

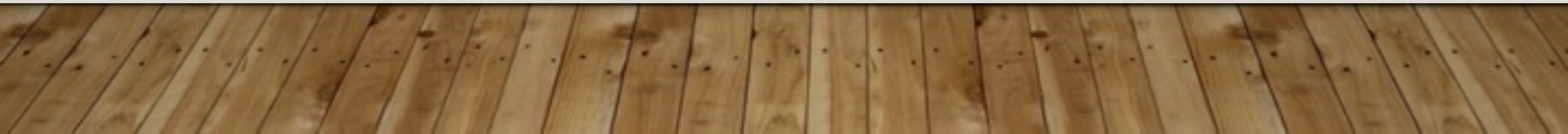
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# RA WORKSHOP

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KANAKO TAKU

**Why should you participate in research, not just as a subject or participant but also as a research assistant?**



# REASONS YOU SHOULD BE A RESEARCH ASSISTANT

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- Build a **professional relationship with faculty** and other students that have similar goals.
- Introduce you to research and the research process that will better prepare you for **Graduate school** if you continue past your bachelors.
- Be able to apply what you learn in the classroom, which in turn should help you to be **successful in class**.
- Make an impact by **presenting at conferences or publishing studies with faculty**.
- Strengthen your application (GPA, recommendation letter, etc.)

## How do you become a research assistant?

- Take Introduction to Psychology, Research Methods, and statistics early.
- Look at <http://www.oakland.edu/psychology> to find what professors at OU are currently researching.
- APPLY!
  - **PSY 4921: Readings and Research**
  - **PSY 4995: Research Apprenticeship**
  - **PSY 4998: Honors Independent Study**
  - **Volunteer RA**

Faculty	Recruitment
Keith Williams	Maybe
Martha Escobar	YES
Lisa Welling	YES
Michele Parkhill Purdie	YES
Scott Pickett	YES
Dean Purcell	Maybe
Andraeh Kozak	YES
Mary Lewis	Maybe
Melissa McDonald	YES
Deb McGinnis	Maybe
Lakshmi Raman	Maybe
Virgil Zeigler-Hill	Maybe
Todd Shackelford	Maybe
Cindy Sifonis	Maybe
Jennifer Vonk	YES
Kanako Taku	YES
Matthew Mel...	Maybe

# MARTHA ESCOBAR

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- Research Interests:
  - Animal models of pathological fear and resiliency to fear
  - Biological basis of memory and memory dysfunction
- Criteria: minimum GPA of 3.0, and availability of at least 6 h/week to work in the laboratory
- Please apply through the link <http://www.escobarlab.com/join-the-lab.html>
- Contact info: [marthaescobar@oakland.edu](mailto:marthaescobar@oakland.edu)

# STARLIGHT PROJECT: ANDREA KOZAK & SCOTT PICKETT

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## Requirements:

- Completion of PSY 250
- A GPA of 3.4 or higher is preferred
- Must commit at least 10 hours per week

Email Project Coordinator Nikki Jarrett at [nljarret@oakland.edu](mailto:nljarret@oakland.edu) for more information

# MARY LEWIS

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- Research Interests:
  - Prosocial behavior in adolescents
  - Moral development in adolescents
- Looking for RA: maybe
- [eberly@oakland.edu](mailto:eberly@oakland.edu)



# KEITH WILLIAMS

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- Research Interests:
  - Addiction and pharmacology
  - Biopsychology
- Looking for RA: maybe
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# MATT MCLARNON

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- Research Interests:
  - Industrial/Organizational psychology
  - Resilience in the workplace
- Looking for RA: maybe
- [mclarnon@oakland.edu](mailto:mclarnon@oakland.edu)

# VIRGIL ZEIGLER-HILL

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- Research Interests:
  - Personality, narcissism
  - Self-esteem, interpersonal relationships
- Looking for RA: maybe
- [zeiglerh@oakland.edu](mailto:zeiglerh@oakland.edu)

# DEBRA MCGINNIS

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- Research Interests:
  - Cognitive change related to language processes in older adults
  - Critical thinking
- Looking for RA: Maybe
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# MICHELE PARKHILL-PURDIE & SCOTT PICKETT

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- Research Interests
  - Trauma, stress and anxiety
- Looking for male RAs.
- Contact info: Travis Ray  
([travisray@oakland.edu](mailto:travisray@oakland.edu)).

# DEAN PURCELL

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- Research Interests
  - The impact of facial affect on human performance
  - Impact of emotional content of faces on speed of responding
- Looking for RA: Maybe
- Contact info: [purcell@oakland.edu](mailto:purcell@oakland.edu)

# TODD SHACKELFORD

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- Research Interests
  - Evolutionary
  - Sperm competition
  - Sexual coercion
- Looking for RA: Maybe
- Contact info: [shackelf@oakland.edu](mailto:shackelf@oakland.edu)

# LAKSHMI RAMAN

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- Research Interests
  - Children's cognitive development with respect to children's understanding of food
  - Examines folk theories
  - Looking for RA: Maybe
  - Contact info: [raman@oakland.edu](mailto:raman@oakland.edu)



# CYNTHIA SIFONIS

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- Research Interests
  - The relationship between category representation and category use
  - Music and meaning of music
- Looking for RA: Maybe
- Contact info: [sifonis@oakland.edu](mailto:sifonis@oakland.edu)

# KANAKO TAKU

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- Research Interests
  - Post traumatic growth: Positive psychological change after experiencing trauma
- Looking for RA
- Contact information: [taku@oakland.edu](mailto:taku@oakland.edu)

Lauren Harrison  
lkharrison@oakland.edu

# JENNIFER VONK

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- Research Interests
  - Animal cognition research
  - Cognitive continuities and discontinuities between humans and closely and not so closely related species
- Looking for RA: Yes
- students with a GPA of at least 3.0, preferably 3.5
- available for at least 4-6 hours a week.
- Contact info: [vonk@oakland.edu](mailto:vonk@oakland.edu)

# LISA WELLING

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- Research Interests
  - Hormonal and psychological sources of individual differences in human mate preferences and behavior
- Looking for RA: Yes
- be able to be available for about 10 hours/week
- Contact info: [welling@oakland.edu](mailto:welling@oakland.edu)
- <http://www.wellingresearchlab.com/>

# MELISSA MCDONALD

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- Personality and Evolutionary Psychology Lab
- Students should have a 3.0 average GPA or higher, and have completed PSY 250 with a 3.0 or higher.
- Students should e-mail a letter of interest to [mmcdonald@oakland.edu](mailto:mmcdonald@oakland.edu) and include both a CV/Resume and schedule of availability.
- More about the lab can be found at: <http://mcdonaldpeplab.com/>

Thanks!