

# SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

University of Kentucky, College of Education

Fall 2012 Edition

## First Program Newsletter Highlights

Welcome to our first School Psychology Program Newsletter! This newsletter is intended to announce and inform about our program's accomplishments and current and future projects. For our first newsletter, we make a special welcome to our newest faculty member, Dr. Jonathan Campbell, our new students, and we announce current internship and practicum placements. There is also a feature on our newly remodeled clinic, which is now open! Our first newsletter ends with current research projects and shout-outs.

*Looking for even more information on our program? Check out our website:*

<http://education.uky.edu/EDP/content/school-psych-overview>

## Program Welcomes New Faculty Member



Jonathan Campbell, Professor

Since I am the new kid, I thought it would be a good idea to introduce myself to everyone via the Fall 2012 newsletter. I joined the UK School Psychology faculty in August 2012 after leaving the University of Georgia where I was on faculty from 2001-2012. At the University of Georgia, I served as the director of the School Psychology Clinic for 5 years and served as the Program Coordinator from 2008-

2011. Unfortunately for me, I served as Program Coordinator during Georgia's APA re-accreditation process.

My area of specialty is autism spectrum disorders, particularly (a) peer education and awareness to facilitate acceptance of students with autism and (b) early identification and screening of autism. I will be teaching the program's introductory course in cognitive assessment (EDP 640) in Fall 2012 and social-emotional/personality assessment in Spring 2013. I will probably also teach the department's history and systems class in Spring 2013.

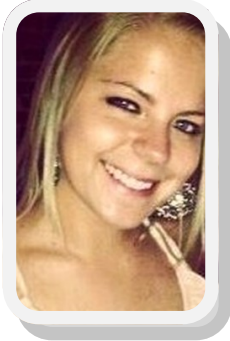
I am married to Dr. Joy Campbell, who earned a degree in Language and Literacy Education at the University of Georgia in 2010. She is an Assistant Professor at Georgetown College. Joy and I have two children, Cassidy, who is 16, and Hampton, who is 14; we also have two dogs and a feisty guinea pig. I am very excited to be at UK. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail at: [jmca244@uky.edu](mailto:jmca244@uky.edu).

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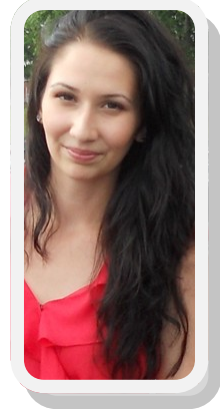


**MEET OUR INCOMING SPECIALIST STUDENTS**



**Alyssa Diefenthaler**

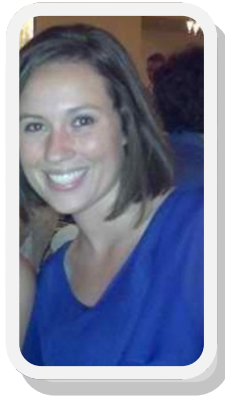
Alyssa is originally from Martin, Ohio which is 30 minutes east of Toledo, Ohio. She graduated from the Ohio State University with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Human Development and Family Science. Her interests are focused around school-based mental health services and systems-wide interventions for bullying and sex education. In her free time she likes to be doing anything active outdoors and painting. Alyssa is currently completing a practicum in Anderson County Schools, Kentucky.



**Megan Hobbs**

Megan Hobbs is a first year student in the School Psychology Ed.S. program. She graduated from the University of Kentucky in May 2012 with a B.A. in Psychology. She is currently working toward completing the Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities through the Human Development Institute. In her free time, Megan enjoys cooking, reading, and hiking. Megan is currently completing a practicum in Clark County Schools, Kentucky.

Callie is a first year in the EdS program. She is originally from Marietta, Oh. She graduated from Marshall University with a BA in Psychology. Her research interests include childhood use of technology and developmental disabilities. Callie is currently completing a practicum in Scott County Schools, Kentucky.



**Callie Tucker**



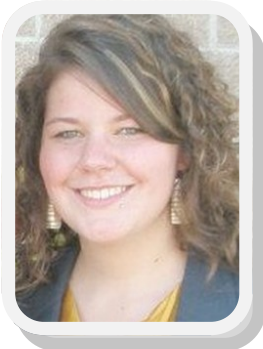
**Andraya White**

Andraya White is a first year student in the EdS program from Lexington, KY. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Education and Master of Arts in Education at the University of Kentucky. Andraya taught Social Studies at Bryan Station High School for two years where she was a member of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support school leadership team. Her research interests include interventions for high school aged adolescents and barriers to academic achievement. Andraya is currently completing a practicum in Bourbon County Schools, Kentucky.

