

DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS

The School Psychology EdS programs and the Combined Counseling/School Psychology PhD program resumed their tradition of conducting psychoeducational field trips in northern Arizona. Under the direction of Drs. Calderon, Cota, Fillhouer, and Prof. Rodriguez, students gained valuable experiences and learned about Chinle's history and culture in the Navajo Nation. Students commented that it was not only a valuable training experience, but a transformational life experience. We are deeply grateful with the Chinle Unified School District leadership for this collaboration opportunity. We hope to return next year.



Photo and comments by Dr. Carlos Calderon

Three EPS Faculty presented at the AERA conference in April: Renee White Eyes, Dr. Susana Hernandez, and Dr. Alana Kennedy. Congratulations!

Three of our students were selected as outstanding graduate students from COE. Please keep reading on the next page!

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- 8/8-8/9 APA Convention
- 10/24-10/27 WACES - Volunteer!

UNIVERSITY DATES + DEADLINES

- 5/10 Commencement

CAMPUS EVENTS

- Commencement Events

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- Congratulations Graduates!

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

- Tianhua Summer Instructors:
 - Carlos Calderon
 - Alana Kennedy
 - Kati Cooke

CULTURAL SPOTLIGHT

- Cultural Convocations
- Armed Forces/Memorial Day
- Mother's Day

COE Honors Recognition Ceremony

We are proud to recognize three Educational Psychology students who were awarded *Outstanding Graduate Student*. Congratulations to Emma Ferns (Combined Counseling/School Psychology PhD), Matthew Gorzelany (Clinical Mental Health Counseling MA), and Andrew Horvath (School Psychology Eds). Shown below are students accepting their award with their nominating faculty members and EPS Department Chair.



Dr. Kim Kalas, Emma Ferns, and EPS Chair Dr. Sara Abercrombie



Dr. Lauren Mott, Matthew Gorzelany, and EPS Chair Dr. Sara Abercrombie



Dr. Marianne Fillhouse, Andrew Horvath, and EPS Chair Dr. Sara Abercrombie

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- [APA Convention](#) will take place in Seattle & Virtually from August 8-10, 2024.
- The WACES conference will be in Tucson the weekend of Oct 24-27th. Students can [volunteer](#) for this event in exchange for free registration- sign up by June 15. Several NAU counseling professors will be attending and presenting.

ACADEMIC DATES + DEADLINES

- 5/10 at 4 pm - College of Education Commencement Ceremony

CAMPUS EVENTS

- Please visit the [NAU Commencement](#) webpage to for a full list of all commencement related events including the many convocations.

NAU
Events

Flagstaff
Events

Phoenix
Events

Tucson
Events

Congratulations Graduates!

Combined Counseling/ School Psychology Ph.D.

Madison Bowden
Alexandria Dornbier
Marca McCallie

School Psychology Ed.S.

Dylan Adamany
Jennifer Bonham
Racquel Carpenter
Cassandra Craig
Leslie Cruz San Juan
Claudia Curran
Taylor Lyster
Crystal Macias
Claire Martin
Maya Nielsen
Megan Olson
Alexis Smith
Nicholas Vande Krol
Allison Williams

Counseling, School Affairs M.Ed.

Jessica Alcalá
Chelsea Hutton
DeVante Parker
Anahi Piña

Human Relations M.Ed.

Jaylin Borden
Tiana Crumbley
Brian Dales
Andrew Facemire
Courtney Gholson
Emma Hill
Samantha Matula
Ivory McDonald
Jessie Nunez
Joshua Ramirez

Clinical Mental Health Counseling M.A.

Emily Bingham
Anna Blocher-Rubin
Carl Campbell Jr.
Erik Chiavola-Larson
Gabrielle Clements
Paige Cornell
James Donella
Madison Feser
Brian Finnegan
Mikaela Forest
Emily Fredrickson
Arlenys Gonzalez
Matthew Gorzelany
Amber Guerrero
Kenia Guzman
Katie Hinkle
Anastasiia Isaeva
Heidy Jurado Gutierrez
Haylie Lafica
Preston Lee
Marisol Magaña

Alexandra Markiewicz
Elizabeth Martinez
Danielle May
Erin Meyer
Casey Morrison
Robert Petruncola
Kari Savoie
Lauren Schneidewent
Ryan Solaire
Dylan Stephenson
Stevie Stevens
Joshua Tokioka
Christopher Tome
Adri Ulrich
Suzanne Wargolet
Kelsey Washenberger
Tyller West
Ryan Willard
Curtis Wilmer
Brianna Wittenberg

Counseling, School Counseling M.Ed.

Elaina Brabant
Kathryn Brownstone
Delaney Cook
Melissa Detorrice-Wynne
Emily Dietz
Denice Douglas
Brynn Eberle
James Feie
Amanda Gomez
Lauren Hegstrom
Amy Johnson
Camelia Ladjadj

Rachel Lomeli-Godoy
Abrigail Martinez
Anahy Martinez
Renee Phu
Kody Schmidt
Taylor Sealey
Kimberly Otero
Jennifer Hill
Sarah Talbot
Michael Warren
Ashley Williams



Class of 2024

Congratulations Graduates!

