Meet Our Fall 2016 First Years!

**Danna Bismark**  
Birthplace: Beckley, WV  
Degree: B.A.  
School: Southern Methodist University  
Cluster: Minority Wellness  
Advisor: Chiachih Wang

**Steven Coomes**  
Birthplace: Lansing, MI  
Degree: M.A. in Counseling  
School: Cornerstone University  
Cluster: Child & Family  
Advisor: Joshua Hook
Ashley Geerts
Birthplace: Albuquerque, NM
Degree: M.S. in Psychological Sciences
School: University of Texas at Dallas
Cluster: Child & Family
Advisor: Shelley Riggs

Randi Jackson
Birthplace: Hayward, CA
Degree: M.S. in Organizational Leadership
School: Robert Morris University
Cluster: Sport Psychology
Advisor: Trent Petrie

Dalton Mack
Birthplace: New York, NY
Degree: B.A. in Psychology
School: Rutgers University
Cluster: Sport Psychology
Advisor: Trent Petrie
Tess Palmateer
Birthplace: Toronto, ON, Canada
Degree: M.Sc. in Exercise Sciences specializing in Sport Psychology
School: University of Toronto
Cluster: Sport Psychology
Advisor: Trent Petrie

Barton Poche
Birthplace: New Orleans, LA
Degree: B.A. in Psychology
School: University of North Texas
Cluster: Minority Wellness
Advisor: Mark Vosvick

Amanda Shaunessy Flachs
Birthplace: Poway, CA
Degree: M.A. in Clinical Psychology
School: St. Mary’s University
Cluster: Child & Family
Advisor: Shelley Riggs
Hansong Zhang
Birthplace: Weifang, Shandong Province, China
Degree: B.A. in Psychology
School: Indiana University South Bend
Cluster: Minority Wellness
Advisor: Joshua Hook

Meet Our Fall 2016 Second Years*!

*Due to a lapse in publication, we have not yet introduced last year’s incoming cohort. Here they are now!

Stephanie Barrett
Birthplace: Lawrence, MA
Degree: MS in Kinesiology
School: University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Cluster: Sport Psychology
Advisor: Trent Petrie
Laura Captari  
Birthplace: Lynchburg, VA  
Degree: M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
School: Liberty University  
Cluster: Child & Family  
Advisor: Shelley Riggs

Carly McGregor  
Birthplace: Northern CA  
Degree: B.A. in Psychology  
School: University of New Mexico  
Cluster: Sport Psychology  
Advisor: Patricia Kaminski

Matt Mikesell  
Birthplace: Waukesha, WI  
Degree: M.A. in Sport Psychology  
School: University of Denver  
Cluster: Sport Psychology  
Advisor: Trent Petrie
David Mosher
Birthplace: Memphis, TN
Degree: B.S. in Psychology
School: Hardin University
Cluster: Child & Family
Advisor: Joshua Hook

Kendra Oosterhouse
Birthplace: Grand Rapids, MI
Degree: M.A. in Counseling Psychology
School: Western Michigan University
Cluster: Child & Family
Advisor: Shelley Riggs

Karolina Wartolowicz
Birthplace: Chicago, IL
Degree: B.A. in Psychology
School: University of Iowa
Cluster: Sport Psychology
Advisor: Trent Petrie
Congratulations to our 2016 Graduate Student Award Winners!

Justin Litvin  *Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award*

Stacy Bonds  *Dr. G. Frank Lawlis Scholarship*

Congratulations to our recent graduates!

**MS**  
Alex Auerbach  
James McGuffin  
Matthew Schumacher  
Krystal Stephen  
Bailey Tackett  
Alex Thompson

**PhD**  
Kellye Carver  
Justine Chatterton  
Sally Dockendorff  
Krista Garrett  
Megan Guinn  
Mae MacIntire  
Estee Marchesani  
Tara McKelvy
Spring 2016 Internship Match Results

Robin Campbell  
South Texas VA  
VA Health Care System  
San Antonio, TX

Jarice Carr  
University of North Carolina  
Counseling Center  
Charlotte, NC

Michelle Hubbard Young  
Texas Tech University  
Counseling Center  
Lubbock, TX

Thomas Nguyen  
VA North Texas  
VA Health Care System  
Dallas, TX

Sam Reyna  
Central Washington University  
Counseling Center  
Ellensburg, WA

Daniel Romero  
Brook Army Medical Center  
Military  
Fort Sam Houston, TX

Shelly Sheinbein  
Northwestern University  
Counseling Center  
Evanston, IL

Brian Yu  
University of California, Davis  
Counseling Center  
Davis, CA
News From Our Faculty

