

**December 2008  
Newsletter**



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**Psychology**



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### **FROM THE CHAIR:**

As 2008 comes to a close we have much to be thankful for in the department, Dr. Alyssa Gibbons and her husband, Jake, are the proud parents of a little girl, Leighanne Gail. Our senior advisor, D. Tobiassen Baitinger had a son, in July and Ginger Lacy-Gill and her husband Sean had a daughter in July as well. Faculty and students continue to be professionally productive, but even more importantly our faculty continue to work hard for both graduate and undergraduate students. One of the hallmarks of this department has always and continues to be strong teaching and mentoring of students. As department chair I have always been very impressed with the efforts that the vast majority of our faculty make in their teaching. Our five year review showed that we are one of the highest rated teaching departments in the University and this is accomplished while also being the fourth largest teaching department on campus. As we close out 2008, I would like to honor this contribution from our faculty. Teaching is a hard job and one that requires giving of oneself to help students learn. Thank you all for this major contribution to our mission. Happy New Year

### **FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS**

Dr. Omnia El Hakim will be taking a one year position at NSF, during this time, Dean Miranda and Dr. Chavez will take over responsibilities for the CO-AMP program.

Dr. Jack Hautaluoma, emeritus professor, was featured in the Spring edition of the International Association of Conflict Management newsletter for the Practitioner Profile.

Dr. Richard M. Suinn, emeritus professor, was on the symposium "Challenges and solutions for Service Delivery in Minority Communities" at the 2008 annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies. He was also an invited participant in the convention's Future Leaders Program

Christine Cerbana (of CO Families Education and Resource Training - CSU Extension), Kim Henry, and Kristina Wilson received a Service to Science Grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (Southwest CAPT) to conduct a randomized control trial of Partners in Parenting, a parent education program.

According to a bibliometric and citation study published in a 2008 issue of Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior, the leading journal in suicide research, the most cited article in the journal is a 1998 article by Canetto and Sakinofsky entitled "The gender

paradox in suicide." Silvia Sara Canetto is also the only author in the list to have a second article in the top 9 most-cited articles in *Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior*. Her 1997 article entitled "Meanings of gender and suicidal behavior during adolescence" was ranked 8th most cited. Articles by Alex Crosby and colleagues, Annette Beautrais and colleagues, and Aaron Beck and colleagues were ranked in second, third and fourth place, respectively.

Anne Cleary's article, Recognition memory, familiarity, and déjà vu experiences, received quite a bit of media attention with descriptions appearing in *Popular Science*, *Science Daily*, *Health News Digest* and many other media outlets.

## **Advising News**

The advisors held 999 appointments with current and admitted students to discuss academic progress, transition issues, and post-graduation plans.

They also collaborated with the College of Natural Sciences Retention Programs to run 49 students through the Math Boot Camp, an intensive mathematics review program designed to support students' efforts to place into MATH 117. This effort is intended to keep our students from falling behind on the curriculum early in their collegiate careers.

The advisors taught PSY 192 *Psychology Freshman Seminar*. Heather Matthews and Becky Villalpando each taught a section of PSY 192, serving a total of 175 students. As instructors of this course, Becky and Heather met individually with each of the students during the course of the semester.

Now that the center is once again fully staffed (D. Tobiassen Baitinger is back from maternity leave), a priority is to revamp and expand the Field Placement program to provide our students more opportunities for practical hands-on experience prior to moving into the workforce. If you have contacts and/or ideas for placement opportunities, please contact D. Tobiassen Baitinger ([D.Tobiassen\\_Baitinger@ColoState.EDU](mailto:D.Tobiassen_Baitinger@ColoState.EDU) or 970.491.2412).

## **Undergraduate and Psi Chi News:**

This semester, the Psi Chi chapter at Colorado State University was very active. During the beginning of the semester, Psi Chi officers were involved in Ram Welcome, a welcome weekend for incoming freshmen students, as well as a Student Involvement Expo to invite new members to apply to Psi Chi and become active members. Throughout the semester, the Psi Chi officers and members were involved with many different fundraising activities and service events. We volunteered three nights with Ram Ride, which is a safe ride program that provides a safe ride home for students who need one. We participated in the Cans Around the Oval, which is a food drive for the local Food Bank, and we collected approximately 600 pounds of food. We also hosted a graduate

student panel for students interested in hearing how other students got into graduate school. We also hosted a Personal Statement Writing Workshop, which members enjoyed. We also invited two speakers in Psychology to talk to our organization's members. Tom Pyszczynski talked about Terror Management Theory and the way it can be used to help explain terrorism. Mark Benn, who is a counselor at Colorado State, also spoke about keeping the magic in the holiday season, and he also provided tips on creating a low-stress holiday season. Our semester was very productive, and we look forward to next semester!

### **Alumni News:**

Nancy Suchman, 1994 Counseling graduate, is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine. She will be visiting CSU April.

Rachel Torgerson, 2003 Counseling graduate, is working at the State Hospital in Pueblo. Her e-mail address is [Rachel.Torgerson@state.co.us](mailto:Rachel.Torgerson@state.co.us)

### **Graduate Students:**

On October 3, 2008, Lucinda Baker (PBS) visited AP & IB Psychology classes at Poudre High School. This is the fifth year she's taken human brain, meninges and skull specimens, presented a lecture, and given the students hands-on time to examine the brains.

Carly Yadon (PBS) was selected by the MCIN executive committee to receive a MCIN sponsored research fellowship for the spring semester. This will allow her to work full time on research instead of teaching. Please join me in congratulating Carly!

The Colorado State University Women's Interdisciplinary Studies Program held the Eighth Annual Harriet Patsy Boyer Scholarship Reception and Lecture on Thursday, November 13, 2008. Recognition of the 2008 scholarship recipients including Michelle Chapin Baranczyk (I/O) followed the lecture. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Baranczyk.

Britney Brinkman and Samantha Farro (Counseling) were selected to present their essays in the program entitled "Making Feminism Relevant: Across the Generations" at the August 2008 meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA) in Boston. They also received APA travel funds for their presentation. Their essays will be published in "The Feminist Psychologist," APA's Society for Women in Psychology newsletter.

Megan O'Grady (Applied Social) was awarded the Conference Travel Award from Women in Natural Sciences (WINS; \$300)

Helena Chui (Applied Social) was honored at the Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting with the GSA 2008 Emerging Scholars and Professional Organization Poster Award. The title of her poster is, "Acquiescence Effects and Measurement Invariance: The Case of Future Time Perspective."

Julie Taylor (Applied Social) successfully defended her dissertation entitled, Emotional Experience and Romantic Relationship Status in Emerging Adult College Women and Men.

Carly Yadon (PBS) just received a Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid of Research from the Oct 15 funding cycle. The title of the proposed project is: Using event-related potentials to measure auditory and visual processing deficits in autism.

### **Presentations:**

**Baker, LS, Nerger JL, Volbrecht, VJ.** (December, 2008) Regeneration of rhodopsin alters color perception. *Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Front Range Neuroscience Group, Fort Collins, CO*

**Baker, LS, Nerger, JL, Volbrecht, VJ.** (October, 2008) Rod influence on hue perception – it's about time. *Poster presented at the Fall Vision Meeting, Optical Society of America, Rochester, NY*

**Silvia Sara Canetto** delivered an invited presentation entitled "Older men and suicide in the U.S.: A cultural analysis" at the November 2008 Preventive Medicine Grand Rounds, Colorado School of Public Health, Denver, CO.

**Deffenbacher, J. L.** (2008, October). *Automovilistas enojados: Características e intervenciones clínicas* (Angry drivers: Characteristics and clinical interventions). Plenary address presented at XVI Congreso Mexicano de Psicología, La Sociedad Mexicana de Psicología, Monterrey, Mexico.

**Deffenbacher, J. L.** (2008, October). *Emotions and cognition, regulatory mechanisms of social impairment: The case of anger.* Paper presented at XVI Congreso Mexicano de Psicología, La Sociedad Mexicana de Psicología, Monterrey, Mexico.

**Deffenbacher, J. L.** (2008, October). *Terapia cognitivo-conductual para el enojo patológico* (Cognitive-behavior therapy for pathological anger). Half-day workshop presented at XVI Congreso Mexicano de Psicología, La Sociedad Mexicana de Psicología, Monterrey, Mexico.

