Undergraduate Honors Research Festival

Opening Remarks:

Sheri J. Mizumori, Ph.D.
Professor & Department Chair

Miriam Bassok, Ph.D.
Associate Professor &
Honors Program Faculty Advisor

Carrie Perrin
Director, Psychology
Undergraduate Advising

Naser Abdulraheem
Sponsor: Kevin King, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Mindfulness Training: Effects on BIS/BAS Systems of Self-regulation
Following graduation with a BS in Psychology, Naser will begin a Master’s program in General Psychology at New York University.

Jessica Armer
Sponsor: Steven Buck, Ph.D., Professor

Rod Influences on Dark Stimuli
Jessica will graduate Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology. In July, she will begin a clinical research internship at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, studying the effects of clinical intervention and stress reduction on cancer patients.

Kay Yu Yuan Chai
Sponsor: Marsha Linehan, Ph.D., Professor

Mindfulness for College Students: Preliminary Findings
A Mary Gates Research Scholar and the recipient of the 2013 Guthrie Prize for the best research proposal, Kay is a member of Psi Chi and Phi Beta Kappa. She is the Psychology Department’s nominee for the Dean’s Medal in the Natural Sciences Division of the College of Arts and Sciences. Following her graduation, Summa Cum Laude, with a BS in Psychology and a minor in Philosophy, Kay will begin a Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology at Dusquesne University, in Pittsburgh.

Adair Cardon
Sponsor: Raphael Bernier, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Genetic Mutations, Gender, and Birth Complications Within Autism Spectrum Disorder
Addie is a Mary Gates Research Scholar and will graduate with a BS in Psychology with both Departmental and College honors. She plans to take a year off prior to applying for graduate school and has recently accepted a job at the UW Autism Center working as a research assistant with the TADPOLE study, investigating a new therapy for autistic children.

Wendy Coard
Sponsor: Geoffrey Boynton, Ph.D., Associate Professor

The Effect of Feedback on Serial Position Effects during a Visual Judgment of Mean Location
The recipient of an undergraduate research award at Florida Atlantic University, where she will be working with a lab researching language development, Wendy will graduate with a BA in Psychology and a BS in biology.
Edite Forman  
Sponsor: Sheri Mizumori, Ph.D., Professor and Chair

*Reward and Velocity Correlates in the Periaqueductal Gray*

Following graduation with a BS in Psychology, Edite plans to take a year off from school while working and considering graduate school options.

Madeleine Gauger  
Sponsors: William George, Ph.D., Professor and Cynthia Stappenbeck, Ph.D., Assistant Professor Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

*Exploring the Mediating Influence of Sex-Related Drinking Motives on Drinking and Sexual Risk-taking in Victims of Sexual Assault*

Madeleine will graduate Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology. She plans to volunteer in the community and also to continue working with her research lab, Project FRESH.

Sandrine Girard  
Sponsor: Chantel Prat, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

*The Effect of Control on Tasks Involving Automatic Processing*

Set to graduate Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology and a Spanish minor, Sandrine will then begin a Ph.D. program in Cognitive and Developmental Psychology at Carnegie Mellon University.

Gabriella Greco  
Sponsor: Sara Jane Webb, Ph.D., Associate Professor Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

*What’s Your Story: Narrative Language and Cognition Among School-Aged Children with ASD*

Gabriella is the recipient of an Undergraduate Research Conference Travel Award, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Golden Key, and the National Honors Society of Collegiate Scholars. After graduating Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology and an Art History minor, she will begin a pre-doctoral fellowship in developmental and computational social neuroscience at Yale University’s Yale Child Study Center.

Christina Healy  
Sponsor: Sara Jane Webb, Associate Professor Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

*Habituation to Social Stimuli in Preschool Aged Children with ASD*

After graduating Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology and a minor in Education, Learning and Societies, Christina’s plans include traveling throughout the Amazon region, as well as teaching English abroad to elementary school aged children.

Diana Hu  
Sponsor: Susan Joslyn, Ph.D., Associate Professor

*The Effect of the Availability Heuristic on Preventative Action*

Diana will spend the coming year working and applying to graduate programs in either Counseling or Clinical Psychology. She is set to graduate with a BS in Psychology and a minor in Nutrition.

