



PSYCHOLOGY NEWSLETTER

Bryn Mawr Department of Psychology Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events related to the psychology of racism, race, ethnicity and identity

- Tues May 4, 6-7 pm** "Race to the Future? Reimagining the Default Settings of Technology & Society". A talk on biases in algorithms and related technology arenas by Dr. Ruha Benjamin (Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University). [Pre-registration is required for this zoom event.](#)
- Wed May 5, 11am-12pm** The third of our three-part teach-in series on the Psychology of Race, "[Reducing Racial Bias](#)". Please join us! <https://tinyurl.com/PsychofRacismZoom>. You can access our first two teach-ins at these links: Part 1: "[Racism in the Field of Psychology](#)"; Part 2: "[Origins & Consequences of Racism](#)".
- Wed May 5, 7pm-8:15 pm** Identity, Joy/Healing, and Solidarity: Sharing API/A Stories within the Tri-Co. This event is focused on the themes of API/A identities, joy/healing and solidarity; participants will have an opportunity to share and listen to stories via zoom as a way to build community, heal and enliven solidarities to imagine and create API/A futurities. [Register for this event](#). *This session was made possible by a collaboration between Tri-Co Asian Am Studies, Tri-Co students and Prof. Edwin Mayorga (Swarthmore) and the encuentros políticos/political encounters podcast (USALAmérica).*

Major & Minor End of Year Events

- End-of-year BBQ & get together on **Saturday, May 15 from 12pm - 2pm**. Come join us for an *in-person* end-of-year get-together with food and games at The Cloisters! Be on the lookout for more information.
- Come cheer on thesesing seniors who are presenting their work on Wednesday **May 19th between 9 am-11am!** Zoom link and details will be emailed soon!

Dear Psych Majors and Minors,

We are writing to you with the second installment of the Psychology Department Newsletter—and the last of the 2020-2021 academic year. It's hard to believe that the end of the semester is just a few weeks away. We know that this has been a uniquely challenging year for many of us within the department, at Bryn Mawr, and in our extended communities as we navigate the stress of the pandemic and confront pervasive inequality and racism. While many of you were able to be on campus this year, things were still far from "normal." We've been blown away by your persistence, engagement and resilience this year.

Though many of us may be [languishing](#) to some extent, we (Profs Orvell and Gafe) have found some relief in looking ahead to summer plans, and by focusing on things that we are grateful for. This summer, Professor Orvell is looking forward to working with students on research projects that she's eager to get underway, and is excited to spend lots of time with family—including taking her daughter to the beach for the first time! Professor Gafe is excited to work with her summer science students to explore how stress affects cognition and sleep. She is also looking forward to spending many weekends at the Jersey shore with her extended family.

We hope that this summer offers you some time to reset, taking time to focus on things that bring you meaning. We look forward to seeing you all—hopefully in Bettws-y-Coed—again in the fall!

Be sure to check out the many amazing upcoming events. And keep reading to find out what your peers are grateful for, and what they are up to this summer.

Take care,

Laura Gafe

Ariana Orvell

STUDENT NEWS

SUMMER PLANS

Anna West ('21) will be studying Wolof in preparation of going to Senegal on a Boren Scholarship. **SiYi Zhu ('21)** will be thinking about how to initiate a platform for reliable and affordable online counseling for people in China.

Jojo Greenberg ('23) will be working at a tennis camp and seeing family in Portugal.

Laura Tague ('22) will be doing a Digital Technology internship on campus and taking general chemistry.

Sharon Williams ('23) will be working at Urban Outfitters and vacationing in the Dominican Republic.

GRATITUDE

Gloria Guan ('23), Victoria Wei ('22), and Angela Khoudary ('23) are grateful for their families, **Madeline Svengsouk ('21)** is grateful for the solidarity within the AAPI community, and **Sky Yalof ('22)** has developed gratitude for the ease of being able to make friends in class (rather than online).

DEI UPDATES

The DEI Action Coordinators (**Emma Samstein '23 and Sarah Philips '22**) and Faculty Liaisons (Profs Park and Orvell) have been working on the development of a peer-to-peer program designed to connect students with the goal of fostering inclusion and belonging within the psychology department. Be on the lookout for an email from the DEI Action Coordinators, asking for your input, as we continue to develop this program for a fall 2021 launch.