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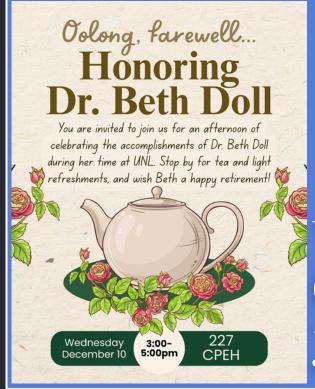


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Join the Department of Educational Psychology in celebrating Dr. Beth Doll, who will be retiring in December.

Tea will be available at the event, as well as a spattering of finger foods!

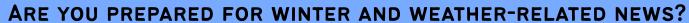
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When winter weather strikes, it can impact University of Nebraska-Lincoln operations in a number of ways. When inclement weather is in the forecast, students, faculty and staff should be prepared to complete assignments and/or work remotely.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF WEATHER CLOSURES AND ALERTS HERE: <a href="https://go.unl.edu/zm7f">https://go.unl.edu/zm7f</a>

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THE OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES INVITES NOMINATIONS FOR ITS ANNUAL GRADUATE RECOGNITION AWARDS, FOLSOM AWARDS, GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS, AND POSTDOC AWARDS.

Faculty and staff who would like to nominate an individual should review the descriptions for each nomination category and use the online nomination form where you can provide details about the nominee and nominator. Please note, only faculty and staff may submit a nomination.

Nominators will be required to submit a nomination letter (letter of support/recommendation) and the nominee's CV at the time of nomination. A confirmation email will be generated once the nomination form is completed. Departments may nominate more than one student for fellowship consideration.

**QUESTIONS?**Contact Jamie Longwell at

jamie.longwel@unl.edu



FACULTY AND STAFF CAN SUBMIT NOMINATIONS BY DEC. 17, 2025 HERE.

Get to know your GAB/SOS Board Members!

Alexis is a QQPM student who currently works in the Nebraska Academy for Methodology, Analytics, & Psychometrics (MAP Academy).

What is something you've done recently that you're really proud of?



I finished third place in the Omaha Hot Cider **Hustle Half Marathon in** October of this year!

#### What's one of the best books that you've read recently? The Dispossessed: An Ambiguous Utopia by Ursula K. Le Guin



What is something you love about EDPS?

Hove the diversity of research that is being done by students in the department! It is always interesting to see what others are doing.



In terms of student support, what are your specialties or areas of interest in which you can provide support to students in EDPS?

I would say my specialty, or at least what I hope I could do, is to assist SOS in being an organization that can better assist students in finding resources or places to go to when having to manage issues in the department that might not be able to be addressed by faculty or that they are unsure if it can be addressed by them.



COOL THINGS HAPPENING IN EDPS

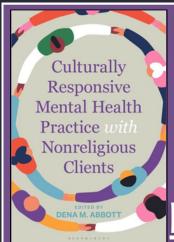
COOL!

AS PART OF DR. SUSAN SWEARER'S BRAVE LAB, JARED NOETZEL AND MELANIE WILLIS PRESENTED AT THE ASSOCIATION OF BEHAVIORAL AND **COGNITIVE THERAPIES 59TH ANNUAL** 

CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS, NOVEMBER 20TH - 22ND. THE PRESENTATION WAS TITLED UNDERSTANDING THE U.S. POLITICAL DIVIDE IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE UTILIZATION: HELP-SEEKING AND INTERNALIZED DISTRESS IN YOUNG ADULTS. THEY ALSO MET UNL'S SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ALUMNA, LINNEA SWANSON. LINNEA IS NOW A PEDIATRIC PSYCHOLOGIST AT ADVOCATE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND WAS PRESENTING WITH ST. JUDE'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL.







### YOU HEAR THE NEWS?

ABBOTT'S NEW BOOK IS AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER!



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EDPS 991-001

Spring 2026 DLS Course Offerings

EDPS 991-002

#### **SOCIAL & AFFECTIVE** NEUROSCIENCE

With Dr. Bella Starling Alves

Thursdays @ 1:30-4:20pm

This course counts towards the Educational Neuroscience Certificate and requires no prerequisites

Explore current methodology, trends, and findings in social & affective neuroscience. Social neuroscience has studied how biological systems contribute to social/interpersonal behavior, and affective neuroscience has tocused on the biological mechanisms underlying emotions, as well as psychiatric disorders with emotional disturbance.

#### **DEVELOPMENTAL COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE**

With Dr. Carrie Clark

Thursdays @ 9-11:50am

Learn about development in cognitive domains like memory, executive function, attention, and social cognition through the lens of neuroscience and neurobiology. Students will gain knowledge of the trajectories of growth in neurophysiological systems from prenatal life to late adulthood. We will consider the role of socio-contextual experiences in shaping neural circuitry and discuss ways to apply this information to support learning and wellbeing in applied developmental contexts.

## December Happiness

This month, seek out joy together.



