

WELCOME to WINTER QUARTER!

Winter quarter is in full swing and we hope it's going well for all.

Winter quarter is an eventful one with both the Illinois School Psychologists Association (ISPA) and the upcoming National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) conventions. We had multiple NLU student/faculty presentations at ISPA and look forward to seeing NLU School Psychology students and faculty presenting at NASP.

Second year students begin interviewing for internships this quarter and interns are preparing for job opportunities for the following year.

This newsletter features additional information on NASP and the NLU School Psychology Organization Fundraiser, as well as some highlights of accomplishments from one of our interns and recent graduates. There is also some interesting Professional Development coming up that your supervisors may be interested in.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday,
February 13th–
Friday, February
16th**
NASP Annual
Convention
@Chicago, IL

**Thursday,
February 15th**
Alumni Event:
DUSPP reception
@NASP -
5:00pm-6:50pm in
the Alpine Room
#2 of the
Swissotel, 323
East Drive,
Chicago
Students and
Faculty are
welcome to
attend!



National Association of School Psychologists NLU Presenters

Congratulations to everyone who has had their proposals accepted to present at the **2018 National Association of School Psychologists** (NASP) Annual Convention in *February!* This year again, there will be a combination of both NLU faculty and students who will be presenting at the convention. Dates, times and links of presentations are provided below. Please come show your support to your fellow peers and faculty!

Students

Marissa Fang

[*Development of the Brief Illinois Teacher Social Emotional Competence Checklist*](#)

Poster Presentation

Wednesday, February 14th, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Mariya Todorova

[*The Use of the Pedagogical Story to Address an Emotional Need*](#)

Poster Presentation

Thursday, February 15th, 9:30am – 11:00am

Amanda Czerniuk

[*Co-Teaching as a Model to Improve Inclusion and Student Progress*](#)

Poster Presentation

Thursday, February 15th, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Faculty & Students

Monika Neale, Ph.D., Emilee Frost, Evan Pavlik

[*CBT and Mental Health: One Size Does Not Fit All*](#)

Poster Presentation

Wednesday, February 14th, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Monika Neale, Ph.D., Emilee Frost, Evan Pavlik

[*Integrating School-Based Mental Health Services and Psychopharmacology*](#)

Poster Presentation

Friday, February 16th, 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Faculty

George J. DuPaul, Steven W. Evans, Julie Sarno Owens, Jennifer Cooper et al.

[*High School Teacher Ratings: Development of the School Functioning Scale*](#)

Paper Presentation

Tuesday, February 13th, 2:00 pm – 2:50 pm

Jennifer Cooper, Ph.D., Meredith Weber, Ph.D., and Maria Finch, Ph.D.

[*Supporting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students in Challenging Times*](#)

Practitioner Conversation

Thursday, February 15th, 5:00 pm – 5:50 pm

Mark R. Shinn, Ph.D., James R. Deni, W. Alan Coulter, Kimberly A Gibbons, Theresa Nicholls, Mike Bonesheski, Bob Pasternack, Chelsea Blue, Kaila Skelly

[*What We Learned: Leading States to Evidence-Based SLD \(SY010\)*](#)

Symposium

Wednesday, February 14th, 8:30 am – 9:20 am

Mark R. Shinn, Ph.D., Amanda M. VanDerHeyden, Peter M Nelson, Ethan R. Van Norman, Laura L Pendergast, Nathaniel Von der Embse, Stephen P. Kilgus, W. Alan Coulter, Linda Ruan, Danielle Beysolow

[*How to Screen Smarter for Better Results*](#)

Symposium

Thursday, February 15th, 8:00 am – 9:20 am

Mark R., Shinn, Ph.D., Kimberly Gibbons, Bob Pasternack, Michelle Shinn

[*Getting Our Act Together: School Psychology and Special Ed 2.0 \(SS001\)*](#)

Special Session

Thursday, February 15, 10:30 am – 12:20 pm

Trainers of School Psychology Conference Presentations – Loyola Water Tower Campus

Jennifer Cooper, Ph.D. & Mark Shinn, Ph.D.

Practicing What We Preach: Supporting Student Learning for Preservice Learners (Poster Presentation)

Tuesday, February 13th, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Illinois School Psychologists Association NLU Presenters

Congratulations to those who presented at the **2018 Illinois School Psychologists Association** (ISPA) Annual Convention last month. The following is the list of NLU presentations:

Jennifer Cooper, Ph.D., Aleta Wurfel

Working Together: A University-School Partnership to Reduce Childhood Anxiety

Poster Presented by Aleta Wurfel

Monika Neale, Ph.D., Emilee Frost, Evan Pavlik

CBT and Mental Health: One Size Does Not Fit All

Poster Presented by Emilee Frost

Monika Neale, Ph.D., Emilee Frost, Evan Pavlik

Integrating School-Based Mental Health Services and Psychopharmacology

Poster Presented by Evan Pavlik

Student News

Check out the Student Connections section of the January/February edition of the NASP Communique. Third-year student, **Julia Kane Morlock**, wrote an article about her experiences as a student leader at NLU titled *Student Leadership on a Nontraditional Campus: Thinking Outside the Box*. The article highlights tips for student leaders of student organizations on nontraditional

campuses and aims to inspire the NASP community to re-address the meaning of student leadership in light of evolving graduate education programs and increasingly diverse students. The following link will first take you to the NASPonline.org login in page and then take you to the article (You may have to make sure that you are first logged out of NASP and then log back in after clicking the link).

[Student Leadership on a Nontraditional Campus: Thinking Outside the Box](#)

NLU School Psychology graduate, Lianne Paterson, was recently in Washington D.C. to discuss regulations that impact housing options for individuals with disabilities. Here's what she had to say about the experience:

"In D.C, I met with lawmakers to discuss amendments to the Medicaid statute (as part of the Social Security Act) and provide feedback on regulations set by the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS). The specific regulation I spoke to is called The Settings Rule, which includes definitions of housing options for individuals with physical and developmental disabilities. The objective was to communicate the need for preservation of a broad range of living and services options for individuals with disabilities.

"The response received was positive and follow up meetings at the State and Federal levels are scheduled.

"During this trip I spoke in my capacity as a parent and Board Director (Little City); however, the skills and knowledge I obtained in the SP program enhanced my ability to communicate the importance of quality services across entities."

Lianne was also recently interviewed in an NBC segment that touches on her personal experience with [Little City](#), a nonprofit that serves children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. You can view the segment here: [NBC Chicago – Little City](#)

Since 2015, Lianne was on the board of *Countryside Association* that merged with *Little City* in 2016. She then moved to the board of *Little City* and leads the Children's Program and Services Committees. Lianne's son, Tim, moved to *Little City* last year and is doing great.

Great Professional Development Opportunities

Let your supervisors know about these great upcoming professional development opportunities! Click on the links for detailed brochures.

A Professional Development Opportunity with Perry Zirkel, Ph.D., J.D., LL.M.
[504, the ADA, and Public School Students: The Latest Lessons for General and Special Educators](#)
In Conjunction with the National Louis University School Psychology Program
Monday, April 30th, 2018
National Louis University North Shore Campus

[Doubling Down on MTSS and RTI Success: Lessons Learned in Getting to the Next Level of Research-Based Practices](#)

In Collaboration with the Northern Illinois University School Psychology Program
Monday May 21st & Tuesday May 22nd, 2018
Northern Illinois University Conference at Naperville

This PD has sessions with a team of national experts including former Assistant Secretary of Education, Robert Pasternack, Randy Sprick, Alan Coulter, Kimm Gibbons, Nancy Marchand Martella, and our very own Mark R. Shinn!

These are both great opportunities and expected to fill up fast.

SPO News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Quarter SPO Meeting Dates

- Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday February 27th, 3:30 PM North Shore Campus
- Students who wish to attend not on the SPO board may RSVP at schoolpsychorg.nlu@gmail.com for additional information.

Conference Travel Stipends from SPO

Thank you very much to everyone who applied for a travel stipend for SPO. We will notify applicants of their awarded stipend amount as well as details on how you will receive your stipend. 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. The upcoming professional development conferences coming up can be used as volunteering events. Stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities.

FUNDRAISING

T-shirts and Sweatshirts

We would love for you to support SPO! We have created three clothing designs to sell to our current NLU SP students and professors as well as alumni to raise money for SPO, so if you would like to support our organization and represent your alma mater, please consider buying some items.

The order form must be filled out electronically or scanned directly to SPO's 3rd Year Delegate, Marissa Fang. Her email is: (Marissafang25@gmail.com). Cash and check only will be accepted and current cohorts can give money to Emilee Huntley, SPO President or Marissa Fang. For alumni, you may send in cash/check made out to National Louis University, in the memo line, SPO. The deadline for sending in your order form by email is February 20th.

You can use the following link to download the order form:
[NLU SPO T-Shirt and Sweatshirt Order Form](#)

Here are what the t-shirt and sweatshirt options look like:

*Black Shinnisms shirt states:

The Rules of the Game..., It's a Case of "Ain't been Taught", Don't be a layperson, There's no right way to do the wrong thing, Don't Screen if you're not going to intervene, Think in BIG IDEAS, I feel uncomfortable doing that, We service animals, not students, Scientists should be skeptics, not cynics, and Age and Grade Equivalent have no reason to live- they're just percentile ranks with baggage.



SOCIAL EVENTS



At NASP, there will be DUSPP alumni event scheduled for The Swiss Hotel on Thursday February 15th 2018 from 5:00pm-6:50pm in the Alpine Room #2. Swiss Hotel is located at 323 East Drive, Chicago. Come socialize with current and past National Louis School Psychology students!

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


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 *Emilee Huntley* at frost.emilee@gmail.com with your preferred contact information, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding this process.