

April 2006 Psychology Newsletter

From the Chair:

Welcome to our last newsletter for the 2005-2006 academic year. As we close this year we say goodbye to 146 graduating bachelors students and 14 Ph.D. students. Many of our faculty and students participated in the most recent RMPA conference in Park City, Utah and one faculty member in particular deserves accolades. Dr. Jerry Deffenbacher rented a van and using this vehicle plus his own car transported 11 of our undergraduates to Park City to give papers. All of these students work in Dr. Deffenbacher's research group. We had many other faculty sending students to this conference but sheer numbers require a "hats off," to Dr. Deffenbacher.

Many of our IO faculty and students are traveling to Dallas for SIOP conference this month and the department was very well represented. As we close another year, I wish to extend my thanks to all the faculty and staff in the department who are the reason the department functions as well as it does.

We accomplished much this year: hiring four new faculty for next year, welcoming four other new faculty members this year, completing the Track II honors proposal, discussions and recommendations on the undergraduate curriculum, discussions and recommendations on graduate core courses, and this is on top of the regular things we do. Have an enjoyable summer!

Faculty News:

Dr. Oetting has been awarded the 2006 Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Presidential Award for outstanding contributions to field of prevention science. He is to receive the award on June 1, 2006 at SPR's annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Psi Chi and Undergraduate News:

The second annual Psi Chi and Departmental Awards dinner was a great success with over 160 attendees.

One hundred and forty six seniors will be graduating on May 13th and five will be Summa Cum Laude: Emily Dodds, Kim Cortez, Wendy Torres, Adam Sargent and Daniel Moore; six will be graduating Magna Cum Laude: Chloe Harrell, Shannon Perschbacher, Cynthia Loe, Lindsay Sharp, Amy Van De Weghe, and Brittany Holland; and two are graduating Cum Laude: Katherine North and Cyrstal Serbin. Congratulations to all of our seniors.

Graduate Student News:

Kim Miller's poster presentation at the American Psychological Association's annual meeting in New Orleans in August has been nominated by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to be presented in a special poster session. Its purpose is to highlight the research of early career substance abuse investigators. Ms. Miller has also been awarded an American Psychological Association, APA, Minority Fellowship for 2006-2007. This fellowship awards 12 months of funding with the possibility of additional funding for two more years.

Nazie Nelson, the first student to complete the Lifespan Emphasis in Applied Social and a department teaching fellow, successfully defended her dissertation entitled: "Can nurture alter nature: The effects of a parenting intervention program on reducing antisocial behaviors." She has accepted a 2-year NIMH funded post-doctoral position at the University of Minnesota's Institute of Child Development.

Sara Anne Smith, a fourth year student in Applied Social, has accepted a post doctoral position at the University of Colorado working with Dr. Angela Bryan doing exercise research. She will be defending her dissertation this summer.

Meredith Cohn, a fifth year student in Counseling is completing her internship, has accepted a position at the Eating Disorder Center of Denver. She will be working as a Primary Therapist in the Partial Hospitalization program. She will be defending her dissertation on May 11th.

Alison Byrne, a fifth year student in Counseling is completing her internship, has accepted a postdoctoral position in Geropsychology at the Milwaukee, WI Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Megan Adams, a fifth year student in Counseling is completing her internship, has accepted a postdoctoral position in

Neuropsychology/Rehabilitation in the Polytrauma Program at the Minneapolis, MN Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Britney Brinkman, a second year Counseling student, completed her Masters thesis titled "Women's and Men's Experiences of Different Types of Gender Prejudice." She was also selected to be the graduate student representative for the Women's Studies Advisory Board for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Philip Tatum, a third year student in Applied Social, was awarded an APA student travel award for the APA annual convention in New Orleans in August.

Keeping up with Graduates:

Jackie (Engel) Leibsohn is a tenured faculty member in the Master's of Counseling program at Seattle University. She is celebrating 15 years of service at Seattle University this Spring. She is also in private practice and specializes in eating disorders and addiction issues with adolescents and adults. Dr. Leibsohn is married to Dr. Matt Liebsohn. They met at CSU and now are celebrating 17 years of marriage. Matt was in private practice for a few years and then got into the vending machine business. Currently he trains others who want to start their own vending business. He expects to sell this business soon and then get into something else. He enjoys being an entrepreneur and creating a business out of an idea. Jackie and Matt have two sons, one 13 and the other 11.

Anthony J. M. Marcattilio, Ph.D. is Professor of Behavioral Ecology at St. Cloud State University. After graduating from CSU in 1978 with a Ph.D. in Experimental, he was a Research Associate and Assistant Professor in Psychology at Arizona State. In the fall of 1980 he was hired by the Psychology Department at St. Cloud and in 1989 the department split in two and he was assigned to Applied Psychology program. In 1999 the Applied Psychology Department was closed and he transferred to the biology department. Dr. Marcattilio says he "couldn't be happier--I am still in my major area-animal behavior-but now I teach zoology, ethology, and veterinary ethology." Dr. Marcattilio and his wife enjoy Minnesota and have three children -2 in college and one is self employed -three great horses, three great dogs and seven great cats.

