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Spring/Summer 2019 KU Clinical Child Psychology Program

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And all CCPP faculty, friends, and anonymous givers

Message from the Director

It's been another successful year in the Clinical Child Psychology Program! As it has for almost 30 years, the CCPP continues to shape the field through its research and leadership. Students and faculty continue to garner awards, grants, and honors in support and recognition of their work; the *KU Child and Family Services Clinic* has had a record year in terms of children/families served; students have matched at outstanding clinical internships; and graduates are placing at top-ranked post-doctoral fellowships, hospitals, and academic institutions.

Indeed, our collective efforts (students, alumni, faculty, friends, and donors) have continued to fulfill Michael Roberts' original vision of the CCPP as an "innovative" and "internationally recognized" center in Clinical Child Psychology.

And while we look back on another year of remarkable accomplishment, this semester ends on a bittersweet note. As many of you know, earlier this year Dr. Michael Roberts announced his retirement, effective May 31, 2019. Michael will continue his journey with us as *Professor Emeritus*, but we will sorely miss the leadership that he has given to the Program and University for 28 years.

In a very real sense, the development of the CCPP represents a model for how the specialty area of Clinical Child and Pediatric Psychology can and should shape the field of professional psychology. The field is better because of Michael's efforts here at KU and on the larger stage. As I reflect on the accomplishments outlined in this issue and on Michael's vision for the program, I am especially grateful to all of our alumni, students, faculty, friends, and supporters for facilitating the Program's success.

The fifth century (BCE) philosopher Heraclitus of Ephesus is credited with stating that "There is nothing permanent except change." As we approach yet another season of change, I look forward to partnering with you toward the further development of the CCPP and the field of Clinical Child and Pediatric Psychology. –RGS



Michael C. Roberts, Ph.D., ABPP

Notable New Publications:

Fite, P. J., Brown, S., Hossain, W., Manzardo, A., Butler, M. G., Bortolato, M. (2019)

Tobacco and cannabis use in college students are predicted by sex-dimorphic interactions between MAOA genotype and child abuse.
CNS Neuroscience & Therapeutics, 25, 101-111.

Fite, P., Cooley, J., Poquiz, J., & Williford, A. (2019)
Pilot Evaluation of a Targeted Intervention for Peer Victimized Youth.
Journal of Clinical Psychology, 75, 46-65.

Poppert Cordts, K., Steele, R. (2019)
Trajectories of pediatric sleepiness and their associations with health-related quality of life.
Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic 83 (2), 175-197

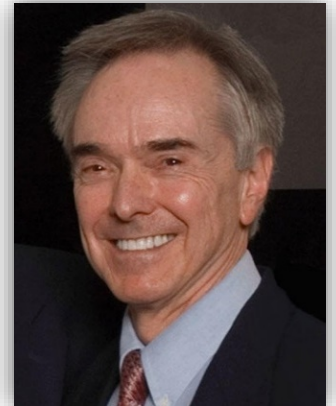
Kichline, T., Cushing, C., Ortega, A., Friesen, C., Schurman, J. (2019)
Associations Between Physical Activity and Chronic Pain Severity in Youth With Chronic Abdominal Pain
The Clinical Journal of Pain 35 (7) p 618-624

Marker, A., Steele, R., Noser, A. (2018)
Physical activity and health-related quality of life in children and adolescents: A systematic review and meta-analysis.
Health Psychology 37 (10), 893

Recap: 2019 Michael C. Roberts Colloquium in Clinical Child Psychology

A hearty thank you to **Dr. John Weisz** for being our special guest speaker at the 2019 MCR Colloquium: *Personalizing Evidence-based Psychotherapy for Children and Adolescents!* With over 100 attendees, we were delighted to spend time with so many colleagues, alumni, and students!

The Michael C. Roberts Colloquium Series in Clinical Child Psychology Fund is an endowed account established to honor Michael's contributions to the field as Founding Director of the KU Clinical Child Psychology Program. Interest from the endowed account brings eminent scholars in clinical child psychology to KU to deliver colloquia, meet with students, and consult with faculty on ongoing clinical research projects. If you are interested in giving, visit us [HERE!](#)



John R. Weisz, Ph.D., ABPP

FACULTY NEWS

2019 John C. Wright Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Dr. Eric Vernberg was nominated for this mentor award by current and previous mentees from the CCPP, who recounted the impact that Eric has made on their lives. The strength of his mentorship can be seen not only in the number of years in which he has served as a prolific scholar and mentor in the Clinical Child Psychology Program, but also through the many lives and careers he has shaped with his thoughtful and sincere mentorship.



2019 American Board of Professional Psychology Early Career Psychologist Service Award



Dr. Omar Gudiño

This annual award recognizes ECPs who, throughout their careers, have demonstrated exceptional service to the field of psychology in support of ABPP and/or other professional psychology organizations. Dr. Gudiño will be presented with this prestigious award at the 2018 APA Convention.

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Science Happy Hour: The Many Autisms

Museum at PrairieFire, Overland Park



Dr. Matthew Mosconi was invited to present the Science Happy Hour at the Museum at PrairieFire on April 17th, 2019. Dr. Mosconi presented the history of the definition of autism and how new scientific discoveries on the genetic and brain bases of autism have led many of us to think about the “autisms” rather than autism.

