# Meet Our Students



Second Year Cognitive/Social students:

Kathleen Stanko, Katie Poznanski, Korey Paul, Hannah Ballas, Heidi Anwiler, Prabin Subedi



First Year Cognitive/Social students:

Ethan Dahl, Katy Dunlap, Cameron Davidson, Aditi Suryanarayan, Laura Donaldson, Chris Altman



**Second Year Clinical students:** 

Front row: Lindsay Marsh, Bethany Feldman, Heather Bauer

Back row: Dana Burgan, Kelly Fogle, Rachel Walker, Brittney Klauser



First Year Clinical students:

Front row: Hilary Moore, Kelcey Hall, Amanda Henderson

Back row: Derek Gosman, Kristina Hernandez, Victor Figuereo, Alex Nyquist

## **Student Biographies**

## Cognitive & Social Processes students

#### **Chris Altman**

Hello. My name is Chris Altman and I am a first year Master's student in the Cognitive and Social Processes program. I received my Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh in Greensburg (UPG). As an undergraduate at UPG my primary research focus was in legal psychology, relating psychological principles to areas of the legal system. Under Dr. Pickel I hope to continue this line of research while earning my Master's Degree. After receiving my Master's Degree from BSU I hope to move on to a doctoral program and earn my Ph.D in legal psychology.

### **Hannah Ballas**

I am a second year Cognitive and Social Processes student. I am also in the Institutional Research Certificate program. I received my BA in psychology from Eastern Illinois University. I am currently a graduate assistant for Dr. Kite and Dr. Whitley. For my assistantship, I am currently a TA for Prejudice and Discrimination and I am working a meta-analysis regarding gender differences in attitudes toward gay men and lesbians. My research interests are stereotyping, prejudice, and academic assessment. After Ball State, I hope to enter a Social Psychology Ph.D. program.

#### **Ethan Dahl**

I am currently a first year student in the Cognitive and Social Processes Masters program here at Ball State University. My background involves growing up in the small town of Kennedy, Minnesota and receiving my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Minnesota State University in Moorhead Minnesota. During my undergraduate career I performed research in the areas of violent media and the concept of Interreality in regards to virtual worlds like that of Second Life. My interests remain broad but center around the ideas of different forms of media and human interactions with them. I plan to hone my interests while here at Ball State in preparation for pursing my Ph.D. in Social Psychology.

### **Cameron Davidson**

I am from Noblesville, Indiana and am a first year grad student in the cognitive/social program. I earned my undergraduate degree from Ball state. My primary interests pertaining to research include sleep and neuroscience. I am interested more specifically in attitudes relating to sleep and sleep hygiene as well as the neurological component of sleep. I eventually would like to obtain a doctorate to teach and do research at the collegiate level.

#### Laura Donaldson

I am a first year student in the Cognitive/Social Processes program. I received my BA in Social Studies Secondary Education from Ball State University and then went on to teach at Arsenal Technical High School in downtown Indianapolis. While teaching, I became intrigued about learning disabilities, specifically language processing disorders, such as dyslexia. I am also interested in neuroscience. My goal upon completing this program is to obtain a PhD with the intention of teaching and further pursuing research.

#### **Katy Dunlap**

Hello! I'm a first year Master's student in the Cognitive and Social Processes program. I obtained my BA in Psychology from Manchester College (now called Manchester University). While there, I worked on a couple of independent research projects, one that looked at attitudes

towards homosexuality across different gender, religion, and age categories; and another that analyzed the emotional and behavioral effects of poverty on school children. Currently I am interested in attitudes and prejudices, and I would like to explore how those interact with workplace productivity. My goal once I graduate is to obtain a PhD and teach at a college or university.

## **Korey Paul**

Hello. My name is Korey Paul and I am a Master's student in the Cognitive and Social processes program. I received my Bachelors of Science from Ball State in Psychological Science. I am interested in aspects of personality as they relate to social processes. I am also quite interested in cognitive aspects of attention specifically in those who have ADHD. My goal is receive my PhD in Social Psychology. I chose to continue at Ball State because of the excellent researchers/professors in the program. I feel that I still have much to learn before moving toward a PhD.

