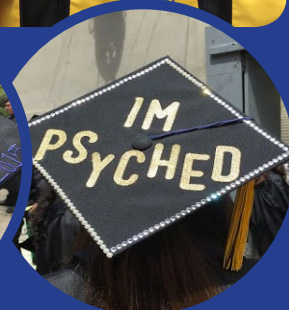


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## Department News

• **Prof. Rich Ivry** received two awards this spring in honor of his contributions to psychological science and the UC Berkeley campus. The William James Fellow Award from the Association for Psychological Science recognizes Rich for his lifetime of significant intellectual contributions to the psychology. In recognition of his extraordinary service to students, the Psychology Department, and the University as a whole, Rich was also awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Division of Social Sciences.

• In the past few months, **Prof. Steve Hinshaw** has received two awards for his contributions to clinical and applied psychology. The Society for a Science of Clinical Psychology named Steve the 2015 recipient of the Distinguished Scientist Award. More recently, Steve received the 2016 James McKeen Cattell Fellow Award, the highest honor conferred by the Association for Psychological Science.

• As a testament to his outstanding research, **Prof. Aaron Fisher** was named a 2015 Hellman Fellow. The fellowship program recognizes promising assistant professors across the ten UC campuses and four private institutions.

### Whitney Lab Initiates Perception Science Internship



This summer, Prof. David Whitney's Laboratory for Perception and Action kicks off the Daniel C. Sonderegger Perception Science Internship. Attracting top-tier high school students from across California, the new program is an extension of the lab's ongoing outreach program that brings interactive vision science lessons to schools across the area.

Allison Leib, a graduate student directing the program, is excited to help immerse interns in cutting-edge research this summer. "The students that we accepted this year are incredibly gifted, and we are excited to have graduate students, undergraduates, and high-schoolers all working as a research team."

The program is fee-based; minority/low-income students may be eligible for a full waiver. More information about the program, including details for applying for next summer, can be found online:

<http://perceptionscienceinternship.com/>

• The National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship supports outstanding science and engineering graduate students. For the 2014-2015 application cycle, the Department is proud to add five winners to the list of NSF fellows: **Hooria Jazaieri (S/P)**, **Jonathan Reeves (Clinical)**, **Ruthe Foushee (CPD)**, **Vinitha Rangarajan (incoming)**, and **Sophia Sanborn (incoming)**.

• **Malik Boykin (S/P)** is one of 60 predoctoral recipients of the 2015 Ford Foundation Fellowship. The fellowship promotes diversity in postsecondary education and recognizes graduate students who have demonstrated a record of academic achievement.

• **Jonathan Reeves (Clinical)** and **Casey Brown (Clinical)** received the 2014 APAGS/Psi Chi Junior Scientist Fellowship from the American Psychological Association.

• Graduate student **Zi Lin Sim (CPD)** and faculty member **Prof. Fei Xu** recently received a grant from the Simons Foundation to study learning in autistic children.

• Professors **Serena Chen** and **Dacher Keltner** (co-PIs) received a grant from the Russell Sage Foundation to study the harmful effects of income inequality on social relations, physical health, and psychological well-being.

• Congratulations to graduate student **Tchiki Davis (S/P)**, whose positive psychology web project, Lifenik, won second place out of more than 200 submissions in the competitive Big Ideas@Berkeley contest.

• Berkeley's graduate students distinguish themselves not only in the lab but in the classroom as well. The Department is proudly recognizes seven recipients of the 2014-2015 Outstanding GSI Award: **Christopher Adalio (Clinical)**, **Davic Bourgin (CBB)**, **Dyan Connelly (Clinical)**, **Bona Kang (Graduate School of Education)**, **Megan Norr (Clinical)**, **Anna Sapozhnikova (Clinical)**, and **Alice Verstaen (Clinical)**.

• Professors **Ann Kring** and **Sheri Johnson** published the 13th edition of the textbook *Abnormal Psychology*.