Dr. Shelley Riggs recently received several awards. She was awarded the Texas Psychological Association Outstanding Contribution to Education; named a Fellow in APA’s Society of Family Psychology; named a Distinguished Scholar & Fellow in the National Academies of Practice, and recognized as a Psychology Academy Transformative Instruction Initiative (TII) Fellow by the UNT Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Congratulations, Dr. Riggs!

Dr. Trish Kaminski is on leave for Fall 2016, so Drs. Wang and Riggs are working together as Interim Co-Directors of the Counseling Psychology Program.

This past August, Dr. Chiachih DC Wang was appointed by the APA Division 17 President to be the APA Division17 newsletter editor. His official title is “SCP Connect Coordinator.” Congratulations to Dr. Wang!

Dr. Trent Petrie, along with colleague Dr. Dana Voelker (West Virginia University) was awarded a $20,000 grant from the NCAA for 2016 for our study entitled “BODIES-IN-MOTION: Evaluating An Evidence-Based Program to Promote Healthy Body Image and Eating Behaviors in Female Collegiate Athletes.”

Dr. Petrie also was on sabbatical throughout the Spring 2016 semester, which he spent at Loughborough University in England, home of the top sport psychology program in the country. While at
Loughborough, he sat in on different classes (“Applied Sport Psychology” and “Psychology of Coaching Relationships”), conducted research, and met students and learned about their graduate training.

August 2015 graduate Kellye Carver recently gave a symposium presentation at UNT with Dr. Shelley Riggs and is working on co-authoring an article that expands upon the data from the VETS project. She recently completed her predoctoral internship at the OU Health Sciences Center/Oklahoma City VA, and plans to begin her career in the VA at the North Texas VA as a telemental health psychologist in the outpatient clinic.

Congratulations to Dr. Karen Settle (PhD received 1988), who was awarded the “Distinguished Psychologist” award by the Dallas Psychological Association in 2014. She has retired from 25 years at SMU’s Counseling and Psychiatric Services. She now enjoys playing with her grandsons, spending time with family and friends, having a private practice, pursuing interests, and devoting time to community service.
LTC M. DeLisa Deutsch (Masters received 1999) has recently accepted a position as the program director for Center for Discovery in Dallas, TX. Led by LTC Deutsch, they are preparing to open the first residential program for eating disorders in Texas! For more information, check out www.centerfordiscoverydallas.com.

Counseling Psychology Program News

UNT Named Tier 1 Research University. As of February 2016, UNT has been named a Tier 1 research university by Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. While Carnegie does not release its criteria for classification, Tier 1 universities are typically recognized for the amount of money spent on research (including federal grant dollars awarded), the number of non-faculty researchers with doctorates, and the amount and distribution of doctoral degrees awarded by the university. The Psychology department has played a significant role in helping UNT achieve Tier one status. Notably, this accomplishment has been a goal of UNT President Neal Smatresk, who plans to continue to grow key factors and increase research in the future. This is a very exciting step for UNT!

Graduate Students To Receive Partial Tuition Funding. During 2015-2016 academic year, Counseling Psychology graduate students received 6 credits of tuition remission as part of the Tuition Benefit Plan. The Graduate School disburses these funds on a year-by-year basis. As of the time of publication, the Graduate School has committed to providing 6 credits of tuition remission to students for the 2016-2017 academic year as well. This change is
part of the university’s plan to prioritize research activity. However, the Graduate School is still working to implement this plan. Therefore, funding is not yet guaranteed beyond 2016-2017. Updates on the Tuition Benefit Plan will be published in future newsletters as they become available.

UNT August and December Commencement Combined With May. UNT will no longer hold a university-wide commencement ceremony in August or December. However, there is a separate fall doctoral and master’s commencement held in December for Summer and Fall graduates (which does include doctoral/M.F.A. hooding). All graduates from the current academic year are invited to the annual spring university-wide commencement ceremony.

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