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## Department of Psychological Sciences™

Welcome to the Fall 2023 edition of the Department of Psychological Sciences' newsletter!

Fall semesters are always exciting because our department welcomes new faculty members, graduate students, and undergraduate students to campus. You can find information about our new additions throughout this newsletter. I am confident each will make a positive impact on our department community.

Over the summer, we moved our Psychology Clinic to its brand-new home in Texas Tech Plaza (at the intersection of University Avenue & 19th Street). This state-of-the-art training facility will enable us to better serve our clients for years to come.



Now that the Psychology Clinic has moved, we have turned our attention to renovating the Psychological Sciences Building. The first phase will be the former Psychology Clinic space and the second will be the remainder of the first floor, as well as select areas on other floors. We expect these renovations to be finished by Summer 2025.

The new Academic Sciences Building is taking shape and is slated to be operational in May 2024. This new building will house teaching and laboratory space for the Departments of Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Geosciences, Physics and Astronomy, and Psychological Sciences. Our space will be on the second floor and will include 11 research laboratories and a graduate student work area. In addition, our faculty and students will have access to shared resources including a laboratory for collecting and processing biological samples and a state-of-the-art computer laboratory.

Once all the construction and renovation dust settles, the Department of Psychological Sciences will have the space it needs to grow and elevate our teaching, research, and service missions for the foreseeable future. We appreciate the University's tremendous support for our department.

You can visit our [Media Page](#) to stay abreast of department news, and our [Donate Page](#) to find ways to support our ability to train the next generation of psychological scientists and practitioners. Please consider giving if you are able. Your support enables us to do things we simply could not do otherwise.

If you are on LinkedIn, please join the [Texas Tech University Psychological Sciences Alumni Group](#) and encourage your fellow alumni to do so as well. We hope this group will be a hub for the TTU Psychological Sciences network. Our department has a tremendous network and we hope this group will help to better connect its members.

If you are ever in Lubbock, please stop by the department. I would love a chance to catch up. You are always welcome here.

Dr. Keith S. Jones  
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# Welcome Our New Faculty Members



## **Haesung Annie Jung, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Experimental (Social)*

Haesung Annie Jung, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Experimental Psychology (Social)

Dr. Jung joined the department this August as an assistant professor. Before joining Texas Tech, she completed her postdoctoral training at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Pennsylvania. She studies when and why people help others and cooperate to achieve collective goals, and how everyday cooperation can be beneficial in promoting desirable behavior change and addressing societal issues including health disparities. At TTU, she is teaching a graduate course in social psychology and emotion, and an undergraduate course in introduction to social psychology. Dr. Jung is currently accepting applications for a lab manager, research assistants, and graduate students in her lab.

Dr. Jung completed her BA and MA in psychology at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea, and her Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. She moved to Lubbock with her husband, who is also an assistant professor at TTU in the Department of Civil, Environmental, and Construction Engineering. In their free time, they enjoy playing tennis and traveling.



## **Craig Warlick, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Counseling*

Dr. Warlick along with three of his graduate students (Brelynne Baldwin, Malvika Narayan, and Calista Spears) joined the department after transitioning from the University of Southern Mississippi. His research focuses on factors that influence mental health treatment, including treatment delivery strategies, provider training, measurement, and religiosity's associations with mental health. At TTU, he is teaching Vocational Psychology at the doctoral level and Psychology of Religion and Spirituality at the undergraduate level. He welcomes collaboration—especially regarding health disparities and individuals with historically marginalized identities—and opportunities to learning more about others' foci.

Dr. Warlick calls Alabama home, but has lived in Indiana, Colorado, Kansas, Arizona, Mississippi, and Houston. He is married to Dr. Amy Benoit-Warlick, a lecturer in Integrative Studies. They have two rescue dogs, a rescue cat, two little humans, and they'll be welcoming a third in late December.





