



Masters in Addiction Counseling Program Launches Story by Katie Courage

Addictions, also known as substance use disorders, don't come only in the guise of alcohol or illegal drug misuse. About one in 10 regular marijuana users will develop Cannabis Use Disorder, which includes physiological dependence symptoms. With seven states and the District of Columbia having now legalized recreational marijuana – and with more than half a million people using the substance in Colorado alone – there are a lot of individuals who might need help. And the science of how best to help them has been lagging.

These developments speak to the need for a better understanding of contemporary substance use – and a new supply of highly trained addiction counselors. And Colorado State University is tackling these challenges through field-leading research, unique collaborations, and new academic programs.

The state of Colorado has put out a call for additional certified addiction counselors, especially in the past few years since cannabis was made available for recreational use by adults. "With marijuana, there's a lot of renewed interest in addiction counselors," said Mark Prince, assistant professor of psychology and associate director of addiction counseling in the College of Natural Sciences' Department of Psychology. In addition to the increasing number of patients needing treatment – from abuse of marijuana, opiates, and other substances – many current certified addiction counselors are reaching retirement age and leaving the workforce, said Associate Professor and Director of Addiction Counseling Bradley Conner.

So this fall, the psychology department is launching a new Master's in Addiction Counseling program, which will start to fill the

need for trained addiction counselors in Colorado – and nationwide.

In the two-year program, students will dive into coursework for their first year – and then spend the full second year in a supervised internship, gaining the real-world experiences essential for the field. Individuals from health sciences and health services backgrounds are encouraged to apply, and Conner expects to see many students who continue working while they take classes, possibly even interning with their current employer.

CSU began an undergraduate concentration in addiction counseling in 2014. Students completing this path as part of their psychology bachelor's are qualified to test for the first level of certification in the state. As Certified Addiction Counselors I, they are allowed to participate in patient intakes and in running groups, which gives them exposure to the field. But, says Conner, the new master's program will enable students to attain the highest level of addiction counseling certification: Licensed Addiction Counselor. Graduates will be able to select where they want to work, locally or elsewhere in the U.S. – as well as in what environment: residential facilities, outpatient treatment, on multidisciplinary teams in hospitals, or to open their own private practices

The CSU program provides coursework above and beyond what is required by the state – which is the goal, Conner said. "We are trying to increase the quality of care we're offering by getting master's-level people into the treatment facilities."

To read more about the program, please [click here](#).



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Another academic year has passed, and the department continues to thrive. Our undergraduate majors increased to just over 1,000 this year, keeping us among the top three majors by enrollment at CSU. This spring, we graduated over 200 students with their baccalaureate degrees and eight new

Ph.D. students. Our faculty have won several major new awards (see highlights) and remain active in their teaching, research and service roles. We implemented a new depart-

ment speaker series and had an amazing kickoff speaker in Professor Elizabeth Loftus, as well as several other engaging external speakers. This year, for the first time in at least five years, our faculty are top in the College of Natural Sciences in external grant funding, exceeding \$8 million in new funding! We were also re-accredited by the American Psychological Association last fall for our Counseling Psychology graduate program. It remains a very exciting time to be involved in our department. Please send us your stories so that we may share them with all in our community. We continue to wish you the best success in your family, career, and leisure time activities.



Don Rojas, P.h.D.
Professor and Chair

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Selected Recent Publications:

An online listing of selected recent publications from our faculty is available [here](#).

Assistant Professor Dan Graham Receives Early Career Investigator Award



Assistant Professor Dan Graham received the 2017 Early Career Investigator Award from the Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) honoring his early career achievements in the field of physical health and nutrition psychology. He was presented with this award at the Society of Behavioral Medicine's 2017 annual meeting alongside his graduate students Charlie Heidrick, Ashlie Johnson, Katie Hodgkin, and Pam Lundeberg in San Diego, California. To read more, please [click here](#).

Professor Anne Cleary Presents at TEDx CSU



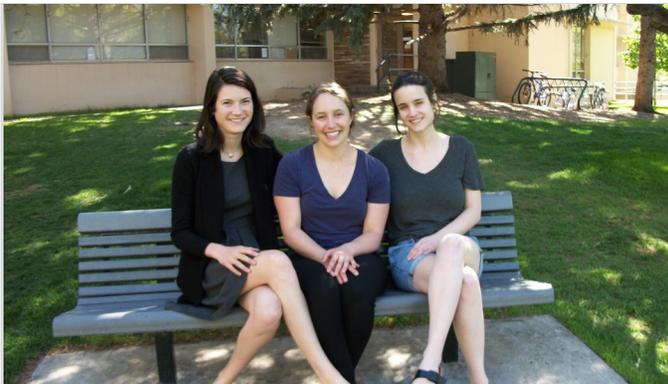
Colorado State University's fifth annual TEDx conference took place in March in the Lory Student Center Theatre. The event featured 11 speakers as well as interactive exhibits to engage audience members. TED's mission is "Ideas Worth Spreading," and Professor Anne Cleary was invited to share her ideas about déjà vu with the Northern Colorado and TED communities worldwide. Her presentation can be viewed on YouTube by [clicking here](#).

Associate Professor Jessi Witt Receives Distinguished Scientific Award



Associate Professor Jessi Witt received the 2017 APA Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Psychology in the area of perception and motor performance. She will receive the award at a ceremony and reception at the 2017 annual APA convention in Washington D.C. in August and will also have her biography published in *The American Psychologist*.

