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Newsletter**



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FROM THE CHAIR:

The department has seen a number of changes in the last few months of 2010. We moved into our new building, the Behavioral Science Building; renovated our space in the C wing of the Clark building, and lost some important personnel. This year has been a difficult one for higher education in all states but in Colorado in particular department at CSU continue to make deep and serious budget cuts, these cuts severely hamper our ability develop the best educational programs for our graduate and undergraduate students. In the last two years and with the anticipated cuts for 2010-2011, the department budget has been reduced by almost 10%, the total cuts are over \$300,000. We have been forced to cut graduate teaching positions and reduce course offerings for both undergraduate and graduate students, and the faculty have not received raises in three years. Through all of this the faculty have remained astoundingly productive, our grant activity has increased with our indirect cost recovery increasing by over 40% and our research productivity is outstanding. Our faculty continue to receive national and international recognition for their work and our graduate students continue to find positions. The Thanksgiving holiday was just completed and in these difficult times it is sometimes easy to think of only the negative, but as a department chair of a very strong academic department I have much to be thankful for, not the least of which is working with a group of faculty who are committed to the educational endeavor, graduate students who work at their graduate training, and undergraduates that take advantage of opportunities that are made available to them.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards issued its 2010 report and found that between 2005 and 2009 ninety four percent of graduates from the Counseling Psychology program here at CSU passed their licensing test on the first attempt. This places the program in the top quartile. The Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) released its ten year data on internship placements for graduate programs in Psychology, and the Colorado State University Counseling Psychology Program was ranked 8th out of 1,176 participating graduate programs in the US and Canada with a 95% placement rating over the last ten years.

Bryan Dik received the 2010 Early Career Professional Award from the Society for Vocational Psychology, a Section of the Division of Counseling Psychology of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Dik has also been nominated to and has agreed to serve on the editorial board of Journal of Counseling Psychology.

Dr. Carol Seger whose recent paper, Dissociating the Contributions of Independent Corticostriatal Systems to Visual Categorization Learning Using Reinforcement Learning Modeling and Granger Causality Modeling, won the 2010 Editor's Choice award for the Systems Neuroscience section of the journal *NeuroImage*. *NeuroImage* is a major outlet for functional MRI papers with an impact factor of 5.7. *NeuroImage* has 4 sections total; the Systems Neuroscience section published about 130 articles total in the last year. This paper was a collaboration with three current and former graduate students (Erik Peterson, Dan Lopez Paniagua, and Corinna Cincotta), and Charles Anderson from the CS department.

Tracy Richards was chosen to represent the College on the Faculty Council Advisory Committee on Special and Temporary Faculty (CoSTF).

Richard M. Suinn was invited to submit an article for the inaugural issue of the *Asian American Journal of Psychology*. His article is entitled "Reviewing acculturation and Asian Americans: How acculturation affects health, adjustment, school achievement, and counseling" and appeared in volume 1, number 1, as the first article.

George Thornton spent several days in October in Singapore. He attended the 35th International Congress on Assessment Center Methods where he gave a keynote address, presented a research paper, served as facilitator in several concurrent sessions, and met with the organizing committee to plan the Congress the next two years. He also consulted for 3 days with faculty at Nanyang Technical University in the development of behavioral measures of facets of their theory of cultural intelligence. In addition, he met with the director of the Singapore Civil Service College to plan workshops in 2011 to train their staff to develop, implement, and evaluate assessment centers for various agencies in the Singapore government.

A research study at the University of Florida's counseling psychology program has focused on interviewing the most highly productive researchers in counseling psychology in the US. Our own Dr. Deffenbacher was identified as one of the top 20 most productive counseling psychologists. Specifically, data was coded by the total number of articles and citations of all faculty currently teaching in counseling psychology programs and combined these values together to rank faculty according to their productivity.

Silvia Sara Canetto was honored by the Society for the Psychology of Women of the American Psychological Association (APA) with the Stricklan-Henderson Daniel Award for Distinguished Mentoring. She also gave an invited presentation entitled "*Suicidal behavior around the world: Why gender matters*" at the 2010 APA meeting in San Diego, CA. The invited APA presentation received significant national media coverage.

Paul Bell was awarded two new grants: "Public Perception of Climate Change, USDA Forest Service, 2010-2014 (\$30,000) and "Client Centered Service for People with Early Stage Alzheimer's and Their Care Partners," Administration on Aging, 2010-2012 (\$502,945)

The first annual Bell/Loomis Environmental Psychology Symposium was held at the Rocky Mountain Psychology Conference in Denver in May. The second one will be held in Salt Lake City in 2011.