**Bryan Dik** (Counseling) gave an invited presentation at the December meeting of the Colorado Career Development Association - Northern Connections group entitled "Calling and vocation in career counseling: Recommendations for promoting meaningful work."

Faith Williams, Sophie Booth and Kristen Konkel, **Anne Cleary's** 2008 summer REU students, presented their research projects at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Ohio Psychological Association in Columbus, Ohio, this past October. Sophie Booth won the poster competition and Kristen Konkel received Special Mention.

\***Ryals, A. J., Nomi, J. S., & Cleary, A. M.** (2008, November). Relating Recognition without Identification and Déjà vu. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Chicago, IL.

## **Publications:**

Journal of Safety Research, regarding an article co-authored by **Dr. Monica Rosales** (former CSU graduate student, Department of Psychology) and **Dr. Lorann Stallones**, "*Coverage of motor vehicle crashes with injuries in U.S. newspapers, 1999-2002*"

**Cleary, A.M.** (2008). Recognition memory, familiarity, and déjà vu experiences. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 17, 353-357.

Cross, J.E., Zimmerman, D., & **O'Grady, M.A.** (in press). Residence hall room type and alcohol use among college students living on campus. *Environment and Behavior*

**Davalos, D. B., Campbell, A., & Pala, A.** (in press). Postpartum depression. Effects on the mother-infant relationship and child development. *International Journal of Child Health and Human Development*

Hogler, R., Gross, M., & **Byrne, Z. S.** (in press). Making Governance Work In Academia: Organizational Justice, Dispute Resolution, And Nonunion Arbitration. *International Journal of Conflict Management*.

**Kostic, B., & Cleary, A.M.** (in press). Song recognition without identification: When people cannot "name that tune" but can recognize it as familiar. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*.

**Kraiger, K.** (2008). Transforming our models of learning and development. Web-based instruction as enabler of third generation instruction. *Industrial and Organizational Psychology*, 1 (4), 454-467.

**Kraiger, K.** (2008). Third-generation instructional models: More about guiding developing and design than selecting training methods. *Industrial and Organizational Psychology*, 1 (4), 501-507.

**Lehmiller, J. J.** (2008). Conducting relationships research online: A primer on getting started and making the most of your resources. *Relationship Research News*, 7, 6-12.

Manfredo, M.J., Teel, T.L., **Henry, K.L.** (in press). Linking society and environment: A multi-level model of shifting wildlife value orientations in the western U.S. *Social Science Quarterly*.

Miller, B. K., **Byrne, Z. S.**, Rutherford, M. A. & \*Hansen, A. M. (in press). A reliability generalization study of the perceptions of organizational politics scale. *Journal of Managerial Issues*.

Morris, A. L., **Cleary, A. M.**, & Still, M. S. (2008). The role of autonomic arousal in feelings of familiarity. *Consciousness and Cognition*, 17, 1378-1385.

**Nomi, J.S.**, Scherfeld, D., Friederichs, S., Schäfer, R., Franz, M., Wittsack, H-J., Azari, N.P., Missimer, J., & Seitz, R.J. (2008). On the neural networks of empathy: A principal component analysis of an fMRI study, *Behavioral and Brain Functions*, 4(41).

**Richard, M. V., Clegg, B. A., & Seger, C. A.** (2009). Implicit motor sequence learning is not represented purely in response locations. *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*. In Press.

Roberts, K., Wassenaar, D. R., **Canetto, S. S.**, & Pillay, A. L. (2009). Homicide-suicide in Durban, South Africa. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Tix, A. P., & **Dik, B. J.** (in press). Teaching the Psychology of Religion. *Psychology Teacher Network*.

**Wright, S. L., & Canetto, S. S.** (2009). Stereotypes of older lesbians and gay men. *Educational Gerontology*.

Young, P.M. & **Aloise-Young, P.A.** (2008). Engineering Control System Theory in the Behavioral Sciences. In Dylan D. Schmorrow and Kay Stanney (Eds.), *Augmented Cognition: A Practitioner's Guide* (pp. 175-195). Santa Monica, CA: Human Factors and Ergonomics Society.