This eclectic, but tight-knit bunch has survived their first year of graduate school together and look forward to testing out their new clinical skills in the Wellness Center next year. Meet:

**Emma-Lorraine Bart-Plange**, a Saint Louis University graduate, joined Noni Gaylord-Harden’s Parents and Children Coping Together lab freshly out of undergrad. When she isn’t hard at work researching coping with community violence with urban, African American youth, Emma-Lorraine enjoys cooking (she loves to experiment), reading a good book with a big cup of tea, and volunteering in the community.

**Jackie Lennon**, a Loyola University Chicago graduate and a northwest Illinois native, did not need to travel far to join this year. She has happily delved into research on psychosocial adjustment in youth with spina bifida, particularly within Hispanic families. Year round you’ll find Jackie spending her time with friends and family (including her adorable French Bulldog Lola), running and biking on the Lakeshore Trail, and playing volleyball.

Upon graduating from Boston College, **Grace Jhe** spent two years working as a research assistant and project coordinator at Youth Mental Health Lab at Judge Baker Children's Center, Harvard Medical School. Now at Loyola, Grace is a part of Dr. Scott Leon’s lab, interested in how culture and family dynamics affect trajectories of depression and anxiety in children and adolescents of underserved populations. Grace (arguably the most well-travelled of our cohort) has lived in more than five countries! And in her spare time, she enjoys all things photography.

One of the three St. Louis area graduates (all in one cohort!) **Stephanie Brewer** graduated from Washington University in St. Louis and worked for two years as a full-time research assistant at Columbia University Medical Center/ New York State Psychiatric Institute. Stephanie is enjoying research as part of Dr. Cate Santiago’s CASA lab, and is interested in understanding how family processes affect children’s mental health and adjustment. When Stephanie has spare time, she loves watching her favorite TV shows, reading awesome books, trying out delicious new food, and playing with her adorable kitten, Margot!

**Dakari Quimby** received his B.A. in Psychology from Washington University in St. Louis in 2012, before coming to Loyola. Currently in the Risk and Resilience Lab with Dr. Maryse Richards, he is involved with a study looking to measure the effectiveness of an intervention designed to help children from the Englewood area cope more effectively with environmental stressors and promote greater engagement in the community. After working hard in the program, Dakari likes to relax by playing a good game of basketball and hanging out with friends.

**Lorri Kais**, a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee graduate, comes to Dr. Rebecca Silton’s Cognitive & Affective Neuroscience (CAN) lab from being a lab manager of the Child Neurodevelopment Research Lab and research assistant at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Her research interests include neural correlates of depression and reward learning. As for what she does in her spare time, Lorri enjoys craft nights and thrifting for taxidermy oddities. She also took a hula-hoop dance class in Milwaukee, and can now perform tricks involving multiple hoops!
We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Catherine Santiago— the newest member to join the clinical psychology faculty!

Cate was gracious enough to answer some questions about her background, her academic and research interests, and about what she likes to do outside Coffey Hall. Thanks, and welcome to Loyola, Cate!

**Where are you from originally?**
I grew up in West Lafayette, IN

**Where did you receive your training?**
I went to the University of Notre Dame for undergrad, and majored in Psychology & Spanish. Then I went to University of Denver for graduate school, specializing in Child Clinical Psychology. I completed my internship at UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior (child track). And, I stayed at UCLA for postdoc (UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry – Center for Health Services & Society)

**What attracted you to Loyola?**
I really like the community focus of Loyola generally and specifically within the psychology department (faculty doing community-based research). And, the collaborative and friendly tone of the department is wonderful!

**What are your general research interests?**
My research program explores risk and resilience factors among children and families. I am interested in individual and family adaptation to poverty-related stressors and have studied the impact of stress, coping, involuntary stress responses, and other factors in this context. In addition, I am focused on examining how family and cultural factors might enhance or ameliorate the relationship between stress and child psychopathology, especially among Latino families. I am currently translating this work into interventions in community settings. In partnership with community parents and providers, I have developed and evaluated a culturally informed family treatment component for low-income Latino children exposed to violence and participating in a school-based intervention for trauma. Our lab, which is called “Children Adapting to Stress & Adversity” (CASA), will continue both basic and intervention research that explores adaptation to poverty-related stressors among low-income children and families.