Advising News

The Psychology department advising center has undergone some staffing changes this fall. D. Tobiassen Baitinger, who worked with us for 4 years and helped develop the vision of the undergraduate advising program as it has come to be, moved to the registrar's office, and her position was adjusted and filled by Dr. Vicki Volbrecht. Dr. Volbrecht serves as our faculty advisor while continuing with her work in the lab studying color vision in the peripheral retina. She is excited to be working with undergraduates in an advising capacity, as she did for the department three years ago. She will be primarily advising juniors, seniors, and honors students. Dr. Volbrecht has a passion for advising students on preparation for graduate school, field placement, and involvement opportunities.

Cassidy McLaren joined the department in late September as our second Academic Support Coordinator. Cassidy recently graduated with her MS in Student Affairs and Higher Education. She has a diverse professional background, having worked with international and domestic college students, disabled and mentally ill adults, in various CSU offices and even in Alaska for a few years! Cassidy's office is with the other advisors in BSB 201; please stop by to introduce yourself and welcome her to the department.

Heather Matthews, Vicki, and Cassidy have been working this fall with over 200 new freshmen in the psychology program. As of November 1, we have approximately 991 total psychology majors. We continue to look for opportunities to innovate and collaborate with faculty and other campus departments to offer premier advising to our undergraduates.

Undergraduate and Psi Chi News

The winning proposals of the Psi Chi/Allyn & Bacon Awards are:

Third Place: Kayla Duperreault

Colorado State University

Dr. David P. McCabe (research advisor)

“The Influence of Long-Term Representations on Refreshing Information in Working Memory”

The following scholarships were awarded last spring:

Gloria and Frank Grimaldi Memorial Scholarship: John (J.D.) Patterson

Dr. Frank Vattano Psychology Undergraduate Scholarship: Kara Misheff

Dr. A. Wayne Viney Psychology Undergraduate Scholarship: Haley Ruiz

Alumni News

Carol Goodman Kaufman will be the guest speaker at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, May 23, at Congregation Agudat Achim, 268 Washington St., Leominster. Kaufman is the author of “Sins of Omission: The Jewish Community’s Reaction to Domestic Violence.” This series of breakfast meetings is free and open to the public. Kaufman received her Ph.D. in industrial and organizational psychology from Colorado State University, where her research focused on gender in the workplace. She has taught psychology at the College of the Holy Cross and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Garth Shanklin was this year’s recipients of the Rosenthal Outstanding Educator Award for 2010. The award, begun in 1989 with a grant provided by Casper resident Jack Rosenthal, provides recognition to two outstanding Casper College faculty each year. Mr. Shanklin has been employed at Casper College since February 1986, first as a counselor and currently as a full-time instructor in the psychology department and chair for both the psychology and addictionology departments. Shanklin received his B.S. in psychology with a minor in sociology and his M.S. Ed. in counseling from the University of Wisconsin, and his M.S. in psychology from Colorado State University. Mr. Shanklin is a nationally certified psychologist, a licensed addiction therapist, licensed professional counselor, master addiction counselor, and a nationally certified counselor.

Richard Doty, the director of the Smell and Taste Center at Penn’s School of Medicine first became interested in the existence of pheromones or the lack thereof in humans in 1976. With his latest book, “The Great Pheromone Myth,” it reignited the debate over the science of these supposed smells. According to Dr. Doty, mammals (in contrast to insects), do not have pheromones. Doty objects to the idea that a single chemical emitted by one mammal can induce a behavioral change in another of the same species, and therefore little or no more scientific study about the cause and effect of the relationship is needed.

Dr. Ellen Braaten (Counseling, 1999) was interviewed on a Boston news channel regarding her book entitled “How to Find Mental Health Care for Your Child”

http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/morning/family-works-mental-health-and-children-20101104?CMP=201011_emailshare

Graduate Students

Please join me in congratulating Helena Chui for having received an offer for a Postdoctoral Research Associate position at the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This is a great

achievement and a wonderful opportunity for Helena as the Beckman Institute is a very unique and highly competitive research institute. At the Beckman Institute, Helena will be working primarily with Dr. Elizabeth Stine-Morrow, the principal investigator of the Senior Odyssey Project. The Senior Odyssey Project is one of the major NIA-funded projects that examines the effects of an engaged lifestyle on older adults' cognitive vitality.