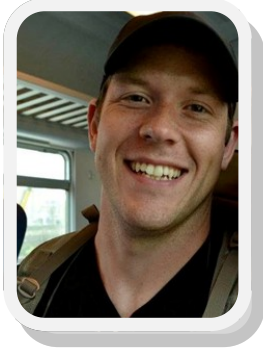


**MEET OUR INCOMING DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

**Alexis Rodgers**

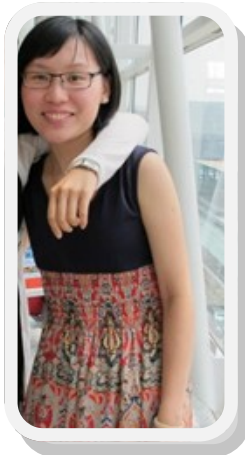


I'm from Frankfort, Kentucky and received my BA at Hanover College and a Masters in educational psychology from UK. My academic interests include intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as student development. I spent the last year with my wife teaching English in Macedonia. I enjoy playing and watching tennis and basketball as well as spending time with friends, family, and my dog, Charlie. I am currently completing a practicum in Jessamine County Schools, Kentucky.



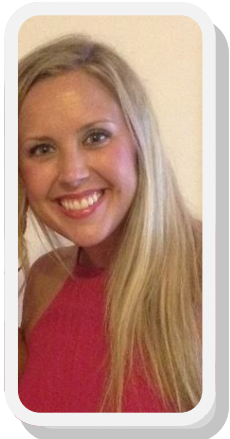
**Cody Davis**

I'm from Pittsburgh, and I earned a BS in Psychology and an Addiction Specialist Certificate from Saint Vincent College in western PA. I have an interest in Autism Spectrum Disorders, particularly behavioral/social skills interventions and treatment outcomes. In my free time, I like to read, swim, play soccer, go to baseball games (I've been a Pirates fan all my life), and watch movies. I am currently completing a practicum in Woodford County Schools, Kentucky.



“Nei Ho (Hello) !” I am Wong Wing Hang, Venus. I am from Hong Kong, which means sometimes I may walk too fast as I am used to the fast pace of Hong Kong. I am interested in consultations for schools, parents and teachers. I have a particular concern for the educational problems of migrant workers’ children in China. I am new to Kentucky, and I can’t wait to explore it more! Venus is currently completing a practicum in Clark County Schools, Kentucky.

**Venus Wong**



**Betsy Youngman**

Betsy Youngman is currently a third-year Doctoral student in School Psychology. She is originally from Owensboro, KY and received her B.S. in Integrated Strategic Communications from the University of Kentucky in 2005. In 2010, Betsy received her Ed.S. from Western Kentucky University in School Psychology. She has worked as a school psychologist in Kentucky for the past three years. Her research interests focus on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Betsy is currently a teaching assistant for the College of Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 15 STUDENTS ON INTERNSHIP

**Specialist Students on Internship**

- **Catherine Fischer**, Lexington School District Four Schools, Swansea, SC
- **Cassie Johnson**, White Bear Lake Area School District, Minnesota
- **Karen Lozano**, Scott County, KY Schools
- **Kyle Riggs**, Anderson County, KY Schools
- **Kimberly Stabler**, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, FL

**Doctoral Students on Internship**

- **Rachel Aiello**, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH (APA)
- **Jessie Birdwhistell**, Fayette County, KY Schools
- **Alison Boswell**, Clark County, KY Schools
- **Brooke Browning**, Tennessee Internship Consortium in School Psychology with Cherokee Health Systems, Knoxville, TN (APA)
- **Ashley Candelaria**, Jessamine County, KY Schools
- **Melissa Murphy**, Mercer County, KY Schools
- **Jill Priesmeyer**, Cy-Fair ISD Psychological Services, Cypress, TX (APA)
- **Clarissa Roan-Belle**, Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Canton, OH (APA)
- **Amanda Smith**, Fayette County, KY Schools
- **Megan Thomas**, Fayette County, KY Schools

**ADVANCED PRACTICUM  
PLACEMENTS (2012-2013)**

- **Zach Goble**, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program
- **Martha Hinchey**, Private Practice & CATS Clinic (Fall); PACER Clinic (Spring)
- **Jennifer Hoffman**, PACER Clinic
- **Betsy Youngman**, PACER Clinic

**PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS  
(2012-2013)**

- **Chelsea Denham**, Jessamine County, KY Schools
- **Nick Flaim**, Anderson County, KY Schools
- **Kelsi Gosnell**, Jefferson, County, KY Schools
- **Emily Hogston**, Jessamine County, KY Schools
- **April Sigler**, Fayette County, KY Schools
- **Rachel Wagner**, Anderson County, KY Schools
- **DJ Young**, Fayette County, KY Schools
- **Whitney Zeigler**, Franklin County, KY