### Katie Poznanski

Hello! My name is Katie Poznanski, and I am a grad student in the Cognitive and Social Processes Masters program here at Ball State. I earned my Psychology B.A. at Purdue University. During undergrad I developed an honors thesis, concerning the effect of rumination and depression on recovery from ostracism, as part of the Research-Focused Honors Program. I also spent time in other faculty labs researching evolutionary memory, attitudes and behavior, as well as dating relationships and psychological abuse. My research interests include learning, memory processes, and personality. While at BSU I plan on completing a thesis and preparing myself for a doctoral program.

## **Nate Ring**

Hi, I am a student in the Cognitive and Social Masters program. I received my undergraduate degrees from Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, Indiana. I have also attended Purdue University in South Bend and worked with Indiana University South Bend as a research assistant. I previously served as the Association for Psychological Science Undergraduate Advocate. My current interests in psychology are within the areas of knowledge representation, concept mapping, and cognitive scaffolding as related to learning and assessment, and statistics. I hope to pursue a Ph.D. in cognitive psychology.

### **Kathleen Stanko**

Hello everyone! I am a cognitive and social processes student. I completed my undergraduate degree at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio where I worked on various projects dealing with emotions, gender differences, and institutional research. While pursuing my Master's degree I would like to expand my knowledge on infidelity, decision-making, and attitudes. After graduating from BSU I hope to pursue a Ph.D in social psychology.

## **Prabin Subedi**

I am Prabin Chandra Subedi. I am from Nepal. I finished my undergraduate degree from Lee University. My current research interests center around understanding issues of self, identity, and intergroup relations in historically unequal and ethnically diverse social contexts. My undergraduate research was focused on the gender preferences and appraisal of attractiveness among college students (using an eye-tracker). Upon graduating from college, I worked for a year as a research assistant in Dr. Jack Dovidio's Intergroup Relations Lab. During my assistantship there, I assisted in a project examining the differential visual perspectives during interracial interactions. Later, I collaborated in a project examining the implications of working in counter-stereotypical environments for the organization of the self-concept. Currently, I am

assisting Dr. Mary Kite and Dr. Linh Littleford in their research and teaching. I aim to pursue my Ph.D in social psychology.

## Aditi Suryanarayan

Hi, I'm in the first year of the Cognitive and Social Processes Program. I am from India, which is where I received my first Master's degree in Clinical Psychology. I am currently working as a Graduate Assistant for Dr. Kristin Ritchey. My broad areas of interest include human/animal behavior and cognition. I am specifically interested in concepts like theory of mind, the biological basis of behavior and linguistic competence in humans. I plan to pursue my Ph.D. in Cognitive/Biological Psychology after I complete my Master's degree.

## Clinical Psychology students

#### **Heather Bauer**

Hi, my name is Heather and I am a clinical psychology student. I am from a small town in southern Indiana, called Huntingburg. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Criminology and Criminal Justice from Indiana State University. At my undergraduate institution I did internships at two locations, a medium security prison and the prosecutor's office at the courthouse. I worked on multiple research projects and did my own independent senior honors thesis on death penalty attitudes among college students. My main area of research interest is in psychology and the law. I am very interested in offenders in the prison system and the processes of the courts when dealing with trials, juror decision making, and jury selection. I will be working with Dr. Kerri Pickel while at BSU. I also currently have an assistantship teaching, which I absolutely love. Gaining teaching skills will greatly benefit me in my future goals of pursuing a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in psych-law.

