

HAPPY SPRING!

National Association of School Psychologists 2017 in San Antonio, Texas



National Louis University students and faculty who made it out to NASP 2017. This year we had NASP representation with first year students, second years students, interns, and faculty! A big thanks to all that were able to make it out to Texas! Let's keep the tradition going next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday,
March 15th –**
Internship
Acceptance Day!

**Tuesday, March
21st – Last Day of
Winter Quarter**

**Wednesday,
April 5th– First
Day of Spring
Quarter**

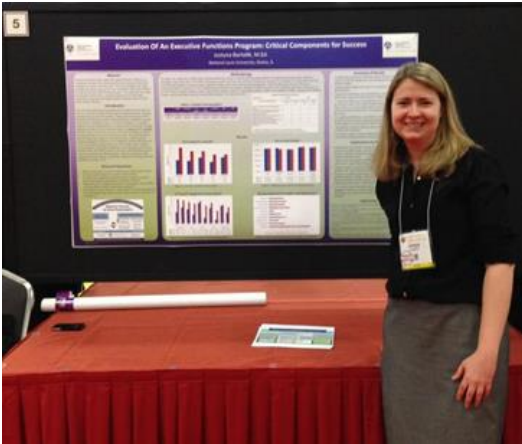
**Monday, May
29th – Memorial
Day holiday
(University closed)**

**Tuesday, June
13th – End of
Spring quarter**

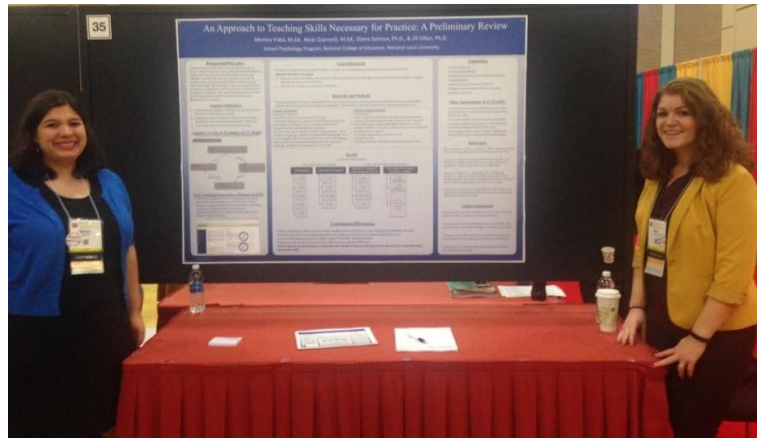
National Association of School Psychologists 2017 Annual Convention

Congratulations to everyone who presented at the **2017 National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)** Annual Convention in *February*. This year again we had a combination of both NLU faculty and students who presented at the convention. Check out their presentations below!

Student Presenters



Justyna Bartolik - *Evaluation of an Executive Functions Program: Critical Components for Success*



Monica Guio and Nicki Giannelli – *An Approach to Teaching Skills Necessary for Practice*



Julia Kane and Jennifer Cooper – *Reading Growth in Spanish-Speaking Bilingual Students*



Anastasia Papas and Jennifer Cooper – *Findings from a Computer-Based Reading Intervention: Bilingual Student Comparison*

(Picture Not Available)

Kathleen Mars Cummings - *Engaging Disruptive Students: Student Reported Benefits of Strong Kids Curriculum*

Faculty Presenters

Jennifer M. Cooper, Ph.D. and Mark R. Shinn, Ph.D. - *Supporting Graduate Students Understanding: Teaching from a Big Ideas Focus*

Jennifer M. Cooper, Ph.D. - *The Makings of A Social Justice Advocate: What We Know*

Jennifer M. Cooper, Ph.D. and Angie Dugger- *An Innovative Training Model to Enhance Pre-Service School Psychologists' Mental Health Practices in School Settings*

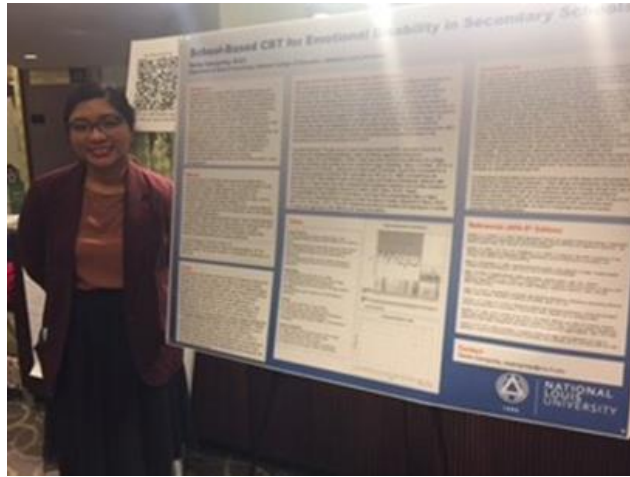
Mark R. Shinn, Ph.D., Michelle M. Shinn, Kimberly A. Gibbons, Robert Pasternack, and W A. Coulter - *The Common Core Crash: Preventing More Children From Being Left Behind*

Illinois School Psychologist Association 2017 Annual Convention

Congratulations to those who presented at the **2017 Illinois School Psychologist Association (ISPA)** Annual Convention in *February*. See below for their presentation pictures. Thanks to all who came out to show your support to fellow peers and faculty!



