Announcements

Congratulations to Dr. Martha Escobar (PI) and Dr. Melissa McDonald (co-PI) who were awarded an NSF HBCU-UP grant ($1.75M) in collaboration with Tuskegee University. The project will develop a new minor in Materials Science Engineering aimed at increasing the number of engineering degrees awarded to African American students.

Dr. Escobar also received an NSF INCLUDES grant (15K) that will develop and implement a computer science education prototype for middle school students using hands-on activities intended to make computer science learning enjoyable while fulfilling the new computer science education standards of the state of Alabama.

Dr. Escobar is also a PI on an NSF ITEST grant in progress currently serving 32 students from the Alabama Black Belt. The summer program was so successful that the lesson plans will be incorporated into the academic year curriculum of participating schools. Individuals interested in this research can contact Dr. Escobar and browse the program website: www.tuskegeebuildersacademy.org

Drs. Mary Lewis and Michele Parkhill-Purdie, in collaboration with Erica Wallace have received a grant from the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities to conduct a social norms campaign to reduce drinking on OU’s campus.

Drs. Martha Escobar and Melissa McDonald discuss details of their NSF funded research

Congratulations to Dr. Lisa Welling who was recently promoted to Association Professor with tenure, as well as Drs. Virgil Zeigler-Hill and Jennifer Vonk who were promoted to Full Professor.

A big congratulations to the most recent PhD graduates of the psychology graduate program, Drs. Austin Jeffery and Zoe Johnson-Ulrich.

Congratulations to Nicole Barbaro who received the Provost Graduate Student Research Award for her project, Female-directed violence: Constraining women’s access to (alternative) men. ($2,000).

Nicole Barbaro also received an Honorable Mention for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and was elected to serve as the Student Representative to the Executive Council of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society.

Excellent work to Lauren Harrison of Dr. Taku’s lab who received the best poster award for Division 1 (General Psychology) at the 125th APA meeting.

Drs. Todd Shackelford and Virgil Zeigler-Hill published an edited volume, “The Evolution of Psychopathology” based on the 2016 Evolution of Psychopathology conference at OU. Details can be found at: www.oakland.edu/psychology/conference/
PhD student Adam Tratner takes off with Drs. Todd Shackelford and Viviana Weekes-Shackelford for the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference.

Upcoming Events

Sep 28 (12-1): Dr. Melissa McDonald will be leading a GRE workshop for PSI CHI in Gold Room A of the OC. Open to all students.

Oct 3 (11-1pm): Dr. Steven Gangestad (Distinguished Professor of Psychology at The University of New Mexico) will speak on “Women’s Estrus and Extended Sexuality: Reflections on Fundamental Issues.” Located in the Oakland Room, OC. Open to all students, staff, and faculty. Food and refreshments served.

Recent Publications


DeLecce, T., Barbaro, N., Mohamedally, D., & Shackelford, T. K. (2017). Husband’s reaction to his wife’s sexual rejection is predicted by the time she spends with her male friends, but not her male coworkers. *Evolutionary Psychology, 15,* 1-5.


Hirooka, K., Fukahori, H., Taku, K., Togari, T., & Ogawa, A. Quality of death, rumination and posttraumatic growth among bereaved family members of cancer patients in home palliative care. *Psycho-Oncology.*


Publications (continued)


Recent Presentations


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