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Second-year doctoral student in the Adult Development and Aging Ph.D. Program, Morgan Minyo

## **Adult Development and Aging Ph.D. Program Student News**

Morgan Minyo is a doctoral student in the Adult Development and Aging Ph.D. Program whose research focuses on the illness experience of those living with dementia. Morgan is particularly interested in how the unmet needs of those with dementia generate need-driven behaviors as well as how those factors impact quality of life for individuals with dementia. Morgan's research method directly involves those with dementia rather than relying solely on proxy-report measures and, in this way, Morgan hopes to gain a deeper understanding of those living with dementia. [Read more](#)

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Dr. Horvath engages with students during the Spring 2020 *Research in CSU's Department of Psychology* event.

## Student engagement spotlight

The Department of Psychology seeks to provide Engaged Learning opportunities for our students by linking their interests in psychology with relevant experience within our faculty's laboratories. However, given the scope of psychological inquiry, it can be daunting for eager students to find lab experiences that will further their studies. Consequently, the Department of Psychology debuted a new undergraduate student event this spring, *Research in CSU's Department of Psychology*, which featured faculty members presenting posters on their research with the hope of guiding students toward faculty with similar interests. [Read more](#)



Left to right (front): Deborah Riczo (a Member of the COSHP Visiting Committee) and her husband John Riczo, Meredith Bond (Dean, COSHP), and Kathy McNamara (Associate Dean, COSHP)

Left to right (back): Andy Passen (Chair of the COSHP Visiting Committee) and Habeebah Grimes

## Alumni Spotlight

CSU triple alumna, Habeebah Rasheed Grimes, was named 2019 Distinguished Alumna for the College of Sciences and Health Professions at Cleveland State University. Ms. Grimes earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1999, a Master's degree in Psychology (Clinical specialization) in 2001, and a Psychology Specialist degree in School Psychology in 2002. Ms. Grimes is currently Chief Executive Officer for the Positive Education Program (PEP), a nonprofit agency that provides services for children with severe mental health and behavioral challenges, as well as the families and professionals who support them. [Read more](#)

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Dr. Vail presents at the 2020 Existential Psychology SPSP Conference

## Experimental Research Program Research News

Dr. Kenneth Vail is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology who specializes in Social Psychology with a focus on existential aspects of the human condition. Dr. Vail regularly leads the Existential Psychology conference at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) and this year Dr. Vail was also instrumental in establishing the International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology (ISSEP) in order to support others interested in this line of research. [Read more](#)

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Faculty and students regularly present at the Society for Industrial Organizational Psychology (SIOP) annual conference.

### Specialization highlight

The Industrial-Organizational Research specialization prepares students to conduct applied research in business and organizational settings. Students gain a background in contemporary psychological theories and they are equipped with the analytic tools necessary for effective problem solving in applied settings. Students learn how to apply psychological and research principles to develop understanding and skill in job analysis, personnel recruitment and selection, performance management, training design, employee motivation, job satisfaction, and leadership. As such the IO Specialization has strong connections with the professional community surrounding CSU and these connections propel our students toward exciting careers in their fields. [Read more](#)



Dr. Goncy speaks with students at this Spring's *Research in CSU's Department of Psychology* event.

## Faculty Highlight

Since joining the Department of Psychology in the fall of 2016, Dr. Liz Goncy has gone on to published over 16 articles; in 2018 she was awarded a Golden Apple award by CSU for her excellence in teaching; and Dr. Goncy was recognized as the Department of Psychology's Outstanding Researcher for the 2019-2020 academic year. Dr. Goncy is the director of the Healthy Relationships [HEART](#) Lab in the Department of Psychology and she is a member of THRiVE, which is an interdisciplinary team of researchers and students at CSU dedicated to improving the lives of LGBTQ+ youth. [Read more](#)



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