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MASTER’S STUDENT RESEARCH GROUP
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS
OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018!

AUDRIS JIMENEZ

Advisor: Dr. Charles Stone
Labs: Memory Lab with Dr. Charles Stone

Audris Jimenez started her MA in the Forensic Psychology program at John Jay College of Criminal Justice last fall. She previously graduated from the University of Central Florida with a focus in behavioral forensics and crime, law and deviance. She is on the dual externship-thesis track and is currently completing her thesis with Dr. Charles Stone on jury perception and memory of child eyewitness testimony. Her interests include issues surrounding youth justice and was recently accepted as a Pinkerton Graduate Community Fellow for the upcoming year. Her other interest is in policy and law and she occasionally works at a law office throughout the semester. Audris is also taking part in the Sex Offender Profiling (SOP) project with Dr. Gabrielle Salfati through the Investigative Psychology Research Unit at John Jay. She currently works as a mental health technician under the supervision of a clinical doctoral student where her main responsibility includes providing supplemental therapy for a client with OCD, ADHD, and depression. After completing her Master's, she plans on applying to PhD programs in Clinical Psychology. Audris is excited to answer any questions and share her experiences with you.

KENNY GONZALEZ

Advisor: Dr. Patricia Zapf
Labs: Forensic Training Lab with Dr. Patricia Zapf, Psychopathy Lab with Dr. Diana Falkenbach, Sex Offender Research Lab with Dr. Elizabeth Jeglic

My name is Kenny Gonzalez and I am entering my second year in the MA Forensic Psychology program. I am part of the psychopathy, Forensic Training Academy and Sex Offender Research labs. My main research interests include: violence risk assessment, psychopathy and cross-cultural issues in forensic assessment. In the Fall, I plan on applying to PhD programs in Clinical Forensic Psychology.
OLIVIA AVESON

Advisors: Dr. Grose-Fifer, Dr. Diana Falkenbach, Dr. Weiss  
Labs: Dr. Grose-Fifer, Event-Related Potential Laboratory; Dr. Falkenbach, Psychopathy Laboratory; Dr. Weiss, Forensic Assessment Laboratory  

Olivia Aveson is a member of the MSRG Executive Committee and joined the John Jay College of Criminal Justice community last Fall. She conducts research on campus and is active in the labs of Dr. Grose-Fifer, Dr. Falkenbach, and Dr. Weiss. She has an academic background in neuroscience and her research interests focus on neuropsychology and neurophysiological research methods. Olivia is also passionate about research topics pertaining to psychopathy, competency to stand trial, and cultural aspects of assessment. She is completing the dual externship-thesis track and is happy to address any questions about this academic route. She is interested in science based pedagogy and frequently works as a teaching assistant on campus - an opportunity she will be excited to talk to you about. Olivia is also a Program Assistant in the Forensic Psychology Department and can be a good resource for official program related inquiries.

JESSICA GASKIN

Jessica Gaskin is entering her second year in the MA Forensic Psychology program. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Psychology and Criminal Justice, and a minor in Sociology. She conducts research on campus with Dr. Maureen Allwood’s lab, focusing on childhood and adolescent stress and trauma. Jessica is writing her thesis under the advisement of Dr. Allwood, examining concordance rates between self-report and interview-based assessments of trauma exposure and substance abuse. Additionally, she is a Pinkerton Graduate Community Fellow, and will be completing an externship working with justice-involved youth. Jessica will be applying to doctoral programs in clinical psychology to further her goals of working as a research-practitioner, primarily with justice-involved youth.