

Liaison

A Periodic Newsletter of the Graduate Psychology Programs at Wheaton College

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GRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY IN THE WORLD:

Global Engagement in, with and through Christ

Wheaton College faculty in the world

Dr. Ezer Kang was granted a Fulbright Specialist Award for primary care “placed” brief assessment of neurocognitive and behavioral functioning in older children with perinatally acquired HIV. This work was done at Chiang Mai University, Faculty of Medicine Grant, Department of Pediatrics during Summer 2013.

Dr. Ezer Kang and **Dr. Ben Pyykkonen** were at Emmanuel Hospital Association in West Delhi, India. This is a collaborative effort with faith-based HIV/AIDS programming. The most recent visit was in October 2013.



Dr. David Boan, along with Psy.D. student, **Hazel Rosete** and Biblical and Theological Studies faculty, **Dr. George Kalantzis** spoke and collaborated at a disaster ministry conference in Manila, Philippines in September. 160 people from 16 different countries attended.

Dr. Michael Mangis brought his sabbatical to a close by participating in a powerful cultural immersion experience for a

week on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Through that experience, and the preparation Dr. Mangis did through extensive reading on native American culture, history and mental health contextualization, he experienced a calling to become more involved in serving First Nations people and in training our students to be competent in the same.

Dr. Bill Struthers has been named a Visiting Research Fellow to Biola University's Center for Christian Thought for the spring of 2014 for his work on the impact of sexual exploitation on spirituality.

Graduate Programs welcome new faculty

Dr. Pam Davis joined the department as tenure-track faculty after twenty-two years as a missionary in Thailand. Dr. Davis serves the M.A.-Clinical Mental Health Counseling program as Program Director, and she heads the Missions Matters Lab.

Dr. Ward Davis also joined the department as tenure-track faculty. Dr. Davis serves the Psy.D. program. Dr. Davis directs the Psychology and Spirituality Research Lab (PSRL).

Jacob Johnson, (ABD) also joined the department as tenure-track faculty and serves the M.A.-Marriage and Family Therapy program and is the program's Training Coordinator. Mr. Johnson's professional interests include researching and providing therapy for families of children with developmental delays.

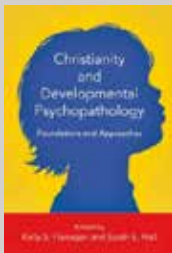
Dr. Hana Yoo joined the department as a tenure-track faculty. Dr. Yoo will serve the M.A.-Marriage and Family Therapy program. Dr. Yoo is interested in studying family relationships from a systems perspective and applying her research findings to clinical settings to enhance distressed families' well-being.

In my own words.

ALUMNA PROFILE: MEGAN BROWN



Dr. Jamie Aten co-edited a new book titled, “Evidence-Based Practices for Christian Counseling and Psychotherapy” with Dr. Everett Worthington, Dr. Eric L. Johnson and Dr. Joshua N. Hook. This book is an unique assembly of essays which explore evidence-based Christian treatments, practices, factors and principles in counseling and psychotherapy.



Dr. Kelly Flanagan and **Dr. Sarah Hall** have edited a new book titled, “Christianity and Developmental Psychopathology.” It is believed to be the first book of its kind to integrate the framework of developmental psychopathology with a Christian understanding of psychopathology. Throughout the book, the authors explore three integrative themes; looking at children as divine gifts, as persons and as agents in their own development. Published by InterVarsity Press and available in April 2014.



I was raised in a Christian family that is passionate about supporting overseas missions, so when I felt called by God to be a missionary at the age of 11 it seemed like a natural fit. This became a driving force in my life and a core part of my identity for the next 10+ years. During a summer internship in Cambodia in 2006, God showed me how psychology could be used as part of God’s movement in the world of redeeming the whole person – body, soul, and spirit. On a fishing boat on the Mekong River in central Cambodia, He clearly directed me into the Psy.D. program at Wheaton, despite my logical

arguments for a plan that made more sense. So I landed back in my hometown of Wheaton and began to rather unsuccessfully try to integrate the cross-cultural and psychology sides of me. My perspective shifted when I was introduced to the world of refugees by a cohort member and I realized that I didn’t have to wait to work cross-culturally – God had brought the world to DuPage County!

I dove in and connected with the refugee community professionally, personally, and through my dissertation research. Slowly, I began to realize that perhaps I would serve cross-culturally stateside rather than overseas as I had always assumed. The journey has been somewhat winding and included a two year detour in refugee-less Wichita for pre-doctoral internship and postdoctoral fellowship. During that time, God slowly prepared my heart to accept the unexpected next step.

In September, I began a position that combines my strengths, interests, experiences, and passions in a way I could have never imagined. I teach at a Christian family medicine residency program called In His Image in Tulsa that trains doctors for domestic and international medical missions work. At In His Image, I have the opportunity to be a part of equipping people to love and care for their patients well both here and abroad. Certain that I was where God wanted me and with few opportunities to interact with refugees; I figured my love for them was just for a time. However, about six weeks into my new position I was invited to join a team of physicians on a disaster relief trip to northern Iraq to work in, of all places, Syrian and Iranian refugee camps! I had spent many hours trying to devise a plan to work in a refugee camp and failed, but now God has given me one of the deepest desires of my heart, a desire I believe He placed there. My goal for the trip was to have a ministry of presence and to show and tell many people that I have not forgotten them, and much more importantly, neither has God. The trip was amazing and God stretched my heart in many ways. I had the privilege to provide some supportive care for refugees and to help care for my team members. Reflecting back on the trip, I am most struck by a deep sense of God’s enormous love for the people I encountered and what a great privilege it is to join God in what He is already doing, pursuing and redeeming His beloved around the world. I praise God for His good work in my life and for the deep joy that comes with obedience to His call and leading.

Graduate Psychology IN THE WORLD



Psy.D. student, Angela Banks, awarded APA minority fellowship

The Psychology Department is proud of Psy.D. student, **Angela Banks**, who was awarded an American Psychological Association Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Predoctoral Fellowship through the APA Minority Fellowship

program (APA MFP). The APA MFP is an innovative, comprehensive and coordinated training, mentoring and career development program that enhances psychological and behavioral outcomes of ethnic minority communities. MFP is committed to increasing the number of ethnic minority professionals in the field and advancing our understanding of the life experiences of ethnic minority communities. Congratulations, Angela!

Several Psy.D. Students win awards with APA

Quiana Daniel received the 2nd Place award as first author for a Poster Presentation for Division 50, Society of Addiction Psychology. Poster Title: "Drinking, Abstaining, and Limiting Motives in Young Adult Drinkers."

Sarah Kelly received the 2013 Student International Research Award for Division 52, International Psychology. Dissertation Title: "The Life Stress and Coping of Guatemalan Children and Adolescents."

Heather Mitchell also received one of the five 2013 Student International Research Awards for Division 52, International Psychology. Dissertation Title: "Guatemalan Indigenous Youth: Experiences of Ethnic Discrimination and its Impact."

Julie Rabb received the 2nd Place award in Student Poster Competition for Division 52, International Psychology. Poster Title: "Exemplar Zambian Caregivers' Narratives of Caring for the Grief of Orphaned Children."

Anta Yu received the Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA) Grant from APA (\$1200) to support her dissertation research. The purpose of the grant is to support and help catalyze small scale, time-sensitive action- or research-based community interventions. Anta's research is a participatory action research project she will conduct in collaboration with Hope House in the North Lawndale Community in Chicago, IL.



Psy.D. student, Youngok Kim, invited to help at Operation Mobilization Annual Conference

Youngok Kim says, "This past August, I was invited to attend Operation Mobilization's (an International Mission Organization) Annual conference in the Netherlands as a counselor for conference participants. This

exciting opportunity fit well with my previous experience working for OM as a missionary and my passion for missionary member care. While counseling missionaries at the conference, I became aware of how my training in the Psy.D. program at Wheaton College has helped prepare me to be an effective counselor in missionary member care in a cross-cultural setting. I thank God for giving me this unique clinical training experience with an invaluable emphasis on integration."

M.A. - Clinical Psychology student, Victoria Barrett, returns to Columbian safe home

Victoria Barrett says, "In July, I spent a week and a half in a safe home in Bogota, Colombia, where I previously volunteered and lived for ten months. During my visit, I assisted with the coordination of a quincineria celebration for one of the safe home residents. It was reviving to connect again with the girls residing in the safe home, renewing relationships and engaging in quality play time. I was blessed to individually provide a volunteer and good friend of the safe home with the luxury of much needed space away from the daily demanding tasks of the safe home. Rekindling relationships with the girls at the safe home and with other Colombian friendships fueled again my desire to use my Clinical Psychology degree to equip and serve these meaningful relationships as we take part in the Lord's healing work."

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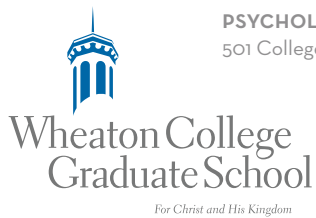
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INTRODUCING LIAISON

This is the eleventh publication of Liaison and is designed for alumni and friends of the graduate psychology programs at Wheaton College, including doctoral and master's level curricula.

FACTS

- The Psy.D. program in Clinical Psychology was established in 1993 and has been continuously accredited by the American Psychological Association since 1998. This five-year program admits some 18-20 students annually.
- The M.A. program in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, a two-year program, was established in 1977 and admits approximately 25 students each year.
- The M.A. program in Marriage and Family Therapy was established in 2012 and admits approximately 23 students each year.
- In 1999, an additional Master's degree was added in Counseling Ministries, a one-year degree for individuals who primarily work through churches or mission agencies.

