

# PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS



SPRING 2019

## ALUMNI NEWS:



Congratulations to Dr. Lily McNair, a member of our Stony Brook Psychology alumni MA '83, PhD '87 and winner of the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award! Along with a lifetime of achievements in higher education, Dr. McNair is making history as the first female president of Tuskegee University.

[More Info](#) [YouTube](#)

## FACULTY NEWS:

Distinguished Professor **Daniel O'Leary** (Clinical Psychology) has been named 2018 AAAS Fellow for his research on the etiology, prevention, and treatment of psychological and physical aggression between partners.

Congratulations to one of our newest faculty members, **Lauren Richmond** (Cognitive Science), who was named an Association for Psychological Science Rising Star! The APS Rising Star designation is presented to outstanding APS members in the earliest stages of their research career post-PhD.

**Matthew Lerner** (Clinical Psychology faculty member) was one of five individuals selected to receive the 2019 SRCDC Early Career Research Contributions award!

**Nancy Franklin** (Cognitive Psychology faculty member) served as an expert witness, ultimately contributing to the acquittal of a man wrongly convicted, in a court case that made the *New York Times*. Check out the article [HERE!](#)

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH:



The Department of Psychology offers undergraduate students the opportunity to explore both supervised and independent research within one of our many labs. This has proven to be a very rewarding experience for both the student and the faculty mentor.

**GIVING DAY - APRIL 30, 2019** Stony Brook University is launching its first 24-hour energized giving campaign! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 30 for this exciting giving event that will help us continue and spearhead numerous exciting endeavors that keep our department thriving. Your generous contributions help us provide much needed undergraduate scholarships, graduate research stipends, a visiting expert colloquium series, and travel funds for students to present their research findings at conferences. [Psychology Dept. Fund for Excellence](#)

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## GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS:

This year's doctoral student research fellowships made possible by your generous support were awarded to a top notch crew of young researchers from our Clinical, Integrative Neuroscience, and Social & Health areas. Here's a glimpse at how they're using their awards:

### Biopsychology Founders Award:

**Kehinde Cole** is studying the neural mechanisms underlying fear learning.

**Brianna Gonzalez** is using fMRI to better understand information processing of political information, encoding and memory, and how political party affiliation can influence this.

**Sarah Kann** is exploring early cognitive impairments in Parkinson's disease, and longitudinal decline in neural anatomy and function associated with early impairments.

**Ryan Wales** is investigating hippocampal atrophy in Parkinson's disease patients.

### Endowed Award for Social & Health Psychology:

**Ashley Araiza** is researching how people think about health behaviors.

**Jennifer Bowers** is researching skin cancer prevention.

### John Neale Award for Clinical Student Excellence:

**Cara Keifer** is investigating the electrophysiological correlates of the anticipation and receipt of peer feedback in adolescents with and without autism spectrum disorder.

**Sierra Kuzava** is exploring mothers' neural responses to infant cues and their association with maternal sensitivity.

**Jiaqi Zhou** is researching the efficacy of the romantic competence workshop for adults with autism.