



UNIVERSITY *of* VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT *of* PSYCHOLOGY



Class of 2025

Commencement Ceremony

May 17, 2025

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks

Chad Dodson, Ph.D., Department Chair

Presentation of Awards

Presented by Psychology Faculty

Awarding of Graduate Degrees

*Presented by Chad Dodson, Ph.D., and
Vikram Jaswal, Ph.D., Director of Graduate Studies*

Awarding of Bachelor of Arts and Science Degrees

*Presented by Chad Dodson, Ph.D., and
Christopher Mazurek, Ph.D., Director of Undergraduate Studies*

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Frank W. Finger Undergraduate Prize

Annabelle MacTaggart, B.A.

Presented by Christopher Mazurek, Ph.D.

Sam O'Brien, B.A.

Presented by Christopher Mazurek, Ph.D.

Frank W. Finger Undergraduate Research Award

Olivia Duck, B.S.

Presented by Allison Perkeybile, Ph.D.

M. Jerry Homzie Memorial Scholarship

Nathan Hershberger, B.A.

Presented by Christopher Mazurek, Ph.D.

Maury Pathfinder Undergraduate Prize

Eva Campbell, B.S.

Presented by Christopher Mazurek, Ph.D.

AWARDING OF GRADUATE DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy

Lamont Stanley Bryant

Queer Socialization and Support Among Black Queer and Trans Young Adults: Exploring Identity Development Across Families of Origin and Chosen Families

Advisor: Seanna Leath, Ph.D.

Alida Ashby Davis

The Psychosocial Implications of Age Differences between Peers: Insights from School Cohort and Dyadic Friendship Contexts

Advisor: Joseph Allen, Ph.D.

Jeremy William Eberle

Measurement of Target Engagement and Network Analysis of Change Mechanisms in Web-based Interpretation Bias Training for Anxiety

Advisor: Bethany Teachman, Ph.D.

Sarah Espinel

Hypervigilance Toward Black Women's Anger and Its Influence on White Americans' Attitudes Toward Police Violence Against Women

Advisor: Jazmin Brown-Iannuzzi, Ph.D.

Ilana Ladis

Development and Evaluation of a Digital Single-Session Reappraisal Intervention to Shift Negative Self-Focused Social Media Interpretations

Advisor: Bethany Teachman, Ph.D.

Lee LeBoeuf

Student-Teacher Relationship Quality in Montessori and non-Montessori Preschool

Advisor: Angeline Lillard, Ph.D.

Jaclyn Arielle Lisnek

*The Culture Cycle: An Educational Tool for Discussing Structural Racism
and Motivating Change*

Advisor: Jazmin Brown-Iannuzzi, Ph.D.

Samantha Moseley

*Effect of Early Acoustical Environment on Auditory Perception and
Processing*

Advisor: C. Dan Meliza, Ph.D.

Corey Pettit

*Cross-partner Congruence in Approaches to Interpersonal Interaction and
Individual and Couple Outcomes*

Advisor: Joseph Allen, Ph.D.

Taina Belinda Quiles-Kwock

*A Feminist Exploration of Black, Latina, and Afro-Latina Girls' and
Gender-expansive Youths' Sociopolitical Development: How Integrating
Black and Latina Feminist Epistemologies Expands our Understanding of
these Girls' Navigation of Gendered Racism*

Advisors: Channing Mathews, Ph.D. | Seanna Leath, Ph.D.

Erin Ramos

*Mapping the Structure of the Oxytocinergic System in the Prairie Vole
Brain: Implications for Modes of Neuropeptide Release and Modulation of
Social Behaviors*

Advisor: Alev Erisir, Ph.D.

Francesca Paris Sciacotta

*The Synaptic Circuitry of Tectothalamic Pathways Underlying Motion
Processing in the Tree Shrew*

Advisor: Alev Erisir, Ph.D.

Shelly Tsang

*A New Scale to Measure Preferences for Social Exploration and
Exploitation*

Advisor: Adrienne Wood, Ph.D.

Cabell Lancaster Williams

*Exploring Environmental Influences on the Neural Correlates of Social
Tactile Processing in Early Infancy*

Advisor: James Morris, Ph.D.

Master of Arts

Olivia Allison

Examining Variability in Positive Social Engagement and Functional Brain Connectivity in the Default Mode Network in Young Infants

Advisor: Tobias Grossmann, Ph.D.

Elizabeth D. Attick

Research Methods Concentration

Advisor: Karen Schmidt, Ph.D.

Natasha Anne Bailey

Adolescent Responses to Parental Verbal Aggression: Assessing Spillover and Compensatory Processes Using Random Intercept Cross-Lagged Panel Models

Advisor: Joseph Allen, Ph.D.

