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WPA OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD **ERICA KLEINKNECHT**

Dr. Erica Kleinknecht began her studies in cognition in the 1990s, examining the pressing questions of the day regarding conditions that enable more or less accurate autobiographical memory

reconstruction processes. Initially she studied contextual factors that influence how adults remember their childhoods, and then her work shifted to examining the interplay between personal and contextual factors that influence preschool-aged children's emerging declarative memory abilities. In all this work, the impact of contextual factors on basic processes took center stage. Since coming to Pacific University Oregon in 2003, Dr. Kleinknecht's research has shifted to situationally applied work with local schools and after school programs. Dr. Kleinknecht approaches her own teaching as she has her research: Context matters. By closely attending to students' experiences in the classroom and out, her students engage in authentic learning projects. As well, she takes seriously the charge to give Psychology away to all who may benefit. In this spirit, class projects are frequently shared on public website.



WPA EARLY CAREER RESEARCH AWARD **JACOB JONES**

Dr. Jacob Jones earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Florida in 2016. He completed an internship in Neuropsychology at Brown University in 2016 and an NIH-funded T32 post-doctoral

fellowship in Neuropsychology at UCLA in 2018. He is a licensed psychologist and associate professor at California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB). Dr. Jones is a neuropsychologist researching neuropsychiatric symptoms among individuals with Parkinson's and other neurodegenerative disorders. He has over 40 published articles and chapters in high-quality journals. He has NIH funding for two research projects. For one project, he examines the association between gut-microbiome disruptions and cognitive impairment among individuals with Parkinson's disease. The second project is an R01 sub-award investigating risk factors of Alzheimer's disease among Native elders living in urban areas. This is a multisite study across five states, and Dr. Jones is leading the southern California site.



WPA ENRICO E. JONES AWARD FOR RESEARCH IN PSYCHOTHERAPY AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY **LIZ MCCONNELL**

Dr. Liz McConnell received their Ph.D. in clinical-community psychology from DePaul University in 2019. They also completed a

three-year Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Pre-doctoral Fellowship (F31) Award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse with Northwestern University's Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing. They completed their clinical internship at the University of Oregon Counseling Center before joining Palo Alto University as an assistant professor, where they direct the Sexual and Gender Identities Clinic. Their work focuses broadly on sexual and gender minority (SGM) health and wellbeing, with specific areas of emphasis in SGM mental health, intersectionality, and relational influences on mental health. Dr. McConnell is committed to translational research to inform the practice of psychotherapy, particularly affirmative therapy with SGM populations.



WPA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CHRIS COZBY

Dr. Paul Christopher Cozby received his BA from University of California, Riverside and his PhD from the University of Minnesota where his mentor was Paul C. Rosenblatt. He spent his academic career at California State University, Fullerton where he taught research methods, introductory psych, and social psychology. His early research focused on self-disclosure in interpersonal relationships. An article on self-disclosure published in *Psychological Bulletin* was a science citation classic and has been cited in nearly 1,000 publications.

While still an assistant professor, he wrote a research methods text *Methods in Behavioral Research* that would become very popular and published in several languages. The book is now co-authored by Scott C. Bates from Utah State University and the 15th edition was published in December. Other textbook work included a Social Psychology text co-edited with Daniel Perlman from University of British Columbia with all proceeds benefiting APA Division 9, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Cozby also wrote a book titled *Using Computers in Psychology* and developed a course that eventually became an intermediate methods and statistics course that integrated computer applications in psychological research, statistical analysis, and practice.

Dr. Cozby held several administrative positions at Fullerton including serving as Psychology department chair and interim Dean. He also served as the director of the college center for applied survey research and conducted community surveys on health and quality of life. Over the course of his career, Cozby was active in professional organizations. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, Division 2 (Teaching of Psychology) and a Fellow of the Western Psychological Association. He was a board member of the Society for Computers in Psychology.

After retirement from Fullerton, Cozby was appointed Executive Officer of WPA. He held this position from 2007 through 2016. He was responsible for automating WPA operations, and he formed a WPA partnership with Lorraine Grogan, Director of Administration, that strengthened WPA to better serve students and professional members.



WPA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD **KRIS LEPPIEN-CHRISTENSEN**

Dr. J. Kris Leppien-Christensen, has served as a Professor of Psychology at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, CA since 2005, served as Interim Dean on

two occasions, and has been the coordinator of WPA's Conference on Teaching for many years. He completed his associate's degree in liberal arts at Palomar College, his bachelor's and master's in psychology at California State University, San Marcos, and his Ph.D. in psychology at Saybrook University. He is a former regional vice-president and former national president of Psi Beta and was a founding officer of the Psi Chi chapter at California State University, San Marcos. He has also served as a committee member of the Psychology Teachers at Community Colleges (PT@CC), the co-chair of APA's Committee on Associate and Baccalaureate Education (CABE), and as co-chair for the Summit on the National Assessment of Psychology (SNAP). Dr. Leppien-Christensen has chaired, presented, and served as a discussant at numerous conventions including WPA, APA, and APS and has been honored with the Wayne Weiten Teaching Excellence Award (Society for the Teaching of Psychology), "Professor of the Year" at Saddleback College, as a nominee for the 2012 Orange County Teachers of the Year, and as a WPA Fellow. Recently, he has served as an associate editor for Teaching Tips: A Compendium of Conference Presentations on Teaching, 2016-17 and served as an ad-hoc reviewer for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Psychology journal. In his off-time, Kris enjoys travel with his family, often by cruise ship, and occasionally does interviews on podcasts and writes articles for blogs about his adventures.