Vanessa Loaiza and Nick Soderstrom, have been selected to take part in the DAAD Winter School titled "Fundamentals of Human Development and Aging." Vanessa and Nick are both students in the Cognitive Psychology area and have strong interests in aging research. Their faculty advisor is Dr. David McCabe. Vanessa and Nick will travel with Dr. Manfred Diehl to the University of Heidelberg, Germany, where the Winter School will take place from Dec. 6-17. Their travel and lodging will be paid through the DAAD grant that Prof. Hans-Werner Wahl and Dr. Diehl secured from the DAAD for Funding Level II of the Bi-National Ph.D. Network initiative.

Lindsey Harkabus' poster titled: 'Exploring Physician Attitudes toward the CDC's STI/HIV Screening Guidelines and Women's STI/HIV Testing' was accepted for presentation at the SPSP conference this January in San Antonio, TX.

The Teaching Fellows that were selected for the 2010-11 Academic Year are Lindsey Harkabus (AS), Megan Littrell (Cog), Caitlin Shepherd (Cou), and Zachary Steiner (I/O).

The following scholarships were awarded last spring:

Carol L. Baird Memorial Scholarship: Annette Shtivelband and Lindsey Harkabus

Legacy of the Wishing Chair: Stout/Baird Memorial Scholarship: Joshua Edler

Walter C. Wittich Memorial Scholarship: Caitlin Shepherd

Industrial/Organizational Psychology Graduate Fellowship: Martin Lanik

Will Szlemko Memorial Fellowship: Juliana DaRocha Rosa

Suinn Award: Uma Tauber

Seligman Award: Erin Winterrowd

Presentations

- Canetto, S. S.** (2010, June). Suicidalita': Fatti, quesiti, diagnosi, interventi e prevenzione (Suicidality: Facts, questions, diagnosis, intervention and prevention). INVITED workshop, Scuola Psicoterapia Cognitiva Comportamentale dell'Adulto e dell'Eta' Evolutiva, Roma, Italy (in Italian).
- Canetto, S. S., & Raymond, K.** (2010, September). U.S. Older adults' beliefs about the causes of older adult suicide. Paper presented at the European Symposium on Suicide and Suicidal Behavior, Roma, Italy.
- Canetto, S. S., Deviyanti, & Wright, S. L.** (2010, August). Older adults' stereotypes of their lesbians and gay peers. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.
- Deffenbacher, J. L.** (2010, October). *Cognitive-behavioral psycho therapy for adults with problematic anger I*. Half-day workshop presented at the Congress of Brief and Family Therapy, Puebla, Mexico.
- Deffenbacher, J. L.** (2010, October). *Cognitive-behavioral psycho therapy for adults with problematic anger II*. Half-day workshop presented at the Congress of Brief and Family Therapy, Puebla, Mexico.
- Deffenbacher, J. L.** (2010, October). *Conceptualizing and diagnosing clinical anger problems*. Half-day workshop presented at the Congress of Brief and Family Therapy, Puebla, Mexico.
- Deffenbacher, J. L.** (2010, October). *High anger: Its consequences and impairment*. Invited address presented at the Congress of Brief and Family Therapy, Puebla, Mexico.
- Deffenbacher, J. L., & Kellaway, J. A.** (2010, August). *Prediction of the frequency of anger consequences*. Paper presented at the 118th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, California.
- Farro S., Canetto, S. S., & MacPhee, D.** (2010, August). Female engineering, physical- and life-sciences undergraduates explain their educational choices. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.
- Henry, K.L. & Muthen, B.** (2010). Latent Class Analysis: An Application of Adolescent Smoking Typologies with Individual and Contextual Predictors. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Prevention Research. Denver, CO.
- Henry, K.L., Cavanagh, T.M., McDonald, J.N. & Oetting, E.R.** (2010). Parental Involvement in School as a Mediator of the Relationship between Community Disadvantage and High School Graduation Rates: An Application of Multilevel Mediation. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Prevention Research. Denver, CO.

Kellaway, J. A., & Deffenbacher, J. L. (2010, August). *Development of the Anger Consequences Scale—Expanded*. Paper presented at the 118th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, California.

Lehmiller, J. J. (2010, August). *Physical and psychological health among individuals in marginalized romantic relationships*. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.