Sophie Amanda Bell

Second Generation Epigenetic Clocks Predict Cognitive Change in Midlife: The Moderating Role of Childhood Socioeconomic Status

Advisor: Eric Turkheimer, Ph.D.

Misty Violet Cass

Research Methods Concentration

Advisor: Karen Schmidt, Ph.D.

Sophie Louise Clayton

Honor Among Students: The Effects of Punishment Severity on Whistleblowing

Advisor: Amrisha Vaish, Ph.D.

Noah Jacob French

Anxiety Symptom Severity and Implicit and Explicit Self-As-Anxious Associations in a Large Online Sample of U.S. Adults: Trends from 2011 to 2022

Advisor: Bethany Teachman, Ph.D.

Christopher Stuart Hall

Computational Modeling of Multiscale Episodic Memory

Advisor: Per Sederberg, Ph.D.

Lauren Kelso

*Can AI-Assistance Improve Evaluations of Eyewitness Lineup
Identifications?*

Advisor: Chad Dodson, Ph.D.

Bao Quoc Phan Le

*The Zebra Finch Auditory Cortex Reconstructs Occluded Syllables in
Conspecific Song*

Advisor: C. Daniel Meliza, Ph.D.

Ghizlane Moustaid

*Discrimination in College and Sleep in Young Adulthood: Exploring the
Role of Hypervigilance*

Advisor: Noelle Hurd, Ph.D.

Anshita Singh

*Critical Consciousness Development Among Black and Latinx College
Students in STEM*

Advisor: Channing Mathews, Ph.D.

Siqi Sun

*Precision and Practicality: A Comparative Simulation of Measurement
Properties of Visual Analog Scales and Likert Scales*

Advisor: Teague Henry, Ph.D.

Emma Wolfe

*A Mixed Methods Evaluation of a Pilot Open Trial of a Mentor-Guided
Digital Intervention for Youth Anxiety*

Advisor: Bethany Teachman, Ph.D.

AWARDING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Distinguished Majors

Exceptional undergraduates selected to complete a year-long independent research project and thesis.

Seblework Alemu, B.S.

The Role of NLRP1 inflammasome in Ocular Toxoplasmosis

Advisor: Tajie Harris, Ph.D.

Rebecca Bonheur, B.A.

Highest Distinction

Third Party Social Interaction Processing of Gender in Adults

Advisor: Tobias Grossmann, Ph.D.

Lindsey Reagan Bruns, B.S.

Highest Distinction

*Investigation into the Functional Relevance of Alternative Oxytocin
Receptor Transcripts*

Advisor: Jessica Connelly, Ph.D.

Eva Aleksandra Campbell, B.S.

Highest Distinction

*Exploring the Role of Microglia in Engram Representations of Social
Memories*

Advisor: Elise Cope, Ph.D.

Eva Marie Carr, B.A.

Highest Distinction

*Attitudes Towards Aggression Mediate the Longitudinal Association
Between Autonomy and Relatedness and Overt Aggression in Adolescence*

Advisor: Joseph Allen, Ph.D.

Mary Cage Carter, B.S.

High Distinction

*Noradrenergic Modulation on Oligodendrocyte Precursor Cell
Differentiation*

Advisor: Tsai-Yi Lu, Ph.D.

Olivia Chapman, B.S.

Highest Distinction

*Life Satisfaction Trajectories Over the 10 Years Post-TBI among Asian
American/Pacific Islanders (AAPIs): A Models System Study*

Advisor: Paul Perrin, Ph.D.

Olivia Ann Duck, B.S.

Highest Distinction

*The Phenotypic Impact of an Epigenetic Mutation in the Oxytocin
Receptor Gene*

Advisors: Jessica Connelly, Ph.D. | Allison Perkeybile, Ph.D.

Rebecca Fitch, B.A.

Highest Distinction

*"We are UVA Army ROTC, but we see each other more as family": A
Qualitative Examination of an Evidence-Based Intervention Among ROTC
and Non-ROTC College Freshmen*

Advisor: Alison Nagel, Ph.D.

Ruby Grace Gerken, B.A.

Highest Distinction

*Children's Reasoning about Gratitude and Reciprocity: A Cross-Cultural
Exploration*

Advisor: Amrisha Vaish, Ph.D.

Leena Rachel Heilizer, B.A.

High Distinction

*A Genetically Informed Study of Epigenetic Aging and Health Related
Quality of Life in a Midlife Sample of Twins*

Advisor: Eric Turkheimer, Ph.D.

Marian Nietes Herboso, B.A.

