



Congratulations, Class of 2019!



Congratulations to the Class of 2019 graduates! We enjoyed spending the evening with you and your loved ones at the program graduation reception on May 16th (especially at the photo booth!). We wish you all the best in your future endeavors and look forward to hearing about your adventures ahead!

We'd also like to congratulate **Mary Clare Bruce**, the recipient of the *Academic Excellence in Forensic Psychology Award*. The award recognizes a student with outstanding academic achievement in their degree coursework and on the comprehensive exam. Way to go, Mary Clare!



Surviving Torture: The Treatment of Trauma Presentation

On March 20th, the Forensic Psychology Student Association (FPSA) hosted a panel of speakers who discussed their personal and professional encounters with trauma, torture, and the treatment of both. Sami Badini (pictured), a recent graduate of the forensic psychology program, spoke candidly about his experience as a torture survivor and the profound impact it had on both his personal and professional development. Today, Mr. Badini is a political and human rights activist involved with the Torture Abolition Survivors Support Coalition (TASSC International) Truth Speaker program in addition to working as a Psychology Associate at Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA).



Andrea Barron, the Advocacy & Outreach Program Manager at TASSC International, spoke on the history and mission of TASSC. She characterized the Truth Speaker program as a cathartic way for torture survivors to publicly tell their story while educating others on the importance of torture abolition. Dr. Suzanne Guerzon, a clinical psychologist for CSOSA in Washington, D.C., discussed the relationship between gun violence, trauma, and emotional numbing in the lives of clients she sees at CSOSA, and possible avenues to rehabilitation. Thank you to all who came out to this panel event and made it a success.

Welcome to Our New Program Administrator, Josh Oxley

Josh's arrival is a coming home of sorts: he grew up in Virginia and did his undergraduate degree at George Mason University. He's coming to us now from the University of Chicago, where he spent the last 10 years as a grad student in the Divinity School and, later, as administrator for the Global Studies program. He also served as an advisor in UChicago's Spiritual Life Office for 7 years.

When he's not administrating, Josh is (currently) getting re-acquainted with Northern VA. Once he's settled, he looks forward to spending time with friends and family (his twin lives two blocks from his new apartment!), walking his dog, reading, computer games, and undoubtedly some new hobbies. While a decade in Chicago was great, he's glad to be back in Virginia, and working with such a great program.



Class Notes

Current Students

Alexis Childers was accepted to the Association for Threat Assessment Professionals this spring.

Alumni

Mary Clare Bruce ('19) will be starting University of Indianapolis's Psy.D. program in fall 2019.

Molly Ellenberg ('19) is employed as a Research Fellow with the International Center for the Study of Violent Extremism.

Karen van Winkle ('19) will be starting George Washington University's Psy.D. program in fall 2019.

Kendal Cristaudo ('18) is working as a research associate in the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center for Walter Reed Military Medical Center.

Lacey Eigel ('18) is working as a research associate for Walter Reed Military Medical Center. She is currently working on a congressionally mandated research study looking at the longitudinal effects of traumatic brain injury in a military population.

Daniel Hopfinger ('18) is currently a Program/Financial Analyst for Leidos and he is transitioning into a new role as a Configuration Management Specialist. In this new role, he will be performing site audits of Federal Aviation Administration facilities.

Carlette Jones ('18) will be starting in the Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling program at George Washington University in fall 2019.

Miriam Woodruff ('18) will be starting John Jay's Clinical Forensic PhD program in fall 2019.

Timothy Beirne ('16) started a new position as an Intake Specialist for DC's Department of Child and Family Services in January 2019.

Danielle Graddick ('14) will complete her internship at Bellevue Hospital in NYC this month before graduating from Wright State University in July. She has secured a postdoctoral fellowship at a private practice in New Jersey.