Thornberry, T.P., Ireland, T.O., **Henry, K.L.** & Smith, C. (2010). Mediating Pathways for Intergenerational Continuity in Intimate Partner Violence. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Timpson, W., & **Canetto, S. S.** (2010, September). Teaching diversity: Important lessons for hard times. 10th Annual Diversity Conference, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.

Winterrowd, E., Canetto, S. S., & Chavez, E (2010, August). Friendships in Mexican- and European-American suicidality. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.

Publications

Alcázar Olán, R. J., & **Deffenbacher, J. L.** (in press). High and low trait anger and the recognition of anger problems. *The Spanish Journal of Psychology*.

Alcázar Olán, R. J., **Deffenbacher, J. L.**, Hernández Guzmán, L., Sharma, B., & De la Chaussée Acuña, M. E. (2010). The impact of perceived therapists characteristics on patients decision to return or not for more sessions. *International Journal of Psychology and Psychological Therapy*, 10, 415-426.

Benfield, J. A., Bell, P. A., Troup, L. J., & Soderstrom, N. C. (2010). Does anthropogenic noise in national parks impair memory? *Environment and Behavior*, 42, 693-706. Available online at <http://eab.sagepub.com/cgi/rapidpdf/0013916509351219v1>

Benfield, J. A., Bell, P.A., Troup, L. J., & Soderstrom, N. C. (2010). Aesthetic and affective effects of vocal and traffic noise on natural landscape assessment. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 30, 103-111. Available online at http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6WJ8-4XFY0KW-1&_user=1493582&_rdoc=1&_fmt=&_orig=search&_sort=d&_docanchor=&_view=c&_acct=C000053133&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=1493582&md5=d39d8e590ca5941696f84097ca5b37dc

- Bennett, T. B., **Davalos, D. B.**, Ho, M., & **Banz, B.** (2010). Seizure disorders. In S. Goldstein & C. R. Reynolds (Eds.) *Handbook of Neurodevelopmental and Genetic Disorders in Children. Second Edition*. New York: Guilford Press, pp.460-483.
- Deffenbacher, J. L., Beeby, A. C., Lewis, J. E., & Ho, T. N.** (in press). Prediction of the frequency of anger consequences. In F. Columbus (Ed.), *Psychology of Anger: Symptoms, Causes and Coping*. Hauppauge, New York: Nova Science Publishers.
- Henry, K.L., McDonald, J.N., Oetting, E.R.**, Silk-Walker, P., Walker, R.D. & **Beauvais, F.** (in press). Age of onset of first alcohol intoxication and subsequent alcohol use among urban American Indian adolescents. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*.
- Lehmiller, J. J.**, & Agnew, C.A. (2010). May-December paradoxes: An exploration of age-gap relationships in Western society. In W. R. Cupach & B. H. Spitzberg (Eds.), *The Dark Side of Close Relationships II* (pp. 39-61). New York, NY: Routledge.
- Natalie Wolfson, Kurt Kraiger**, and Lisa Finkelstein (accepted) "The Relationship between Diversity Climate Perceptions and Workplace Attitudes" accepted for publication in the *Psychologist Manager Journal*.
- Nurse, G. A., Benfield, J., & Bell, P.A.** (2010). Women engaging the natural World: Motivation for sensory pleasure may account for gender differences. *Ecopsychology*, 2(3), 171-178.
- Roberts, K., Wassenaar, D. R., **Canetto, S. S.**, & Pillay, A. L. (2010). Homicide-suicide in Durban, South Africa. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 25, 877-899.
- Stanley, L.R., Henry, K.L. & Swaim, R.C.** (in press). The effect of physical and social availabilities on adolescent perceived availability and last month alcohol use. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.
- Tatum, P. T., Canetto, S. S.**, & Slater, M. D. (2010). Suicide coverage in U.S. newspapers following the publication of the media guidelines. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, 40, 525-535.
- VanderDrift, L. E., **Lehmiller, J. J.**, & Kelly J. R. (in press). Commitment in friends with benefits relationships: Implications for relational and safer sex outcomes. *Personal Relationships*.
- Wilson, K., Gonzalez, P.**, Romero, T., **Henry, K.L., & Cerbana, C.B.** (2010). The effectiveness of parent education for incarcerated parents: An evaluation of Parenting from Prison. *Journal of Correctional Education*, 61(2), 114-132.
- Winterrowd, E., Canetto, S. S., & Chavez, E. L.** (in press). Friendship factors and suicidality: Common and unique patterns in Mexican- and European-American youth." *Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior*