

# Psychology Alumni Speaker Series

Monday, November 7, 2016  
Rod Library Room 282  
University of Northern Iowa  
3pm-5pm

Please join us for presentations and Q&A from our distinguished panel of alumni speakers! Drop ins are welcome. Sign-up sheets will be available if you will participating for extra credit in a course. Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

3pm-Abbie Harris, MA-Graduate Student, PhD Program in Social Psychology SLU

3:20pm-Lindsay Vickroy, BA-Case Manager, Des Moines Public Schools

3:40pm-Lauren Nystrom, LISW-Social Worker, Des Moines Public Schools & Private Practice

4pm-Alex McNamee, MA-Counselor, Prelude, Iowa City

4:20pm- Stacilyn Hill, MA-Adjunct Instructor, Hawkeye Community College

4:40pm- Erin Schmidt, JD-Attorney, St Louis National Hearing Center



Abbie Harris, MA  
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Abbie received her BS in Psychology with a Minor in Sociology from the University of Nebraska-Kearney in 2010, and her MA in Social Psychology from UNI in 2012. She currently attends Saint Louis University and is earning her PhD in Experimental Psychology with a dual concentration in Social Psychology and Quantitative Methods. She is in her fourth year, working on her dissertation and is an adjunct instructor at SLU (courses taught include General Psychology, Research Methods and Statistics, and Social Psychology) and Webster University (course taught in General Psychology and Research Methods).



Lindsay Vickroy, BA  
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Lindsay graduated from UNI with her BA in Psychology in 2006. After college she started working for a nonprofit in Des Moines called Orchard Place-PACE. She works with children who have had significant trauma in their lives and works on skill building, collaborates with therapists, etc. While at PACE, she earned her Certificate in Drug and Alcohol Counseling after completion of 1000 hours of experience with the treatment program. She has also worked for Des Moines Public Schools as a Success Case Manager working with at-risk high school kids. She assisted them with different barriers in life, provided support and school, and made appropriate referrals to outside agencies if necessary. She also works for Prelude, a substance abuse treatment program in Des Moines and Iowa City.



**Lauren Nystrom, MA, LISW**

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Lauren graduated from UNI with her BA in Psychology in 2006. She earned her MA in Social Work from the University of Iowa in 2009. She works as a therapist for a hospital that has a contract with Des Moines Schools. There are 6 alternative programs in the school system and she works in the most structured program for high school students providing individual and group therapy within their school week. She also is in private practice at Compass Clinical Associates in Des Moines seeing individuals of all ages, including couples, and families.



**Alex McNamee, MA, LHMC**

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Alex graduated from UNI in 2014 with a BA in both Sociology and Psychology. Immediately following she began working on her MA at the University of Iowa in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. While there, Alex began working for Prelude Behavioral Services (formerly MECCA) conducting Substance Abuse Evaluations part-time, as well as working as a Recovery Assistant in the residential unit. Alex now works as a full-time Outpatient Counselor for Prelude in Iowa City.



**Stacilyn Hill, MA**

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Stacilyn received BAs in English, Sociology, and Political Science from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and her MA in Clinical Psychology from UNI. She is an adjunct instructor at Hawkeye Community College as well as working at the Academic Learning Center at Hawkeye. She does consultation for the American Bar Association and judges regarding benefits of rehabilitative settings for offenders.



**Erin Schmidt, JD**

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Erin graduated from UNI in 2005 with a BA in Criminology and a Minor in Psychology. She earned her JD in 2008 from Southern Illinois University Law School. She took the Illinois Bar Examination in July 2008 and was sworn in to the Illinois State Bar in November 2008. She worked as an Assistant Appellate Prosecutor for the state of Illinois for almost two years, representing the state in felony appeals. She moved to the Social Security Administration in July 2010 as an attorney advisor. She began writing disability decisions as an Attorney Advisor with the National Case Assistance Center, but moved to a law clerk position at the St. Louis National Hearing Center in March 2011, where she continues to work. Currently, she works directly under an Administrative Law Judge, providing legal advice regarding claims for disability benefits. She hopes to become an Administrative Law Judge or return to practicing criminal law in the future.