Hal Grotevant honored for mentoring, receiving the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award, inspiring student to create positive change for families.

Rebecca Spencer awarded $2.64 million from NIH for preschooler sleep study.

Rosie Cowell and David Huber receive $2.36 million grant to develop new brain research tool.

Linda Isbell awarded $1.71 million grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to study the influence of emotions on medical decision making (and diagnostic errors) among Emergency Medicine physicians and nurses treating patients with and without mental illnesses.


Nilanjana Dasgupta receives UMass Public Service Endowment Grant to work with Girls Inc. of Holyoke, investigating whether participation in a summer program has the potential to boost young female student engagement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Maureen Perry-Jenkins receives the UMass Life Science Moment Fund Award. The goal of her community-based study is to adapt and test the feasibility of a group-based intervention aimed at reducing depression and stress among low-income new mothers and their partners early in pregnancy.

BY THE NUMBERS FY17
Tenure-track faculty 41
Non-tenure track faculty 15
Postdoctoral fellows 11
Undergraduate majors 1,861
Graduate students 89
Research awards $19.38M

HIGHLIGHTS
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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
- Alice Coyne ’20PhD receives the Second Annual Keith Rayner Memorial Graduate Student Research Award.
- Chaia Flegenheimer ’18PhD, Rachel Herman ’20PhD, Durga Kolla ’18MS, Albert Lo ’21PhD, and Shirley Plucinski ’18BA are among the 10 recipients of the 2017 Student Research Grants and Awards from the Center for Research on Families.
- Genna Santarelli ’19PhD awarded the American Psychological Foundation’s 2017 Benton-Meyer Neuropsychology Scholarship.
- Lap-Ching Keung ’17MS, was awarded the Jerrold J. Katz Young Scholar Award at the 2017 CUNY Conference at MIT.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS
- UMass Neuroscience Club, Diversity and Psychology Club (DPC)
- Psi Chi, UMass chapter of the National Honors Society in Psychology
- Nu Rho Psi, local chapter of the National Honor Society in Neuroscience

LEADERSHIP & OUTREACH
- The Adoption Mentoring Partnership (a collaboration between our Rudd Adoption Research Program and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Hampshire County) matches children and students who are adopted by adoption type, race/ethnicity, and gender. This Partnership normalizes the experience of adoption and provides adopted children with a role model who understands what it means to be adopted.
- The department is also home to four other interdisciplinary centers and programs: Center for Neuroendocrine Studies, Center for Research on Families, Program in the Psychology of Peace and Violence, and Psychological Services Center.

RESEARCH AREAS
- Behavioral Neuroscience: The neurobiological and evolutionary bases of behavior; offering graduate training through the Neuroscience and Behavior Program.
- Clinical Psychology: Our graduate program adheres to the clinical science model of training in child development, adolescence, neuropsychology, family systems, adoption, psychotherapy, and psychopathology.
- Cognition & Cognitive Neuroscience: Training in research on attention, perception, memory, language processing, reasoning, and decision making.
- Developmental Science: Addresses the content, context, and underlying mechanisms of human development by integrating methodologies across multiple domains (e.g., biological, physical, health, cognitive, affective, and social) and levels of analysis (e.g., neural, behavioral, relational).
- Social Psychology: Offers research and training on the interface between the individual and the social environment. It also includes the Program in the Psychology of Peace and Violence.