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Department of Psychology  
**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

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Newsletter



## Message from the Chair — Dr. Michelle Kelley

**G**reetings to students, alumni, faculty, and friends of the ODU Psychology Department!

As the 2016-2017 school year begins, let me start by welcoming students and colleagues from what I hope was a relaxing, yet productive summer. Let me also mention some of the transitions that have taken place over the summer. I stepped into the chair's role this past June succeeding Dr. Jim Bliss. I cannot thank Jim enough for his tireless work as chair the past three years. Dr. Amy Landers is now Assistant Chair and Undergraduate Program Director. Trust me, Amy has been very busy this summer. I am also pleased to introduce our newest faculty member, Dr. Matt Judah. Dr. Judah received a Ph.D. and M.S. in Clinical Psychology from Oklahoma State University. Please stop by and say hello to Matt. Dr. Bryan Porter has accepted a full-time administrative position as the new Associate Dean for The Graduate School here at ODU. We will certainly miss Bryan but are grateful to Dr. Debbie Major who will serve as the Graduate Program Director for the Applied Psychological Sciences, Human Factors, and Industrial-Organizational programs. Dr. Major will also continue as the Provost's Fellow for Diversity and Inclusion. Also, a big thank you to Dr. Robin Lewis who will continue as the ODU Director for the Clinical program.

Similar to recent years, this year promises to be quite exciting. As many of you are aware,

after many years of outstanding service, Drs. Don Davis, Elaine Justice, and Phil Langlais, have retired. We certainly wish them the best in their new endeavors. We have begun the process of searching for three full-time tenure-track positions in Industrial-Organizational, Developmental, and Human Factors psychology.

In addition to other ongoing grant and contract support, Dr. Robin Lewis and colleagues (Drs. Braitman, Heron, Kelley, Lau-Barraco and Winstead) will begin a new NIH-funded grant this fall. Drs. Konstantin Cigularov and Mark Scerbo received a two-year contract with EVMS to develop and evaluate residents and chief residents. Dr. Kristin Heron was awarded a Junior Faculty Research Mentoring Program award (with Dr. Robin Lewis as mentor), Dr. Yusuke Yamani received an ODU Summer Faculty grant, Dr. Jeremiah Still received a NASA Virginia Space Grant Consortium funding) and Dr. Mary Still (with Dr. Amy Landers) received a Faculty Innovator Grant from ODU this past summer. In other news, Ms. Jennifer Younkin and Ms. Suzanne Morrow will lead a cross-cultural psych class to Rome over spring break. In bocca al lupo, Jen and Suzanne!



## HIGHLIGHTING DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH:



**M**ilitary service members are often required to keep the peace in foreign countries. This is a dangerous task, particularly when civilians and insurgent forces may resist the presence of armed peacekeepers. One solution that could help protect the lives of warfighters is to use robots to help ensure safety. However, it is unclear whether robots used for this purpose would be trusted by civilians.

## *“Civilian Trust of Simulated Peacekeeping Robots.”*



Drs. Jim Bliss, Yusuke Yamani, Xiaoxiao Hu, and Yiannis Pangelis (VMASC) are currently receiving funding from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) to investigate how much people in different countries trust simulated peacekeeper robots. Native and expatriate participants from Japan, China, and the United States will complete a shopping task within a virtual environment. While doing so, they will be periodically interrupted by simulated robots. The robots will ask them to relinquish personal items for the sake of safety. Compliance rates and trust will be assessed after each interaction. To enable data collection in all three countries, the researchers have teamed up with faculty at the University of Tsukuba (Tokyo) and Tsinghua University (Beijing).

Successful completion of the research will advance scientific knowledge of the limits of human-robot trust. It will also represent an important step to identify capabilities and limitations of using robots in safety-critical military contexts.

By: James P. Bliss, Ph.D.



**In** July, ODU Psychology alumni, graduate students, and faculty attended the 2016 International Conference on Applied Human Factors and Ergonomics Conference in Orlando, Florida. The ODU attendees chaired sessions, presented research and a panel, and served as conference volunteers. AHFE is a unique conference in that it represents the joint meeting of over 20 smaller conferences and tracks, such as the International Conference on Human Factors and Systems Interaction.

Ashley Cain and Dr. Still co-authored two sessions in the Human Factors in Cyber Security track, including research about swipe authentication and a rapid serial visual presentation approach for graphical authentication. Nicole Karpinsky and Shelby Long presented a design project they completed in Dr. Still's HCI course regarding a mid-fidelity mobile application to help the visually impaired navigate uneven terrain.

## ***Applied Human Factors and Ergonomics Conference 2016***

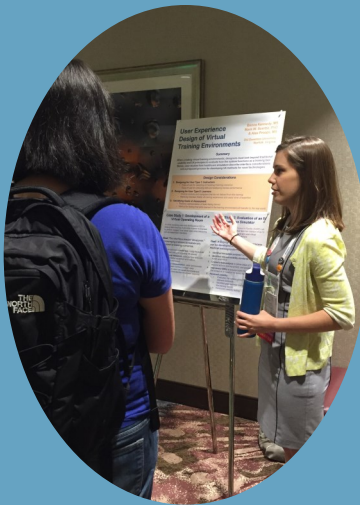
***by: Alex Proaps, Becca Kennedy, and Nicole Karpinsky***