**What specific projects does the CASA lab have on the horizon?**
By the end of May, we will have completed a daily diary study that explores daily stress and coping among low-income Latino middle school students, and we just received a grant from the Foundation for Child Development to explore how immigrant families manage stress and what cultural and family processes are protective in this context.

**What do you like about Chicago?**
I really enjoy the food scene. Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba and Demera are two of my favorite spots to eat. And I also like spending time outdoors by the lake-in the summer!

**What do you like to do outside of Loyola?**
I like to stay active (running, yoga), spend time with family and friends, and travel with my husband. Currently, my husband and I are getting ready for our new addition! We’re expecting our first baby on Nov. 1st!

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**Socializing!**

The Fall 2012-2013 Social Committee had another successful year. The program’s third annual holiday party took place at Uncommon Ground, just a few blocks from campus. Many faculty members and students were able to attend and converse on topics ranging from clinical research to voting on which faculty member was the best dancer. Our next social outing is still TBD, but it will mostly likely involve bowling. Thanks to the Social Committee for all their good work planning these events!

*By Edna Romero*
First-year student Grace Jhe and her fiancé Ginmann Bai are planning to be married July 13, 2013. Grace and Ginmann will celebrate their wedding with family and friends at the Jhe’s family church in Boston, MA before heading to South Korea for a second wedding celebration!

Alex Kirsch, a second year student, is set to wed her fiancé Kyle Obergfell on May 18, 2013. These high school sweethearts will soon be joined in marriage in Indianapolis, IN, surrounded by family and friends.

Fourth-year, Alisha Miller and her husband Neill welcomed baby Jonah last Spring. The family survived their first airplane ride, and Jonah is currently enjoying his foray into solid foods.

Fourth-year Edna Romero married Mike Tallario last Spring. The couple celebrated their nuptials in Chicago with friends and family. Everyone had a great time, especially all of the 4th year classmates who were observed to run out to the dance floor the minute the latest Carly Rae Jepsen track started.

Fifth-year Israel Gross married Shelley Daniels last June. The couple shared the day with lots of dancing and merriness. Dr. Richards and a few other Loyola pals kept the dance floor bumping!

Rachel Wasserman, another fifth-year student, married Ryan Daniels last May. The festivities took place in Florida, and the happy couple wowed the guests with a beautifully choreographed dance.
2ND YEAR UPDATE
By Kim Burdette

The soon-to-be-third-years are movin' and shakin'. All have successfully proposed their theses (phew), though Caitlin decided to be a rockstar and defend hers, too. We submitted papers to academic journals and presented at conferences, and Caitlin received the APA Division 38 Graduate Student Research Award to fund her own research on sleep! Kyle added yet another country to his list of awesome places he’s traveled (Japan), Anne further sharpened her deadpan zingers, and Kim accidentally became a Dear Abby to parent subscribers of a Division 35 Adolescent Girls newsletter. We greatly enjoyed our first year of clinical training at the Wellness Center and are grateful for the supervision and support from Cate and Jerry. Fresh off of our Child Assessment class, we are looking forward to using our new skills at our first child clinical externships, though we are sad that it means separating from each other! (we’re not sure how Anne will ever adjust). Most importantly, we are excited to celebrate with Alex when she marries her high school sweetheart this summer!! (yes, two members of our class will then be married to high school sweethearts). Hopefully we will be able to keep up with the Kirsch family and with Kyle and Claire on the dance floor.

3RD YEAR UPDATE
By Cynthia Pierre

The third years have been hard at work! We are working hard at our assessment practica, we have shared our research at conferences all around the US, and we have all successfully defended our master’s theses! Arie is currently enjoying his pediatric neuropsychology assessment work at University of Chicago. Arie has played an integral role in the department as CSA President, and he is enjoying exploring Lakeview, his new neighborhood! Hats off to Arie for his successful stint in veganism! Tina is working hard as an extern at Alexian Brothers Neuroscience Institute conducting pediatric neuropsychology assessment. She also honed her assessment skills while serving as TA for the Adult Assessment workshop! Tina just published a first-author paper in the Journal of Pediatric Psychology with data from the Holmbeck Lab Camp Independence project. Tina remains appreciative of the support of her family, friends, and colleagues following a minor health scare with her husband. Alex is also working as an extern at Alexian Brothers. She has already submitted her master’s thesis for publication, and she helped to co-author the camp study article with Tina! Despite all of these demands, Alex’s plans include participating in Loyola’s Research Mentoring Program, where she will mentor an undergraduate student, and training to run a full marathon this fall! Catherine has been working hard at her placement at Northshore University Healthsystem, where she is conducting adult neuropsych assessments. Catherine is ready to submit her thesis manuscript for publication, and she is also collaborating with the Center for the Human Rights of Children on a manuscript about the gaps in services for area child trafficking survivors. Catherine is also taking time to enjoy Edgewater, her new neighborhood! Nikki has loved working at University of Chicago in pediatric neuropsych assessment so much, that she has decided to make an encore appearance at U of C next year doing consultation-liaison work! Nikki has also been busy publishing her first co-authored article in New Directions in Child Development. Apart from these commitments, Nikki remains dedicated to seeing her family and significant other during the weekends! Cynthia is also enjoying her pediatric neuropsych assessment practicum at U of C with classmates Nikki and Arie. She looks forward to the summer, as she will mentor an undergraduate through Loyola’s Research Mentoring Program and submit her master’s thesis for publication. She is enjoying exploring Uptown, her new neighborhood!
4TH YEAR UPDATE