• When are people more likely to help others? Recent research by **Prof. Paul Piff** (former Berkeley PhD student, currently

assistant professor at UC Irvine) suggests that emotions of awe predispose people to act prosocially. The study was published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*; **Pia Dietz** (former Berkeley BA student), **Prof. Matt Feinberg** (former Berkeley PhD student, currently assistant professor at the University of Toronto), **Daniel Stancato** (Berkeley PhD student, S/P), and **Prof. Dacher Keltner** co-authored the study.

- Millions of Pixar fans are flocking to see the studio's latest film, *Inside Out*, the success of which can be partly attributed to Berkeley's very own **Prof. Dacher Keltner**. To portray the main character's emotional life as realistically and accurately as possible, the filmmakers consulted Dacher throughout the movie's production.
- In an effort to foster a campus-wide atmosphere of inclusion and acceptance of diversity, **Prof. Rudy Mendoza-Denton** is filming interviews with various UC faculty members for an online wellness course for incoming students in Fall 2015. Additionally, as research director of the California Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate, Rudy is working to address the under-representation of minority students in STEM fields.
- Professors Alison Gopnik** and **Robert Knight** attended the January 2015 meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland to discuss how academic research shapes society on a global level. Four Berkeley faculty members, including Allison and Bob, led a discussion on human versus artificial intelligence.
- Recent PhD graduate **Caren Walker (CPD)** will start her new position as a tenure-track assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of California, San Diego this fall.
- Prof. Silvia Bunge** is advising the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, an American think tank that analyzes the impact of federal and state government budget policies, on the factors that influence our capacity for goal-directed behavior.

## Don't Forget to Feed The Bears!

We encourage our alumni, recent and past, to help support our teaching and research missions. For more information on current fundraising priorities, please visit:

<http://psychology.berkeley.edu/donate>

## Graduating PhD Scholars

Congratulations to the class of 2015! After years of hard work, these graduate students have reached a tremendous milestone in earning their PhDs:

**Andrea Urqueta Alfaro (CPD)**  
**Emma Bruehlman-Senecal (S/P)**  
**Stephanie Cardoos (Clinical)**  
**Daniel Catterson (S/P)**  
**Wendy de Heer (CBB)**  
**Muping Gan (S/P)**  
**Matt Goren (S/P)**  
**Anna Kosovicheva (Clinical)**  
**Maya Kuehn (S/P)**  
**Erica Lee (Clinical)**  
**Alice Moon (S/P)**  
**Valerie Morash (CBB)**  
**Ryan Morehead (CBB)**  
**Zdena Op de Macks (CBB)**  
**Janelle Painter (Clinical)**  
**Anna Sapozhnikova (Clinical)**  
**Caren Walker (CPD)**  
**Benjamin Wolfe (CBB)**

## Maya Kuehn Delivers 2015 Commencement Address



Failure. Is it good for anything besides making us feel downtrodden and miserable? As the graduate student speaker at the 2015 Commencement Ceremony, Maya Kuehn spoke about how her years as a graduate student helped her develop a different outlook on failure. In an inspiring message of personal growth and acceptance, Maya described how these experiences have inspired creativity, empathy, and self-compassion. They have deepened her social connections and encouraged her to savor her successes all the more. In short, "once you start fearing it less, you learn that failure can be incredibly liberating".

As a testament to the transience of failure, Maya starts her new job as a full-time researcher at Instagram this August. Congratulations!

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## Retirement of Dr. Charlan Nemeth



After 38 successful and productive years at UC Berkeley, Prof. Charlan Nemeth has announced her retirement. Charlan received her PhD in psychology from Cornell University and taught at the University of Chicago, the University of Virginia, and the University of British Columbia before arriving at Berkeley. The course of her research career has established Charlan as an expert in the psychology of dissent, creativity, and small-group decision-making. As part of her interest in creativity, Charlan is currently working on a book based on extensive interviews with Nobel Laureates.

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