Chris Morley presented his research with Dr. Yusuke Yamani titled, "Operators' dependency on decision aids with different levels of automation in a speeded judgment task." Alex Proaps organized and chaired a more conceptual session, "The Future of Human Factors." The session featured ODU students, faculty, and alumni who each covered a wide range of issues and personal visions for the future of Human Factors. Alex Proaps discussed her vision for advancing Human Factors by continuing the challenging work of multi-disciplinary collaboration. Molly Liechty discussed how the science of Human Factors can help shape public policy. Dr. Jim Bliss described his vision of an inclusive pedagogical future for Human Factors by tearing down silos in academia. Dr. Eric Chancey shared some perspectives on the future of Human Factors from the next generation of HF professionals. Becca Kennedy discussed how we can continue to close the gap between Human Factors and User Experience (UX). Dr. Brittany Anderson-Montoya closed the session by discussing some current Human Factors issues and future directions in healthcare.

The keynote for the Human Side of Service Engineering track was a highlight of the conference for many of us. Dr. Robert Allen and Daniel Padilla presented the keynote titled, "Human factors and ergonomics at Disney: Helping to develop the Disney experience." Robert Allen is a Human Factors and Ergonomics Specialist for Walt Disney Parks & Resorts, globally. He described a broad range of Human Factors issues at Walt Disney World, including amusement park ride accessibility, safety, design and development, and overall safety culture at the park. Daniel Padilla is a Principal Human Factors and Ergonomics Safety Manager and he described the overall historical context and development process of cast member character costumes and cast member safety at Disney World. Some overall takeaways focused on balancing the safety of employees with the magical experience of Disney for park guests, and the challenge of applying anthropometric data across such a wide range of body types to represent all ages and cultures – for park attendees and for employees. They said it is all about designing for "the small world" at Disney - all ages, body types, capabilities, limitations, cultures.



Nicole Karpinsky managed to get a photo of Molly Liechty during her presentation.



Becca Kennedy

The User Experience Professionals Association (UXPA) hosted their 2016 annual meeting in Seattle in early June. Around 800 international user experience (UX) professionals and students gathered to share knowledge, discuss the state of the field, and challenge one another to push the field forward. This year, we presented two posters and Alex was among a dozen volunteers who assisted attendees and chaired sessions and workshops.

### Themes

Kelly Goto, digital UX expert, owner of gotoresearch and gotomedia, and author of *Web Redesign 2.0* and *Emotional UX*, presented the opening keynote. She introduced three overarching themes that carried across many of the UXPA 2016 sessions – whether presented as concrete, data-driven recommendations, or as inspirational calls to action for the field as a whole.

## Conference Highlights: 2016 UXPA International Conference

Becca Kennedy and Alex Proaps

First, as scientist-practitioners, we must apply our deep understanding that humans do not evolve as quickly as technology. “Move fast” works for some engineering problems, but human problems require many small studies in which we can gather ongoing feedback and meaningful stories. This idea of slowing down and diving below the surface to allow small meaningful moments to unfold so we can understand what we really need and feel is *Kansei*. *Kansei* or sensory engineering focuses on improving or developing products and services through this deeper human understanding. Through *Yoyu*, the Japanese concept of the “space between things,” we can create that space for extra abundance.

Second, to understand people, we must be willing and able to see the world as *they* would see it, not just how we would see it if we were in their shoes. We can better discover people’s pain points and what design solutions they really need through ethnographic methodologies that effectively draw stories *out* of individuals.

The final core theme this year: It is time to start tackling problems that impact overlooked groups of people, such as young, aging, and differently abled populations. We can create design solutions that are situationally appropriate and environmentally aware and bring about a new era of adaptive experiences. About 12% of the population is over the age of 65 and by 2020 that will be 24% in the US. For these aging populations, we can focus efforts on caregiving, community, smart homes, and quantified self.

We can also dive deeper into understanding the needs of children and parents – from ensuring we are appropriately and ethically integrating technology into children’s daily lives or disrupting certain industries to better serve children, like those companies reimagining casting and prosthetics that work with their growing bodies.

### Our poster session

Alex presented a beginner-friendly poster that focused on high-level issues related to visual perception and product design. Becca presented a poster about UX considerations for the design of virtual training environments, such as increasing immersion in the activity and matching training difficulty to the trainee’s experience level. Both posters sparked a lot of discussion among attendees who were not as familiar with core psychological concepts involved in UX.

### Automotive User Interface Design: Innovative UI Design in a Slow Moving Industry

Alex attended an exceptional panel about automotive user experience in which Mark Palmer, Russell Branaghan, Steve Simula, and Mark Duer discussed the challenges of designing high-tech digital user interfaces for automobiles and using one’s own industry as the core benchmark for innovation. They called on us as researchers and designers to build vehicles that are timeless *and* safe rather than following trends in the automotive industry. They described the tension the industry faces as drivers, designers, and researchers: Should we view a car as a sanctuary away from work and stressful life events or a technology hub to increase productivity? The panelists seemed to agree that it should be more of a sanctuary. They described how interfaces in cars should serve the needs of the driver and the driver’s experience of the primary task in a vehicle. The primary task is *driving*. “Driving is the experience. The interface is not the experience.” Interfaces in cars should not be described as “visually appealing.” The panelists carried the thread of Kelly Goto’s call to actions about creating the space between things and ensuring that we are not developing technology beyond human capabilities. We must create longevity and ensure we are not adding to drivers’ stress, demands, and lack of safety.

