Announcements

The Department of Psychology is happy to announce that it will begin a combined BA/MS program that will allow students to complete their BA and MS degrees in psychology in only five years. Students must have an overall GPA of at least 3.2 in order to be considered. Please contact Dr. Virgil Zeigler-Hill (zeiglerh@oakland.edu) for additional information.

Dr. Virgil Zeigler-Hill received the "Outstanding Honors College Thesis Mentor" award. Dr. Lisa Welling was nominated by her research lab for the Graduate Advisor Award. Thank you for your excellent student mentorship!

Congratulations to Dr. Kana Taku who received the CAS Community Engagement Grant for her project: “Teen Parent Program at Pontiac High School.”

March Events

The public is invited to attend the PhD defenses of:
-Molly McGuire: Mar 13, 1pm, Room 125 of the OC
-Justin Mogilski: Mar 15, 10am, Heritage Room, OC

Mar 2: Psychology Lunch Bunch Talks (12-1pm)
- Whitney Dominic: The impact of pets and animal assisted therapy on posttraumatic growth and stress in adolescents.
Located in the Oakland Room, OC.

Mar 4: Public Library Speaker Series (10am)
Dr. Jennifer Vonk will present to the public on “How bears think.” Located at the Rochester Public Library

Mar 4: STEAM Career Fair Workshop (10am-12pm)
Led by OU Graduate Students. Rochester High School

Mar 30: The Evolution of Cognition (12-1pm)
Dr. Jennifer Vonk will present in the OU Biology Department Research Colloquium. 386 MSC

February Publications


Davies, A.P.C., & Shackelford, T.K. (2017). Don’t you wish your partner was hot like me?: The effectiveness of mate poaching across relationship types considering the relative mate values of the poacher and the partner of the poached. Personality and Individual Differences, 106, 32-35.

January Publications


Encyclopedia Publications


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Drs. Martha Escobar, Lisa Welling, and Melissa McDonald (left to right) were selected by OU Student-Athletes to be honored at the Women's Basketball Game.
PsichMatters
March 2017

What Is Psi Chi All About?
Psi Chi is the International Honor Society in Psychology. The purpose of Psi Chi is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology and to advance the science of psychology.

The goals of Psi Chi are to provide academic recognition to its inductees and to augment and enhance the regular curriculum.

The mission of Psi Chi is to produce a well-educated, ethical, and socially responsible member committed to contributing to the science and profession of psychology and to society in general.

How to Apply to Psi Chi
To apply to Psi Chi as an undergraduate, one must meet the criteria listed below:

1. Registration for major or minor standing in psychology (or for a program psychological in nature)
2. Completion of 46 credits of college courses
3. Completion of 16 credits of psychology courses
4. Ranked in the top 35% of one's class (a minimum GPA of 3.4 cumulative GPA)
5. A minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) overall in psychology courses

The application and more information regarding applying to Psi Chi can be located at: www.oaklandpsichi.net/content/apply-psi-chi or www.psichi.org under the “Join” tab.
How to Apply to Psi Chi

To apply to Psi Chi as a transfer student, one must:
1. Follow the same requirements as the undergraduate student applicants (explained on page 1)
2. Complete at least 12 semester credit hours or equivalent of psychology coursework at the new institution unless the chapter’s bylaws specify fewer hours—check with our chapter

To apply to Psi Chi as a transfer student who is already a member of Psi Chi, one must:
1. Contact the Psi Chi faculty advisor (Dr. Sifonis) at the new institution to complete an online transfer of membership form

For transfer students, the application and more information regarding applying to Psi Chi can be located at: www.psichi.org under the “Join” tab

If one has any questions about applying or the application itself, they can contact the Psi Chi president, Aubrey Mercer, or the faculty advisor, Dr. Taku. Their contact information can be found on page 12 of this PsychMatters issue.

We are always looking for liaisons! Get involved!!

