Graduate students **SHEBA AIKAWA** and **NADIA FLOYD** each presented a poster at the annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) convention in February.

**Sheba Aikawa** presented:
**Title:** We Can Say It, But Can You?: If and When Biracials Can Use the “N-Word”
**Co-Authors:** Daryl Wout; Katlyn Milless

**Nadia Floyd** presented:
**Title:** The Malleability of Racial Perceptions
**Co-Authors:** Daryl Wout; Andre’ Oliver

**TINA PITTMAN WAGERS** (faculty) was invited to present at the Vancouver SCAD conference sponsored by the Vancouver General Hospital/ University of British Columbia Medical School, where she spoke about psychosocial management of patients with Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection, a rare kind of heart attack that primarily affects young women, and is correlated with a number of mental health symptoms.

**IRENE BLAIR** (faculty) received notice this week that her research group (Stacie Daugherty, PI) will have their proposal funded by NIH this year (R01 HL164106-01). Irene will serve as a co-investigator in this 5-year project that investigates structural racism in healthcare for people recently released from prison.
**JUNE GRUBER** (faculty) is the recipient of a 2022 Boulder Faculty Excellence Award!

June was nominated and selected by colleagues across the Boulder campus as the recipient of the 2022 Boulder Faculty Excellence Award for her Excellence in Teaching and Pedagogy. This award recognizes the importance of teaching and mentoring students as significant components of faculty duties.

**CHARLES EAGAN** (advising)- recently collaborated on a presentation about Disability Theory and Student Development with Ulises Mendoza at Disability Services and presented to over 40 advisors and coaches on how Disability as identity is multi-faceted and impacts students in more ways than we realize at the Conference for Student Success and Advising (CSSA)!

Charles has also amassed a collection of golf balls with his wrinkle dog while talking walks to improve his health and wellbeing.

**RYAN CURTIS** (faculty) received the annual CU OER Champion Award!

The CU OER (Open Educational Resources) award recognizes significant achievements of CU faculty, staff, and students in expanding the use of open educational resources. Dr. Curtis was commended for his considerable achievements and impact with the OpenPSYC textbook.
**Good News from the CUChange Lab:**

**ASHLEY MASTER** (PhD student) received the 2021 Institute of Cannabis Research Emerging Scientist Award! This provides funds to support her role on CUChange's new LABeLs study and her research into the health effects of cannabis more broadly.

**TIM CURRAN & CINNAMON BIDWELL** (faculty) are excited to announce a newly funded MPI R01 grant with a focus on memory and cannabis! (COBRA Study: ERP studies of acute influences of THC and CBD on memory encoding and retrieval)

**JOSH ELMORE** (PhD student) was awarded the Ling-Ju Harn Fellowship in the College of Arts and Sciences for the Spring semester. This fellowship provides tuition support and stipend and is a huge honor!

**RENÉE MARTIN-WILLETT** (PhD student) was awarded an NIH F31 fellowship grant to further her research focused on including groups that have been historically underrepresented in biomedical research (e.g. ethnicity, gender identity and sexual orientation). This research is situated within Dr. Bidwell’s larger R01 on cannabis use and anxiety.

**CUCHANGE’S DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) RECRUITMENT TEAM** has forged a new community relationship with Denver's Simply Pure Cannabis Dispensary and CEO/Entrepreneur Wanda James.
ANNE PIERCE (BN PhD student, mentored by Zoe Donaldson) received a travel award from the International Behavioral Neuroscience Society (IBNS) to travel to the society's annual meeting in Glasgow, Scotland, in June, 2022. The award covers the cost of travel, participation in a mentorship program, as well as other perks.

CONNOR MCNULTY (BN PhD student in the Baratta Lab) finished 2nd in the Smitty Stevens Memorial Ski Race at this year Winter Conference on Brain Research (WCBR).

TINA PITTMAN WAGERS (faculty) along with Courtney Stevens, Ph.D, a former graduate student at CU Boulder (now at Dartmouth Medical School) and several other colleagues from CU Denver, Harvard and Stanford, published the following paper in J of Women’s Health about perceptions of care and inappropriate dismissal of young female patients with Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection from emergency departments:


ZOE DONALDSON (faculty) was featured in this article from The Atlantic for her research on love gained (and lost) and how those powerful experiences shape the brain.


PUBLICATIONS FROM THE WHISMAN LAB


* graduate student
** undergraduate student
Laurel Gibson (PhD student) appeared on the NPR show Science Friday speaking about the impact of cannabis use on exercise. Read a little about the interview or listen to the Science Friday broadcast.

Members of the DEI subcommittee: Rosi Kaiser, Elicia Azua, Benjamin O’Meara, Balbir Singh, Bob Spencer, Mark Whisman, and Tina Pittman Wagers continue to make progress on the creation of a new Canvas site that will level the playing field for our students, providing students with helpful information, videos, links to modules on being a successful student in our department forging a path forward, including future careers and academic directions, and accessing resources in our department and on campus. Look for that new Canvas site later this spring.

PASTA (Psychologists Advocating for Systemic Training in Anti-Racism), along with support from students across the psychology and neuroscience graduate programs, has set up office hours in the Learning Hub for undergraduates to stop by and learn about graduate school in psychology and neuroscience. The goal of these office hours is to provide more equitable access to the various secret handshakes and tips that help students get into grad school.

LINDA WATKINS (faculty) was featured in the Colorado Arts and Sciences Magazine about her continuing research into treating osteoarthritic pain in dogs. In collaboration with a local veterinarian, Rob Landry, they have been studying the use of Interleukin-10, a naturally occurring anti-inflammatory, to reduce the debilitating effects of osteoarthritis in dogs. The article can be read here: Wanted: Dogs with arthritis to help test a novel pain therapy.