### Learn more about the conference:

In another keynote, Nick Finck, Product Design Manager at Facebook, discussed his newest project, UX For Change, for connecting mentors and young professionals on meaningful projects: [UXforChange.org](http://UXforChange.org)

Session slides are available through the online program: [uxpa2016.org/program](http://uxpa2016.org/program)

Alex Proaps and Becca Kennedy presenting.  
Photo by: Janaina Pantoja

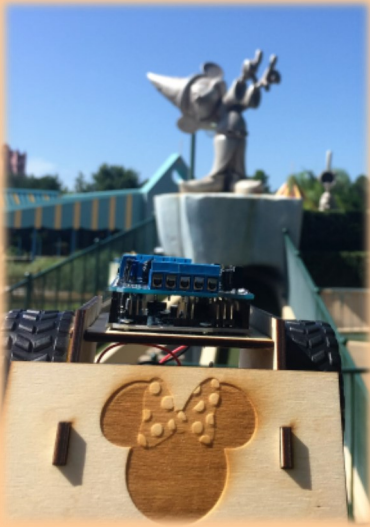


## NORFOLK'S INTERNATIONAL NODEBOTS DAY AT ODU

by Alexandra Proaps

**N**orfolk's third annual International NodeBots Day took place at ODU on Saturday, July 30th! International NodeBots Day is an annual event hosted in cities around the world with the goal of inspiring people to have fun while learning some basics about JavaScript, electronics, and robotics. The event is organized every year by a handful of local individuals - Norfolk JavaScript's Linda Nichols, Troy Connor, Tom Wilk, Paul Chin Jr., and Brandon Flade, ODU's Alex Proaps, 757 Makerspace's Beau Turner and Akin Yildiz, and other volunteers, Christie Thomas and Donna Hillard. This year, members of ODU's HFES chapter also volunteered to help with the event - Shelby Long, Nicole Karpinsky, Amanda Ashdown, Arushi Deshpande, and Samantha Zybak. Organizers designed, lasercut, and 3D printed parts and designed the instructional booklets for the kits provided to attendees. Despite the rain, 140 individuals joined us in Constant Hall all day to build and battle NodeBots, fly NodeCopters, and play with SoccerBots! This event was free thanks to some generous sponsors and it was friendly for all ages. Check out more photos from the event at: <https://goo.gl/photos/WrXLLwUaXEy1Wbwz8>.

Save the Date: NodeBots Day 2017 will be July 27th! If this sounds like an event you'd like to help with or attend next year or if you know someone who might be interested in sponsoring more robot kits for next year, feel free to reach out to Alex ([aproa001@odu.edu](mailto:aproa001@odu.edu)) for more information.



Alex Proaps takes a Disney NodeBot to Orlando.

