The pandemic has been the consistent context for the training program and, let’s face it, our entire lives. We took advantage of what turned out to be a brief ‘no masks required’ window of opportunity to hold our graduation celebration. It was the first time we had been in person all year! We combined “welcome and well, … goodbye!” with the joy of community, excellent food, speeches, and awards. These same trainees participated in the Annual Poster Day remotely with the support of Steve Fasone and the very skilled Psych Tech team. This event is a ‘jewel in the crown’ of the education mission in the Department even during COVID. Trainees in psychology, psychiatry, and marriage and family therapy presented their leadership and scholarly projects to faculty, staff and community members. We are so proud of our trainees’ excellent work. See photos of these two end-of-year events on Page 2.

On August 2nd we excitedly welcomed eight new interns and six new fellows (who joined two existing fellows) to the program. Orientation day was on the first and, as it turned out, last day we could hold an in-person gathering without masks. Many remarked that they had not been in proximity with other trainees in over a year. It was fantastic to be together for the launch and we look forward to learning – and pivoting – together. Their pictures are below.

We continue to feature alum in this issue. Check out what Jasmine Ghannadpour (C&A Intern, 2015-2016) has been up to since she graduated. She’s been busy! We hope to hear from many alum as part of the Department’s 75th anniversary celebration. Stay tuned for more information on that event.

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**Meet the 2021 - 2022 Psychology Trainees**

**Adult Track**

Marisa Bergfield  
Regent University

Denise Fedlan  
Gallaudet University

Kimberly Parkhurst  
University of Utah

Beier Yao  
Michigan State University

**Doctoral Interns**

Kim, Marisa, Denise, Beier

Ari, Alexandra

Jennifer, Anna

**Child & Adolescent Track**

Alexandra Carroll  
Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania

Annamarie Defayette  
George Mason University

Ari Romano-Verthelyi  
University of Connecticut

Jennifer Warmingham  
University of Rochester

**Postdoctoral Fellows**

Becca, Allison, Holly, Alexándrea

Abby, Kelly, Melissa, Elliot

*Jessica (not pictured due to a delayed start date)
Focus on Alumni

Jasmine Ghannadpour, PhD Internship 2015-2016

I am a clinical psychologist in the Center for Pediatric Eating Disorders at Children’s Health in Plano, Texas. I work in inpatient and partial hospitalization levels of care. We continued to see patients in person throughout the entire pandemic. I am very proud that we are the only pediatric eating disorders treatment center in Texas (and some of the neighboring states) that accepts Medicaid. I will always remember learning that Rochester was one of the top cities for child poverty, and how that impacted our case conceptualizations and treatment planning (for example, thorough diagnostic evaluations that were treated as an intervention in themselves!). In my current job, I do individual therapy, family therapy, group therapy, parent education, and program evaluation. I also have a cross-faculty appointment with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, which enables me to do my most favorite part of my job - supervising psychology practicum students, interns, and postdoctoral fellows. When I started supervising, I felt nervous - I had just finished being a trainee myself! But one of the best parts of internship at URMC was the diverse training experience, and with all of the different experiences came different supervisors, which helped influence my own supervision style today. Coming from New York City, I was unsure how I would feel about being in Rochester, but being away from all of my friends, family, and normal life actually allowed me the opportunity to fully immerse myself in my internship experience, and focus on myself (cooking, exercising, FUN reading), and I am so glad I did. I even made some of my best friends there!

Equity & Anti-Racism Action Plan

The Medical Center has developed a five-year plan to achieve equity and anti-racism. It calls us - as individuals and collectively as an institution - to build, recruit, nurture, exemplify, and engage in the work of being anti-racist.

Our Department and Psychology Training Program are committed to doing this work. You might be interested in the 9th Brown Bag Summer Series videos on Anti Racist Clinical Care, which can be found here: https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/psychiatry/culture/diversity-resources/summer-series.aspx

8th Annual Trainee Poster Day

Although virtual, the event was a huge success that highlighted our trainees’ scholarly projects. Head to the Skills Lab website to see the posters. https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/psychiatry/education/behavioral-skills-lab.aspx

We’re on Facebook! The Clinical Psychology Training Program has a FB group, “URMC-psychology Alumni”. There are currently 86 members including faculty and alumni trainees. It is fun to stay in touch with graduates and hear about their personal and professional lives. Check it out!