The fourth years have had quite a year! We all passed our written qualifying exam and are gearing up to take the oral clinical competency exam. We are working hard at our pediatric and adult therapy practica and are learning a lot. With the end of the school year fast approaching, we are all getting ready for our next therapy practicum. Amanda will be at DePaul’s College Counseling Center working with undergraduates, Daniel will be at the University of Chicago Outpatient Psychotherapy Clinic working with adults, Amanda will be at the UIC Disruptive Behaviors Clinic for outpatient individual child and family therapy, Lea will be at Tufts Medical Center in Boston for pediatric neuropsychological assessment, Devin will be at the UIC Pediatric Mood Disorders Clinic for child/adolescent therapy, and Edna will be at Stroger Hospital of Cook County for child and adolescent therapy. Amanda and Lea have also proposed their dissertations. Furthermore, we have presented posters and given presentations at multiple conferences, including the Society for Research on Child Development (SRCD), the American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA), and the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT). Several of us have also been awarded scholarships for this summer or next year. Amanda has been awarded the Teaching Scholars Fellowship, Daniel has been awarded the Heckler Award and the Research Mentoring Program Scholarship, and Lea has been awarded the Arthur J. Schmitt Fellowship. We will be gearing up for internship applications this summer as well. Fourth year has flown by and we are all looking forward to our fifth year!

5TH YEAR UPDATE

After 5 long years, we have finally made it to the final stage of grad school. Many of us are finishing up our dissertation defenses, and the 5 of us who applied to internship, successfully matched at internship sites across the country. We are so grateful for our Loyola experience, and we are excited for what lies ahead.

Alison Dunleavy is currently an extern with Project Fleur-de-Lis in New Orleans. There she does both individual and group-based trauma-focused therapy in schools. Alison also serves as a part of a crisis intervention team that responds by providing psychoeducation and support to students following traumatic events in the community. She is currently focusing on her dissertation, which she hopes to defend this summer. Alison will be coming back to Chicago this summer as an intern at La Rabida Children’s Hospital where she will specialize in trauma and gain new experience in pediatric psychology. She is really excited to be coming back to Chicago with her husband Sam to be closer to family and friends!

Corinn Elmore is working like crazy doing an externship in Parent Child Interaction Therapy at DePaul, pediatric neuropsychology testing in Orland Park, and facilitating a faith-centered HIV prevention program for African American girls. She is in the final stage of her dissertation and hopes to defend this summer. Corinn also recently got her thesis on supportive parenting and racial socialization published! This summer, she will move to Philly where she was successfully matched as an intern at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia on the school/primary care track. She is looking forward to enjoying lots of Philly Cheesesteak sandwiches (sans cheese)😊

Israel Gross is currently completing an advanced neuropsychology practicum with veterans with traumatic brain injury at Hines VA He is also an extern at the CORE Center providing diagnostic intakes and therapy with adolescents and young adults living with HIV/AIDS. Also big congratulations to Israel who received a prestigious NRSA fellowship! With this fellowship, he will investigate psychosocial risk and protective factors of HIV/AIDS medication adherence among young African American males living with HIV. He will be applying for internship next year and he and his wife will be moving to Roscoe Village this summer.

Ashley Rolnik is currently an extern at the University of Chicago in the Adult Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Clinic where she does therapy. She is staying busy molding young minds at Loyola by teaching Abnormal Psychology. Professionally, her research lab, the Women’s Health Lab, is continuing to do research on eating and body image in women. Ashley will be interning at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center as a health psychology intern right here in Chicago! When she has free time, she likes to take trapeze classes on Belmont Harbor.