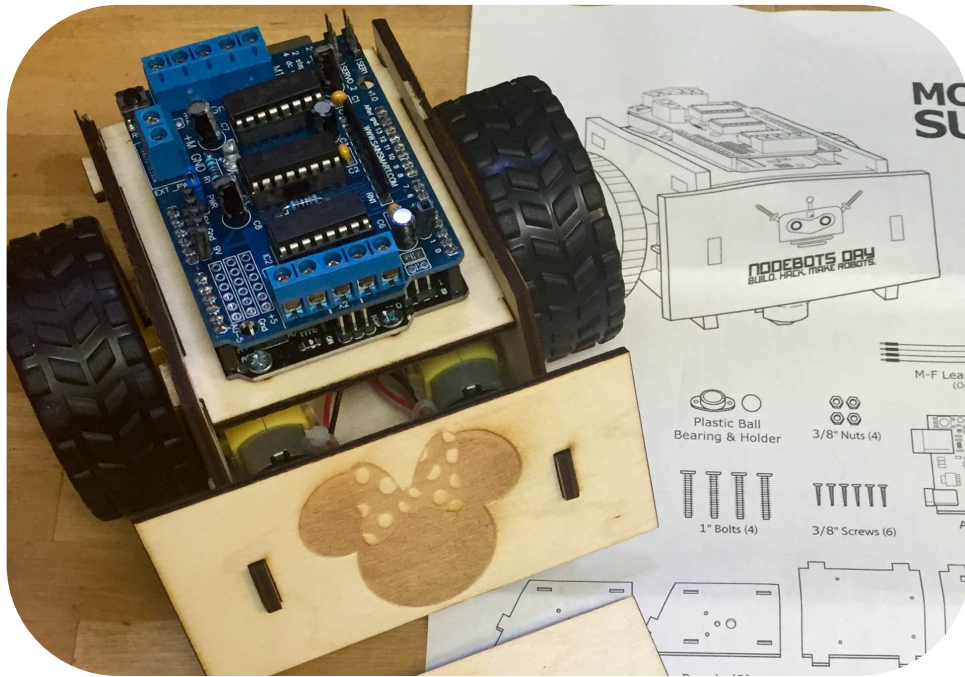


Amanda Ashdown's daughter during the kid's robot battle

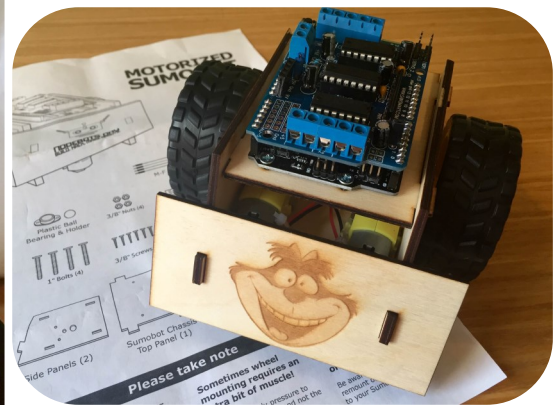
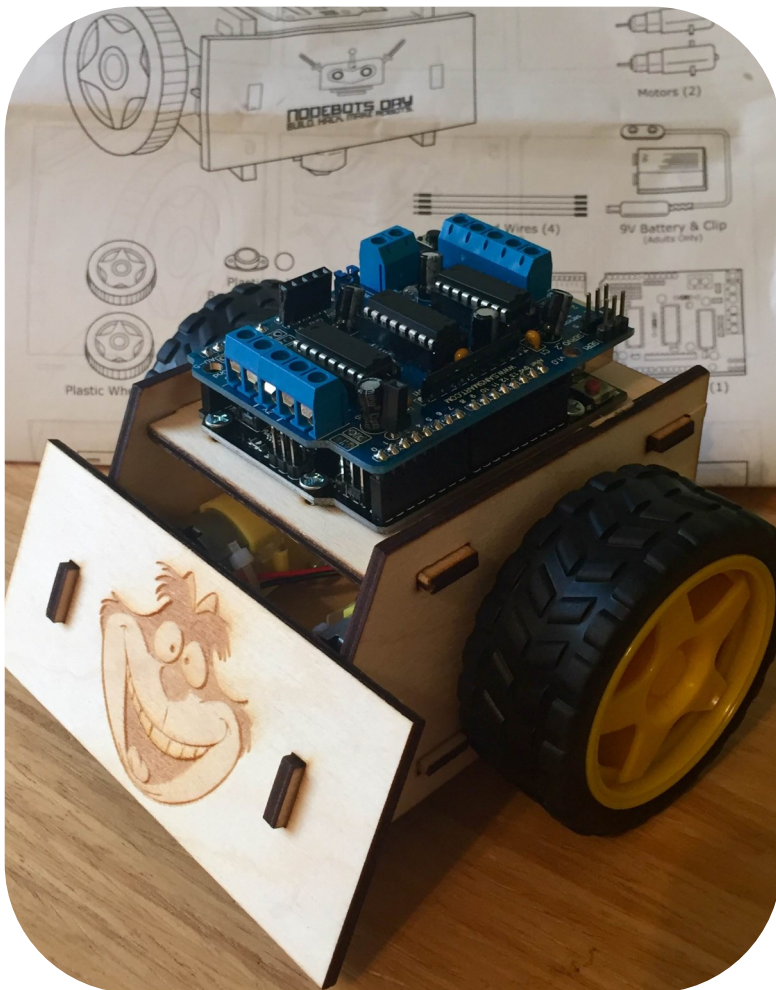


Photos by: Alex Proaps and Amanda Ashdown





## *Educational and Fun—NODEBOTS*





## Lab spotlight: Dr. Cigularov's S.M.A.R.T. Lab

by Phil Dillulio and Ben Kaufman



The mission of the safety management and applied research team (S.M.A.R.T.) is to promote safer, healthier, and more fulfilling lives at and outside work. To that end, we partner with industry to conduct scientific research examining the roles that individual and organizational factors play in employee health and performance and apply our findings toward enhancing these areas.

The team is led by Dr. Konstantin Cigularov and consists of graduate students Phil Dillulio, Enrique Cabrera-Caban, Ben Bass, Ben Kaufman, and Gargi Sawhney and undergraduate students Sarah Brown and Heather Leon.

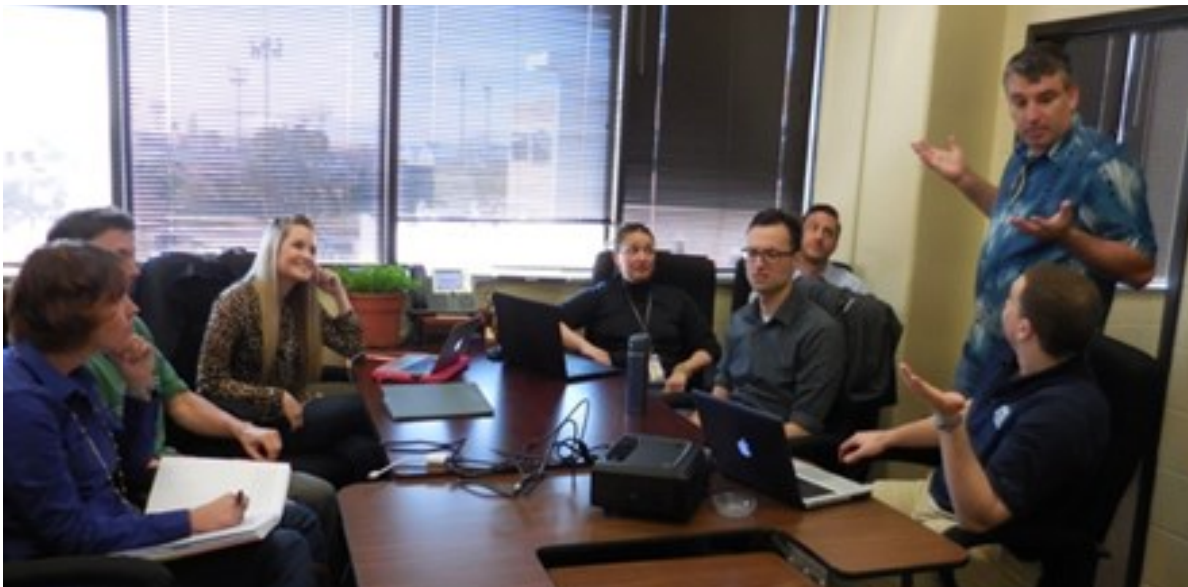
S.M.A.R.T. had an exciting and successful 2015–16 academic year as a number of members achieved major accomplishments:

- ◆ Gargi is now Dr. Sawhney after successfully defending her dissertation on safety leadership and employee motivation. She continues her post-doc at Clemson University.
- ◆ Both Bens (Bass and Kaufman) are now ABD after passing their candidacy exams.
- ◆ Ben Bass successfully proposed his dissertation on leadership and employee job demands.
- ◆ Ben Kaufman had a paper about safety and leadership education in U.S. construction management programs accepted for publication with revisions pending in *Safety Science*.
- ◆ Enrique successfully defended his master's thesis on the components of effective leadership in construction industry and was also first authored on a mindfulness paper accepted to *The Industrial-Organizational Psychologist*.
- ◆ Undergraduate student Sarah Brown participated in research on student stressors and challenges, which she presented at the *Virginia Association for Psychological Sciences (VAPS)* conference and received the "Best Poster" award.

- ◆ Dr. Cigularov received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor. He also partnered on a paper about leader safety attitudes and safety performance with colleagues from University of Houston and National Chiao Tung University, which was nominated for “Best Paper” at the Academy of Management Annual Conference.

The present and future of S.M.A.R.T. look bright and busy. There are a number of exciting projects in the works:

- ◆ Dr. Cigularov and Phil (with Dr. Scerbo, Human Factors) are consulting for Eastern Virginia Medical School to conduct a rigorous leadership training needs assessment for chief residents.
- ◆ Heather, Phil, and Dr. Cigularov are analyzing data from City of Virginia Beach to identify employee training needs and barriers to transfer of training.
- ◆ Ben Bass is collecting data for his dissertation on organizational leadership and employee job demands.
- ◆ Ben Kaufman is developing dissertation work on organizational climates and leadership.
- ◆ Enrique is working on a meta-analysis of appreciative inquiry interventions and examining the measurement of mindfulness and its relationship with ethical leader behaviors.
- ◆ Look out for updates on these and other projects on our website:  
<https://sites.google.com/a/odu.edu/smart/>



## ODU ALUMNI EDUARDO SALAS '84 IS HONORED AT APA IN DENVER



August 6, 2016: The American Psychological Association presented Eduardo Salas, Ph.D. their highest honor in Denver at the annual APA convention.

Dr. Salas received the *American Psychological Association's Award for Outstanding Lifetime Contributions to Psychology*.

For full story, please go to:

<http://news.rice.edu/2016/08/07/rice-professor-honored-for-lifetime-contributions-to-psychology/>

Reference: Post in: Current News, by Amy McCaig—August 7, 2016.

*“Dr. Debra A. Major is the new Graduate Programs Director, for Applied Psychological Sciences, Human Factors, and Industrial/Organizational Psychology Programs.”*

### CONGRATULATIONS : Awards, Honors, Promotions, and Special Presentations

#### **Faculty:**

Congratulations to Dr. **Mark Scerbo** as the new Editor-in-Chief for *Simulation in Healthcare*.

At a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Exhibition in Washington, D.C., Dr. **Debra Major** addressed House Policy Makers about her research. For full story, please visit [https://www.odu.edu/news/2016/5/psychologist\\_major\\_a#.V7THBE32aUk](https://www.odu.edu/news/2016/5/psychologist_major_a#.V7THBE32aUk).

Congratulations to Dr. **Bryan Porter** as he becomes the first Associate Dean of the new Graduate School.

Congratulations to **Dr. Jim Bliss** on being elected as a Fellow of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society. The HFES is an honor conferred by distinguished colleagues to recognize outstanding achievement, consistently superior professional performance, exceptional contributions, personal service to the Society, and other meritorious accomplishments by Society Members.

APA Fellowship, congratulations Dr. Robin Lewis on being elected to Division 44 last year, and Division 35 Psychology of Women this year.

Congratulations to Abby Braitman, on becoming a Research Assistant Professor in the Psychology department.

#### **Students:**

Congratulations to **Dante Myers**. Dante of the I/O Ph.D. program was one of two students awarded the Alumni Association Outstanding Scholar Fellowship. Dante's advisor, Dr. **Debra Major** was also recognized for her endorsement of this award for Dante.