Thomas Cummings, Counseling 2000, is now president of the Hawaii Psychological Association.

Lana Carter, Counseling 2002, was just named dean of arts and sciences at Pueblo Community College.

Awards/Honors:

The following students have been awarded scholarships from the Department:

The Baird Fellowship: Jake Benfield and Monica Rosales, students in Applied Social, The Wittich Fellowship: Brittany Brinkman, a counseling student, The Wishing Chair Fellowship: Michael Pitts, a student in Perception and Brain Science, The Suinn Award: Gwen Schmidt, a graduating student in Perception and Brain Science, The Vattano Undergraduate Fellowship: Jeff Nepute and the Viney Undergraduate Fellowship: Golda Lake

Presentations:

Eldridge, B. M., Dik, B. J., & Steger, M. F. (2006, April). Gender differences in search for calling and intrinsic work motivation. Paper presented at the meetings of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Hu, Ryan S. C., Dik, B. J., & Hansen, J. C. (2006, April). Operationalizing Holland-type person-environment congruence: An empirical test of five approaches. Poster session presented at the meetings of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Coressel, T., Sargent, A., Morrison, A., Richards, T. L., & Deffenbacher, J. L. (2006, April). *Driving Anger Expression Inventory: A validity study*. Paper presented at 76th Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, Utah.

Gustafson, J., Peterson, L., Wood-Holloway, E., Kim, Y., & Deffenbacher, J. L. (2006, April). *Hostility, aggression, and risky behavior on the road: Urban and rural differences*. Paper presented at 76th Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, Utah.

Maier, R., Coressel, T., Peterson, L., Richards, T. L., & Deffenbacher, J. L. (2006, April). *Angry drivers: Volatile thoughts and expression*. Paper presented at 76th Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, Utah.

Morrison, A., Maier, R., Sargent, A., Coressel, T. Gustafson, J., & Deffenbacher, J. L. (2006, April). *Driver's Angry Thoughts Questionnaire: A validity study*. Paper presented at 76th Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, Utah.

Sargent, A. M., Sharp, L., Maier, R., Kim, Y., & Deffenbacher, J. L. (2006, April). *Anger on the road: Ethnic differences*. Paper presented at 76th Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, Utah.

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Schilling, N. E., Balhan, K. M., & Eldridge, B. M. (2006, April). Individual and group cognitive behavioral therapy for breast cancer patients. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Balhan, K.M and Malach, S. L. (2006, April) Analysis of Gender Stereotypes in Caldecott Award Winning Books (2000-2005). poster presented at the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Littrell, M.K. & DeLosh, E.L. Obtaining the Generation Effect in a Pure List Design. Paper presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, Utah, April 20-22, 2006.

Brinkman, Britney & Coochise, Jodi. (April, 2006) Indirect Aggression in Children's Television. Poster Presentation, Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference Park City, Utah

Brinkman, Britney & Brinkman, Kandie. (April, 2006) Adolescent Girls' Experiences of Sexism. Poster Presentation, Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference
Park City, Utah

Harmon, E., Oskvarek, A., Kahrs, A., & Bugg, J. (2006, April). Behavioral investigations of the conflict adaptation effect. Poster presented at the

Seventy-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Sharp, J.T. & McNamara, R.S. (2006). Gender and ethnic representation on workplace-based television shows. To be presented at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association conference, April, 2006, Park City, Utah.

McNamara, R.S. & Sharp, J.T. (2006). Teaching young girls and boys about death through picture books: a content analysis. To be presented at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association conference, April, 2006, Park City, Utah.

Winterrowd, E. M. & Canetto, S. S. (April, 2006). Gender and parenting messages in Dr. Phil's parenting book. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Cooney, H., Romano, P., Benfield, J., & Bell, P. (2006, April). *Perceptions of poverty and context-based attribution*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Cooney, H., Asmus, C., Bell, P., & Loomis, J. (2006, April). *Valuation of infant health*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Nagel, J. A., Szlemko, W. J., Benfield, J. A., & Bell, P. A. (2006, April). *Reducing erosion and increasing physical activity using psychological barriers*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Benfield, J. A., Szlemko, W. J., & Bell, P. A. (2006 April). *Driver and anthropomorphic attributions of vehicle personality: A community sample*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Cooney, H., Broeker, A., & Bell, P. (2006, April). *Perceptions of supernatural phenomena*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Romano, P., Benfield, J., Cooney, H., & Bell, P. (2006, April). *Similarities in "pro-life" and "pro-choice" attitudes about abortion*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Romano, P., Cooney, H., Benfield, J., & Bell, P. (2006, April). *Gender differences in perceptions of abortion*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Szlemko, W. J., Benfield, J. A., Bell, P. A., Anton-Stange, H., Brianek, K., Gay, S., Mallano, A. T., & Nichols, S. (2006, April). *Territory theory and road rage: A behavioral examination*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Szlemko, W. J., Benfield, J. A., & Bell, P. A. (2006, April). *Territory theory and road rage: A community sample*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Szlemko, W. J., Benfield, J. A., Bell, P. A., Brianek, K., Gay, S. B., Mallano, A. T., Anton-Stange, H., & Nichols, S. (2006, April). *Utilitarian physical activity among students living on vs. off campus*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Szlemko, W. J., Benfield, J. A., & Bell, P. A. (2006, April). *The influence of building design on stair or elevator use*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Szlemko, W. J., Benfield, J. A., & Bell, P. A. (2006, April). *Student health, physical activity and commute mode and distance*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Stallones, L, (April 3, 2006) Investigation of suicide and occupational exposures to pesticides. 8thWorld Conference on Injury prevention & Safety Promotion. Durban, South Africa.

