

# Family Science & Human Development



REGISTRATION FOR  
WINTER 2020 BEGINS  
OCTOBER 14

INTERNING THIS SPRING?  
SPRING REGISTRATION  
AUTHORIZATION FORM  
IS DUE NOVEMBER 1

APPLY FOR JANUARY  
GRADUATION BY  
NOVEMBER 1

## **Greetings from the Acting Chair of FSHD**



Welcome to our first edition of the FSHD Newsletter! By now you're well on your way into the Fall 2019 semester and on behalf of the FSHD faculty and staff, I hope it's been a great one so far.

A new school year often brings new perspectives and inspiration, a burst of energy, and renewed ideas. This year, FSHD is trying new things that further promote our mission of creating a learning environment that supports and encourages the development of forward-thinking practitioners and educators through the lens of power, diversity, and social justice. This newsletter serves as one example of new FSHD initiatives to ensure that students receive communication from the department while learning more about our amazing faculty and staff, and what we do here every day.



Whether it's your first semester at MSU or your last, we welcome you with open arms and open minds. As one of the largest department units in MSU (with over 880 undergraduate student and 39 doctoral students) - you're in great company!

All my best,

Dr. Lyndal Khaw  
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### Faculty Spotlight

**Dr. Ashley Ermer, Assistant Professor**

**Faculty Member Since Fall 2017**

Main Research Area: Gerontology & The Study of Older Adults

Courses Taught: Research Methods for Studying Families & Children, Families in Later Life, Aging & Social Policy, Social Gerontology, Family Development Across the Lifespan, Independent Study

Fun Fact: Ashley is originally from rural Nebraska. Outside of work Ashley enjoys reading historical fiction, knitting, & spending time with her husband & two fluffy cats.



**“A major is a foundation for your future career. Make sure to take practica & internships seriously as these can help you to identify what you enjoy (or not enjoy!) doing & also can help you to create a professional network.”**

### **Feeling Stressed About Midterms?**



Take a study break, clear your head, & visit one of the Relaxation Stations at Sprague Library. Every day until December 19!

### **GRADUATE OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

Find out how The Graduate School at Montclair State can help you achieve your professional goals and earning potential.



### Alumni Spotlight

**Kiana Lebreliia-Mariah Davis**

Undergraduate Degree in Family Science & Human Development with a concentration in Families, Children, & School Settings (2017)

Her Story: After suffering from Ulcerative Colitis & Crohn's Disease & undergoing surgery in April 2017, Kiana founded Tutor Kids n' More. Kiana is now her own boss, making a daily impact on children's lives, & working towards growing professionally & personally every single day.

Where is Kiana Now?: Kiana was recently hired as an Instructional Paraprofessional at a local elementary school. Kiana is also back at MSU enrolled in the Mental Health Counseling Master's Program!



**“Nothing worth having is easy to get. I take pride in my determination and unwillingness to give up on my dreams. All the trials and tribulations I had to endure brought me to this successful and fulfilled point in my life. Remember, there can be no wins without losses or highs without the lows. I feel blessed to have gotten this far, and I look forward to walking this path I am so fortunate to be on.”**