## ***Undergraduates are heading off to continue their education in graduate programs around the country.***

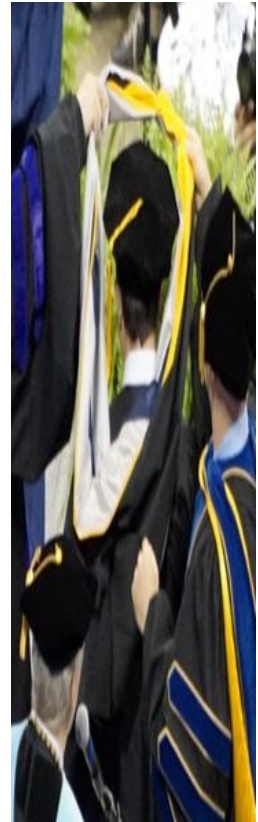
**Kelsey Ellis**, BS August 2016, has been excepted into the Virginia Consortium Clinical Doctoral Program beginning this Fall. “I will be joining Dr. James Paulson's Early Family Studies Lab where we will be studying the risk associated with depression and anxiety in expecting couples and new families and how this distress affects relationship functioning, co-parenting, and child development in a family's early years.” - Kelsey

**Phoebe Hitson** , MS August 2016, has been excepted into the Virginia Consortium Clinical Doctoral Program beginning this Fall.

**Georgiana Lee**, BS May 16, recipient of the Elizabeth Guy Service Award, is going to the University of Virginia Counselor Education Master's program.

**Rachel Parsons**, nee Green BS May 2016, will be attending Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio to pursue her Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

**Cat Yaris**, May 2012, completed M.A. in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at East Carolina University (2012-2014) and is currently completing her PhD in Psychology at Murdoch University in Perth, Australia.



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“WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS. “

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### **POST-DOCS AND INTERNSHIPS:**

**Michael Litano** is a fifth year graduate student in the Industrial-Organizational Psychology program. This summer, he completed his second semester as an Organizational Research Science intern at NASA Langley Research Center. He is currently Co-Principal Investigator for a large-scale research project investigating some of the key factors influencing engineering team-member exchange.

### **ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS:**

**Michael Litano** – A meta-analysis examining the relationships between Leader-Member Exchange (LMX) and work-family experiences, and contextual and methodological moderators of the LMX – Work-family conflict relationship was accepted to *The Leadership Quarterly*. Co-authors: Debra Major, Richard Landers, Valerie Streets and Benjamin Bass.

**Karpinsky, N., Chancey, E., & Yamani, Y.** (Fall 2016). Modeling Relationships among Workload, Trust, and Visual Scanning in an Automated Flight Task. *Proceedings of the 2016 Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, International Meeting, Washington, D.C.*

Long, S.K., **Karpinsky, N.D.**, Döner, H. & Still, J. (2016). Using a mobile application to help visually impaired individuals explore the outdoors. *Applied Human Factors and Ergonomics Conference Proceedings, Orlando, FL.*

**Karpinsky, N., Chancey, E., & Yamani, Y.** (2016). Trust and attention in flight simulation with imperfect signaling system. *Proceedings of the 2016 Industrial and Systems Engineering Research Conference, Institute of Industrial Engineering, Anaheim, CA.*





On August 2nd Dr. Bryan Porter, Ann Edwards, and Molly Liechty flew halfway around the world to attend the International Conference on Traffic and Transportation in Brisbane, Australia. After overcoming terrible weather, flight cancellations, and lack of sleep Ann successfully made it to the conference, giving a fantastic presentation on “Enforcement Campaigns and Enforcement Perceptions.” Dr. Porter gave several presentations while attending the conference focusing on his research in seatbelt usage and replication needs in transportation safety research. As co-editor of the Transportation Journal F: Traffic Psychology and Behavior he also led a discussion on journal submissions and perspectives from the editing staff. Molly, excited to present in one of the largest auditoriums at the conference, delivered her talk on “The Challenges of Studying Partial Automation.” The conference was well attended with 400 participants representing 39 countries across the globe. Key conference messages included a need for greater focus on enhancements in traffic safety laws, overcoming the challenges of ever-changing technology in managing driver distraction, and many discussions on road user’s perceptions and behaviors.



Ann Edwards

While attending the conference it was not all work and no play. Ann and Molly were able to travel to the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary and visit many cute and cuddly koalas, pet some kangaroos, and meet some interesting birds. Dr. Porter spent a beautiful day with the animals at the Australia Zoo and ended his trip with the successful completion of the Brisbane Half Marathon. In between conference sessions and walking across the beautiful Victoria Bridge we were able to stroll through the Brisbane Museum of Science and History, tour the elegant art museum there, and even visit the State Library. One of the highlights for Ann and Dr. Porter was getting to ride in the very tall Brisbane Ferris Wheel. Everyone made it home eventually, flight delays and automation breakdowns complicating the trip home for some, and the memories and pictures from the trip were well worth it.



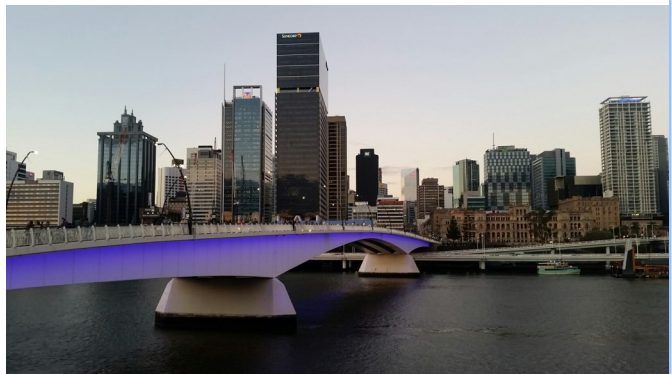
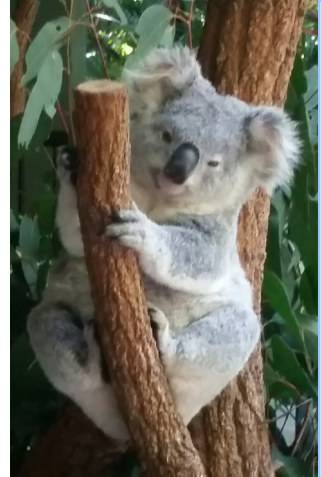
Bryan Porter