For those looking to join Psi Chi but do not yet meet the requirements to become a member, membership is NOT required to become involved! Simply being an active participant in our chapter of Psi Chi by attending our events, meetings, and helping out with our philanthropy efforts allows students to learn, get involved, and socialize with other students that share psychology and giving back to our community as common interests. Currently, Psi Chi is looking for students that are interested in becoming a class liaison for their psychology courses for the upcoming semester. A class liaison informs their classmates at the beginning or end of class (depending on the professor’s preference) about upcoming events, what is going on in Psi Chi, and other important information. Being a class liaison is a great place to begin your involvement with Psi Chi and can open doors to many more opportunities later on. To get more information or to get started as a liaison, contact Laina Townsend, Officer of Communications and Liaisons, at lktownse@oakland.edu.
**Become an Officer on our E-Board**

**WE ARE STILL LOOKING 😊**

While we are sad to see some of our current officers graduate, Psi Chi is excited to take on another year with a new team of passionate psychology students that promote academic success and involvement on campus and in our community. Being an officer in our organization is a great way to expand your network, gain access to multiple opportunities, and stay motivated by surrounding yourself with dedicated and ambitious individuals that will support you and your goals. It is not mandatory that you be an official member of the honor society in order to become a leader in our organization, so don't pass up this opportunity! If you are interested in any of the positions below, please email Psi Chi President, Aubrey Mercer, at armercer@oakland.edu with the role you are considering and why you think you would be a great addition to our team. We look forward to working with you!

**Available Officer Positions for 2017-2018**

**Philanthropy**
- Lead event planning for volunteer outings, fundraising and other forms of philanthropy.
- Specifically notify President, Vice President, Treasurer, Officer of Communication, Officer of Publicity, and Web Manager of details for events.
- Follow through with process of donating funds allocated from philanthropy events to selected charities/foundations.
- Attend all meetings and events unless previous obligations or emergencies conflict.

**Research Colloquia**
- Lead event planning for Research Colloquia events
- Set up speaker/host, date, time, room, food quote, and equipment.
- Specifically notify President, Vice President, Treasurer, Officer of Communication, Officer of Publicity and Web Manager regarding details of research events.
- Attend all meetings and events unless previous obligations or emergencies conflict.

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Web Manager
- Maintain Psi Chi website, keeping it up to date with accurate information and enticing descriptions that encourage students to attend our events
- Look into volunteer opportunities around campus and in the community that students can get involved in and post these opportunities to the website
- Contact psychology faculty that may be looking for Research Assistants in their labs and post this information to the website
- Post all Psi Chi events, meetings, and philanthropy events to the website calendar and the Events tab.
- Maintain regular communication with president, event officers, officer of philanthropy, and officer of communication for complete details/descriptions of events.
- Attend all meetings and events unless previous obligations or emergencies conflict

PsychMatters Editor
- Create a monthly newsletter of the current happenings in Psi Chi, the Psychology Department at Oakland University, and Psychology in general at least once a month
- Submit rough draft to president for editing, then send final edition to Dr. Melissa McDonald by the 30th of the month prior to the intended month of publication
- The final copy must be submitted to the President for posting on GrizzOrgs
- Attend all meetings and events unless previous obligations or emergencies conflict

**Being an officer is a great opportunity, continue to the next page for details on why it is a great opportunity!**
Tips from an E-Board Member

If you’re on the fence about becoming an E-board member, put your thoughts aside and just do it!

- You get to learn so much from the different research colloquiaums and volunteer opportunities.
- You get to spend time with people who have similar interests as you!
- You get to participate in fun events.
- Being on the E-board gets you more involved on campus.
- You get to gain valuable leadership experience.

If you are worried about it taking up too much time or you want more details about the position you are interested in, ask questions to receive more information and know that being an E-board member does require time and effort but it is more than worth it!
Details About Upcoming Events

Finish your semester by joining Psi Chi at one or all of our wonderful events!

March 8th: Dr. Citrin Colloquium
- When? 12pm-1pm
- Where? Room 130 in the OC
- Why? Dr. Jonathon Citrin will be discussing his presentation on revealing our fundamental emotions and biases and why they play such an outsized role in all of our decisions and actions.

March 9th: Autism Speaks Bake Sale
- When? 9:30am-1:30pm
- Where? Fishbowl in South Foundation Hall
- Why? All proceeds will be donated to Autism Speaks-their goal is to enhance lives today and accelerate a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow.

March 14th: Psi Chi Meeting
- When? 12pm-1pm
- Where? Lake Superior Room A in the Oakland Center
- Why? Our meetings are a great opportunity to find out what events are coming up and the details regarding those events. NOTICE: This is the last opportunity for prospective officers to meet with current officers regarding position openings within the organization. baked good in return!

Looking Ahead to April

April 6th: Psi Chi Induction Ceremony
- When? 6pm-8pm
- Where? Gold Room C in the Oakland Center
- Why? Psi Chi’s annual Induction Ceremony is a formal event where we induct this year’s new Psi Chi members! This event is invitation only and those students joining us will receive an e-mail confirmation. Complimentary dinner and beverages will be served.

**Just a reminder that Psi Chi meetings and events are open to all Oakland University students!**
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