Interdisciplinary Studies, Applied Human Behavior B.I.S

Jermey Adamson
Cindy Aguirre
Sarah Amstutz
Andrea Anaya
Samantha Balcon
Nicholas Boroughf
Melvina Brown
Wilhelmina Buford
Cory Bullock
Corina Castillo
Kaitlin Chernoff-Steier
Charles Colville Jr.
Eric Combs
Crystal Contreras
Kaylah Cooper
Krista Cooper Schmidt
Elsabet Daniel
Bryan Dawes
Ian Delaney
Joshua Eames
Ruth Flores Cuautle
Fatima Garcia
Josie Gomez
Marisol Gonzales
Joselyn Goodman
Arelly Herrera
Tiffany Howard
Charles Hutchison
Inyangson Inyang
Jessica James
Dragana Jankovic
Deanna Jentzen
Lindsay Johnson
Kathleen Labonte
Brian Lopez Juarez
Jasmin Lopez
Leslie Valenzuela

Amanda Martinez
Alexis Marx-Weber-Fuentes
Lindsey McKinnies
Kelly Moe
Patricia Molina Perez
Haden Newhouse
Octuria Norrington
Heather Novak
Alyssa Orozco
Brianna Powell
Gladys Ramirez-Rodelo
Ava Rauschen
Iliana Renteria
Jennifer Rice
Brittney Ritchie
Pilar Rivas
Cynthia Rojas Rangel
Victoria Royster
Claire Rutkowski
Iris Salas
Amariah Salcedo
Andrew Shalen
Stephanie Sirmans
Alexandria Spitzer
Chandra Stevens
Stephanie Thompson
Timmesse Thompson
Jasmine Tidmarsh
Devyne Totton
Kayla VandeMark Robinson
Nancy Venegas Bravo
Erika Villegas
Regina Webster
Karen Whitney
Monica Yocum
Nancy Zabalza

Class of 2024

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

This summer, two of our faculty members (Dr. Carlos Calderon and Dr. Alana Kennedy) and one of our PhD students (Kati Cooke) will be traveling to Tianhua in Shanghai, China to teach EPS 340 as part of our partnership with their university.

Kati has actually been to China as part of this program before. She shared a little about her experience last time and what she is looking forward to this time.

“During our time in China, we toured some of downtown Shanghai's significant attractions, such as the Oriental Pearl Tower, went on a Huangpu River cruise to see Shanghai’s unique architecture along The Bund, and were introduced to traditional Shanghainese cuisine. We even found some time to take the bullet train to Beijing for a weekend to hike the Great Wall of China, participate in a traditional tea ceremony, and visit the Forbidden City, Tian’anmen Square, and The Temple of Heaven.



Now that I have a little bit of experience visiting China, I am excited to go back with a little bit more knowledge of what to expect. I have grown a large interest in engaging with international education and psychology communities and conversations throughout my experiences at NAU, and am so grateful to continue to have these opportunities. While there is so much to look forward to in regards to continuing to experience and learn about Chinese history and culture, I am looking forward to continuing to improve in my craft of culturally responsive teaching in such a unique setting.”



Dr. Calderon shared that he is excited to visit China for the first time because of where he grew up. “I grew up in Mexicali, Baja California, which has the largest Chinese-Mexican population in Mexico. Growing up, I had classmates who spoke Chinese as their first language and were learning Spanish as a second language. Mexicali is renowned for its traditional Chinese food. Those of us from that part of Mexico continue to be proud of our multicultural heritage in Mexico, so I am excited to get to experience a little bit of Chinese culture in China.”

Photo of Mexicali by Dr. Calderon.

Dr. Kennedy says, “I’m most looking forward to the new cultural experiences, people, and travel while in China. I know I’ll learn so much from working with students that I’ll be able to take with me and integrate into my teaching practices. I’m also excited for the food!”



CULTURE AND DIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

NAU recognizes different cultures at graduation by holding unique convocations that celebrate these cultures and groups.



The **Rainbow Convocation** recognizes and celebrates the achievements of students who identify as LGBTQIA+. Graduate candidates are recognized by the university for their leadership, success and academic achievements. Rainbow shawls are also worn in the celebration.

The **Veterans Convocation** recognized our NAU Veteran and Active Duty student for their accomplishments of successfully completing a degree while honoring their military service.



Students in the NAU Community who are of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and identify as indigenous, may participate in the **Indigenous Convocation** that emphasizes the importance of Indigenous cultural traditions and brings together family, friends, staff, faculty, tribal and community members. Traditional clothing may also be worn.

Cultural celebrations with family are also conducted to recognize achievements and accomplishments during the **Hispanic/Latine, Black Student** and **Asian and Pacific Islander Convocations**.



The month of May observes, honors and recognizes active military and those who have fallen in the line of duty **Armed Forces Day** celebrated on May 18 honors Americans in uniform who serve their country in war and peace across all branches of the military: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. This event was created on August 31, 1949 by Louis Johnson who was the United States' Secretary of Defense. He announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days.



Memorial Day is Monday May 27. This holiday honors and mourns U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Wishing all the Lumberjack Moms a
Happy  Mother's Day