## Dana Burgan

Hi! I'm Dana and I am a student in the Clinical Psychology program. I am originally from Fort Wayne, IN, and I received my BS in psychology from Ball State University. As an undergraduate, I assisted with a variety of research including research related to multisensory integration, hemispheric lateralization, and pragmatic meaning. I was also a teaching assistant for several courses and completed a senior thesis on perfectionism and health-related behaviors. I hope to continue exploring health-related aspects of psychology while at BSU. After earning my Master's degree, I hope to earn a PhD in either Counseling or Health Psychology.

### **Kathleen Burkhart**

Hi! My name is Kathleen Burkhart and I am a clinical student from Ohio. I graduated from the University of Dayton with a B.A. in psychology. I work as a graduate assistant for Dr. Adams and Dr. Simon-Dack and my current interests are in post traumatic stress disorder. My plan is to pursue a PhD in clinical psychology.

## **Bethany Feldman**

Hi! I'm a second year Clinical Psychology student from Michigan. I graduated from Eastern Michigan University (Go Green!) with a Bachelor of Science in both Psychology and Art. As an undergraduate, I did independent research investigating the effects of major life events on post-bariatric surgery patients in substance abuse treatment programs. My current research interests include factors that influence identity formation, emerging adult populations, and bullying. Here at Ball State University, I'm currently working with Dr. Gentry to develop my thesis, which will investigate bullying amongst graduate students and the impact of coping mechanisms. I work as a graduate assistant for Dr. Heather Adams and I am thrilled to be doing my internship at the Counseling Center. Upon completion of my degree, I hope to pursue a Ph.D.

in either clinical or counseling psychology. Outside of academia, I enjoy working with various media to create my own artwork and expression, and I have a love of linguistics and Slurpees!

## Victor Figuereo

My name is Victor Figuereo and I am a first year Clinical Psychology MA student born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts. I completed my undergraduate degree in psychology at Clark University in Worcester, MA. My research interests include multicultural psychology and diversity issues in mental health. Currently I am working as a TA for Dr. Michael Tagler and I am a member of Dr. Linh Littleford's research group. Once I complete my MA at Ball State, I hope to continue on to attend a PhD program in Clinical Psychology.

## **Kelly Fogle**

Hello! My name is Kelly Fogle, and I'm a second year Clinical Psychology student. I am originally from Ft. Wayne, IN, and I graduated from Manchester College with a B.A. in Psychology. While I was there, I was able to assist with research on a variety of topics including personality traits & achievement of students on academic probation, and strategies for improving student learning (like online quizzing and applying course concepts to service experiences). Currently, I work as a graduate assistant for Dr. Simon-Dack and Dr. Holtgraves, and my thesis examines neural firing patterns, interhemispheric transfer, and executive functioning in athletes who have experienced concussions. After I finish my Master's at Ball State, I plan to pursue a Ph.D. in School Psychology or Clinical Psychology and hopefully focus on psychological and neuropsychological assessment.

## **Derek Gosman**

Hello! I am a first year Clinical Psychology student. I am from North Vernon, Indiana. I graduated from Ball State University with a double-major in Psychology and Philosophy. My research interests concern the neural mechanisms governing multisensory integration. As a result, the populations I am most interested in working with are those that exhibit some differences in their ability to integrate sensory information (e.g. ADD/ADHD individuals). My goal is to attain a Clinical Psychology Ph.D. with a specialization in neuropsychology.

### **Kelcey Hall**

Hello! My name is Kelcey Hall, and I am from Valparaiso, Indiana. I am a first year Clinical Psychology student. I graduated from Loyola University Chicago with a double major in Psychology and Criminal Justice. During my undergrad, I interned at a medium-security prison in a substance abuse unit, and my main interests are psychological assessments, criminal behavior, and psychology and law. I plan on pursuing my PhD in Clinical Psychology after completing my Master's degree at Ball State.

#### **Amanda Henderson**

Hi, my name is Amanda Henderson and I am a first year clinical student. I am from Valparaiso, Indiana and I received my BA in Psychology from the University of Indianapolis. My interests are in autism as well as neuropsychology. I am a graduate assistant for Dr. Wilczynski in the Special Education department who focuses her research on autism. My plan is to pursue a Ph.D. in clinical neuropsychology.

