

# PSYCHOLOGICAL & BRAIN SCIENCES

## HIGHLIGHTS

■ Luke Ramage-Healey won Endocrine Society's 2015 Early Investigator Award

■ Jeffrey Blaustein and Robert Feldman named Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

■ Maureen Perry-Jenkins awarded 2015-16 Fellowship at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University

■ Sally Powers won UMass Amherst Alumni Association's 2015 Distinguished Faculty Award

■ John Bickford won Residential First-Year Experience Student Choice Award

■ The Keith Rayner Memorial Graduate Student Research Fund, which will be open to all PBS graduate students, was established this year through the

generosity of alumni and friends.

■ PBS faculty members are published and quoted frequently in TV, radio, print, and online media, including ABC News, CNN, *Psychology Today*, *The Atlantic*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Science World Report*, *International Business Times*, *PayScale.com*, (*e*) *Science News*, *Medical Xpress*, and *Yahoo News*.

■ The Adoption Mentoring Partnership (a collaboration between our Rudd Adoption Research Program and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Hampshire County) is one of the engagement initiatives on campus that led the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching to classify UMass Amherst as a Community-Engaged University.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

■ Adaeze Egwuatu '20PhD: Millennium Scholars Fellowship

■ Genna Santorelli '15MS: Psi Chi Society Convention Research Award

■ Laura Kurdziel '14PhD: The Society for Research in Child Development's Outstanding Dissertation Award

■ Shayl Griffith '14MS, '18PhD: UMass Amherst's Center for Research on Families' Dissertation Fellowship

■ Janna Mantua '19PhD: Sleep Research Society's Merit Award

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

■ UMass Neuroscience Club

■ Psi Chi, UMass chapter of the National Honors Society in Psychology

■ Nu Rho Psi, local chapter of the National Honor Society in Neuroscience

■ MAPS, the Multicultural Association of Psychology Students

## LEADERSHIP & OUTREACH

■ The Center for Neuroendocrine Studies fosters interdisciplinary research concerning the relationship between hormones, the brain, physiology, and behavior.

■ The UMass Eyetracking Lab, directed by Adrian Staub, has a 30-year history of using eye movements to study reading and visual perception.

■ The Center for Research on Families supports interdisciplinary collaborations that promote translational research focused on discovering solu-

tions to human and family problems.

■ The Psychological Services Center (PSC) is a community mental health teaching clinic that trains doctoral students in clinical psychology, provides quality mental health care, and conducts clinical research and treatment evaluation.

■ The Psychology of Peace and Violence Program hosts an interdisciplinary international summit of senior scholars to exchange perspectives on intergroup conflict.

## BY THE NUMBERS FY14

Tenure-track faculty	45
Lecturers	8
Postdoctoral fellows	10
Undergraduate majors	1,741
Graduate students	95
Research awards	\$14.5M

## RESEARCH AREAS

### *Behavioral neuroscience:*

Hormonal effects on behavior and mental health, sexual differentiation, cognition, stress, drugs of abuse, animal behavior.

### *Cognitive psychology:*

Attention, categorization, cognitive neuroscience, computational modeling, memory, reading, psycholinguistics, sleep, and visual cognition.

### *Developmental science:*

Motor and perceptual development, cognitive development in children, attentional development, and emotion regulation.

### *Social psychology:*

Social cognition, social justice, prejudice and stereotyping, attitudes, emotions and affect.

### *Clinical psychology:*

Childhood disorders (attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder, oppositional defiant disorder), psychotherapy process and outcome, aging and Alzheimer's disease, depression and anxiety, adoption and foster care, family social structure.