

# Psychological & Brain Sciences

## Graduate Student Newsletter

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### A Newsletter Just for You!

Hello everyone! Over the past few months, the Graduate Executive Committee (GEC) has been considering ways to promote a thriving department community as we continue the slow march back to “normalcy” (whatever that means anymore). To help us achieve this, **the GEC will be launching a quarterly PBS Graduate Student Newsletter!** This newsletter will be sent to all PBS grad students during the first few weeks of each quarter and will include four main sections:

- 1) A preamble by the editors of that issue
- 2) Social events for that quarter
- 3) Parting remarks from students who graduated the previous quarter
- 4) Updates from departmental committees

We hope that by promoting upcoming social events, the accomplishments of our most senior students, and the ongoing work of our departmental committees, we will help to foster togetherness, acknowledgement of achievements, and accountability within our community.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate our most recent PBS graduates, Drs. Youngki Hong and Elliott Ihm! They were each gracious enough to write brief reflections on their time at UCSB and share some wonderful parting advice with us graduate students staying behind. Their remarks can be found below.

Lastly, to acknowledge all of our amazing work, the GEC has put together an infographic highlighting the breadth of what we’ve accomplished this past year. You can also see this infographic below.

Well, that's all for now! See you in the Fall.

HAGS (Have a Great Summer),  
The Graduate Executive Committee

P.S. If you would like to share feedback with us about the newsletter, there is a link to an [anonymous feedback survey](#) at the very end of this email.

## Congratulations Drs...

The following are remarks from our newest doctors. Congratulations Dr. Hong and Dr. Ihm!



## Youngki Hong (Social Psychology)

It's hard to believe I am completing my PhD as I still feel like I just got here! Grad school is hard, no doubt about it. I was miserable at times and questioned if this was the right path for me many times. However, this does not mean that you cannot also have fun. I think the past six years were the most exciting time of my life. I loved every minute of doing research, and teaching and mentoring were also extremely fulfilling. The bottom line is that feeling lost in grad school is natural, and it is all part of the process of learning and growing. Take care of yourself, have fun, and good luck!



## Elliott Ihm (Cognition, Perception, and Cognitive Neuroscience)

UCSB rules. It rules so much that the line between work and leisure can get blurry. Let it. Read on the beach. Bring a chair to Camino Cielo and write. (Bring extra layers too.) But keep your eye on the prize. Make a detailed plan for your next milestone, and run it by as many people as you can. Go outside of your area, and even your department, to compensate for your blind spots. And when you've had enough of the DYNs or Humanities people, remember that you're one highway exit away from great cocktails at The Imperial, and only seven hours from Yosemite. (Also note that getting a PhD does not legally allow you to perform surgery. Don't learn this the hard way.)

## Acknowledging Our Achievements

# UCSB Psych & Brain Sciences Graduate Student Achievements 2020-2021



**16** articles published  
across **13** journals:



**18** articles under  
review

- Augmented Humans
- Cognition
- Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences
- Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience
- Educational Psychology Review
- International Conference on Learning Representations
- International Journal of
- AI in Education
- Journal of Cognitive Enhancement
- Journal of Cognitive Science
- Journal of Experimental Psychology
- Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
- Journal of Vision
- Personal Relationships

**19** posters presented



**18** talks presented



**2** internships received



**12** awards, grants,  
and fellowships  
received:

- **10** for research
- **2** for mentoring/teaching

## Lived through a global pandemic

- Adopted dogs!
- Adopted cats!
- Sports! (Pickleball, rock climbing, skateboarding, surfing, tennis)
- Hiking!
- Meditating and yoga!
- Ran a 5k!
- Learned how to solve a Rubik's cube!
- Learned a new programming language!
- Playing virtual trivia!
- Crafting! (Needle felting, painting, paper marbling)
- Gardening!
- Listening to True Crime podcasts/videos!
- Going to get married!



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