



# GASP

GRADUATE ASSOCIATION of  
STUDENTS in PSYCHOLOGY

# Newsletter

December, 2025



## Notes from GASP

'twas the night before Finals, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a book-mouse. Wow! The semester is almost over, and the Holidays are almost here and I'm positive some of you don't know what to get me for Christmas yet (I'm a size \$10)

Our Christmas present to you is the GASP website (although it is still work in progress) where we are posting student webpages, and student resources. Check it out!

<https://gasp.unm.edu>

Have a GREAT Holiday and semester break!

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## Research Assistants in Aisle 10!

Colin MaHoney may still be looking for RAs for his lab. If you know some undergrads that want to get some research experience, contact **Reagan Fitzke**

Eric Ruthruff is looking for undergrads that want to help with research into heuristics and biases. Contact **Kamille Koger**

The Hinojosa lab is recruiting 2 new RAs. Contact **Grace Dean** – Lab Manager

*P.S. this lab has the best coffee in the building!*

## Department Committees

The Undergraduate Research Committee is looking for a student representative. email Jeremy Hoogeveen or Cassie Bonness if you are interested in helping.

The Diversity Committee is also looking for a student representative. email Steve Verney if interested.

A new listing of Department committees is being developed. We'll get it out to you as soon as we get it. Lots of opportunities to get involved and help out!



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## Upcoming Events

### Conferences and Societal Meetings

**2026 Modern Modeling Methods Conference.** The Modern Modeling Methods (M3) conference is an interdisciplinary conference designed to showcase the latest modeling methods and to present research related to these methodologies. The 11th M3 conference will be held June 22-24, 2026 at Fordham University Lincoln Center Campus in Manhattan, preceded by an all-day pre-conference workshop (topic and presenter to be announced soon). Keynote speakers for this year's conference include Jennifer Hill, Gregory Hancock, and Patrick Curran. For more information contact Leslie Ann Brick.

**The Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)** will be holding their annual conference February 26 – 28 in Chicago (brr!)

There must be more going on than this... Come on – share your knowledge!



### Help Save Science!

Cidney learned of a website that helps scientists reach out to local newspapers to tell their story and emphasize the importance of funding research, etc. The idea is to try to tell your story in your local newspapers to reach people who aren't in science and may not know why this funding is so important. It has a lot of good resources like templates for contacting editors and allows you to search for your hometown and provides information about the newspaper.

We probably shouldn't all try to contact the ABQ Journal, but it might be fun to reach out to your hometown newspaper.

<https://sciencehomecoming.com/>



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## Well Deserved KUDOS!

Best Science Communication (outside of conferences) - Podcast, public talk, symposium, "other" format

**Alex Connolly**

Greatest Impact in Reducing the Stigma around Mental Health

**Kara Link**

Outstanding Service to the Department

**Brynn LiaBraaten**

## Well Deserved Recognition?

Most likely to join a Zoom meeting from 10 time zones away

**Katie Witkiewitz**

Most likely to brighten up your day

**Brynn LiaBraaten**

Most likely faculty to be mistaken for a grad student

**Laura Ornelas**

Best at explaining complex things simply enough for a fifth-grader to understand

**Mike Benson**

Best at answering panicked emails with grace, no matter the hour

**Debra Nieto**

Person with the most interesting, baffling, or complex personal anecdotes

**Alex Connolly**

Best person to go to for food recommendations

**Catalina Pacheco**

**Paulette Christopher**

Most likely to have a paper citation for every question (even when one isn't necessarily needed)

**Elizabeth Yeater**

Best decorated office/lab

**The Hinojosa Lab**

Most likely to be at Logan after 5pm

**Jane Ellen Smith**



# Happy Holidays!!!



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Fun Page! (although its all fun)



### THE BS ASYMMETRY PRINCIPLE

THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY NEEDED TO REFUTE BS IS AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE BIGGER THAN TO PRODUCE IT

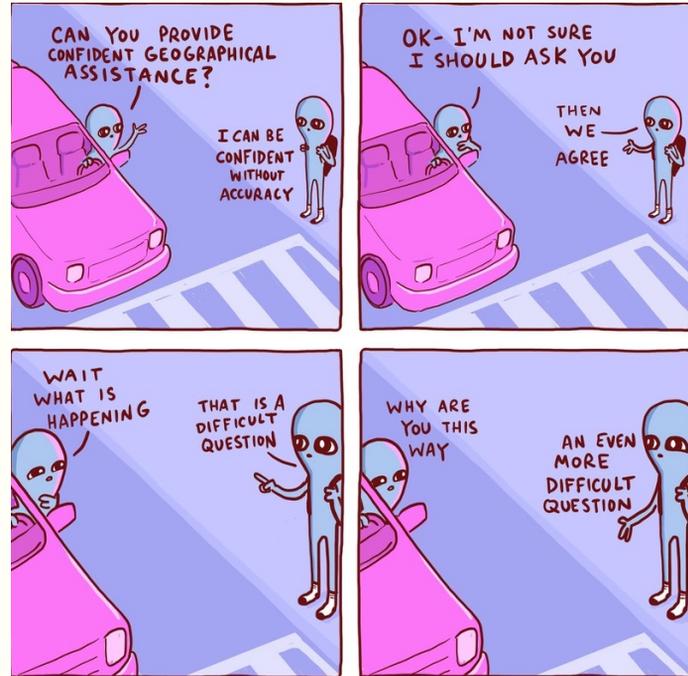
WAIT! I BET THE MOON'S MADE OF CHEESE

WELL, SPECTROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS AND ORBIT CALCULATIONS SUGGEST NOT. PLUS, WE BUILT A ROCKET, TOOK PEOPLE THERE, AND THEY COULDN'T EAT IT.

.... HM, YEAH... I'M STILL THINKING CHEESE..

AKA BRANDOLINI'S LAW

sketchplanations



## Logan Hall Goings On

The department **Recognition Dinner** is Friday December 5.

This reminder may be a bit late – if so, I hope I didn't spill anything on you while dancing...



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2025 Recognition Dinner



Hanging out before dinner  
(great food and free!)



Brynn Wins!  
(see Kudos)



The Macarena (I think)  
Faculty, Staff, Students and  
kids, all in on the action!

