

# USU School Counselor Education Program Newsletter

The Official Newsletter of USU's Only Psychology Master's Program



## Congratulations Class of 2022!

Our largest class ever

The class that entered as the 2019 cohort had no idea that a worldwide pandemic would begin during their second semester of graduate school. They handled the challenges that ensued with dignity and learned a lot of resilience along the way! We wish them all the best as they embark on new careers across the state of Utah and beyond.

## Program Listserv

Continue to refer to the listserv emails for program announcements. Watch for these emails weekly, as staff will send out pertinent information and opportunities from USU, school districts across the state, and more. If you are not receiving these messages, contact [jennifer.madsen@usu.edu](mailto:jennifer.madsen@usu.edu).

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## Student Advisory Board

Hitting the ground running

The Student Advisory Board was formally established last month. It has been a positive introduction for the program committee so far. Dr. Koltz meets with student representatives monthly, where they discuss everything from how we can foster greater connection, to weighing in on the future direction of the program. Students will typically serve for a year on the board, and the goal is to get a sample of all cohorts and students across the state. Minutes from these monthly meetings will be sent via the listserv. If you have feedback to share, contact a member of the board.

## Elective Courses

New course offerings that may interest you

- Summer 2022 PSY 6910 Independent Research with Dr Koltz
- Fall 2022 ADVS 5900 Conceptualizing the Human-Animal Bond
- Fall 2022 SPED 6300 Effective Practices with Diverse Populations
- Fall 2022 SPED 6770 Coaching and Systems Change
- Fall 2022 SPED 6720 Educational Applications of Behavior Analysis
- Spring 2023 ADVS 591 Animal-Assisted Interventions & Special Populations

## Student Advisory Board Members

- Madison Thomas | [m.thomas@usu.edu](mailto:m.thomas@usu.edu)
- Sydney Bowman | [sydney.bowman@usu.edu](mailto:sydney.bowman@usu.edu)
- Lindsay Harris | [lindsay.harris@usu.edu](mailto:lindsay.harris@usu.edu)

## Program Coordinator, Kelli Palma

Kelli is the new Program Advisor and Program Coordinator for the School Counselor Education Program. She graduated from the program in December 2021 and is a Licensed School Counselor.

In 2016 Kelli moved with her husband, two children (now aged 17 and 18), and dog from Camarillo, California, to Logan. While in California, Kelli chose to stay at home with her kids and spent her time volunteering in the local community. Upon arriving in Utah, Kelli continued volunteering in the community before taking steps to become a school counselor. She enjoyed her time in the School Counselor Education program and is grateful for everything she learned during her experience. She looks forward to sharing the insights and lessons she learned with current and future students of USU.

Kelli's favorite thing to do is travel around the United States with her family, particularly in the southern coastal states. She also enjoys cycling, hiking and being outdoors (except camping, she is not a fan of camping, please direct her to the nearest hotel).



# Student Spotlight

Sydney Bowman

Kaysville Campus; 2021 Cohort



Hi! My name is Sydney Bowman. I grew up in the Cottonwood Heights/Murray area but now I live in Layton. I have been married to my husband for 13 years and we have 4 kids. I got my undergraduate degree from Weber State University in Family Studies with emphasis on Adolescent Development. I have always wanted to work with kids and help them, so when I did my undergrad practicum with a school counselor; I knew that this was the career for me. I look forward to working as a school counselor and advocating for students in the schools as well as in political settings such as school boards. I am also open to moving out of Utah for a job. My dream job would be working with at-risk youth in large metropolitan areas.

# Instructor Spotlight

Amy Kleiner  
PSY 6350



I am a Licensed Psychologist and I serve as the Training Director/Assistant Director at USU Counseling & Psychological Services. I absolutely love my job as a training director at USU, and my first passion in psychology is training and supervision. I am also devoted to diversity and equity issues, both through providing training and supervision to future psychologists as well as continuing to do my own work to learn and grow in that area. I have been teaching for the School Counseling program since 2009, and I served on our Steering and Advisory board for more than 10 years. Teaching PSY6350 for the program is a highlight of my year. On a personal note, I moved to Logan with my husband in 2004, and we have raised four daughters in the valley since that time. We have two cute dogs and three of the most adorable lop-eared bunnies that we brought into our family during Covid lockdown in spring 2020. My favorite treats are Dr. Pepper, Gummy Bears, and Red Vines. My happy place is Disneyland, and my last visit was March 2020, one week before Disneyland and the whole world shut down. We still remember it as our last memory from "normal times."

# Opportunities

## Seeking TA's

The USU Psychology Department is looking for grad students to be teaching assistants for next school year, for both 10 hour and 20 hour per week positions. The courses are PSY1010 (Chris Warren) and PSY1100 (Carrie Madden). The pay is per semester as follows: 10h - \$3000, 20h - \$6000. If interested, please contact Dr Koltz at [jessica.koltz@usu.edu](mailto:jessica.koltz@usu.edu).

### Requirements:

1. Submit resume, current GPA, and three professional references
2. Must have received an 'A' grade in Developmental Psychology (PSY 1100)

## APA Webinar

Mastering the Essentials of APA Style will be offered every week, on Tuesdays from 10am to 12pm Pacific, until June 7th, 2022. Webinars are limited to 500 participants per session. Advanced registration is required. To register, or for more information, please visit [www.heartfuleditor.com/training](http://www.heartfuleditor.com/training)