SCHEDULE A LONG

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Say hello to your neighbors.	2 Ask more interesting questions.	3 Consider what you want in a relationship.	4 Start your day with gratitude.	5 Make space for the possibility of forgiveness.	6 Slow down and savor the holidays.
Spend quality time with loved ones.	8 Live with integrity.	Have a conversation about your disagreements.	10 Invite someone on a walk.	Relax with a friend or partner.	Look for beauty in what you see.	13 Lean on a friend when you're in need.
14 Be patient and empathic with others.	15 Show your affection with physical touch.	16 Be brave.	17 Send a loving text message.	18 Be generous with people.	19 Meditate for a few minutes at work.	20 Own up to your mistakes.
21 Join in the Big Joy Project!	222. How connected are you to humanity? Take our quiz to find out.	26 Go outside of your comfort zone.	24 Have a meaningful conversation with a young person.	25 Uphold a holiday ritual.	26 Show your love through kindness.	27 Remember funny moments from your day.
28 Care for yourself when you're struggling.	29 Eat mindfully,	30 Find a community where you can grow.	31 For the new year, let something go.		ggsc.berk	ter Good nce Center eley.edu ood.berkeley.edu
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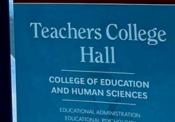


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We are so close to the end of the semester! Can you believe it? I hope you enjoy your upcoming break.



Best of luck on final exams next week! I believe in you! You're going to do great!

# EDPS GA EVALUATIONS DUE 1 WEEK FROM TODAY > ...

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#### TEAGAN WILSON

Teagan is a CoPsych student who is currently teaching EDPS 350 this academic year.

Get to know more about Teagan below!

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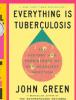
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I just ran a half marathon with my mom! She's way faster than me but it was so fun to run with her and she helped me hit my goal time!

#### What's one of the best books that you've read recently?

I don't think I could ever pick a favorite book, but a great one I recently read is Bright Young Women by Jessica Knoll with an honorable mention for Everything is Tuberculosis by John Green.





Where is your favorite place you've ever travelled?

My favorite place is anywhere with mountains (bonus if there's lakes too)! My parents instilled a love of the outdoors in me and I think my favorite was backpacking in Glacier National Park!



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The University of Nebraska—Lincoln School of Art, Art History and Design is hosting art sales in ceramics, printmaking and photography Dec. 12-13 in <u>Richards Hall, room 118</u>. Hours for the sales are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 12 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 13. Admission to the sales is free and open to the public. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted at both sales.

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Fri. Dec. 12:1-2pm

Mon. Dec. 15: 1-2pm

Tues. Dec. 16: 1-2pm

Wed. Dec. 17: 12-1pm Via Zoom

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We made it! Happy end of the Fall 2025 semester! Whether you're preparing for graduation, working on your thesis/dissertation, or just looking forward to a break from your first year of graduate school, I hope that this upcoming break brings you joy, rest, play, and peace. The EDPS Office will be closed Monday, December 22nd through Sunday, January 4th. We will be back in office on Monday, January 5th! Looking for some fun things to do over break? Keep reading the newsletter for some ideas! This will be the last Weekly Wednesday of 2025. Classes resume on

I'll see you again with another newsletter on Wednesday, January 7th!

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EDPS doctoral students
Amanda Barrett and Kyle
Bizal coauthored a test
review of the WoodcockJohnson V with Dr. Beth
Doll, forthcoming in The
22nd Mental

Measurements Yearbook.

#### **CAMPUS BUS AND VAN SERVICES SHIFT DURING BREAK**



StarTran bus and campus van services will be adjusted between the Fall and Spring semesters.

- Full Bus Service will run through Friday, December 19.
- On December 19, Route 23 will operate as a timed route until 6:00 p.m. No On-call services will be available after 6:00 p.m.
- Reduced Service will operate on Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23, as offices and research activities will continue during those days.

Reduced service will include On-call service for Route 22 and 23.

- The university will be closed from Wednesday, December 24 through Sunday, January 4. No Service will be available.
- Offices and research resume on Monday, January 5, so Reduced Service will continue for the week of January 5 through 9. Reduced service will include On-call service for Route 22 and 23.
- Full Service will resume for the Spring semester starting Monday, January 12.

To request a van ride on Route 22 or 23, call 402-326-8807.

- Riders need to be present at the designated stop when they call
- Provide destination request.
- Riders may board vans only at designated stops.
- Last ride call is serviced at 5:50 p.m.

Routes and rider information are detailed at Campus Bus Service <a href="https://parking.unl.edu/campus-bus-service/">https://parking.unl.edu/campus-bus-service/</a>

#### Jusu a ReMinaeR...

The recycling bins in the EDPS mailroom and copier room are for PAPER ONLY. Please do not throw plastic or food waste in those bins! We have had a LOT of food thrown away in recycling bins, meaning we can no longer recycle the paper. Please be mindful of where you are throwing things away! Utilize the trash bins under the coffee bar or the all in the hall bins for any food or plastic-related waste.



## Weekly WINS-day

Last week, Dania served as a panelist at the Nebraska Fulbright Chapter's community event held at the Hilmer Art Gallery at the College of Saint Mary. Dania was the only international Fulbright student invited to speak on the panel, joining distinguished Fulbright alumni and faculty in a conversation focused on global learning, cultural exchange, and community engagement!

During the panel, Dania shared insights from her journey from Kashmir, Pakistan, to the UNL, highlighting how her research in mindfulness and educational psychology connects to broader themes of global understanding and cross-cultural collaboration. Dania's perspective added an important international voice to the discussion and resonated strongly with attendees. Many international students were in the audience as well!



#### Looking for fun things to do over break?

Want to explore downtown Lincoln?
Don't know where to start?
Check out this interactive map!
https://downtownlincoln.org/



Want to know about upcoming events around town?

Check out the "This Week in Lincoln" newsletter! It's run by a Lincoln Local. You can even sign up for email alerts! AND, it's free!

https://lincoln.ghost.io/



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Thurs. Dec. 18: 2-3pm

Fri. Dec. 19:11am-12pm

Have a wonderful winter break!

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