

Psychology Graduate Program

Graduate Faculty Supervisors Reviewing Applications for Fall 2021 Admission

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Name	Reviewing Fall 2020 files from Applicants to:	Research Interests
Martin M. Antony, PhD, CPsych	<i>Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2021</i>	Anxiety and related disorders (e.g., panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, social anxiety, phobias); dissemination and implementation of evidence-based psychological treatments; cognitive behavioural therapy; perfectionism.
Leslie Atkinson, PhD, CPsych	<i>Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2021</i>	Attachment and psychopathology; developmental psychopathology; influence of genetics and environment on the development of stress physiology in infants and children.
Tara Burke, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Social psychological processes associated with legal decision making, alibi evidence, jury dynamics, impact of pretrial publicity, police and juror beliefs about suspects and witnesses, prejudice in the courtroom.
Colleen Carney, PhD, CPsych	<i>Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2021</i>	Insomnia; mood disorders; rumination; social rhythms; the relation between cognition and mood; cognitive behaviour therapy for insomnia; anxiety and sleep.
Stephanie Cassin, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Obesity; bariatric (weight loss) surgery; food addiction, eating disorders; binge eating; body image; cognitive behavioural therapy; motivational interviewing.
Becky Choma, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Socio-political ideology and intergroup relations, including psychological and affective predictors of liberal-conservative and authoritarian ideologies; political intolerance; support for democracy; collective action; and prejudice (e.g. sexism, Islamophobia).
Alyssa Counsell, PhD	Psychological Science	Quantitative methods, research design, psychological measurement, statistical modeling, equivalence testing, statistical literacy in psychology, attitudes toward statistics, mixed methods, data transparency and open science.
David M. Day, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Development and course of antisocial and delinquent behaviour; crossover youth; program evaluation; children's mental health, particularly externalizing disorders.

Sarah Dermody, PhD	<i>Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2021</i>	Substance use and addiction risk factors and treatment; sexual and gender minority substance use and intervention; mechanisms and individual differences of effective addiction treatment and interventions; laboratory based and secondary data analysis research.
Jason Deska, PhD	Psychological Science	Social cognition; Person perception; Between-group (e.g., social categories) and within-group (e.g., facial appearance) causes and consequences of prejudice, discrimination, and dehumanization
Michelle Dionne, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Psychosocial variables that impact eating, body image and women's participation in sport and exercise.
Alexandra J. Fiocco, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Individual differences in biological, genetic, and psychosocial factors that may predict cognitive function in older adults; stress, aging, and health outcomes.
Todd Girard, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Regional hippocampal dysfunction and mnemonic deficits in schizophrenia; cognitive psychopathology; brain imaging (fMRI); spatial cognition; sleep-paralysis hallucinations.
Alasdair Goodwill, PhD	<i>Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2021</i>	Forensic psychology, criminology, behavioural investigative advising, offender profiling, geographical profiling, threat assessment, terrorism, investigative and risk decision making, advanced statistics.
Maria Gurevich, PhD	<i>Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2021</i>	Constructions of gender, sexuality and identity; critical psychology; feminist epistemologies and methodologies; qualitative research.
Tae Hart, PhD	<i>Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2021</i>	Clinical health psychology; quality of life in colorectal cancer, hereditary cancer and colorectal diseases.
Trevor Hart, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Clinical trials to prevent HIV and promote mental and sexual health, HIV risk factors, male sexual functioning, sexual health, psychology of gay and bisexual men and other sexual minority individuals, at-risk youth, community-based research, health psychology.
Behrang Keshavarz, PhD (Adjunct Faculty)	Psychological Science	Human factors in virtual environments, with particular emphasis on increasing driving safety in younger and older adults; neurocognitive and behavioral aspects of self-motion perception (vection) in virtual reality applications. Dr. Keshavarz is a research scientist at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – UHN, home to the iDAPT Centre for Rehabilitation Research. Website: http://mive.ca/dr-behrang-keshavarz/

Andrew (Hyounssoo) Kim	Clinical Psychology	Addictive disorders, including behavioral addictions (e.g., gambling, gaming), comorbidity of addictions and mental health (i.e., concurrent disorders), evidence-based treatment and predictors of concurrent disorders, transdiagnostic mechanisms (e.g., emotion dysregulation, impulsivity, coping skills) of addictions; recovery processes of addictions including addiction substitution.
Naomi Koerner, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Cognition and psychopathology; gaining a better understanding of etiological and maintaining factors in clinical disorders; refining psychological treatments; cognitive structures, processes (e.g., attention, appraisal, interpretation, problem-solving) and self-reported thoughts and attitudes; worry and generalized anxiety disorder.
Lili Ma, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Cognitive and social-cognitive development in infancy and early childhood, including statistical inferences in early social reasoning, trust in testimony, and learning from different information sources.
Karen Milligan, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Children, emotion regulation, executive function, maternal substance use, school-based mental health, treatment research.
Candice M. Monson, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology	Trauma recovery; PTSD; intimate relationships; cognitive-behavioural therapy; couple therapy; clinical trials.
Margaret Moulson, PhD	<i>Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2021</i>	Developmental cognitive neuroscience; infant perception and cognition; face perception; early experiences and development. Research methods: behaviour, eye-tracking, EEG.
Tisha Ornstein, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Neuropsychological impairment in pediatric and adulthood psychopathologies, including ADHD, OCD, and traumatic brain injury (TBI), with a focus on frontal striatal pathways, clinical phenomena, and activities of daily living; TBI related to cognitive deficits, pain disorders, mood and anxiety; emphasis on brain-behaviour relationships.
Brandon Paul, PhD (Arriving at Ryerson in January 2021)	Psychological Science	Auditory cognitive neuroscience, hearing science, cognitive consequences of hearing loss, hearing loss and interpersonal communication, auditory attention and memory, speech perception, audiovisual perception, EEG, brain stimulation. For more information, see cognitivehearinglab.ca (until his move to Ryerson, Dr. Paul can be reached at brandon.paul@utoronto.ca)
Maureen Reed, PhD	<i>Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2021</i>	Vision science; resourcefulness and resilience as predictors of academic success.
Frank A. Russo, PhD	Psychological Science	Auditory cognitive neuroscience, music cognition, emotional communication, sensory-motor interactions, EEG, fNIRS, Brain Stimulation.

Julia Spaniol, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Cognitive neuroscience of aging; influence of physiological arousal on cognitive processing; impact of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation on learning and memory in younger and older adults; lifespan changes in prosociality and altruistic motivation; methods: behavior, EEG/ERP, eye tracking, fMRI, psychophysiology
Karl Szpunar, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	The cognitive neuroscience of memory and future thinking; attention, learning, and memory in educational settings; mind wandering; mental simulation of the future; collective cognition and collective action; public health; group dynamics in cognition.
Kristin Vickers, PhD	<i>Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2021</i>	Panic disorder and other anxiety conditions; stress reactivity and stress management; the relationship between anxiety disorders and eating disorders.
Stephen Want, DPhil	<i>Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2021</i>	Basic and applied questions regarding social comparisons; social interactions in video games; confirmation bias in internet searches; demand characteristics and reproducibility in psychological research.
Lixia Yang, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Cognitive aging, particularly age-related changes in attention, executive functions, memory, and emotional processing; Training-induced cognitive plasticity in older adults, for example, the cognitive and neural benefits of physical and mental exercise in older adults; Cultural differences in cognitive processing; the relationship between social engagement, cognition and well- being in immigrants. Dr. Yang is currently examining the psychological impact of the COVID-19 in Chinese communities in Canada.

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