# ICTTP Conference, Brisbane, Australia:

Article by: Molly Liechty

Photos: Bryan Porter,  
Ann Edwards, and Molly Liechty



## Recent Graduates Begin Their New Careers



Ashley Linden-Carmichael accepted a position as a Research Associate at the Pennsylvania State University in the Department of Biobehavioral Health and the Methodology Center. Ashley will be continuing her line of substance abuse research in the context of learning new methodological and statistical techniques. Ashley will be primarily mentored under the guidance of Dr. Stephanie Lanza and will be starting new collaborations with individuals at Penn State as well as its partnering institutions, such as the University of Michigan. Ashley is very excited to start this new chapter in her life!

- Ashley Linden-Carmichael (May 2016)



Eric Chancey graduated with a Ph.D. in human factors psychology from Jim Bliss' REACTS lab in Spring, 2016. He now works at Leidos, Inc., in Dayton, Ohio, as a Senior Behavioral Scientist. He is currently working on a contract with the United States Air Force to develop and test a system that will be used to assess and train Air Force intelligence analysts. On this contract, Eric is responsible for ensuring that the system is created in a manner that takes into account the human component (e.g., the trainee, instructor, scenario developer). He is also responsible for confirming the training system captures meaningful performance data that can be used by both AF instructors for mission ready training and by researchers interested in studying analyst performance under certain conditions. On this contract he works with a large team of developers, psychologists, and AF subject matter experts, from the Department of Defense, other contracting agencies, and academia. In addition to his contract work, Eric is also responsible for seeking out funding opportunities and writing proposals. Since graduating he has continued to publish research and collaborate with ODU faculty and students.

- Eric Chancey, Ph.D. (May 2016)



After exciting 4 years as a graduate student in the Psychology Department at ODU, I am happy to have found my new professional home with Sentara Healthcare. I am currently the Biostatistician for the Quality Research Institute within the Clinical & Business Intelligence department. As a biostatistician, my role is to develop, improve, and apply rigorous statistical methods that enhance the quality of research throughout all Sentara hospitals. The job is fast paced as my team serves more than 100 sites of care, including 12 acute care hospitals - seven in Hampton Roads, one in Northern Virginia, two in the Blue Ridge region of Virginia, one in southern Virginia and one in North Carolina. I enjoy traveling throughout Virginia and North Carolina and meeting the diverse research teams with which we collaborate. Working for a large health system allows me to take advantage of large data sources. Furthermore, having robust data allows for deriving results that better reflect real-world care and improve patient health in a tangible way. For example, the methodological and quantitative support I provide at Sentara Obici Hospital in Suffolk is aimed at decreasing infection rates in patients with temporary catheters. Additionally, I am working on a project assessing efficacy of a donor human milk program at Sentara Princess Anne Hospital and Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. An example of a project with a host of Sentara ambulatory clinics is a behavior change intervention aimed at reducing outpatient readmissions related to falls. Thanks to the statistical and methodological training I received during my time at ODU, I am more than prepared to meet the challenges of my new job.

- Ralitsa Maduro, Ph.D. (August 2016)

Adrian Bravo is a postdoctoral research fellow on a T32 training grant at the Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions (CASAA) at the University of New Mexico. As a postdoctoral fellow, Adrian is receiving multidisciplinary training on conducting research to: a) elucidate the processes of change in drinking behavior, b) develop and test effective methods to effect change through improved approaches to treatment and indicated prevention, and c) develop and test models to disseminate knowledge of effective interventions to diverse populations. He works under the mentorships of Dr. Pearson and Dr. Tonigan.

- Adrian Bravo, Ph.D. (August 2016)



## Around the Department in Photos



### APS in May-

Dr. Adrian Bravo (2016); Dr. Abby Braitman (2012); Rebecca Price (BS 2015); Dr. Michelle Kelley; and Tyler White (Class of 2017).



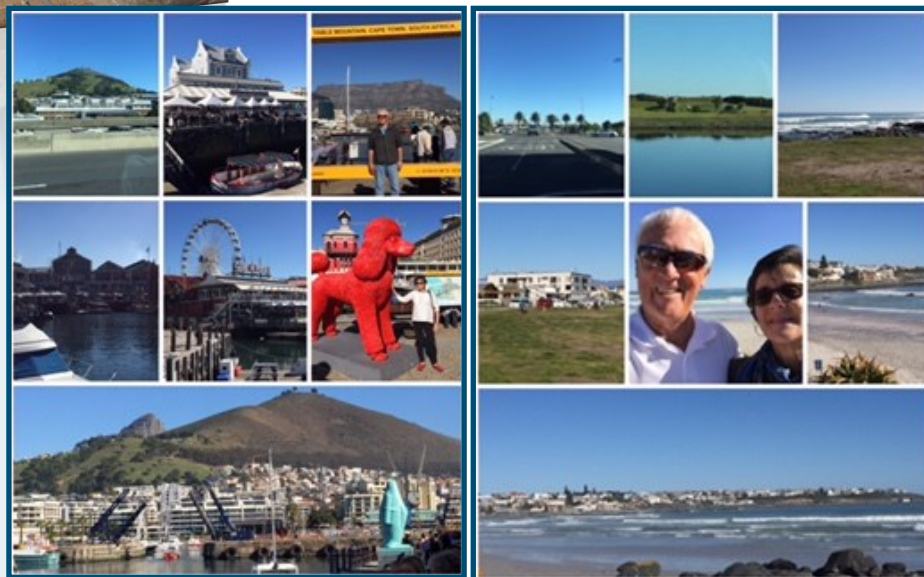
**Barbara Winstead and Val Derlega enjoying some summer travel to the Orkney Islands of Scotland.**



