



College of Arts and Sciences

Psychology Department

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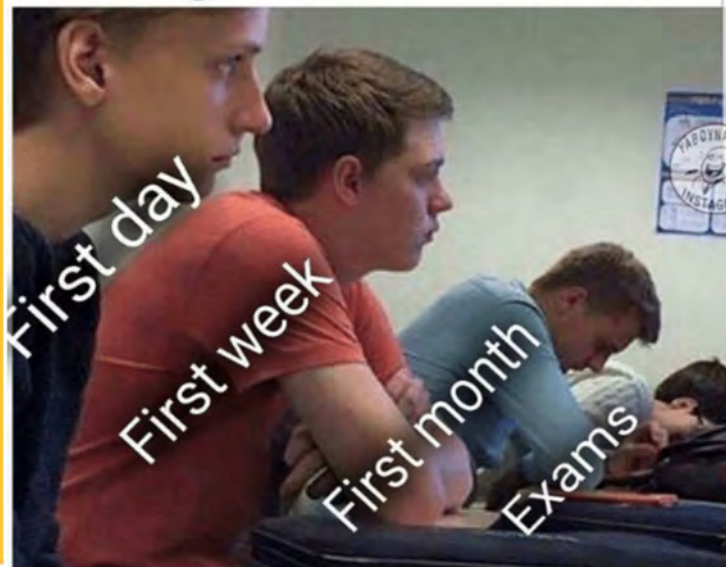
FALL SEMESTER 2023

Welcome New and Returning Psychology Students!

We hope everyone had a great start to the Fall semester. Be sure to check out the new department's open advising schedule (see Last Page) for class planning and any other academic advising. We are happy to help you with class selection, major advising, filling for graduation or general questions you may have. Take advantage of our *open* advising hours; that means you can stop in without making an appointment! Also, if you need assistance with your classes, don't forget to check the tutoring schedules. Don't hesitate to reach out. Have a successful semester everyone!!



Going back to school



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT: Jason Snyder



1. What year did you graduate?

I graduated from NEIU with my BA in Psychology in December of 2018.

2. What are you doing now?

I just graduated in June from DePaul University with my PhD in Psychological Sciences. While wrapping up my dissertation, I've also been working full time as a data scientist at Nielsen since October 2022. I work on the Television Audience Measurement team that focuses on measuring TV viewing in Nielsen's TV Ratings panel. My team is mainly responsible for evaluating and improving how we interact with our panelists.

3. What are your responsibilities?

I work with a group of scientists (as well as other stakeholder groups who do not have backgrounds in science) whose focus is to maximize the quality of Nielsen's TV panels and to improve how we interact with our panelists. I contribute to my team by helping to evaluate our methodology and measurement processes, investigating possible risks to quality, and helping to generate new ideas to improve our existing measurement and panelist interaction.

4. How did NEIU prepare you for your professional journey?

NEIU prepared me for my professional journey by connecting me with a network of incredible psychologists that solidified my passion for psychology and good science. I am incredibly grateful that I got to learn from such passionate and dedicated educators.

5. What advice would you give to undergraduate students?

Be as active in the department as you can! Soak up everything and anything about stats and research methods possible. Try to learn how to code (R and Python are both extremely valuable languages to speak) as early as possible if you're interested in a research career. A little coding skill goes a long way :)

CONGRATULATIONS!



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Maureen Erber is now serving as Acting Chair in the Psychology Department as Dr. Dykema-Engblade has transitioned into her new role as the College of Arts and Sciences Acting Associate Dean. We are excited for both Dr. Erber and Dr. Dykema-Engblade and wish them the best in their new roles! If you need to contact the Chair of Psychology, please contact Dr. Erber at m-erber@neiu.edu.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Alejandro Trejo

1. What are your goals after graduation?

Once I graduate, I would like to get more experience in research and try to apply to a PhD program in Social Psychology.

2. What motivates you to work hard?

My desire to learn is genuine and for me learning is enough motivation to work hard. One day, I hope I can cooperate through my research to create new knowledge trying to explain human beings.

3. What is your proudest accomplishment?

I think my proudest accomplishment was learning to be persistent. It has taken me a long time to get to where I am. I had to leave my country of origin and start from scratch. The truth is that I like to challenge myself and not set a limit on where I can go. Before finishing a goal, I am already planning what my next step will be.

4. Favorite Psychology class so far and why?

I think it would have to be the Social Psychology Lab. I had a lot of fun in that class. Everything was very interactive and I was able to get to know many classmates in more depth thanks to the opportunity to work in a group. Furthermore, I was excited to investigate and be surprised by the results. Dr. Erber has been a great professor and a guide for me as well.



GET TO KNOW YOUR FACULTY: Christine Callahan, Ph.D.



1. What are some of your hobbies?

Nothing too unusual. Food, sports, anything involving nature, hanging out with my dog Max, reading, photography.

2. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Lately I've been thinking it'd be interesting to travel back in time to the year I was born to see how much the world has really changed. But since that's not technically in the world I'll go with Australia.