# Welcome Our New Graduate Students

## Clinical

**Left to right:** Jenna Sims, Sydnie Schneider, Aubri Doe, Lizzy Gunder, Maddy McClinchie, Stacey DeMirelli, Angelica Galdamez-Avila, and Cole Marvin



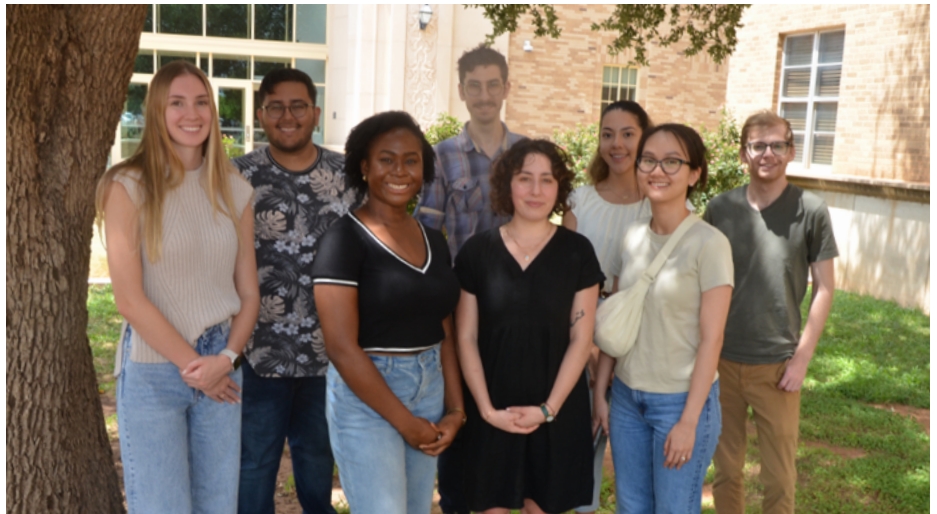
## Counseling

**Left to right:** Tristan Herring, Tasha Thomas, Benjamin Skibicki, Elizabeth Grado, Brelynne Baldwin, Malvika Narayan, and Calista Spears



## Experimental

**Left to Right:** Abigail Loddeke, Ameer Yadak, Mesoma Iloanusi, Ben Perry, Sahaar Khanpour, Emma Mueller, Thi Le, and Nicholas Anstead



# Faculty Grants



**Title:** Collaborative Research: SaTC: CORE: Small: Analytical models for conversational social engineering attacks.

**Funding Agency:** National Science Foundation

**Investigators:** Akbar Siami Namin (PI), **Keith S. Jones** (Co-PI)

**Amount:** \$400,000

**Years:** 2023-2027



**Title:** Looking at Gender Affirming Group Therapy for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Individuals

**Investigators:** Haakinson, D. (Undergraduate PI); **Borgogna, N.C.** (Faculty PI)

**Funding Agency:** Psi Chi Honors Society, Mamie Phipps Clark Diversity Research Grant

**Total Amount:** \$3,000



**Title:** Reducing suicide risk among aging informal caregivers of persons with AD/ABRD: Adapting, implementing, and evaluating Dialectical Behavior Therapy skills training interventions

**Investigators:** **Sean Mitchell** (PI), **Jonathan Singer** (PI),

**Jason Van Allen** (Co-I), **Andrew Littlefield** (Co-I), and Breanna Harris (Co-I)

**Funding Agency:** National Institute on Aging

**Amount:** \$458,705

**Years:** 2023-2026





# Faculty Grants (continued)



**Title:** Mixed methods examination of warning signs within 24 hours of suicide attempt in hospitalized adults.

**Investigators:** Bagge (MPI), Conner (MPI), **Andrew Littlefield** (Co-I)

**Funding Agency:** National Institute of Mental Health

**Amount:** \$1,000,000+ (\$128,000 TTU allotment)

**Years:** 2023-2028



**Title:** Neural Correlates of Pre-Death Grief and Psychosocial Distress in Persons with Advanced Cancer and their Family Caregivers

