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# 2014

Skidmore College Presents:

## Ten Psychology Alumni: Life After Graduation

Lucy Scribner Library 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Pohndorff Room  
October 25, 2014 1:30 – 3:30

## Leo Cancelmo '12



While at Skidmore, Leo majored in Psychology and minored in Music while playing intramural sports, singing a capella, and playing in bands. He completed a senior thesis with Hugh Foley in which he was able to merge his interests in psychology and music, investigating whether different types of emotional music could influence face perception. After graduation, he worked for several months as a Research Coordinator at NYU on a study examining the efficacy of a psychotherapy intervention aimed at alleviating symptoms of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in mothers who had open cases with the Administration for Children's Services, the child welfare agency in New York City. He currently works at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai on a grant examining social, environmental, and biological factors of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in World Trade Center First Responders 9/11. He also continues to play in a band with Skidmore classmates.

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## Emily Schlemmer '10



While at Skidmore, Emily majored in Psychology with a minor in Early Childhood Education and spent time working at the ECC and conducting research on memory and imagination inflation effects with Mary Ann Foley. She became very interested in the intersection of education and technology and spent two summers interning at Nickelodeon.

After graduation, Emily worked in the Psychology and Child Development Department at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark. After returning from a year abroad, she completed a Masters degree in Technology, Innovation and Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education where she further explored children's media use and informal learning through coursework and an internship at Scholastic.

After graduation she worked as a Research Manager at PlayScience, a research and consulting firm that works in the educational technology, kids, family and play space. She is currently the Formative Researcher for Nick Jr.'s preschool show "Dora and Friends," where she conducts formative research with preschoolers focusing on series content and development, then provides insights and recommendations to the writers to increase comprehension, appeal, and engagement of new episodes.

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## Maggie Luckhardt '12

Maggie studied psychology and art at Skidmore, and was also on the riding team. She completed her senior thesis with Dr. Holley Hodgins on the role of threat in the us-them divide and social group categorization. She also completed an internship at the Charlton School, a residential treatment center for adolescent girls in Burnt Hills, NY. After graduation, she worked at the Charlton School as a Youth Care Worker and One-to-One aid. Additionally, she helped develop the school's new equine therapy program. She is currently in her second year in the University of Hartford's Psy.D. program in the child and adolescent proficiency track. She holds a practicum at Community Mental Health Affiliates Child Guidance Clinic in central CT, where she sees individual clients and groups. She also co-facilitates outpatient groups at Bradley Hospital in Providence, RI. Her research interest is in the treatment of trauma symptoms in children and adolescents. Last year, she worked with the Child Health Development Institute of CT on their Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy initiative. This year, she is in the early stages of developing a trauma-informed yoga-based intervention for use in group therapy with teens.



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## Brianna Wellen '14

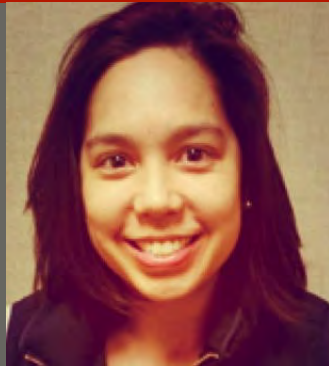
Brianna graduated this past spring with a major in Psychology and a minor in French. While at Skidmore, she was fortunate enough to be a part of clinically focused research with Dr. Casey Schofield and Dr. Mark Rye, and child development research with Dr. Amy Gardiner. She also participated in a clinical internship at the Prospect School working with children with autism. During her senior year, she conducted a senior thesis research project with Dr. Brooke Bays that explored the effects of photographs on various cognitive processes.

After graduating, Brianna took a job at the Pediatric Anxiety Research Clinic (PARC) at Rhode Island Hospital/Brown Medical School as a clinical research assistant in order to gain more experience before applying to graduate schools for a PhD in clinical psychology. She is currently involved in two research projects at PARC, as well as the coordination of clinical care. The first project is dissemination research aimed at piloting a new tool to teach community clinicians how to treat children with OCD using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). The second project is a neuroimaging study that looks at the effects of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) on tic suppression in adolescents with tic disorders and Tourette syndrome.



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## Victoria Young '13



While at Skidmore, Victoria majored in Psychology and minored in American Studies. She also worked as a work study student in Hugh Foley's lab and was an active member of Saratoga Mentoring. After graduation, she began working at the Positive Psychology Center at the University of Pennsylvania under the direction of Angela Duckworth. Now a senior research coordinator, she is helping to create as well as deliver online interventions targeting middle school students' beliefs about practice and academic achievement.