Jennifer M. Cooper, PhD., Angie Dugger, and Aleta Wurfel- *Addressing the Missing Link: Assessing Social Emotional Learning in Schools.*



Sanita Saengvilay- *School-based CBT in Secondary Schools.*



Congratulations to Anastasia Papas for being a recipient of the Illinois Fund for Careers in School Psychology Minority Scholarship! The award is worth \$5,000. These few awards are given to promising students from minority backgrounds, and she is the second NLU student to receive this award at the Illinois School Psychologist Association Convention Award Luncheon. Great Job Anastasia!

Student News

Faculty News

Jennifer M. Cooper, Ph.D., had an article titled “*Musings From Social Justice Leaders in School Psychology – Part I*” published in the NASP October 2016 *Communique* (Vol 45, Issue 2).

A follow up article titled “*Musings From Social Justice Leaders in School Psychology – Part II*” was published in the NASP November 2016 *Communique* (Vol 45, Issue 3). Article contributors were social justice leaders in the field of school psychology: Brianna Sarr-Kerman, Christina Mulé, Nathaniel von der Embse, Alissa Briggs and David Shriberg. Editorial assistance was provided by Kristina Oprishchenko.

Jennifer M. Cooper, Ph.D., after becoming a NASP PREPaRE trainer for crises prevention over the summer, she has successfully continued to deliver PREPaRE trainings.

Mark R. Shinn, Ph.D., has been serving on Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s City of Chicago Literacy Task Force for the past year. The recommendations have finally been released in *Closing the Literacy Gap for Students with Disabilities*, Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s ADA 25 Literacy Task Force was released on November 2016.

Internship and Job Opportunities

Opportunities shared by faculty and sites reaching out to NLU for candidates. Please check “List of Internship Opportunities” email sent from your NASP delegate Julia Kane for additional details and how to contact these sites. Our future newsletter will include internship updates as students begin to accept their offers! Good luck to all!

Illinois Internship Opportunities:

Burlington, IL (District 301)
Winnetka, IL (District 36)
Northfield, IL (District 29)
DuPage, IL (SASED District 29)
Hinsdale, IL (District 86)

Out-of-State Internship Opportunities

Albany, New York
Denver, Colorado
Florida
Montana

Job Opportunities (see email from Kristina Oprishchenko):

Mundelein, IL (District 79)

SPO News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Quarter SPO Meeting Dates

SPO held a workshop on Saturday March 11th, 2017. Thanks for all who attended, updates to follow in the next newsletter! Stay tuned for SPO Spring quarter meeting dates.

Conference Travel Stipends from SPO

Thank you very much to everyone who applied for a travel stipend for SPO. The checks are being processed and we will be in contact regarding the amount and how to pick them up soon! We are eager to share that the award will be in the amount of \$100 for individuals who attended ISPA and/or NASP and submitted a stipend application or \$125 for individuals who presented at either or both conferences. Applicants are asked to attend one SPO meeting before the end of the school year and consider participating in or contributing to a volunteering event.

Volunteer Opportunities

Event: The Chicago Student Invention Convention

Volunteers and invention judges needed. The convention empowers students K-8 to solve problems and promotes creative thinking and innovation. The Invention Convention is a flexible curriculum focused on critical thinking, creativity, and innovation. It is supported by activities and lesson plans and culminates in a final competition of student built prototypes.

<http://www.allforgood.org/volunteer/opportunity/23004>

Where/When: Clemente High School, Chicago, on Apr 1, 2017 08:00 AM - 01:30 PM

Event: House of Cards

Volunteers needed for Marillac St. Vincent Family Services' Associate Board that is hosting an 7th Annual House of Cards! Proceeds from event provides funding for all Marillac St. Vincent programs, including child development, senior services, family and youth services, and homeless outreach programs. <https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp1977848.jsp>

Where/When: Chicago Chop Shop, on Sat Apr 08, 2017, 05:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Questions, Comments, or Concerns for SPO? Contact us at schoolpsychorg.nlu@gmail.com

Scholarships 2017-2018 Available, Please Apply!

Last year we had 5 School Psychology program students who received awards. These merit-based scholarships, available thanks to the school's generous donors, are awarded to current undergraduate and graduate students across all degree programs. To be eligible to apply, you must have successfully completed at least one term at NLU prior to spring quarter and demonstrate a record of academic achievement; additional requirements vary by scholarship. Please check out the links provided!

View instructions available:

<http://www.nl.edu/financialaid/financialaidresources/scholarships/applicationinstructions/>

Check out the variety of scholarships here:

<http://www.nl.edu/media/nlu/downloadable/financialaid/scholarships/merit-based-scholarships-2017-2018.pdf> Deadline: April 17th, 2017.


Find us on Social Media!

We are continuing in our efforts in making a professional connection between current students and alumni. One method of attempting to accomplish this is with social media. A Facebook and LinkedIn page have been created for the program and we are asking all members and alumni to join.

It is a great opportunity to stay connected with what is currently happening within the program and the field, and to have a good model of what life after graduation from the program looks like. Please spread the word and share with any alumni that you may come across!

Like/Follow us on  here:

<https://www.facebook.com/NLUschoolpsychology/>

Connect with us on  here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8448300>

Looking for Alumni

The *National Louis University School Psychology* program is currently building its Alumni Database and we need help getting into contact with many of our alumni! If you are in contact with any alumni from the program, please pass this newsletter to them!

In creating the alumni database, we hope to create a greater community between program alumni, current students, and faculty. This will allow for increased networking amongst alumni, current students, and faculty; and create opportunities for a continued education!

If **YOU** are alumni from the National Louis University School Psychology Program, we encourage you to get in contact with us in order to help us.

You may reach out to us by simply connecting with us through LinkedIn via our new page here:
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8448300>

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Email *Kristina Oprishchenko* at KOprishchenko@gmail.com with your preferred contact information, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding this process.