**Funding Agency:** Center of Excellence for Translational Neuroscience and Therapeutics

**Investigators:** **Jonathan Singer** (PI), Boris Decourt (Co-I), and Volker Neugebauer (Co-I)

**Amount:** \$30,000

**Year:** 2024



**Title:** Internalized Stress and Alcohol Consumption.

**Investigators:** **Amelia Talley** (PI), **Zachary Hohman** (Co-I), and **Andrew Littlefield** (Co-I)

**Funding Agency:** National Institute of Health/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

**Amount:** \$397,892

**Years:** 2023-2025



# Additional Awards & News

## 2023 President's Emerging Engaged Scholarship Award

*Dr. Adam Schmidt*

Congratulations to Dr. Adam Schmidt for being the recipient of Texas Tech University's 2023 President's Emerging Engaged Scholarship Award, which recognizes commitment to engagement with community partners and the positive impacts he is having on communities and the university.



## 2023 APAGS/Psi Chi Junior Scientist Fellowship

*Eli Halbreich*



## APA Division 44 Distinguished Student Contribution Award

*Hannah Snidman*



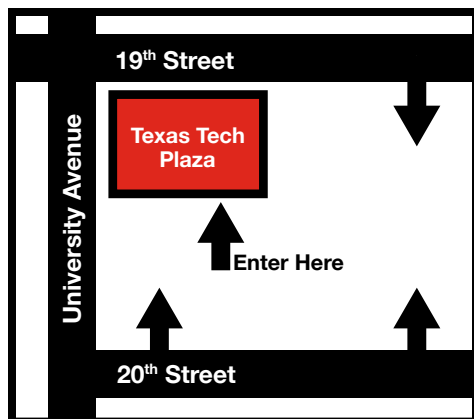
## Dr. Zachary Hohman was quoted in the New York Times

Read the full article, *I'm Not a Joiner. Was I Born That Way?*, by Jessica Grose [here](#).





# Opening of New TTU Psychology Clinic



The TTU Psychology Clinic moved to its new state-of-the-art home in the Texas Tech Plaza Building earlier this semester. The new facility provides a variety of different sized therapy rooms and well-equipped spaces designated for graduate students working in the clinic. Thank you again to our clinic director, Dr. Megan Thoen, and Denae Jackson for their work with the design team in completing this project.

The new Clinic will allow us to continue our mission for years to come, providing excellent training opportunities for clinical and counseling psychology doctoral-level graduate students while serving Lubbock and the greater West-Texas area with affordable psychotherapy and psychological assessment services.

Look for an open house invitation coming soon! To support the mission of the Psychology Clinic beyond their general operations, you may donate [here](#).





# Fall Alumni BBQ Recap

We held our Annual Fall Alumni BBQ on Friday, September 15th.

Food and fun was enjoyed by all students, faculty, and alumni who attended.

Thank you to all who joined us!





# Graduate Student Recruitment

Our American Psychological Association (APA) accredited doctoral programs in **Clinical Psychology & Counseling Psychology**, and the programs in **Experimental Psychology** (Cognition/Cognitive Neuroscience, Social Psychology, and HFES accredited Human Factors) **wish to continue to recruit and enroll the VERY BEST students each year!**

*Please help make students you may know aware of these programs and the opportunities for an outstanding graduate education at TTU. Encourage them to visit our department website, with special attention to our graduate programs' pages.*

Interested students may address questions to our program directors listed below. They may also contact individual faculty for opportunities in their unique areas. That complete listing along with their areas of focus may be found [here](#).

## Experimental

*Dr. Jessica Alquist*  
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## Counseling

*Dr. Sheila Garos*  
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## Clinical

*Dr. Jason Van Allen*  
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# Announcements & Final Notes

## Join our TTU Psychological Sciences Alumni Group on LinkedIn

Find the group [here](#).

## Contribute to the Department

There are many ways to make a gift to the Department of Psychological Sciences. Can we count on your financial investment in the students and faculty of the Department? Funds may be used for a variety of purposes including scholarships, graduate dissertation support, research, service, and outreach initiatives.

To make a donation, please visit our [donate page](#).

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