Highest Distinction

*Investigating How Adolescents Identify, Label, and Differentiate Emotions
Using Focus Groups*

Advisor: Stefanie Sequeira, Ph.D.

Kranti Kaur, B.A.

Highest Distinction

The Role of Moral Conflict and the Ingroup Effect on Peer Reporting of Academic Transgressions

Advisor: Amrisha Vaish, Ph.D.

Nathaniel Joseph Kim, B.A.

Distinction TBD

How Limited Time in an Environment Affect Individuals' Preferences for Social Exploration

Advisor: Adrienne Wood, Ph.D.

Virginia Bibby Kittrell, B.S.

Highest Distinction

Sibling Stories: The Role of Litter Size and Social Behavior

Advisor: Jessica Connelly, Ph.D.

Paul Zachary Rocha Lambidakis, B.A.

Highest Distinction

Examining Prosocial Motivations from Parent and Child Perspectives

Advisor: Amrisha Vaish, Ph.D.

Katelyn Leone, B.S.

Highest Distinction

Characterization of Novel SNPs within Oxtr and their Impact on Oxtr-H mRNA Expression in the Prairie Vole

Advisor: Jessica Connelly, Ph.D.

Ruoyun Li, B.A.

Highest Distinction

New Places, New Feelings: How Primal World Beliefs and Mobility Behaviors Predict Momentary Subjective Experiences

Advisor: Adrienne Wood, Ph.D.

Anna Elizabeth Lobner, B.A.

High Distinction

Quality of Descriptions Moderates the Utility of Instruction Type for Novel Evaluators

Advisor: Chad Dodson, Ph.D.

Sophia Meagher, B.S.

Distinction

*Neglect and Stress Dysregulation: The Effect of Parental Separation on
Prairie Vole Social Behavior and Stress Response*

Advisor: Allison Perkeybile, Ph.D.

Audrey Julia Michel, B.A.

High Distinction

*Quality of Participant-Generated Stories as a Predictor of Improvement in
Digital Cognitive Bias Modification Interventions for Anxiety*

Advisors: Bethany Teachman, Ph.D.

Sam A. O'Brien, B.A.

High Distinction

*An Investigation into the Characteristics of Early Exploratory Behavior
that Predicts Success in Subsequent Scent Detection Learning of
Explosives*

Advisor: Cedric Williams, Ph.D.

Diana Sung-Hyun Park, B.A.

High Distinction

*Reported Paternal Influence on Adolescent Dating as a Predictor of
Romantic Satisfaction at Age 33*

Advisor: Joseph Allen, Ph.D.

Tulsi Bankim Patel, B.A.

*Speed and Accuracy in Testing: Evaluating Binary and Bonus Models for
Block Design Performance*

Advisor: Eric Turkheimer, Ph.D.

Izah Zainab Qureshi, B.A.

High Distinction

*Learning from Cartoons: Evaluating Disability Representation in
Children's Media Through a Social Model Lens*

Advisor: Zoe Robertson, Ph.D.

Patrick Logan Realyvasquez, B.A.

Highest Distinction

*EEG Alpha Oscillations Reflect Affective Modulation of Pain by Personally
Meaningful Music*

Advisor: Jeff Chang-Chia Liu, Ph.D.

Caleb William Soong, B.A.

Highest Distinction

How Do Children Perceive Leaders?

Advisor: Amrisha Vaish, Ph.D.

Danae Elizabeth Thomas, B.A.

Distinction

*Does Being in the Political Minority of a Community Predict Social
Network Size?*

Advisor: Adrienne Wood, Ph.D.

Walker James Wright, B.A.

Highest Distinction

*Mind Over Matter? How Trait and State Willpower Beliefs Interact with
Metabolic State in Stress Responses*

Advisor: Jennifer MacCormick, Ph.D.

Bora Lynnette Ya Diul, B.S.

High Distinction

*An Examination of the Influence of Ethnic-Racial Identity on Social
Experiences Among Adolescent Black Girls*

Advisor: Stefanie Sequeira, Ph.D.

Junbo Yu, B.A.

Highest Distinction

SAMS: Sleep And Mindfulness with Sounds

Advisor: Kim Penberthy, Ph.D.

Bachelor of Science Behavioral Neuroscience

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Olivia Chapman ^R
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Faith Taylor Crosley
Olivia Ann Duck ^R
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R Research Excellence in Psychology Laboratory

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Bachelor of Arts Psychology

Katherine Vaughan Aaronson ^R
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Katherine Marie Aziz
Isabel Dare Baggette
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Georgia Beatty
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Sara Grace Blank
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Anna Sergeyevna Boyarinova
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Erin Burns
Arfa Tanvir Butt ^R
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Megan Ann Carlesi
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