traumatic brain injuries among inmates**, and how our faculty and students are working to provide those individuals with personalized solutions to jam shut the "revolving door" that keeps them in the corrections system. The audience responded to these innovative solutions for our community with many interjections of enthusiastic applause! (We'll share the video as soon as it is released by TEDxMileHigh.)

The following day, Dr. Apryl Alexander and students Jason Silverberg and Loe Blackmond presented "**A Rose From Concrete: Examining Post Traumatic Growth in Media**" at Denver Comic Con! The students did not initially realize that beyond "celebrating our nerd-hood," the presentation was an innovative way to bring mental health conversations to new communities. The audience was engaged and asked thoughtful questions about trauma-informed work in writing, schools, and the workplace.

**Will We See You in San Francisco?**
From animal abuse law, animal abuse law 101 and photography for Veterans, to sexual harassment in clinical supervision and mindfulness in performance excellence, GSPP has a wide range of presentations lined up for the annual APA Convention. We've compiled a draft schedule of opportunities to hear the latest research and innovations from our students, faculty, and alumni. (If you are not listed or have an edit to your entry, please reply to this email.)

As always, we're looking forward to co-hosting a happy hour to socialize and network outside the conference! We'll join our colleagues from Morgridge and AHSS to celebrate another great DU showing at APA.

Thursday, August 9th, 2018
Thirsty Bear Organic Brewery
3915, 661 Howard Street | San Francisco, CA 94105
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Free! Heavy appetizers and two drink tickets provided.

Save the Date: October 4th (6:30-8:00 PM)
Redefining Mental Health: A Community Conversation

Around Building the Foundation of Well-being for Latinx Families

In honoring the strength of the Latinx community during Hispanic Heritage Month, GSPP and ZERO TO THREE are presenting an evening roundtable discussion and networking event among interdisciplinary leaders working to promote the best interests of young children and families within the Colorado Latinx community. Speakers will include Dr. Jandel Allen-Davis (Kaiser Permanente) and directors from two of GSPP’s newest specialty areas: Dr. Tracy Vozar, Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health and Dr. Henrietta Pazos, Latinx Psychology. (Location: Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel) Details forthcoming

Stories: Redefining Mental Health

International Disaster Psychology Students on Internships Abroad
Interns are working with agencies whose missions focus on mental

Faculty and Alum Present on Equine Therapy in Dublin
Drs. Laura Meyer (left) and Lavita Nadkarni (right) joined Dr. Toby
health and psychosocial issues in the following areas impacted by disaster or trauma: Chile, Peru, Bosnia, Serbia, Nepal, Cambodia, Liberia, and Malawi.

Haslam-Hopwood (PsyD ’00) at the International Congress of Equine Facilitated Programmes to present, "Equine Interactions and Social Pedagogy at an Irish Children's Home."

**Conference Doubleheader for Sport Coaching Faculty**

Drs. Brian Gearity (left) and Clayton Kuklick (right) recently presented with students and alumni at the North American Coach Development Summit (Orlando) and attended the North American Society of Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity conference (Denver).

**Serving as Sport Psychologist for Karate Champions**

Dr. Jessica Bartley (right) traveled to the Pan American Karate Federation Senior Championship in Santiago, Chile as the sport psychologist for the USA Karate Senior National Team. The American athletes won with 10 individual medals and a team medal. Stay tuned for updates from her travels to Tampere, Finland with USA Track & Field!

**Psychology of Race in an International Setting: South Africa**
Course Updates from Dr. Neil Gowensmith

Some highlights from Cape Town:

• a focused experience with psychology graduate students and faculty from the University of the Western Cape in which we utilized a combined photovoice project to examine understandings of race from both US and South African perspectives

• a gardening and construction project for an orphan support organization in the largest township in Cape Town

• an intensely emotional and powerful photovoice project with women recently released from prison

• a tour of Robben Island with a former political prisoner who was imprisoned with Mandela

• guided experiences in all areas of town focusing on race, policy, politics, and justice

• exploration of the natural beauty, excellent food, and warm hospitality of Cape Town

• Plus a little bit of surfing thrown in for good measure!

Next month, we'll update you on the rest of the trip, including additional academic experiences with UWC, a photo exhibition with the reentry project, and several days spent working with kids at a Siyakhathala's school holiday club.

COPE Fellow Prepares for Next Step

Hannah Katz has just begun her pre-doctoral internship at the University of Kansas Medical Center. For the 4th-year PsyD student, helping cancer patients and their families is personal: she was an undergraduate at the University of Denver when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. More >>
Dr. Jennifer Tippett Joins Faculty

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Jennifer Tippett, Director of the new Substance Use Disorder Psychology Specialty!