Anh Huynh  
Sponsor: Anthony Greenwald, Ph.D., Professor

*Do You Associate Dogs with Love? The Brief Implicit Association Test (BIAT) has the Answer*

Following graduation Magna Cum Laude with a BA in Psychology and a BA in Communication, with a Journalism emphasis, Anh plans to apply to graduate programs over the coming year. She is a Ronald E. McNair Scholar, the recipient of UW Academic Excellence Awards, and was the UW’s 2013 nominee for the prestigious Beinecke Scholarship.
Baixue Jiang
Sponsor: Andrea Stocco, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor

*Individual differences in Exploration and Exploitation*
Baixue will graduate Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology. Plans for the coming year include earning a qualification certificate in counseling in her native China.

Brinn Jones
Sponsor: Bryan Hartzler, Ph.D., Affiliate Assistant Professor and Senior Research Scientist, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute

*Effects of Training and Implementation on Experience on Clinician Skill*
Recently published as a co-author in the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, Brinn will graduate Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology and a Math minor. For the coming year, Brinn plans to work while considering graduate school options for Ph.D. programs with a focus on substance abuse disorders.

Rachel Lee
Sponsor: Kevin King, Ph.D., Associate Professor

*An Investigation of the Impact of Focused-Breathing Meditation on Impulsivity in Emerging Adults*
Rachel is a frequent member of the Dean’s List for high scholarship and is set to graduate with a BS in Psychology and a BA in Sociology.

Anne-Lise Nilsen
Sponsor: James Ha, Ph.D., Research Professor

*Hamilton Search and Set Breaking Task: Assessing Canine Cognition*
Graduating with a BS in Psychology and a minor in Education, Learning and Societies, Anne-Lise is a Mary Gates Research Scholar. Next year she plans to work while exploring graduate school possibilities in the field of animal behavior.

Maya Reiter
Sponsor: Corey Fagan, Ph.D., Principal Lecturer and Clinic Director

*Revision of the Prescreening Phone Screen for Mental Disorders at the University of Washington and the University of California at Los Angeles*
Maya will graduate Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology. She was recently invited to join Phi Beta Kappa, and is a frequent member of the Dean’s List for high scholarship.

Marisa Samuelson
Sponsor: Mary Larimer, Ph.D., Professor
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

*Gender and Depressive Symptoms as Moderators Between Injunctive Norms and Alcohol use in College Students*
With immediate plans to backpack in Europe following her graduation with a BS in Psychology, Marisa will then return to work as a case manager at a Seattle nursing home. She is the recipient of a scholarship from the UW Office of Annual Giving, as well as academic awards for her freshman and junior years.

Emily Slezak
Sponsor: Steven Buck, Ph.D., Professor

*Spatial Dependence of Perception of Brown*
Emily is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and is set to graduate Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology and an Environmental Studies minor. During the coming year she plans to work while researching graduate school options.

Michelle Tran
Sponsor: Raphael Bernier, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

*Genetic Differences of Sleep Problems in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*
A Mary Gates Research Scholar, Michelle will graduate with a BA in Psychology as well as a minor in Global Health.
Xinglu Yao  
Sponsor: Peter Kahn, Ph.D., Professor

*Do Young Adults’ Attributions of Personality to a Robot Correlate with Higher Creative Outcomes in a Collaborative Creativity Task?*

Set to graduate with a BA in Psychology, Xinglu is a frequent member of the Dean’s List for high scholarship. She plans to work during the coming year.

Garret Zieve  
Sponsor: Corey Fagan, Ph.D., Principal Lecturer and Clinic Director

*Relationship Between Client Satisfaction and Psychotherapy Process and Outcome in a University Training Clinic*

Garret will graduate Summa Cum Laude with a BA in Psychology and a BA in Comparative History of Ideas. He is a Mary Gates Leadership Scholar and plans to apply for Ph.D. programs in Clinical Psychology. Following graduation, he plans to volunteer as a research assistant with the Behavior and Research Therapy Clinics and will be seeking part-time employment at a community mental health agency in the Seattle area.