Undergraduate Honors Research Festival

Opening Remarks:
Sheri Mizumori, Ph.D.
Professor and
Chair
Miriam Bassok, Ph.D.
Professor and
Honors Program Advisor
Carrie Perrin
Director, Psychology
Undergraduate Advising

Homer Aalfs
Sponsor: Lynn Fainsilber Katz, Ph.D., Research Professor

A Longitudinal Exploration of Temperament and Child Adjustment in Pediatric Cancer

A member of Phi Beta Kappa and a frequent member of the Dean’s List, Homer will graduate Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology and a minor in Environmental Studies. Homer was the Psychology Department’s nominee for the prestigious Dean’s Medal in the Natural Sciences Division of the College of Arts and Sciences. In the coming year, he plans to work as a paid post-bac research assistant in the Katz Lab while preparing to apply to Ph.D. programs in Psychology.

Santino Camacho
Sponsor: Sapna Cheryan, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Does perceiving Asian Americans as experiencing prejudice facilitate greater inclusion of Asian Americans in the racial minority category?

Santino is a McNair Scholar, a Purple and Gold Scholar, and the recipient of an OMAD/EOP Adviser award. He served as the Director of the Pacific Islander Student Commission of the ASUW. Following graduation with a BS in Psychology and a minor in Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies, Santino will enter the MPH program in Health Services-Behavioral Social Sciences here at UW. He will also participate in the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute’s Mahina Program.

Daniel Cho
Sponsor: Sara Jane Webb, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

How the relationship between autism phenotyping measures in parents and in children may affect social motivation in children with autism spectrum disorder

A frequent member of the Dean’s List, Daniel will graduate with a BS in Psychology. He has also completed the rigorous series of pre-medicine courses.

Jordan Epitstola
Sponsor: Stephanie Fryberg, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Examining how Cultural Differences in Motivation & Mindset Contribute to the Social-Class Achievement Gap

Jordan is a member of multiple honor societies including Golden Key, Mortar Board, Psi Chi, Alpha Kappa Delta, and the Order of Omega. Also a frequent member of the Dean’s List, he will graduate with a BS in Psychology and a BA in Sociology. Jordan served as an executive officer for his fraternity. Accepted into four graduate programs, Jordan will pursue a Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at the University of Maryland.
Hohjin Im  
Sponsor: Steven Buck, Ph.D., Professor

Brightness and Brown Induction with a Checkerboard: Implications of Induction Dependency

Hohjin is a two time recipient of the Guthrie Prize for writing in psychology (in 2016 and 2017). He will graduate with a BS in Psychology and a BA in Economics. This coming year, Hohjin will begin the Ph.D. program in Psychology and Social Behavior at the University of California, Irvine.

Chonghui Ji  
Sponsor: Kristina Olson, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Mental Health of Socially Transitioned Transgender Youth

A Mary Gates Research Scholar, Chonghui will graduate Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology and a minor in Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies. Following graduation, she will work as a research coordinator here at UW while applying to Ph.D. programs in Clinical Psychology.

Jiwon Jung  
Sponsor: Marsha Linehan, Ph.D., Professor

The Relationship Between Interpersonal Functioning and Suicidality Among a High-Risk for Suicide Sample

Jiwon is the recipient of the Academic Excellence Award/Scholarship from Korea University, as well as a BK Foundation Scholarship. She has also participated in UCLA’s Psychology Undergraduate Research Symposium. A frequent member of the Dean’s List, Jiwon will graduate Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology and a minor in Education, Learning and Society.

Shi Lu  
Sponsor: Sapna Cheryan, Ph.D., Associate Professor

Does Priming American Identity Cause Asian American Women to Express Less Interest in STEM Fields?

A frequent member of the Dean’s List, Shi will graduate with a BS in Psychology and a BA in Linguistics. Her plan is to take a gap year with the possibility of applying to graduate school in the future.

Christopher Perry  
Sponsor: Bryan Hartzler, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute

Substance Use Disorders and Sexuality in Persons Enrolled in HIV Care: A Retrospective Analysis

Christopher is the recipient of a Pride Foundation Scholarship, the UW Faculty Auxiliary Scholarship, and the Class of 2005 Textbook Scholarship. He is a member of the Mortar Board and Tolo honor societies and will graduate Summa Cum Laude with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Bioethics and Humanities. Christopher has been accepted into Master’s programs at both the University of Massachusetts-Boston and Seattle University.

Sarahi Ponton Junes  
Sponsor: David Gire, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

Everyday senses: Analysis of mouse navigation in an open arena based on environmental sensory cues

Sarahi has been a frequent member of the Dean’s List and will graduate Cum Laude with BS degrees in both Psychology and Neurobiology.

Alexander Preston  
Sponsor: Cheryl Kaiser, Ph.D., Professor

Prioritizing Gender Equality: Clinton's Symbolic Status and Reactions to the 2016 Presidential Election

A Mary Gates Research Scholar, Alexander will graduate Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology and a minor in Diversity Studies. His post-graduation plans involve employment in political organizing and/or public policy research.
Kyle Visitacion  
Sponsor: Sara Jane Webb, Ph.D., Associate Professor  
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

*Television Viewing Behavior in Children with ASD*

Kyle is a frequent member of the Dean’s List and will graduate with a BS in Psychology. In the coming year, he plans to continue working as a behavior technician with Northwest Behavioral Associates while applying to graduate programs for 2018.

Kelsey Walker  
Sponsor: Shannon Dorsey, Ph.D., Associate Professor

*Evaluating a Train-the-Trainer Program for Scale up of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Children*

A McNair Scholar and frequent member of the Dean’s List, Kelsey will graduate with a BS in Psychology and a BA in Philosophy. She hopes to find work in a social psychology lab for the coming year and plans to apply to graduate programs.

Xiyao Wang  
Sponsor: Marsha Linehan, Ph.D., Professor

*Suicidal Ideations and help-seeking preference in college students*

Xiyao will graduate with BA degrees in Psychology and Economics. She has been a member of the Dean’s List in nearly all quarters. Her post-graduation plan is to find an internship to gain additional experience while applying to graduate programs in Clinical Psychology.

Yiyu Wang  
Sponsor: Anthony Greenwald, Ph.D., Professor

*Does studying faces and names of African Americans increase liking of and identification with them?*

A member of the Dean’s List for nearly all of her quarters here at UW, Yiyu will graduate with a BS in Psychology. She plans to find a research position following graduation.

Shin-Phing Yu  
Sponsor: Anthony Greenwald, Ph.D., Professor

*Trying to Reduce Implicit Biases by Actively Memorizing the Less Preferred*

Shin-Phing will graduate with a BS in Psychology having been a member of the Dean’s List for most of her quarters at UW. This coming fall, she will begin the Ph.D. program in Cognitive Psychology at Arizona State University.