Stallones, L. (April 6, 2006) Engaging the community in agricultural injury prevention at the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Stallones, L (April 11, 2006) Farm safety for children, US perspectives. 15th International Safe Communities Conference. Cape Town, South Africa. .

Seger, C. A. Categories, the caudate, and their consequences. Presented to the Institute for Cognitive and Brain Sciences, University of California, Berkeley. April 21, 2006.

Schmidt, G. L. *The asymmetrical organ: What's right and what's left in semantic processing*. Invited talk given at the Ling Circle, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado at Boulder, April 5, 2006.

Mong, H., & Clegg, B. (2006, April). *Contextual Cueing and Multiple Object Tracking*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

Durrance, L. M., Clegg, B. A., & DeLosh, E. L. (April 2006). Can Spatial Information Improve Item Recall? Paper presented at the 76th annual convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, Utah.

Yadon, C.A., Shirley, L., & Davalos, D.B. (2006 April). Do timing tasks with 'long' intervals employ working memory? Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT

Mohajeri-Nelson, N (2006, April) "A mock trial used to demonstrate differences between 6-person and 12-person jury deliberation processes." Poster presented at Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT

L'Orange, G. B., Camus, A. A., & Schmidt, G. L.(2006). Garden Paths and Metaphors: Why is the Right Hemisphere Involved in Language Processing? Poster presented at the Celebrate Undergraduate Research and Creativity, Colorado State University, April 18, 2006.

Canetto, S. S., & Stice, B. (2005, April). Precipitant influences on older adult suicide acceptability. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Suicidology, Seattle, WA.

Tatum, P.T., Canetto, S.S., & Slater, M.D. (2006, April). Misrepresentation of suicide in the U.S. news media. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Suicidology, Seattle, WA.

Canetto, S. S. (2006, April). Gender and culture: Why is suicide mortality highest among older men of European American descent? Workshop presented at 39th Annual Conference of the American Association of Suicidology, Seattle, WA.

Timpson, W. M., Canetto, S. S., Borrayo, E., & Bruyere, B. (2006, April). Teaching diversity and sustainability: Professional development and the scholarship of teaching. Presented at the Carnegie-Foundation-for-the-Advancement-of-Teaching-sponsored CASTL Colloquium on the Scholarship of Teaching and learning, Madison, Wisconsin.

IO faculty and student presentations at the upcoming Society for Industrial/Organizational Psychology Conference May 5th-7th in Houston, TX

Byrne, Z. S., Baranczyk, M. C., Johnson, R. M., James, S. P., & El-Hakim, O. "Interactive Effects of Organizational Politics and Role Conflict on Turnover."

Byrne, Z. S., Johnson, R. M., & Nilsen, D. "Is Fairness Truly in the Eye of the Beholder?"

Thornton, G.C. III, Rogers, D. A., Johnson, R. M. "Employment discrimination litigation involving assessment center practices."

Publications

Copenhaver, M. M., Johnson, B. T., Lee, I., Harman, J. J., Carey, M. P., & the SHARP Research Team. (In press). HIV Risk Reduction among Injection Drug Users: Meta-Analytic Evidence of Efficacy and Empirical Guidance for Optimizing Interventions. Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment.

Gujral I, Gabella B, Stallones L, Keefe T. Sex differences in mortality after traumatic brain injury, Colorado 1994 - 1998. *Brain Injury*. 20(3):283-291. 2006.

Stallones, L., Beseler C., Chen P. Sleep patterns and risk of injury among adolescent farm residents. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. 30(4):300-304. 2006.

Stallones, L (in press) Risk of vehicle-pedestrian and vehicle-bicyclist collisions among children with disabilities. *Accident Analysis and Prevention*.

Cross, J.E. and Mohajeri-Nelson, N (in press) Project LINK: Improving Risk & Protective Factors through Comprehensive Services. Journal of School Violence.