3. What is your favorite movie?

I like a lot of genres so I'll choose a few different ones. Classic movie – Casablanca. Drama – Pulp Fiction & The Godfather. Comedy – My Cousin Vinny. Fantasy / Adventure – The Princess Bride.

4. If you could have any job that isn't this one, what would it be?

I'd combine my love of travel and interest in photography and go with world-traveling photographer who also gets to work at all the major sporting events of my choosing.

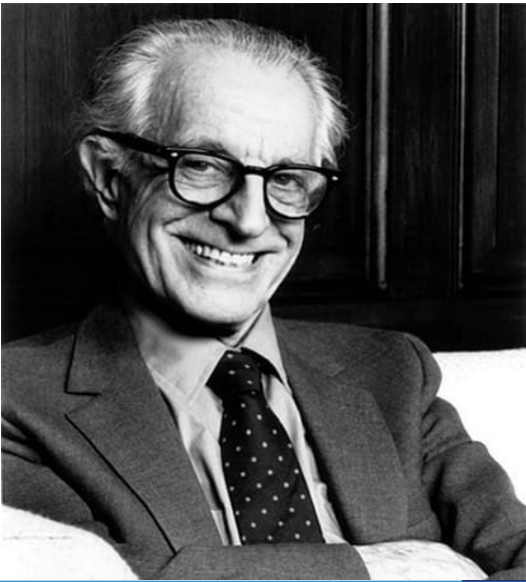
5. What is the best piece of advice you have received?

My parents weren't big on giving advice, or maybe I was too stubborn to pay attention, so I'll go with advice I wish more people followed, which is to care much less about what others think about you and about your appearance and care much more about being true to yourself. Within reason of course, be kind to others and all that.



The Psychology faculty participated in the Faculty Institute that took place in August before the start of the Fall semester. Drs Church, DE, Erber, Young and Prof Cuevas hosted a workshop entitled, “Sparing the Rod May Actually Enhance Learning: Tips From Parenting for Teaching.” Sadly, no single pic includes our entire Psychology team. Other faculty (in the second pic) participated in the Institute.

WE APPRECIATE YOU!



PSYCHOLOGY FUN FACT

September 27, 1913- Albert Ellis was born. Albert Ellis was an American psychologist and psychotherapist who founded rational emotive behavior therapy. Rational emotive behavior therapy (REBT) is a cognitive theory developed for confronting and changing irrational beliefs and behaviors. Ellis called irrational assumptions that direct people to act and react in inappropriate or self-defeating ways basic irrational assumptions.

NEED HELP? WE GOT YOU...

Student Service Coordinator

Lori Cuevas, MA

In person location: BBH 313G

Email l-cuevas@neu.edu to set up appt.



Capstone/Lab Assistance Hours

Sandra Paz-Sosa

Monday and Wednesday 10am-11am

In Person Location: BBH 313A and Zoom

Email snpazos@neu.edu to set up appt.



WIP Tutoring Hours (CAW Room)

Nick Koukis

Monday 3pm-6pm

Tuesday 2pm-6pm

Friday 2pm-5pm

Ronald Williams Library 4th floor

(773) 442-4568 or (773) 442-4492

Use Google (Nmail) Chat lsc@neu.edu

All appointment times can be in person or online



SCSE tutor hours coming soon...

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Student Research Travel Award is accepting applications for November 2023 through January 2024 travel!

The NEIU Foundation Student Research Travel Award provides funding to support student travel to present at academic conferences. Established in 2007, this award is a valuable resource for students who have been accepted to present original research at national and international conferences.

This award is highly competitive and funding for the 2023-2024 academic year is limited. Please [review the criteria](#) for the Student Research Travel Award to learn more about the award, including the application process. Only complete applications will be considered.

All applications must be to attend conferences taking place between Nov. 1, 2023, and Jan. 31, 2024, and research proposals must be accepted for the conference prior to completing the application. The deadline to apply is Sept. 22, 2023. Completed applications can be uploaded to the Student Research Travel Award Submission Form for consideration.

For questions, please email Sylvia Daniels at s-daniels4@neiu.edu.

SAVE THE DATE

New Major Orientation

Thursday, October 12

Faculty Talk

Thursday, October 19

Psychology Dept. Annual Grad Fair

Wednesday, October 25

Department Research Student Symposium

Tuesday, November 28

STAY CONNECTED!



@neiu_PSYCHOLOGY



Google Classroom

Psychology Dept's
Google Classroom:
<https://classroom.google.com>
Code: rszuvk4

Open Advising Hours for Majors

Fall 2023 Advising Hours in Person

Monday 2:15pm-3:15pm in BBH 303
Wednesday 10:15am-11:15am in BBH 303
Friday 4pm-6pm in BBH 323

Fall 2023 Advising Hours Via Zoom

Monday 4pm-6pm
Tuesday 8:30am-9:30am
Thursday 7pm-8pm
Friday 11am-12pm, 4pm-6pm
Saturday 1pm-2pm

Scan QR Code or follow the link:

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