Dr. Tippett joins us from the Los Angeles area, where she worked in substance abuse treatment programs in community mental health as well as a renowned inpatient program, Seasons of Malibu. She previously served as an adjunct professor for the Psy.D. program at California Lutheran University, teaching a range of topics including Substance Abuse, Introduction to Forensic Psychology, and Personality and Dissociative Disorders. She completed an APA-accredited internship at NYU-Bellevue Hospital in the forensic track, and a post-doctoral fellowship at Massachusetts Treatment Center, a correctional and treatment facility for sexually violent predators.

Dr. Tippett is dedicated to applied clinical work, and her research interests primarily lie in efficacy of treatment modalities, as well as preventative programs and policy change. She is also interested in the neuroscience behind addictive disorders, including behavioral addictions, and how this guides treatment approaches. Dr. Tippett is particularly dedicated to examining barriers to treatment, and how this impacts high-risk communities and populations.

Outside of work, Dr. Tippett enjoys spending time with her two children, and extended family. She enjoys kayaking, and yoga as well as exploring the mountains with her dog.

News and Events

- Dr. Jacob Hyde was quoted in the Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, and interviewed on 9 News regarding the mental strains faced by a young Thai soccer team and their coach, stuck in a cave 2+ weeks - Watch the Video >>

- 19,500+ supporters donated more than $78 million to DU in fiscal year
• **GSPP** and four other DU schools will lease space in the new Catalyst Healthcare Technology Initiative, located in RINO - [Learn More >>](#)

• **Dr. Brian Gearity** spoke to the Denver Post about ways to get out of a fitness rut - [Read Online >>](#)

• **Dr. Kim Gorgens** appeared on ABC 15 (Arizona) with one of the inmates who benefited from the Traumatic Brain Injury in Criminal Justice study for which Kim serves as Principal Investigator - [Watch Online >>](#)

• **Dr. Jacob Hyde's** partnership with Fight Oar Die regarding Veterans' mental health was covered by [NBC 14 (Evansville)](https://www.nbc14.com) and [Fox 10 (Mobile)](https://www.fox10now.com)

• **Latinx Psychology Specialty Students** Elizabeth Rubio and Alyssa Dugger spoke on Educa Radio about eating disorders and body image in the Latinx community - [Listen in Spanish >>](#)

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**Advocacy and Public Policy Corner with Dr. Apryl Alexander**

Done with the primaries and ready to see what’s on the November ballot? **Caring 4 Denver** is a ballot initiative aimed at providing mental health and substance abuse treatment services to children and families in the Denver metro area. The initiative will use one-quarter of one percent sales tax (i.e., 25 cents on a $100 purchase), totaling at least $45 million annually, to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of community-based mental health and substance use care, suicide prevention programs, and affordable housing and case management services.

**As an update:** The Denver City Council passed and signed a proclamation (Proclamation No. 18-0676) on June 18 in support of banning conversion therapy with minors. Councilwoman Deborah Ortega invited Dr. Alexander to speak at the council meeting and provided her a copy of the signed proclamation. Another small victory!
Upcoming Events

There are many ways to stay connected to GSPP and the University of Denver. Learn about more opportunities on our [website](#)! The events listed below are on campus unless otherwise noted.

- **All July!** [Certified Addiction Counseling (CAC II) Trainings](#) will be held **all throughout July** (Pharmacology II; Motivational Interviewing; Infectious Diseases in Addiction Treatment; Group Counseling Skills)
- **7/24** [Leveraging the APA Convention](#)
- **8/5** [Summer Carillon Recital](#)
- **8/9** [DU Reception at APA Convention](#) (San Francisco, CA)

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**In 2018, the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at the University of Denver is elevating its work and its vision of Redefining Mental Health in the Denver community and throughout Colorado by expanding our efforts to meet the social needs of the communities we serve. We invite you to join us as we work to normalize the mental health conversation in our diverse communities and cultures, and reduce barriers to seeking care and resources.**

**Learn more:** [www.du.edu/gspp/rmh](http://www.du.edu/gspp/rmh)
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-Robyn Loup, GSPP Board of Advisors

Support GSPP’s outstanding students and faculty in their commitment to meet the mental health care needs of diverse and underserved populations in Denver and beyond. Learn more about how to leave your legacy at GSPP through gift planning, or click on the button below to make a gift today.

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