Liz Tuminello is currently an extern at NorthShore University Health System where she does Adult Neuropsychology. Liz proposed her dissertation in April 2012 and was honored with the Psychology Department Kobler Award this year! She will be moving to Rhode Island this summer to intern at the Brown University Consortium in the Neuropsychology Track. Also, Liz is taking a huge step with moving away from Chicago for the first time ever!

Rachel Wasserman is currently an extern at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood where she does both child psychology and health psychology work. She is also staying involved in the learning community by teaching child psychopathology. She is super excited to be moving to Houston this summer for her internship at Texas Children’s Hospital in the pediatric neuropsychology track.
CONLEY LAB
By Alex Kirsch

The Conley Lab – newly renamed the IMPACT lab – has had a busy year. We’ve been juggling a dozen manuscripts related to tracking, predicting, and promoting college students’ adjustment and psychological functioning. We have also started learning meta-analysis, and are making headway on our first of three reviews of different types of intervention and prevention programs for higher education students. We continue to run the IMPACT project that tracks students’ adjustment and psychological functioning throughout college and – now that the project is in its 4th year – we invited over 6000 students, first years through seniors, to participate this spring. We’ve also been presenting at research conferences, and along the way we’ve celebrated many milestones and victories – undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral theses, research awards, graduate school and internship placements. Check out our new lab website!

http://lucimpactlab.weebly.com/

GAYLORD-HARDEN LAB
By Emma-Lorraine Bart-Plange

The Gaylord-Harden PACCT lab has enjoyed another busy year! We have continued our data collection at Urban Prep Academy, a college preparatory high school for urban African American boys. As we complete wave 2 of data collection, we are excited to present some preliminary findings to the Urban Prep staff this summer! We will also be conducting focus groups with Chicago youth in hopes of refining the Coping with Community Violence Measure. Earlier this year, Dr. Gaylord-Harden received an R03 grant from the NICHD (congrats!), which will be put to good use for the next two years as we use it to explore pathologic adaptation to exposure to community violence in ethnic minority youth. In the meantime, we have had the work of several lab members represented in the Journal of Child and Family Studies and the Journal of Family Psychology. Additionally, both graduate and undergraduate lab members were able to present work at SRCD, MPA, and at the upcoming APA convention in Hawai‘i. Aloha!

BOHNERT LAB
By Kim Burdette

The Activity Matters lab, led by Dr. Amy Bohnert, has indeed been very active this year! We had several papers published this winter, along with an additional paper in press and another with a provisional acceptance. Our graduate students have been very busy mentoring SIX undergraduates’ senior research projects! Their efforts paid off with one student winning the Outstanding Loyola Undergraduate Research Award and another was named a Johnson Scholar. They also continue to make progress on their theses and dissertations: Kim proposed her thesis, Nikki defended her thesis, and Lea and Amanda proposed their dissertations. We have been presenting our research locally (MPA, Stand Up for Girls Conference) and at this year’s SRCD, where we presented research on links between physical activity and executive functions, the benefits of pet ownership for high-functioning autistic youth, and the effects of organized activity involvement across the transition to high school. As the academic year comes to a close, efforts are being made to finalize an R21 grant application to NIH in addition to gearing up for another busy summer of data collection at the Girls in the Game summer camp – you can catch us down at Union Park!

Dr. Bohnert’s Lab with Brandi Chastain at GIG Gala
LEON LAB

With the help of newcomer Grace Jhe, seasoned veteran Anne Fuller, and old-timers Alison Dunleavy and Ashley Rolnik, our lab has made great progress on several different research fronts this year. The first focus area of the lab is an ongoing evaluation of a child welfare program in Cook County entitled The Recruitment and Kin Connections Project (RKCP). The RKCP has implemented a program designed to locate children’s family members once they enter the system and engage them to play vital roles in their development while in the child welfare system (e.g., as a foster parent, mentor, support). Through extensive chart reviews and home visits, our quasi-experimental, longitudinal evaluation is assessing the project’s impact on youths’ placement permanency, mental health, strengths, attachment, and self-esteem outcomes. The second focus area involves a clinical-social program collaboration with our lab and Dr. Jeff Hunstinger to study Implicit Self Esteem and Implicit Gender Identity. Through the fall and spring, we collected data on 350 Loyola undergraduates, and will be presenting our initial findings at the upcoming Association for Psychological Science conference. Ashley and Anne impressively defended their proposals, Grace got engaged, and Scott (the real old-timer) turned 40 and absconded to Paris with his wife to celebrate.