The Kansas Center for Autism Research and Training (K-Card) and KU Life Span Institute also co-sponsored Sensory Friendly Day, an event for children with ASD and sensory processing differences and their families to enjoy the museum.

Membership Announcement: American College of Neuropsychopharmacology

The American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) has elected **Dr. Matthew Mosconi** as an **Associate Member**. Congrats on this prestigious position!

ACNP is a non-profit, professional society dedicated to advancing the scientific understanding of and facilitating communication about disorders of the brain and behavior in order to advance their prevention and treatment.

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Blue Ribbon Task Force for Bullying

Dr. Paula Fite has been invited to serve on the newly created Blue Ribbon Task Force for Bullying for the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Bullying is co-chaired by Dr. Rick Ginsberg, Dean of the University of Kansas School of Education, and Mr. James Regier, Superintendent of Whitewater-Remington USD 206. While anti-bullying measures have been in place for many years, efforts to eradicate bullying in schools have not fully succeeded. This task force will research and identify current bullying trends, data, and prevention measures occurring across the state in an effort to better understand how to combat this problem.



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STUDENT AWARDS

2019 has proven to be a particularly outstanding year for our CCPP graduate students. We are so proud of all they are accomplishing, and their success has been recognized well beyond the confines of our program.



2019 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Graduate School in Clinical Child Psychology

Carolina Bejarano, M.A.

Carolina has demonstrated scholarly excellence in the process of completing the didactic, clinical, and research requirements of the program with a special emphasis on involvement and productivity in research. This award is granted to a student who excels in scholarly endeavors while engaging in clinical and research activities over and above the curriculum requirements of the Program. Way to go, Carolina!

Carolyn & Stephen Schroeder Practice-Informed Research Award 2019

Jessy Guler, M.A.

“Understanding the Physical Health Problems Experienced by Refugee Parent-Child Dyads Exposed to Trauma: A Mixed Methods Study”

<https://ccpp.ku.edu/carolyn-stephen-schroeder-practice-informed-research-award>

Brown-Kirschman Award for Research Excellence 2019

Katie Stone, M.A.

“Emotion Regulation in Preschool Children”

<https://ccpp.ku.edu/brown-kirschman-award>

KU College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award

Erin Bojanek, M.A. (2019)

Erin was chosen for her thesis project examining the postural control mechanisms during static and dynamic standing conditions and stepping in individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and typically developing controls.

Austen McGuire, M.A. (2019)

Austen’s thesis addresses the academic performance of youth in foster care, a population of youth who experience a myriad of risk factors for poor academic health. This is one of the first studies to document the academic health of youth in care and how children’s exposure to abuse and foster care influenced their subsequent academic performance.

Congratulations to **Adrian Ortega** on his invitation to the **Rising Stars in Health Related Sciences Symposium** at Indiana University! Adrian was nominated by Dr. Christopher Cushing and Dr. David Fedele (University of Florida).



2019 Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference (SPPAC) Student Award Winners:

Alexandra Monzon, M.A. - Sleep SIG Award & SPPAC Travel Award
Andrew McConville, B.A. - PRISM SIG Award
Adrian Ortega, M.A. - PRISM SIG Award
Arwen Marker, M.A. - Diabetes SIG Poster Award
Jessy Guler, M.A., - SPPAC Diversity Poster Award
Tiffany Kichline, M.A. - PRISM SIG award



Lillian Jacobey Baur Early Childhood Award

Kathleen Diaz, M.A. (2019-2021)

Katie Stone, M.A. (2018-2020)

The KU College Office of Graduate Affairs grants this award in effort to support research in early childhood education, socialization, and therapy. Recipients receive up to two years of doctoral GRA support. The selected research is designed to generate new knowledge regarding the physical, social and/or cognitive development of very young children (i.e., pre-natal to up to 6 years old).

Nyre Clinical Child Psychology Student Support Fund

Casey Pederson, M.A.

This competitive award allowed Casey the opportunity to present her research with detained juveniles at the American Psychology-Law Society annual conference in Portland, Oregon.

The Nyre Clinical Child Psychology Student Support Fund was established in 2018 by Dr. Joseph E. Nyre and Kelli L. Nyre in honor of founding director, Dr. Michael C. Roberts to provide financial support for graduate students in the Clinical Child Psychology Program (CCPP) at the University of Kansas.

The APA Division 38 Society for Health Psychology
Graduate Student Research Award has been granted to:

Tiffany Kichline, M.A.

Congratulations, Tiffany!

Jessy Guler, M.A.

Was awarded "The Applied Social Issues Internship Grant" from the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues for her project:

"Refugee Health Connection (RHC): A Mixed Methods Needs Assessment of Risk and Protective Factors of Resettled Refugee Parent-Child Dyads Post-Resettlement"

Congratulations to our Interns!

Bridget Cho, M.A.

University of California, Davis Children's Hospital

Casey Pederson, M.A.

Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Amy Noser, M.A.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Moneika Sutton, M.A.

Nationwide Children's Hospital

Congratulations to our Summer 2019 Graduates!

Shaquanna Brown, Ph.D.

Andrew Frazer, Ph.D.

Lindsay Huffhines, Ph.D.

Jonathan Poquiz, Ph.D.

