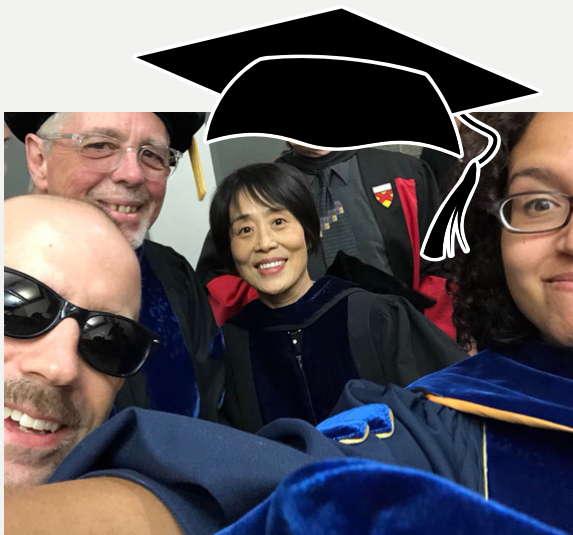


# LC Psych News

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW CHAIR

Dr. Diana Leonard ("Dr. D")  
steps into the role after 10  
years in the department.

This academic year tested the resolve of LC staff, faculty and students alike. Our triumphs were many, however: we graduated 63 majors and hired a new faculty member who will join our ranks in Fall 2022 (see August issue). None of these successes would have been possible without the leadership of interim chair, Brian Detweiler-Bedell and prior chair, Jenny Labounty (see p. 4). Read on for more news from LC Psych!



**Congrats to our graduates!**

Diana received her Psychology PhD in 2012 from UC Santa Barbara with an emphasis in college and university teaching. Her research engages with intergroup conflict resolution and group dynamics, including in live action role-play communities. In her spare time, Diana loves to play -- from tug of war with her rescue pup to tabletop RPGs with her friends and partner, Adam. Raised in NYC, Diana says she has fallen in love with PDX's urban hikes.

# Celebrations



## A RETIREMENT...

**Amelia Wilcox** retires to focus on her clinical psychology practice.

Amelia is a legacy at LC as one of six Pio graduates in her family and a faculty member for 11+ years. She also serves on the board of the Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare. Amelia will rejoin us regularly to share her expertise, host the internship course, and teach Psychiatric Health, which explores ethical and legal issues in the care of the severely mentally ill.

## AND A PROMOTION!

**Jolina Ruckert** has been elevated to Assistant Professor with Term

Jolina received her PhD in 2014 from the University of Washington and joined our faculty in 2016. Since then, she has become known for in-demand courses Psych of Gender and Sustainability Psychology. Her research on Connecting Kids to Place, Nature, and Each Other was recently profiled in Fatherly magazine (May issue). In her free time, Jolina enjoys hiking and the fire arts. [Congrats, Jolina!](#)



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# Alumni Spotlight



## AIDAN D'ANNA

LC '22 Psych/Health Studies

Aidan hails from Long Beach, CA, and graduated in May after only three years at the college. From 2021-22, Aidan was a member of the Behavioral Health and Social Psychology (BHS) Lab. He and his fellow lab students presented their findings on "COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Intentions Among Liberal Arts College Students" at the 2022 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference in San Francisco. Aidan also served as a section editor for LC's student newspaper and in Spring 2022 he was a teaching assistant for Psychology Methodology.

Aidan recently accepted the role of Instructional Assistant at the Serendipity Center, a non-profit therapeutic school serving at-risk students in SE Portland. There, he plans to gain experience on his path to becoming a clinical psychologist.

*"We're conducting real research as undergrads, which doesn't happen at every school and I feel lucky to be a part of that. Also, the experience of going to a conference is a huge bonding experience. I feel closer to the members of the lab and we got that opportunity to not only work together but also make memories."*

*- Aidan D'Anna, LC'22*

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# Thanks to our Outgoing Chairs, Brian & Jenny

Brian served as interim chair this year and steered the committee to fill our developmental psychologist line. He is also Director of the Bates Center for Entrepreneurship and Leadership, a minor that helps students harness the liberal arts to create and test impact-based solutions for the for-profit and nonprofit worlds. Originally from Cupertino, CA, Brian is a fishing and crabbing enthusiast (see photo, right). He also holds a small stake in West Coast Grocery Co., a family owned brewery and taproom in SE Portland. *Fun Fact:* Brian earned his PhD from Yale in 2002, but fell in love with Psychology and met his wife, Jerusha, when they were both undergrads in Philip Zimbardo's research lab at Stanford University.

Brian Detweiler-Bedell has served as chair once before -- in 2011 - 2015.



Previously, Jenny LaBounty held the chair role for six years during a challenging period that included the Covid-19 pandemic. *Fun fact:* her husband, Ben (see photo, left), is a real life park ranger! Jenny earned her MA/PhD from the University of Michigan, and her research explores social cognition and emotional development in children. Thanks, Jenny, for your leadership during such a difficult time!