RICHARDS LAB

The Risk & Resilience lab is currently engaged in an ongoing collaboration with two Chicago community organizations- CeaseFire and Enlace- in order to develop interventions for urban minority youth. One of the lab projects is testing the effectiveness of an intervention, Civic Engagement Curriculum with CeaseFire modifications (CEC-CF), designed to decrease stress and increase coping in urban minority youth located in the high violence and low income Chicago community of Englewood. A second project involves a collaboration with Enlace, a community based organization that serves the Mexican-American youth and families in the Little Village neighborhood. We are creating a GIS mapping project to understand better the experience of the youth who live there, with the goal of reducing their exposure to, and engagement in, community violence. Members of the lab have been busy conducting weekly focus groups with youth in Englewood and Little Village, preparing manuscripts, and presenting at various conferences including SRCD and APA. We look forward to another productive year!

HOLMBECK LAB

"The Holmbeck lab is as busy as ever! With the help of our fantastic undergraduate and graduate research assistants, Dr. Holmbeck’s study on psychological, social, and cognitive development in youth with spina bifida has cruised along, already approaching the 7th year of data collection. The lab was also excited to find out that Grayson recently received a grant through March of Dimes to extend study data collection and investigate the transition to young adulthood in this population. Also, we are pleased to report that we will be doing a 20 year follow-up this year on your initial study with families of youth with spina bifida. Undergraduate and graduate students alike have really excelled this year; lab members have published several manuscripts, received travel and research awards, and have published posters at the National Conference in Pediatric Psychology, Society of Behavioral Medicine, American Psychological Association, and more! Our lab also continues to be involved with fundraising efforts for the Spina Bifida Association (SBA); we are proud to announce that our lab raised over $3,300 dollars for the SBA Walk-And-Roll-A-Thon this year! After a successful year, lab members are now getting geared up for our 5th year working with Camp Independence, where we implement an intervention to help youth with spina bifida achieve independence and build social skills. Finally, we would like to extend a huge congrats to Rachel Wasserman, who will be heading off to internship this fall. You will be missed, Rachel!"
RUPERT LAB

By Pat Rupert

The PIER Lab has spent the past year analyzing data and preparing several manuscripts based on data collected from two recently completed projects: our two-phase, longitudinal survey examining work and family life, burnout, and life satisfaction among psychologists and a survey of college seniors examining gender differences in work and family aspirations and anticipated work-family conflict. One manuscript (Work Demands and Resources, Work-Family Conflict, and Family Functioning among Practicing Psychologists) has been conditionally accepted for publication in *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*. During the next academic year, we hope to launch several projects on burnout, self care, and gender differences in work-family balance. We look forward to welcoming Alisha Oscharoff Miller back from maternity leave this summer, but will be sad to say goodbye to Liz Tuminello Hartman, who will be leaving for Providence, Rhode Island to begin her internship at Brown. Congratulations and good luck, Liz!

SILTON LAB

By Becky Silton

The CANlab ([www.canlab.org](http://www.canlab.org)) has had a busy & productive year! Our clinical research continues to focus on developing a better understanding of the neural and cognitive correlates of depression. We are very close to getting our exciting collaboration with Northwestern’s Center for Behavioral Intervention Technologies (CBITs) off the ground. We will be using mobile health technology via a smartphone application to conduct a treatment outcome study for depression, starting with our pilot study in Fall 2013. This study will use neural and cognitive measures to evaluate outcome. During the upcoming summer, CANlab grad student, Daniel Dickson will be starting data collection for his project titled, "Mental control and automatic processing: risk factors for recurrent depression". CANlab grad student Catherine Lee has another interesting project underway titled, “Cognitive and neural correlates of coping in depression and resilience”. Please do not hesitate to email Becky (rsilton@luc.edu) if you are interested in collaborating with the CAN laboratory.

