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Dr. Yossef Ben-Porath

Email: ybenpora@kent.edu Area: Clinical Assessment

Research Interests: Clinical Assessment

• Assessment of psychopathology and personality Developing uses for MMPI instruments



Dr. Jeffrey Ciesla

Email: jciesla@kent.edu <u>Area:</u> Adult Psychology; Child Clinical Research Interests:

- Evaluating risk for depression and models of life stress
- Influence of rumination and maladaptive beliefs Application of SEM and HLM statistical techniques in
- psychopathology research models



Dr. Shannon Ciesla

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- **Courses Commonly Taught:** Adolescent Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Introduction to Clinical Psychology
- Advanced Research Methods



Dr. Karin Coifman

Email: kcoifman@kent.edu <u>Area:</u> Adult Psychopathology Research Interests:

- Basic emotion processing Emotion regulation in relation to adjustment during acute and
- chronic stress • Use of clinical interviews, experience sampling diaries and experimental/cognitive tasks



Dr. Douglas Delahanty

Email: ddelahan@kent.edu

<u>Area:</u> Health Psychology; Behavioral Neuroscience **Research Interests:**

- Early biological predictors of psychopathology (PTSD) following traumatic events The impact of trauma history and PTSD on various disease
- samples (HIV+, surgical patients)
- Inform and conduct early intervention research to prevent/reduce the development of post-traumatic distress following trauma



Dr. John Dunlosky

Email: jdunlosk@kent.edu Area: Cognitive Psychology

- **Research Interests:** Metacognition
- Self-regulated learning
- Goal of research is to improve student learning and
- achievement



Dr. Christopher Flessner Email: cflessne@kent.edu

Area: Child Clinical

- **Research Interests:**
- Developing a better understanding of the biological and psychosocial risk factors linked to the development of anxiety in kids
- Development and course of obsessive-compulsive behaviors



Dr. Jocelyn Folk

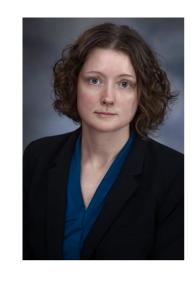
Email: jfolk@kent.edu (Pre-med advisor for Psychology) Area: Cognitive Psychology **Research Interests:**

Understanding the cognitive processes involved in reading and spelling

Reading & spelling abilities in skilled & less-skilled populations Understanding how hearing impairment influences how people read

















Dr. Stephen Fountain

Email: sfountai@kent.edu Area: Behavioral Neuroscience

- Research Interests:
- Psychological processes involved in the organization of behavior through time
- Effects of adolescent nicotine exposure on adult cognitive processes Brain structures and neurotransmitter systems involved in cognition

Dr. Judith Gere

Email: jgere@kent.edu Area: Social Psychology

Research Inter<u>ests:</u>

- Subjective well-being, goal pursuit and romantic relationships
- How romantic partners pursue their goals (both joint & individual)
- Quantitative measurement and methodology

Dr. Lee Gilman

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- Area: Behavioral Neuroscience Research Interests:
- Neurophysiology underlying behavioral responses to heterotypic stressors
- Influences of unhealthy diet on emotional and eating behaviors Contribution of dietary hormones to emotional and addictive behaviors

Dr. Josefina Grau

Email: jgrau@kent.edu Area: Child and Adolescent Psychology

- **Research Interests** • How parenting and family processes influence development in young children
- The role culture on parenting and child development in Latino families
- Factors that facilitate adolescent mothers' parenting and their toddler's development

Dr. John Gunstad

Email: jgunstad@kent.edu <u>Area:</u> Clinical Assessment; Health Psychology **Research Interests:**

- Effects of aging and disease on neurocognitive function
- Cardiovascular disease and obesity Non-pharmacological approaches to improving brain function

Dr. Mary Himmelstein

Email: mhimmels@kent.edu <u>Area:</u> Social Psychology; Health Psychology

Research Interests:

- Intersecting social identities in the experience of stigma and discrimination
- Health consequences of weight stigma and how individuals cope with these experiences
- Men's health and masculinity: stress, healthcare delay, and helpseeking

Dr. Joel Hughes

Email: jhughes1@kent.edu Area: Health Psychology **Research Interests:**

- **Clinical Health**
- Cardiovascular behavioral medicine
- Role of psychosocial factors in patient self-management

Dr. Robin Joynes

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Courses Commonly Taught: General Psychology

- Research Methods
- Drugs and Behavior



Dr. William Lechner

Email: wlechner@kent.edu <u>Area:</u> Adult Substance Use Disorders and Adult Psychopathology Research Interests: • Effects of neurocognitive deficits in addiction

Bi-directional relationship between psychopathology and addiction; specifically, alcohol and nicotine use

Dr. William Merriman

Email: wmerrima@kent.edu <u>Area:</u> Developmental Psychology

- **Research Interests:** • Children's language memory, and thought
- Emphasis on word learning and metacognition in early childhood
- Awareness of gaps in linguistic knowledge • Overconfidence in memory

Dr. Angela Neal-Barnett

Email: aneal@kent.edu Area: Child and Adolescent Psychology

- **Research Interests:** Race, stress, and infant mortality
- Racial identity and "acting white" accusation Stress and anxiety management for middle school Black and
- Biracial girls

Dr. Katherine Rawson

Email: krawson1@kent.edu Area: Cognitive Psychology **Research Interests:** • Optimizing learning in educationally relevant domains • Strategies that promote the durability and efficiency of

- student learning

Dr. Amy Sato Email: asato2@kent.edu

<u>Area:</u> Child Psychology; Health Psychology

- **Research Interests**
- healthy weight management

Dr. Sharon Sciartelli

- Email: ssciarte@kent.edu Courses Commonly Taught: General Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology Psychological Assessment

Dr. Mary Beth Spitznagel

- Email: mspitzna@kent.edu Neuropsychology **Research Interests:**
- Clinical neuropsychology Caregiver burden

Dr. Jennifer Taber

Email: jtaber1@kent.edu Area: Social Psychology; Health Psychology Research Interests:

- information for disease
- behavior











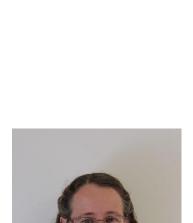
















Dr. Clarissa Thompson

Email: cthomp77@kent.edu <u>Area:</u> Developmental Psychology; Cognitive Psychology Research Interests:

- How children learn, develop strategies and remember information
- Shifts in children's numerical representations with increasing age and experience • How children draw analogies between numerical
- contexts to help them solve problems

Dr. John Updegraff

Email: jupdegr1@kent.edu <u>Area:</u> Social Psychology; Health Psychology

- Research Interests:
- Understanding health Health communication
- The role of message framing and message tailoring in promoting health behavior change

Dr. Christopher Was

Email: cwas@kent.edu Area: Cognitive Psychology

- Research Interests:
- Testing different models and aspects of working memory to determine how processing limits in working memory affect complex cognitive processes such as comprehension
- Student self-regulated learning

Dr. Maria Zaragoza

Email: mzaragoz@kent.edu Area: Cognitive Psychology **Research Interests:**

- Eyewitness Memory and Suggestibility
- False Memories and False Beliefs • Correcting Misinformation in News Reports

• How students monitor and control their own learning



• Obesity and weight management in children & adolescents • The influence of stress & the role of family influences on

This lab collaborates with the pediatric weight management program at Akron Children's Hospital to conduct research

<u>Area:</u> Health Psychology; Clinical Assessment;

• Cognitive impact of obesity, diet, and exercise

• Understanding and promoting health behaviors, such as reducing sun exposure or eating a healthy diet Understanding how people think about genetic risk

• Understanding when and why risk perceptions predict