### Kristina Hernandez

Hello! My name is Kristina Hernandez and I am a first year clinical psychology student. I am from California, the bay area, and graduated from California State University, Chico with a B.A. in Psychology. I absolutely love learning about the brain! My research interests are in brain injuries, neurodegenerative diseases, and neuroplasticity. I plan on getting my Ph.D. in Clinical

Psychology with a specialization in Neuropsychology so I can become a clinical neuropsychologist and also continue to do research.

## **Brittney Klauser**

Hey everyone! My name is Brittney Klauser and I am a clinical student. I am originally from Quincy, Illinois and I graduated from Western Illinois University with my Bachelors of Science. I majored in psychology and minored in neuroscience. As an undergrad I conducted Alzheimer's research and personality research with an incarcerated population. After graduating I worked as a community support worker for adults with severe persistent mental illness and did crisis screenings for children. My main research interest is neuropsychology and I intend to pursue a Ph.D. after graduating with my Masters.

## **Lindsay Marsh**

Hi! I am a Clinical Psychology student. I am from North Vernon, Indiana. I graduated from Hanover College, a small liberal arts college in Southern Indiana, with a major in Psychology and a minor in Biology. My senior thesis was the impact of experimenter status on suggestibility, which I measured through the presence of false memories. My research interests are in clinical neuropsychology, particularly dementia, Parkinson's disease, and brain injury. My goal is to attain a Clinical Psychology Ph.D. with a specialization in Neuropsychology, so I can become a clinical neuropsychologist. I am excited to be working for Dr. Simon-Dack and Dr. Holtgraves as a graduate assistant.

## **Hilary Moore**

I'm a first year Clinical Psychology student at Ball State. I grew up in Xenia, Ohio and went to Indiana Wesleyan University for my undergraduate degree. I would like to pursue clinical practice, and am interested in trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder, especially as it relates to children and adolescents. My undergraduate thesis project looked at the grief process following the death of a sibling. I am a graduate assistant for Dr. Rachel Gentry. I enjoy reading, playing board games, and doing jigsaw puzzles.

## **Alex Nyquist**

Hello, I am first year in the Clinical program. I grew up in Kansas City, Missouri and earned a B.S. in Psychology at Truman State University in Kirksville, MO. Currently I am a teaching assistant for Drs. Deckers and Forbey. After Ball State, I plan to earn a PhD in Clinical Psychology and hope to research adolescent depression. I am interested in cognitive-behavioral treatments for depression as well as prevention. Long term, I would like to pursue an academic career and continue to do research, but I am also entertaining the possibility of finding opportunities to balance clinical practice in my career as well.

### **Rachel Schoor**

Hi, my name is Rachel Schoor and I am a Clinical Psychology Student. I am from Kansas City, Missouri, and I completed my undergraduate degree at UMKC (university of Missouri - Kansas City). My long term career goals include gaining licensure for clinical practice and researching the ways in which interventions may be tailored to prevent and treat diseases among disadvantaged populations. As an undergraduate I was involved in research regarding smoking cessation and HIV/AIDS medication adherence, as well as volunteering for a variety of organizations. My hobbies include bowling and going to concerts.

### **Rachel Walker**

Hi everyone! My name is Rachel Walker and I am a clinical student at Ball State University. I received my undergraduate degree in Psychology from Grand Valley State University in Grand

Rapids, MI. During my time at BSU I plan to pursue research areas surrounding the relationship between ethnic minorities and risk and resilience factors, particularly enhancing positive ethnic identity. I have done multiple collaborative research projects looking at cross-cultural differences in intention formation and attributions of deservingness. I am working as a graduate assistant for Dr. Littleford and Ron Truelove. Following my time at BSU I plan on pursuing a PhD in clinical psychology, with the goal of infusing my clinical and cross-cultural research interests.