



Bright futures await our Queen's Psychology Graduate Students convocating in the Fall of 2020. Congratulations!

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Dear Graduate Students: Each year Queen's University, like so many universities around the world, invites its students to a convocation ceremony to mark their transition from students to graduates. The convocation ceremony is one of the most joyful celebrations we hold on the campus. Everyone is happy!

Your professors are proud of your growth and achievements as an intellectual and imagine your future contributions to the discipline and to society. Your family and friends are thrilled that your hard work has paid off and that your future is bright. Graduates themselves are delighted: Irrespective of whether you had an educational journey that was smooth or fraught, the convocation ceremony celebrates each graduate with a Master's degree and each graduate with a PhD with equal enthusiasm.

Although the convocation in 2020 is virtual, devoid of the gowns and caps, the bands and balloons, the luncheons and receptions, please recognize those external features of the convocation ceremony for what they are: external features. The essence of the convocation in 2020 remains the same as for all convocations. We are proud of you, we are thrilled for your educational success and we hope that you will spend the day feeling delighted about what you

have accomplished during your time as a graduate student in the Department of Psychology at Queen's University.

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DEVIN FOWLIE, MSc – *A subjective measure of attitude extremity: validation and extension* – Devin is pursuing his PhD in the Social-Personality Psychology program in the Department of Psychology at Queen's University, in the FAB Lab under supervisor Dr. Lee Fabrigar.

SYDNEY GORLICK, MSc – *Hippocampal contributions to gist and detail constructs of episodic memory* – Sydney worked with supervisor Dr. Jordan Poppenk in the Poppenk Cognitive Neuroimaging Lab.

JACKIE HUBERMAN, PhD – *Neural correlates of sexual response: an ERP investigation of responses to de-contextualized sexual cues* – Jackie is starting a postdoctoral fellowship at Dalhousie University and doing some clinical work in private practice. Jackie is hoping a career in academia will allow her to enjoy more collaborating on research, teaching and mentoring, and clinical practice/supervision. "I was fortunate to have a supervisor (Dr. Meredith Chivers) who loves science as much as I do, and who encouraged me and my research ideas all along the way," Jackie says. "The collaborative environments in the SageLab and the department were also a huge part in what made my PhD experience very special!" Jackie's research assessed early neural responses to sexual and nonsexual stimuli, to better understand the cognitive processes that give rise to sexual response.

PEIYING JIAN, MSc – *Computational implementation of the incentive-sensitization theory of addiction* – Peiyong is pursuing her PhD in Human Factor Engineering at the Department of Engineering Science, University of Toronto. She hopes to work in the sector of innovation and higher education. Peiyong worked with Dr. Mary C. Olmstead in the Motivation and Cognition Lab. "I received holistic support from my supervisor, including in my research projects, professional development and personal growth," Peiyong says. "My lab also highly supported collaboration with external researchers, which was a significant component of my thesis". In her research, Peiyong computationally implemented different possibilities of the mesolimbic dopamine system's mechanisms.

ZIYI LAI, MSc – *Dysphoria as a moderator of online self-presentation via image selection* – Ziyi's long-term goal is to become a branding strategist. Speaking about her time in the MaSC Lab, Ziyi recalls: "We had a great academic atmosphere and Dr. Jacobson offered a lot of help during my years in Queen's. Ziyi's thesis research consists of two studies to examine the relationship between dysphoria and visual self-presentation online. The results suggested that greater dysphoria was related to engaging in more honest self-presentation strategies (e.g., selfies) in profile selection; greater dysphoria was related to creating avatars that were less physically similar to themselves, but identification did not moderate this relationship.

YUN LU, MSc – *Neural transition metric in FMRI: categorization and application* – Yun worked with supervisor Dr. Jordan Poppenk in the Poppenk Cognitive Neuroimaging Lab.

SAVANNAH LIGHTFOOT, MSc – *Investigating the role of LPS-induced neuroinflammation as a potential mechanism of anhedonia* – Savannah is pursuing a PhD Neuroscience, University of Calgary. Savannah worked with Dr. (Mary) Cella Olmstead in the Motivation and Cognition Lab.

ADRIJANA KRSMANOVIC, PhD – *Online self-management treatment program for women diagnosed with interstitial cystitis/bladder pain syndrome* – Adrijana worked with Dr. Dean Tripp in the Pain Research Lab.

MADISON MAILHIOT, MSc – *Investigating the role of dopamine in opioid reward in chronic neuropathic pain* – Madison continues to work with Dr. (Mary) Cella Olmstead on publishing the findings from her BSc and MSc theses. Post-Queen's Madison plans to focus on studying drug use trends in Canada, harm reduction, program evaluation, and patient care. Of her time in Dr. Olmstead's MotiCog Lab, Madison acknowledges, "It is truly more of a family than a lab!" For her thesis Madison investigated how the rewarding effects of opioids are mediated in chronic neuropathic pain and how this may differ from pain-free states. In turn, this can help us to better understand why opioid reward seems to be altered in chronic neuropathic pain.

RAEGAN MAZURKA, PhD – *HPA axis reactivity in depression: relation of childhood maltreatment, affect lability and testosterone* – Raegan is pursuing a post-doctoral fellowship at the Linkoping Institute. She studied with Dr. Kate Harkness in the Mood Research Lab.

ABIGAIL MEURE, PhD – *Examination of psychological factors in chronic pelvic pain* – Abigail worked with Dr. Dean Tripp in the Pain Research Lab.

AMANDA SHAMBLAW, PhD – *The impact of acute social stress on approach and avoidance motivation in individuals with depression: an examination of behavioural and neurophysiological indices of motivation* – Amanda is pursuing a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Toronto. She worked with Dr. Kate Harkness in the Mood Research Lab.

MINQIAN (Charlie) SHEN, MSc – *Possible mechanisms of order matching effects in attitude persuasion* – Charlie is pursuing his PhD in the Social-Personality Psychology program in the Department of Psychology at Queen's University, in the FAB Lab under supervisor Dr. Lee Fabrigar.

CHELSEA WOOD-ROSS, MSc – *Cognitive performance in geriatric depression: examining the sensitivity of clinical neuropsychological and experimental working memory test* – Chelsea is pursuing her PhD in the Clinical Psychology program in the Department of Psychology at Queen's University in Dr. Christopher Bowie's Cognition in Psychological Disorders Lab.

KAI WEN (Kevin) ZHOU, MSc – *Ability to extract extrafoveal information modulates object processing in naturalistic scenes* – Kevin is pursuing a PhD degree in Social-Personality Psychology at York University. He worked with Dr. Monica Castelhana in the Queen's Visual Cognition Lab.

KATE ZUCCONI, MSc – *Exploring the role of oxytocin in rodent defensive behaviours* – Kate is pursuing a PhD in Cognitive Neuroscience, Department of Psychology at Queen’s University in Dr. Janet Menard’s Neurobiology of Anxiety Lab. Kate is looking forward to when she can publish in a peer-reviewed journal. “My supervisor, Dr. Janet Menard, harbours an incredibly inclusive lab environment,” Kate says. “Teamwork makes the dream work”. Kate’s thesis explored the role of oxytocin on anxiety-related behaviours in rats.