

Graduation 2018, Psychological Sciences Diploma Ceremony

The Psychological Sciences Department Diploma Ceremony was held at 1:30 p.m. in Phi Betta Kappa Hall on May 13, 2018. A total of 176 students graduated with a major or minor in Psychological Sciences. In addition, 7 students graduated with a Masters degree.

Several students received departmental awards for academic achievement and community service. Rachel Plummer was awarded the *Alumni Association Student Academic Prize – Psychological Sciences*. The *Galano Award for Community Service and Engagement in Psychological Sciences* was given to Alyssa Eversmeyer and the *Stanley B. Williams Prize for Outstanding Psychological Sciences* went to Genevieve Pugsley.

Special recognition for Psychological Sciences major Brian Anyakoha as this year's student commencement speaker for the William & Mary commencement on May 12, 2018, held in Zable Stadium.

Please join us in wishing them well as our graduates move on to new, exciting opportunities. You can see additional pictures from our graduation ceremony at https://www.wm.edu/as/psych-sciences/alumni/graduation-memories/2018-graduation-ceremony-photos-gallery/index.php

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Brian Anyakoha, 2018 Student Commencement Speaker



Master of Arts graduates (from left to right): Margaret Cameron, Matthew Friedl, Shannon Hahn, Molly Penrod, Matthew Prada, Yoon Young Sim, and Lena Wadsworth.



Professor Emeritus Joseph Galano presents the Galano Award for Outstanding Community Service to Alyssa Eversmeyer



Psychological Sciences Faculty: (front row from left to right) Cheryl Dickter, Christy Porter, Pam Hunt, Josh Burk, Jaclyn Moloney, Cathy Forestell, Janice Zeman, Elizabeth Raposa, and Todd Thrash; (back row from left to right) Bob Barnet, Danielle Dallaire, Jennifer Stevens, Peter Vishton, Joanna Schug, Meghan Sinton-Miller, Connie Pilkington, and Paul Kieffaber.



While graduation day is always a celebration of our newly minted BAs and BSs, let's also take a moment to tip our mortar boards to the seven members of our graduating MA class of 2018. They completed a rigorous two-year program that included course work, experience as a lab assistant or teaching assistant, and an original research project and thesis. Shown left to right at a location we all know are:

Matt Preda, who studied prejudice and face perception under the direction of Professor Cheryl Dickter;

Lena Wadsworth, who is headed to the PhD program at the University Colorado, Boulder's Evolution and Social Cognition Lab;

Molly Penrod, who will enroll in the Ph.D. clinical program at the University of Missouri;

Shannon Hahn, who was recruited by Accenture in Washington, DC and will be conducting data analysis for the US State Dept;

Yoon Young Sim, who studied under Professor Todd Thrash and completed her thesis on Motive-Goal Congruence, Imagination, and Well-being, using a longitudinal analysis;

Maggie Cameron, whose stated goal is to work with children and adolescents and to that end completed her thesis titled Parent and Friend Emotion Socialization as Correlates of Adolescent Eating Behavior under the direction of Professor Janice Zeman; and

Matthew Friedl, who will start this summer in the Ph.D. program at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Congratulations to all our MA grads. We wish you well as you continue your academic and professional careers. And congratulations to our Director of Graduate Studies, Professor Danielle Dallaire, for your dedicated work in developing our junior colleagues.



(from left to right) Matt Preda, Lena Wadsworth, Molly Penrod, Shannon Hahn, Yoon Young Sim, Maggie Cameron, and Matt Friedl