SANTIAGO LAB

By Cate Santiago

The Children Adapting to Stress & Adversity (CASA) Lab is currently analyzing data from an intervention study that evaluated an enhanced school-based intervention that aimed to increase parent involvement in their child’s trauma treatment. We have a paper under review from this study and hope to get another one submitted in the next few months! By the end of May, we will have completed a daily diary study that explores daily stress and coping among low-income Latino middle school students. We will be busy analyzing data this summer and fall. Finally, we just received a grant from the Foundation for Child Development to explore how immigrant families manage stress and what cultural and family processes are protective in this context. We will begin recruitment for this study this summer and data collection will continue throughout next year. We’re looking forward to a busy and productive year!
Congratulations to Noni Gaylord-Harden!

Noni was awarded a 2-year grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). The purpose of the project is to examine desensitization to community violence in African American and Latino male adolescents residing in low socioeconomic, urban neighborhoods.
ALUMNI NEWS

After finishing her pre-doctoral internship at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Bonnie Essner and her husband, Jim, moved to Seattle, WA where Bonnie is completing a post-doctoral fellowship in pediatric pain research at Seattle Children's Research Institute. Bonnie and her husband are happily adjusting to life in Seattle and to their new addition. Bonnie and Jim welcomed a baby boy, Bennett James Maurer, on Friday, April 12th. Mom and dad are enjoying their time with their handsome new bundle.

Bonnie Essner’s son- Bennett James Maurer

Since graduation, Becky Sanderson has been leading the research and development efforts of a Boston-based non-profit, Life is Good Playmakers, which provides training, education, and support to frontline staff who work with children suffering from trauma (www.lifeisgood.com/playmakers). Becky regularly collaborates with Maryse Richards on projects and swings by the campus every once in a while! Becky and her husband, Richard, are living with their three little ones, Zoe (6), Theo (3), and Zara (1) in Winnetka.

Mary Jo Rogers is a partner at Strategic Talent Solutions (STS) where she leads the Utility and Nuclear practice for the firm. Mary Jo recently published a book on leadership in nuclear power. She works closely with the founder of STS, John Philbin, another LUC alum. More info on Mary Jo and STS is at http://strattalent.com/~strattal/our-team

Viviana Lucio Mahoney (Ortiz) accepted a faculty position in the Department of Psychiatry at Emory University's School of Medicine in March 2012. She has also been working on a research study at Grady Hospital in Atlanta as a cognitive-behavior therapist. Through this grant, Viviana has been treating Spanish-speaking adults who have depression. She also works with adolescents who have problems related to mood and anxiety through the Child and Adolescent Mood Program (CAMP) under Dr. Ed Craighead. It's been a growing and rewarding experience. On the personal front, Vivian’s family is doing well! The family recently traveled to Mexico City, so that their kids could meet their extended family for the first time! One of the highlights of the trip included a climb to the top of the Pyramid of the Sun.
In January of 2012, Michael P. Meehan took a leap of faith, leaving a longstanding position he deeply loved to accept the role of Executive Director for Good Shepherd Children & Family Services (www.goodshepherdstl.org), a Catholic Charities agency in St. Louis, Missouri. Being able to combine my skills and experience with my faith has been a wonderful gift. On a personal level, Michael has two incredible high schoolers, Ali (16) and Michael (14), and he and his wife, Lori, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in May of this year.

Elizabeth Franks Bruno (’06) and her family moved to Denver from SF last year and love their new hometown! Elizabeth’s family welcomed their daughter, Grace, last April, and can't believe she is about to turn one! Her big brother Charlie is 3 years old and loves all things sports. Elizabeth is especially excited that her fellow cohort friends Emily Edlynn and Phil O’Donnell also recently moved to Denver with their daughters. It's been a memorable year and everyone is looking forward to more fun memories in 2013!

Shelly Smith-Acuna and her husband, Tony Acuna, live in Denver with their two children (Monica and Evan). Monica attends George Washington University, Evan attends the University of Denver. Shelly is now the Dean of the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at the University of Denver, and continues a small private practice in the area of couples and family therapy. She recently published a book that is used as a foundational textbook in couples and family therapy, Systems Theory in Action. Tony is a clinical psychologist with Denver Public Schools, and has a small private practice in the area of bilingual psychology, with an emphasis on learning disabilities and second language acquisition.

Cori Scalzo is happy to announce that she recently earned board certification in clinical neuropsychology (ABPP-CN).

Jessica Snowden Patel gave birth to a baby boy in November 2012! His name is Kieran Elijah Patel.

Erika Kalkut finished her postdoc in pediatric neuropsychology at the Medical College of Wisconsin last June. Erika, her husband, and son moved back to Chicago.


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