

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY HAPPENINGS



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A big THANK YOU to our alumni and friends who made our first annual Giving Day a success! Thanks to our donors, Psychology was able to add support for undergraduate research scholarships, increase graduate research awards, and provide funds to students who are traveling to research conferences! We greatly appreciate your support! Join us for Giving Day 2020 on April 28, 2020. More information to come!

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Bernie Chen & Lee Ann Santore, both recent graduates, each received the 2019 SBU Undergraduate Award for Recognition of Academic Excellence! Bernie has been doing research in the labs of Dr. Aprajita Mohanty (pictured



right) and Dr. Nicholas Eaton. Lee Ann (left) spent three years as an active team member in the lab of Dr. Matthew Lerner and completed her honors thesis on "Assessing Primary Care Providers' Knowledge of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)"



GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS



Clinical Psychology PhD student Erin Kang won the Future Directions Launch Award in the area of Treatment at this year's JCCAP Future Directions Forum! The Future Directions Launch Award serves as a capstone to the academic training of its recipients, and is a signal to the field and larger public that they are ready to enter academia and begin independent research careers.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- Lab for Scalable Mental Health -



Dr. Jessica Schleider (third from right) is one of our newest assistant professors in the Clinical Psychology area. Despite progress in the identification of effective youth mental health interventions, rates of youth psychiatric problems remain stable and high. Low access to treatment exacerbates this problem: In the U.S., up to 80% of youths with mental health needs never access treatment. Dr. Schleider's research aims to address this discrepancy by developing brief, accessible interventions for youth psychopathology, with a focus on depression; identifying mechanisms underlying these interventions' effects; and testing novel models of dissemination.

- Laboratory for Clinical Affective Neuroscience -

The Laboratory for Clinical Affective Neuroscience is directed by Dr. Brady D. Nelson and uses affective neuroscience to investigate the cognitive, emotional, and motivational mechanisms that contribute to the development of anxiety disorders and depression. The lab aims to employ affective neuroscience to better identify individuals who are at risk for psychopathology and improve efforts to prevent and treat mental illness.