**Phil Langlais sends us retirement greetings from Cape Town, South Africa.**

Phil let us know that, "Table Mountain in the background and the seagull's unexpected appearance provided a wonderful welcome to CT."

Below: Cape Town Waterfront and West Coast Beaches.





Photos taken in June by Brandon Fluegel.



Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.



Bears in Yellowstone National Park.



Katelyn Reynoldson and Brandon in Mattapoisett, MA.

*“Look at all the wonderful places we have been, and things we have done since spring semester ended.”*



**New Dads-**  
Adrian Bravo holds his daughter Francesca, born in July.



Craig Reddock holds his daughter Amelia, born in August.



Nicole Karpinsky, Shelby Long and Ashley Cain in Orlando.



Jennika Jenkins, Amy Stamates, and Brittany Hollis take a break from their books, for a night of painting.

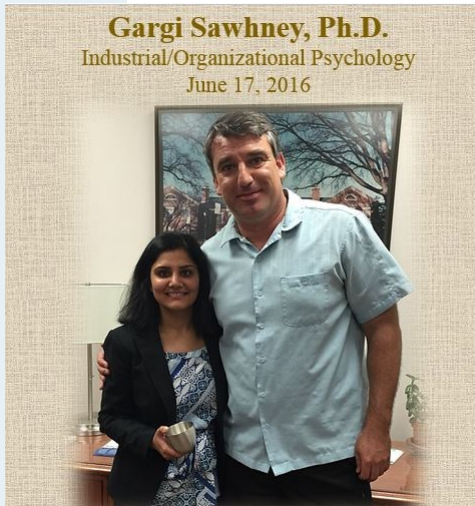


Alex Proaps visited the Seattle Chihuly Glass Museum .





*Above photos taken by Debbie Major during a helicopter tour of Kauai .*



Lunch to celebrate Gargi’s dissertation defense with Ben Bass, Dr. Konstantin Cigularov, Enrique Cabrera-Caban, and Ben Kaufman.



While on Internship with the U.S. Department of Defense in Maryland, Bo Armstrong had a chance to visit the Baltimore Harbor.







*The  
Lantern Asia  
Exhibit*

*at the  
Norfolk*



*Botanical*



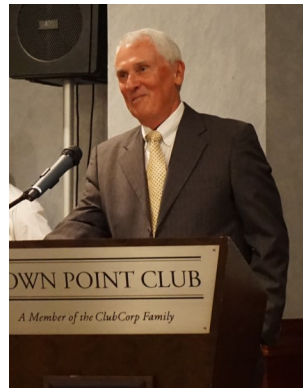
*Gardens*

*Photos courtesy of Alex Proaps.*



## Around the Department in Photos

- Colleagues, family, and friends attended a dinner in April celebrating the retirements of Elaine, Lou, Don, and Phil at Town Point Club.





# ODU HFES

For the 2015-2016 school year, ODU HFES focused on outreach, collaboration, and professional development. The chapter became more involved on-campus by participating in semesterly recruitment events and Relay for Life. Also, members spoke to undergraduate psychology classes and organizations about human factors and how to become involved in the society. The chapter also focused on service. For our Psychology PhD program's Meet-Greet Day, the chapter made goodie bags to welcome visiting applicants. ODU HFES also hosted a clothing drive to benefit a local shelter.

The chapter collaborated with several local organizations to host events as well. For National Ergonomics Month, the chapter cohosted a Halloween safety event and bad design competition with Psi Chi. Also, members participated in several graduate student panels for other organizations, including the Fellowship of Women in Science, APS, and Psi Chi. Last November, the chapter sponsored a prototyping workshop with UXPA Norfolk for World Usability Day. In addition to our monthly meetings, the chapter hosted a monthly brown-bag series. The brown-bag talks focused on professional development, including a Moderation/Mediation Techniques workshop by Dr. Eric Chancey, a Portfolio Development workshop by Alex Proaps, and a Bayesian Statistics workshop by Dr. Miguel Padilla cohosted with AEPsA.



ODU HFES was awarded Gold level, the highest student chapter recognition, by the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society. The chapter will be recognized at the upcoming Annual HFES Conference in Washington, D.C.

This year, ODU HFES plans to continue outreach to undergraduates at ODU. In particular, members will be presenting to undergraduate classes and helping to create Human Factors-related materials for Introduction to Psychology professors to use. Additionally, the chapter plans to host an HFES trivia night for National Ergonomics Month in late October. Our first meeting will be September 6<sup>th</sup>.



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