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## Dave Jacobs '14



Dave Jacobs graduated summa cum laude from Skidmore with a B.A. in Neuroscience. During his time at Skidmore he served as a lab technician for Dr. Hassan Lopez, assisting in designing and piloting a study that investigated the potential anti-epileptic effects of cannabidiol. He also worked with Dr. Flip Phillips to investigate human perception and aesthetic judgment of art through eye tracking and subjective ratings.

Dave currently works at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Center at McLean Hospital in the preclinical pharmacology program. His lab focuses on using non-human primates to characterize novel psychotherapeutic drugs for the treatment of a wide variety of drug addictions and chronic drug use impairments, and to translate this knowledge into a better understanding and treatment of human drug addiction.

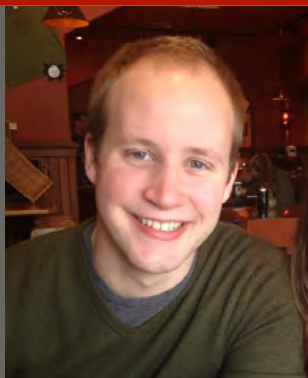
Dave eventually intends to continue his work in psychopharmacology and drug abuse through a PhD program in the coming years.

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## Colten Karnedy '13

Colten graduated from Skidmore with a BA in Psychology. He lives in Providence, Rhode Island where he works as a research assistant at Butler Hospital. Currently he is working on two NIMH-funded grants studying suicide. The first study is investigating novel risk factors for suicide, and the second is aimed at learning more about implicit assessment of suicidality. As part of his responsibilities, Colten works with adult psychiatric inpatients to gather a variety of data including: self-report, semi-structured interviews, psychophysiological, eye tracking and ecological momentary assessment.

Colten is currently in the process of applying to Clinical Psychology Ph.D. programs, and hopes to pursue research related to depression, suicide, and other self-injurious behaviors.



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## Liza Rimsky '12

While at Skidmore, Liza majored in psychology and was involved in the labs of Drs. Mark Rye and Mary Ann Foley, and the projects with which she had the most direct involvement were related to the self and memory and gratitude journaling and burnout.

After graduation, Liza worked at Mount Sinai Medical Center and the Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Center for two years for Drs. Harold Koenigsberg and Daniela Schiller where she was responsible for nine protocols related to affective neuroscience using fMRI, transcranial magnetic stimulation, and epigenetic techniques with individuals with and without borderline and avoidant personality disorders.

Liza started this fall at Long Island University – Brooklyn in the doctoral program in clinical psychology. She is a graduate research assistant for Drs. Nicole Cain and Kevin Meehan who are interested in borderline and narcissistic pathology and facial emotion recognition, effortful control, risk-taking behavior, and rejection sensitivity. Liza's clinical externship assignment is as a Group Skills and Intake consultant at Brooklyn Heights Behavioral Associates, which is a private practice specializing in Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), which was specifically designed for borderline personality disorder. Finally, Liza has been doing volunteer work on the side with survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence since February 2013.



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## Alex Muratore '11

Alex's interests in psychology began as an undergraduate at Skidmore, where she worked as a research assistant to Hugh Foley and completed a senior thesis literature review under the guidance of John Berman. Following graduation, Alex worked as a research assistant in New York University's Communicative Sciences and Disorders department, studying linguistic processing in children with specific language impairments. Alex eventually decided to pursue neuroimaging research in clinical populations, and in January 2012 started as a lab manager at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City, conducting behavioral and fMRI studies of cognitive functioning in patients with anxiety. Alex recently left her position at Mount Sinai to pursue a doctoral degree in clinical psychology. She is currently a first year clinical graduate student at Drexel University in Philadelphia, studying eating and weight disorders and their neural correlates under the mentorship of Michael Lowe.



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## Julia Mazzarella '13

While at Skidmore, Julia double majored in Psychology and Neuroscience. She was also a member of the Skidmore Riding Team and spent most of her free credits taking German language courses. Julia completed a senior research project in Neuroscience with Flip Phillips, studying the influence of specular highlights on human visual perception of 3D objects.

After graduation, Julia traveled to Germany on a Fulbright research grant, where she worked with Dr. Roland Fleming at the Justus-Liebig-Universität. There she completed two research projects investigating the influence of specular reflections on human visual perception of both material and shape properties.

Now that Julia has returned to the US, she is applying to graduate programs to begin a DPT/PhD in Neuroscience combined degree in 2015. Julia hopes to refocus her future research endeavors to study non-traditional physical therapy methods for pediatric patients with neuromuscular diseases and disorders.



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