Congratulations to Our Graduate Students



From left to right: Madison Hanscom, Hannah Hausman, and Rachel Eby

Graduate student Madison Hanscom won the award for outstanding poster presentation in Occupational Health Psychology at the Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center's 9th Annual Research Day Symposium in March.

Graduate student Hannah Hausman has been named as a Vice President for Graduate Research Fellow for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Graduate student Carlie Trott successfully defended her dissertation, "Engaging Key Stakeholders in Climate Change: A Community-Based Project for Youth-led Participatory Climate Action" in December. This dissertation evaluated the impacts of [Science, Camera, Action!](#) (SCA), a program developed for this research.

Alumnus Mort McPhail ('78) Recognized for His Contributions to the Field of Industrial-Organizational Psychology

Alumnus of the Industrial/Organizational Psychology graduate program Mort McPhail (Ph.D., '78) was presented with a plaque from the I/O Psychology program at the 2017 Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology conference to recognize his significant contributions to the field of Industrial and Organizational Psychology.

McPhail served as senior vice president of Valtera Corporation, an international talent management company prized for its organizational physiologists, in Houston, Texas. He remained a senior vice president when the company was acquired by Corporate Executive Board (CEB, now Gartner) in 2012. "In acquiring Valtera, CEB gains a rich data set, powerful analytic capabilities, and a group of dedicated, respected industry leaders, including... Mort McPhail," the chairman and CEO of CEB said in a statement in 2012.

McPhail was the president of SIOP for 2016-2017 and graciously welcomed and opened his Presidential Suite for the annual CSU SIOP reception. In 2003, McPhail was awarded the Jacob E. Haultaluoma Distinguished Alumni Award from the CSU I/O Psychology Program. Given his overall contributions as a model

Graduate student Lauren Wallace successfully defended her dissertation, "Impression Management Manifested on LinkedIn and in Resumes" in January. She explored the role of impression management tactics on LinkedIn and, within the selection context, its effects on inferences of cognitive ability and conscientious.

Graduate student Rachel Eby successfully defended her dissertation entitled "Effects of Personality and Attachment on Social Connectedness: The Role of Shame Proneness and Shame Aversion" in April. Her next step is to complete her clinical internship at Community Reach in Denver, which she will be starting in July.

Graduate student Matthew Jaramillo successfully defended his dissertation entitled "Religion, Meaning, and Belief in a Just World" in May. Matthew is employed at Summitstone Health Partners in Fort Collins.

Graduate student Diana Sanchez successfully defended her dissertation, "Videogame-Based Learning: A Comparison of Direct and Indirect Effects Across Outcomes," in May. She has accepted a faculty position at San Francisco State University, which she will begin in August.



From left to right: Alumnus Mort McPhail, his wife Suzanne McPhail, and Professor Emeritus George Thornton

scientist-practitioner, who continues to serve the field, the program wanted to recognize him with the plaque. In addition, letters supporting this recognition were provided by the dean of the College of Natural Sciences and distinguished colleagues.

Professor Larry Bloom Retires, Will Be Portrayed by Kevin Costner in Upcoming Film



Professor Larry Bloom retired this spring after over 40 years of service on the faculty in the Department of Psychology. He was a full professor and actively engaged in the APA-accredited Ph.D. program in Counseling Psychology. Professor Bloom will be missed by his colleagues and future students for his ample wit, his humility, and ability to put our sometimes too serious deliberations into their proper perspective. He was perhaps best known for his classroom teaching skills and particularly for his sensitive and knowledgeable handling of PSY 228, Human Sexuality. The popularity of that course across the University was testimony to Professor Bloom's talent and reputation with the material. He intends to continue guest lecturing from time to time in that course, as well as remaining involved with CSU's KEY academic community that serves populations of students at greater academic risk. We look forward to seeing Professor Bloom being played in an upcoming Hollywood movie based on a book by his daughter, *Molly's Game*. Among the superb cast, Professor Bloom's role will be played by Kevin Costner. Look for it in theaters, and if you see

it, make sure you wear your green and gold.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Associate Professor Matt Rhodes Wins Graduate Advising and Mentorship Award

Associate Professor Matt Rhodes was announced as the winner of the third-annual Graduate Advising and Mentorship Award. This award was created by the Graduate Student Council to acknowledge outstanding advisers and mentors at Colorado State University, and this year nominations were received from over 100 students in all eight colleges. This award is given to the adviser who demonstrated exceptional commitment to the academic success of graduate advisees in three major areas: career development, educational guidance, and interpersonal relationship skills.



Professor Silvia Canetto Elected Fellow

Professor Silvia Sara Canetto was elected Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America in recognition of her outstanding and sustained contributions to the field of gerontology. She was also invited by the Office on Aging of the American Psychological Association (APA) to serve on APA's End of Life Issues and Care Advisory Panel.



Professor Kurt Kraiger Receives Sidney A. Fine Grant

Professor Kurt Kraiger was the co-recipient of the Sidney A. Fine Grant for Research on Job Analysis awarded by the Society for Industrial-Organizational Psychology at its 2017 annual conference. The grant award supports research on analytic strategies to study jobs. Kurt received the award along with researchers Eric Surface and Reanna Harman from ALPS Solutions in Raleigh, NC.

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