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Clinical Student Spotlight

Evan Basting is a second-year Clinical Psychology M.A. student in the HEART Lab, studying under Dr. Liz Goncy. He has been working in the HEART lab for almost four years, studying the influence of families on romantic relationships and problem behaviors (e.g., substance use) in adolescence and young adulthood. [Read more](#)



School Psychology Faculty News

Dr. Shereen Naser is an assistant professor in the School Psychology program at Cleveland State University. Dr. Naser was a practicing school psychologist in New Orleans before coming to Cleveland State. Dr. Naser's research is focused on using a social justice lens to develop best practices for equitable, school based, universal structures and supports that address the social, emotional, and behavioral

(SEB) challenges faced by youth. [Read more](#)



Industrial-Organizational Research Alumni Update

COVID-19 has an uneven impact on consumers' buying patterns of goods and service. On one hand, people spent more time at home, so they are buying more household items to make their home comfortable. On the other hand, people avoid flying, staying in hotels, going out to eat and getting their haircuts. Following that logic, you can imagine COVID-19 has more negative

impacts on jobs in the service sectors than manufacturing sectors. Two IO alumni share how the virus has affected their workplaces. [Read more](#)



Psychological Science Community Update

As we embark on the 2020-2021 academic year, the Department of Psychology is ushering in a new era for the (former) Experimental Research MA Program. Specifically, this has included a name change to the Psychological Science MA Program (PSP). With this change comes adjustments to our program curriculum that allows students the flexibility to tailor their

training (both inside and outside the classroom/lab) in a way that is commensurate with their career goals. [Read more](#)



Undergraduate Program Committee Research Update

The Department of Psychology offers many types of opportunities for undergraduate students to gain research experience and skills. In this issue we highlight three recent graduates, all of whom earned the College of Sciences and Health Professions Outstanding Senior Award in Spring 2020. [Read more](#)



Adult Development and Aging Update

The aging process is fraught with a stereotypical “doom and gloom” narrative: diminished cognitive abilities, failing health, and limits to physical functioning, just to name a few. However, in spite of these presumed declines, older adults report being quite happy and content. Members of our Adult Development and Aging Program within the

Department of Psychology are currently examining the means by which older adults create/maintain positivity in the face of late life challenges. [Read more](#)



In Memoriam

It is with a very sad heart that we share the news of the passing of two retired full-time faculty members (Drs. Hollinger & Kahana) and one long-time part-time instructor (Dr. Bruner) in 2020. We are grateful for their contributions and years of service to Cleveland State as well as their respective disciplines. [Read more](#)



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