PRACTICUM & INTERNSHIP SUPERVISION

**Our sincere appreciation to the following individuals for sharing their time and expertise while supervising our students on practicum and internship placements. . .**

**Amber Bruner**, Jessamine Co., KY Schools

**Dr. David J. Coleman**, Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Canton, OH

**Dr. Linda Cranmer**, Scott Co., KY Schools

**Tonia Darbro**, Bourbon Co., KY Schools

**Rhonda Dievert**, Fayette Co, KY Schools

**Greg Feedback**, Lexington School District Four, Swansea, SC

**Allison Hardin**, Jessamine Co., KY Schools

**Dr. Nicole Highland**, Fayette Co., KY Schools

**Dr. Shawn Hirsch**, Cy-Fair ISD Psychological Services, Cypress, TX

**Dustin Howard**, Clark Co., KY Schools

**Brandon Huss**, Jessamine Co., KY Schools

**Michelle Klein**, Woodford Co., KY Schools

**Matt Koger**, Anderson Co., KY Schools

**Dr. Mackenzie Leachman**, Fayette Co., KY Schools

**Jennifer Leslie**, Scott Co., KY Schools

**Tiffany Martinez**, Fayette Co., KY Schools

**Dr. David Michalec**, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH

**Dr. Jennifer Reese**, Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Canton, OH

**Dr. Rebekah Ridgeway**, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center LEND program

**Beth Rimoldi**, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, FL

**Dr. Lisa Ruble**, PACER Clinic

**Susan Rudzik**, Anderson Co., KY Schools

**Aleta Schulte**, White Bear Lake Area School District, Minnesota

**Angie Sheely**, Anderson Co., KY Schools

**Mike Stapleton**, Franklin Co., KY Schools

**Dr. Katherine Stone**, Private Practice

**Mary Twohig**, Jefferson Co., KY Schools

**Dr. Brian Wilhoit**, Tennessee Internship Consortium in School Psychology with Cherokee Health Systems, Knoxville, TN



**NOW OPEN— CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY REMODELED CLINIC!**



**University of Kentucky  
Psychoeducational Assessment,  
Consultation and Research Center  
(UK PACeR)**

Located at 641 Maxwellton Court, Lexington, KY 40506  
Phone: (859) 257-1381  
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Website: UKautism.org

With support from Dr. James Tracy, Vice President for Research, the Department of Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology, and Dean Mary John O'Hair of the College of Education, we have opened up a clinical training and research program called the UK Center for Autism Spectrum Evaluation, Service, and Research (CASPER). UK CASPER is one of the services within the UK Psychoeducational Assessment, Consultation, and Research Center (PACeR). Given that 1 out of 88 children have autism spectrum disorder (ASD), our clinic is responsive to the growing needs of school psychologists with expertise in ASD. Drs. Lisa Ruble and Jonathan Campbell are directing CASPER. Dr. Tom Prout is heading up clinical training services for individuals with ADHD; UK PACeR will continue to expand its services for other client populations in the future.



Martha Hinchey (on right) who is a Clinic Coordinator, helps remodel and clean our clinic during the summer!



Welcome! Above are pictures of our waiting room and lobby, as well as therapy and assessment rooms.



SELECTED CURRENT RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Fedewa is looking for researchers on the following projects: 1.) Entering data on a study measuring students' fluid intelligence, standardized test scores, behavior, and activity levels. Would need help in the Fall and Spring with hours flexible. 2.) Gaining publication experience on a project with Drs. Fedewa and Coker (Center for Violence Against Women). There are two large data sets with information on participants' sexual attraction and variables such as sexual harassment, unwanted sex, dating violence, stalking, binge drinking, depression, anxiety, etc. If you are interested in co-authoring a paper in this area, please email Dr. Fedewa. Time frame would be writing up an intro/lit review in the Fall and sending the paper out for publication in the Spring.

Empowering Parents! About 1% of US children have an autism spectrum disorder that impacts the development of social and communication skills. Children with autism are high users of medical services, but essentially nothing is known about the interactions between caregivers of children with autism and their treatment providers. With support from the University of Kentucky Intramural Research Support Program, Dr. Lisa Ruble from UK and Dr. Donna Murray from the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center are working together on a project to identify ways in which providers can help parents and caregivers in making decisions about their child's treatment. Data from 50 families will be gathered for one year. Findings will suggest new information on ways treatment providers can measure how well their services are family-centered.