

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

BEAR IN MIND

Coming Soon

4/18: Mental Health students: apply for the [SUNY/OMH Mental Health Scholarship Pipeline Program](#). (Fall 25 Scholarships: \$4,500 for UG students & \$7,500 for grad. students per semester, max. of 3 years.)

4/25: Psychology Day Entrance level FLAGG 11:00-3 – students present your research. At noon Dr. Mills will host a roundtable on careers in mental health & graduate training.

5/2: Psi Chi Induction & Departmental Awards Ceremony please keep an eye out for emails re. these events (i.e., when to apply, criteria, due dates)

11/20: Psych Day North country high school students will explore psychology at Potsdam. Current students will present their research projects, and we will have alumni and career/internship info for students. Interested Alumni please contact [Heather Beauchamp](#)

Congratulations!

Promoting Community Award

The Department won this award for the SUNY Potsdam PRIDE Appreciation program. This award recognizes “a group of people who show respect, kindness, & compassion toward others. They strive to create a positive environment by going above & beyond to support & assist others to the best of their ability.”



Drs. Fryer, Davis, & Beauchamp

NSF GRFP Reviewer

Dr. Fryer is honored as a reviewer for the 2025 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) competition. Being selected as a GRFP reviewer is a mark of considerable professional distinction. He was selected because of his meaningful contributions to the STEM community through research, teaching and other career activities.



Dr. James Fryer

Presidential Advising Award

Dr. Fryer won this award for advisor's who go beyond regular office hours, possess knowledge of resources & services to help students & who offer academic & career options. It isn't surprising that Dr. Fryer's exemplary dedication to all students resulted in this award, please join us by celebrating this recognition at the commencement ceremony this year.



NEW PROGRAMMING



New Major: Social Data Analytics

The Psychology Program is happy to become a part of the new **Social Data Analytics major** (in the approval process) Currently, we have massive amounts of data available to us. As social scientists, we are expected to use this data to inform our decisions. The SDA major aims to train students to handle social science data to inform their decisions.



New Class: WAYS 101

Are Dogs and Wolves Alike?

Dr. Davis

Dogs and wolves are often compared. You may hear that dogs are just like wolves. Are dogs wolves? The social structure and other behaviors of wolves have been used to explain dog behavior. Dogs are said to just be domesticated wolves, but what does that mean? In this course we will develop critical thinking skills to explore similarities and differences between dogs and wolves. We will investigate their development, behavior and cognitive abilities and questions such as: Did dogs really domesticate themselves? Do dogs really have more sophisticated socio-cognitive skills than wolves?

GET INTO AN

INTERNSHIP



Contact [Max Grube](#) to find out more about the exciting possibilities to gain applied experiences in psychology. Along with boosting your resume or graduate school application, you may earn from 1-12 UD academic hours toward graduation.

- **When can I do an internship?**

Internships are completed during the regular semester/ summer. Work with Max to set this up 1 semester in advance of when you want to do the internship

- **Where can I do an internship?**

You can do internships on Campus, in the Potsdam community, or in your hometown (pretty much anywhere you would like to do one). There are lots of internship sites established, but if you do not find one right for you, you can set one up.

Explore Handshake to find out more [Sign In | Handshake](#)



Psychology Club

Events



Follow



Dr. Fryer is the faculty advisor

The Psychology Club has done a variety of fun events (e.g., trunk or treat at Potsdam Fright Fest, Open House events, attended & fundraised to support students to attend the Eastern Psychological Association in NYC, pie your professor, etc). Come meet other like-minded people and get engaged.

Fundraisers

Psych Club is currently collecting orders for short sleeve (\$15.00) or long sleeve shirts (\$20.00). This fundraiser will support the club EPA travel. Shirts are black cotton shirts with the bear brain logo to the right.

Contact: [Mary Necaize](#) to order yours now!



FACULTY

Dr. James Fryer, Dr. Michael Tissaw, Dr. Karen Davis, Dr. Heather Beauchamp (absent Dr. John Mills)

The Department welcomes **Dr. Karen Davis** (Animal Behavior) and **Dr. John Mills** (Counseling) who join us. Other notable changes include: **Dr. Arlene Stillwell** joined the ranks of our retired faculty such as Dr. Nancy Dodge-Reyome, Dr. James Terhune, Dr. Greg Reichhart, Dr. David Smith, William Herman, and Dr. Thomas Gerstenberger. The Department mourns the loss of Dr. Vic DeGhett.

Events: EPA



Casey Asaro (double major: Psychology & Music) and **Dr. Heather Beauchamp** recently presented research at the **Eastern Psychology Association Conference** their poster entitled, *Short-term Effects of Gratitude: Can it Affect our Happiness?* Casey did an excellent job summarizing the research which showed that this short writing manipulation may be a catalyst to enhance our mood.

The **Psychology Club** and **Dr. James Fryer** (Psychology Club Advisor) and **Dr. Karen Davis** also attended the Eastern Psychological Association Conference in NYC this March.



ALUMNI

WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS YOU ALL ARE DOING, LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR POST-POTSDAM EXPERIENCES SO WE CAN INCLUDE THESE IN OUR NEWSLETTERS (CONTACT BEAUCHHM@POTSDAM.EDU). STAY IN TOUCH AT [LINKEDIN](#). ALSO, PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING OUR STUDENT EXPERIENCES BY DONATING TO THE POTSDAM PSYCHOLOGY FOUNDATION ACCOUNT.

To get your career path started see your **Academic Advisor & Career Services** in Loughed Center 315 267-2507

SAMPLE CAREER PATHS WITH YOUR DEGREE FROM POTSDAM

Substance Abuse Counselor, Life Coach, Social Work Assistant, Journalist, Research Assistant, Probation Officer, Teacher, College Recruiter, Market Researcher, Human Resources, Animal Trainer, Employment Recruiter, Police Officer, Sales, Rehabilitation Specialist, Marketing, Financial Aid Counselor, Psychiatric Aid, Mental Health Technician, Case Manager

SAMPLE CAREERS WITH GRADUATE DEGREES (MASTERS, DOCTORATE, ETC)

Counselor (Mental Health, Guidance, etc), Environmental Psychologist, Forensic Psychologist, Art Therapist, Social Worker, Recreation Therapist, Psychiatrist, Educational Consultant, Lawyer, Clinician, School Psychologist, Sports Psychologist, Researcher, Cognitive Neuropsychologist, Music Therapist, Professor, Marriage & Family Therapist, Industrial Organizational Psychologist

Comments/suggestions on this newsletter, please contact [Heather Beauchamp](#).

CAREERS FOR PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS



WE ARE HIRING

VIISITNG ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

[Learn more](#)



COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

We are accepting applications for a **full-time Visiting Associate Professor** line. We are looking for late-stage/recent graduates to teach courses in Abnormal Psychology and Counseling Theories & Methods for us this Fall.

This position provides early-career students w/ teaching experience & mentorship. We are a small but collegial department w/ a lively and engaged student body. The successful candidate will join a tight-knit community of academics..

If you know someone who might be a good fit for our department, please pass this information along and have them contact [Heather Beauchamp](#).

Applications are welcomed now until **May 1, 2025**. We look forward to hearing from you!