

**From the Department Chair, Dr. Robert Morgan**

The 2017-2018 academic year was a tumultuous year for our department. As you likely know, we experienced a flood after a capped pipe burst on the fourth floor. This flooding happened on December 28 while the university was closed, and resulted in a completely flooded building that necessitated our relocation for three months. Faculty, staff and students lost professional and personal items, as well as work time. We can now tell you from experience that moving an entire building with 33 faculty, 5 staff, about 130 doctoral students, and advising services for nearly 1,000 undergraduate majors is no small feat. But with tremendous support from the university, creative problem-solving and everybody's patience, we navigated this move to a temporary building in remarkably short time. Fortunately we were ultimately able to move back into our building to finish out the academic year.

Over the course of an academic year some change is inevitable. I am writing this letter after our department farewell reception for several faculty. Dr. Ryne Sherman, Associate Professor in Social Psychology, has entered the private sector. Drs. Matt

Cribbet and Jenny Cundiff, Assistant Professors in Clinical Psychology, are moving to the University of Alabama. Dr. Joaquin Borrego, Associate Professor in Clinical Psychology, has taken a Dean position at Pacific University. Joaquin completed his undergraduate degree in psychology at TTU, has been a faculty member in the department since 2001, and has served as Director of the Clinical Psychology program. Lastly, after 27 years, Dr. Patricia DeLucia, Professor in Human Factors, has accepted a position at Rice University where she will enhance their Human Factors program. Pat's influence on the department as the director of the Human Factors program, and the greater university as Associate Vice President for Research is especially noteworthy. These outstanding individuals will be sorely missed.

With departures come new opportunities. This fall will begin our search for three clinical and one human factors faculty members. Please help us put the word out as we aim to recruit exceptional psychologists to our department.

In other exciting news, our department was recognized with the TTU President's Excellence in Diversity and Equity Department Award. This is a very competitive award, recognizing us for our vision, dedication, and commitment to inclusive excellence. Similarly, we are very proud to acknowledge in this edition the many faculty and students who have received awards and recognitions for their scholarship and contributions.

We continue to strive to contribute to the teaching and research missions of the university. The 2017-2018 year, although difficult in many respects, was tremendously successful. If you are in Lubbock for a visit, please stop by and see us. I wish you all a very enjoyable and relaxing summer.

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Awards Edition

Faculty**Undergraduate****Graduate***Plus recent news!*

Faculty Awards



College of Arts and Sciences

Excellence in Research Award

Dr. Andrew Littlefield



President's

Excellence in Diversity Award

Dr. Amelia Talley



President's

Excellence in Teaching Professorship Award

*Center for the Integration of
STEM Education and Research*

Light Year Award

Dr. Roman Taraban

Faculty Awards

*Center for Active Learning and
Undergraduate Engagement*

Undergraduate Mentor Award

Dr. Brandy Piña-Watson



President's

Excellence in Diversity and Equality Department Award

Department of Psychological Sciences

With special thanks to Dr. Chris Robitschek.



Barnie E. Rushing, Jr.

Faculty Distinguished Research Award

Dr. Robert Morgan



Undergraduate Awards



H.Y. Price Scholarship

Emily McKenzie

Presented by Sean O'Brian

Also awarded to...

Adilyn George

Jiyeon Kim

Psi Chi Scholarship

Meggan Yancey and Kaley York

Presented by Drs. Schmidt and Cribbet

Also awarded to...

Alexandra Abide

Leigha Puckett



Undergraduate Awards



Shoemaker Scholarship

Lucas Hess

Presented by Dr. DeLucia

Also awarded to...

Paige Gonzalez

Undergraduate Research Conference

Georgina Rosenbrock

Georgina Rosenbrock recently graduated with her B.A. in Psychology. She was awarded 1st place in the Social Sciences division at this year's Undergraduate Research Conference. Her poster focused on mental health screening reports and other factors related to youth recidivism in a sample of juvenile offenders from the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department.

Jay McAndrew

Jay McAndrew is a Senior Psychology major. He was awarded 3rd place in the Social Sciences division at the this year's Undergraduate Research Conference. His poster focused on the success rate of public school rehabilitation programs in reducing adolescent recidivism rates. Results found a significant relationship between decreased adolescent recidivism rates and program enrollment following an adolescent's first offense.

Graduate Awards



Clinical Psychology
Research Award

Sarah L. Brown

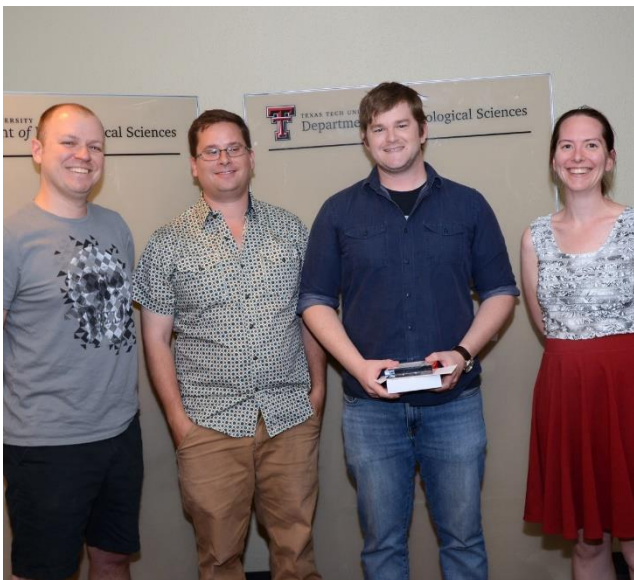
Presented by Drs. Cukrowicz and Richards



Counseling Psychology
Research Award

Stephanie Van Horn

Presented by Drs. Garos and Morgan



Experimental Psychology
Research Award

Sean O'Brian

Presented by Drs. Serra, Davis, and Scolari



Departmental
Diversity Award

David Hancock

Presented by Drs. Talley and Robitschek

Graduate Awards



Graduate Lab TA of the Year

Brittany Neilson

Presented by Dr. Klein



Undergraduate Lab TA of the Year

Lisa Briones

Presented by Dr. Klein



Undergraduate Course of the Year

McKenzie Cordell

Presented by Dr. Klein



Psychology 1300 Instructor of the Year

Brittany E. Blanchard

Presented by Dr. Hohman

Charles Smith



Charles Smith, Texas Tech alumnus (BA Psychology, 1988), was honored on 5/10/18 as a Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Arts & Sciences. His personal story and 29-year public service career were featured in the May/June 2017 Texas Techsan Alumni Magazine. He is a public servant with expertise in psychology, criminal justice, health and mental health service delivery, and social justice. He now serves as the Executive Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. His name and picture will be added to the College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Alumni Wall. Charles and his family were welcomed into the Department for a tour, and for him to have an informal conversation hour with an overflow crowd of students and faculty.

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