

# February Psychology Newsletter

## From the Chair:

It has been a very busy two months since our last newsletter. We interviewed 10 individuals for faculty positions and made offers to five. Four have accepted and will be joining us in the fall:

Dr. Anne Cleary, a Cognitive psychologist who is currently an Assistant Professor at Iowa State University, has accepted a position in the department for next year. Dr. Cleary received her Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio in 2001 and has been a faculty member at Iowa State since that time. In 2004 she received a five-year NSF early career award.

Dr. Matt Rhodes, a Cognitive psychologist who is currently in a postdoctoral position at Washington University in St. Louis, received his Ph.D. from Florida State University in 2004.

Dr. David McCabe, a Cognitive psychologist who is also currently in a postdoctoral position at Washington University in St. Louis, received his Ph.D. in 2003 from Georgia Institute of Technology.

Dr. Kim Henry, who currently is a Research Associate at the University of Colorado, received her Ph.D. from Penn State University in 2003. Dr. Henry received a five-year Career Award from the NIH in 2005.

With three of these hires we have effectively doubled our faculty in Cognitive Psychology. The department decided some time ago to develop a niche area in Cognitive focused on Learning and Memory and Drs. Cleary, Rhodes and McCabe are involved in memory research. Dr. Henry will join the Applied Social faculty with expertise in Quantitative Measurement and Adolescent Issues. I am very excited about all of these additions to our faculty and in conjunction with five hires last year brings us nine new faculty members over the last two years. We are lucky to have recruited such an excellent group of new faculty members.

### **Faculty News:**

Dr. Wayne Viney has been nominated by the College of Natural Sciences for the Board of Governor's Undergraduate Teaching Award.

Dr. Ed Delosh submitted a Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) with NSF and this grant has now been funded. The Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic (SBE) Sciences reviewed 36 proposals for this REU Sites competition, 33 of them as primary. At the panel meeting, panelists placed only 9 proposals (25%) in the Must Fund category.

A team of health economists currently doing research on the careers of top NIH grantees reports that Dr. Gene Oetting, emeritus faculty member, was above the 95th percentile in the distribution of extramural NIH grants over the last 25 years. Dr. Oetting received his first NIH grant through NIDA in 1972 and was continually funded through NIH until his retirement in March of 2005.

Silvia Sara Canetto has been invited to join the international 18-member Scientific committee for the 2007 meeting of the International Association for Suicide Prevention. The conference, which will focus on "Preventing Suicide Across the Lifespan", will take place in Killarney, Ireland, under the patronage of Her Excellency Mary McAleese, President of Ireland.

Dr. Lorann Stallones' CICRC in conjunction with the Agriculture High Plain Center, and Dr. Pete Chen's research team has invited Dov Zohar to conduct two special workshops on March 20. Dr. Zohar is from the Gallup Leadership Institute at the University of Nebraska.

The Colorado Injury Control Research Center in partnership with the Suicide Resource Center of Larimer County, Poudre School District and Thompson School District is sponsoring a community forum on youth suicide, April 7, 2006, entitled "Suicide Prevention in Secondary Schools: Accomplishments and Challenges" The purposes of this forum are; 1) to increase awareness about suicide and the impact of youth suicide in Larimer County; 2) To describe the current school based suicide prevention program; 3) To present evaluation results of the school based suicide prevention program including barriers preventing students from seeking help; 4) To discuss the development of a cooperative strategy for future school based suicide prevention programs in Larimer County.

### **Psi Chi:**

The second annual Psi Chi and Departmental Award dinner will be held on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton. The Psi Chi induction will be held prior to the dinner.

Psi Chi has 133 members this spring semester.

In February in conjunction with the Psychology Alliance they participated in RamRide as well as made Valentine's Day cards for senior citizens.

Coming up: Dr. Sandy Deraney-Riley will be speaking on body image during the campus wide "Eating Disorder Awareness Week."

**Graduate Student News:**

Jodi Chocise, a second year student in Counseling, lost her husband in a rockslide on Mount Kilimanjaro in early January. Our condolences go out to Jodi and her family on their loss.

Julie Bugg, a fifth year student in Cognitive, was awarded a NIA-funded, three-year post-doc at Washington University in St. Louis

Kim Miller, a first year student in Counseling, was selected for The Chancellor's List 2006. She also had two proposals accepted for presentation at APA 2006: "Development of a New Measure of Psychological Needs and Well-Being," and "Psychological Well-Being in a Sample of Clinical and Non-Clinical Adult."

Jennifer Daly and Samantha Farro, Counseling graduate students, presented recently at the Women's Conference; their presentation was titled: An emotional self-defense course.

Jennifer Daly's thesis research under the supervision of Dr. Kathy Rickard was accepted for a poster presentation at this summer's APA national convention. The presentation is titled: Adolescent coping with parental cancer: Shifts in household roles/responsibilities.

Julie Kellaway and Brandi Chew, graduate students in Counseling, (March 2006) "A Brief Overview: The Federal Government's Use of Educational Laws As A Tool of Assimilation amongst American Indian and Native Hawaiian Youth." Poster to be presented at the 2nd Annual Cultural Competency Conference, Georgia State University.

Three Counseling Psychology students will be going on Internship in the fall: Heidi Bemowski will be staying here, at the CSU UCC, Brandi Chew was accepted at Sharp Healthcare in San Diego, CA., and Bryan Stice was selected by the Oklahoma Health Consortium in Norman, OK. Eddie Ornelas completed his requirements for the Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology and will be graduating in May. Eddie is on staff at a Mental Health Center in Tucson Arizona with a focus on adolescent issues.

### **Keeping up with Graduates:**

Robin R Johnson, B.S. in 1999, has been working on her PhD in Psychology in the behavioral neuroscience area at Texas A&M, since the fall of 2000. She defended her dissertation on Jan 27, 2006. While in graduate training, she received an NSF fellowship (2001-2004) and an NRSA pre-doctoral award from NINDS (2004-2006), and recently I was informed that she had been selected as a finalist for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars program, potentially funding her post-doctoral training.

Dr. Brian K. Martens, a 1981 graduate of our bachelors program and a 1983 graduate of our masters program in School Psychology, is currently Professor and Director of Training for the School Psychology Program in the Department of Psychology at Syracuse University. Prof. Martens received his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Nathan Castillo, Bachelors degree 2005, has been working for about a half year in San Antonio with the public school district helping at risk students in primary schools. He served as a bilingual assistant and ensured that the migrant and homeless students were receiving sufficient education and understanding their lessons. In January he left for his posting with the Peace Corp. His assignment is in Santa Lucia Milpas Altas in the Sacatepequez department of Guatemala where he is working in the primary schools, implementing programming to enhance the health and nutrition practices of the students.

Joanna Starek, a Counseling Ph.D. in 2000, taught the sport and exercise psychology classes at CU for 3 years, then moved into Women's Studies for 2 years. Currently she is working at RHR International, a management consulting firm. The work is actually a blend of my Counseling with I/O psychology.

Carl Meredith, a 2005 graduate from our undergraduate program, was accepted to Medical School at CU. He is now residing in Denver and begins Medical School in the fall.

### **Awards/Honors:**

Dr. Virgil Nylander, a 1969 M.S. graduate from our program, was honored by the CSU Alumni Association at this year's Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner. Dr. Nylander was honored as College of Natural Sciences Distinguished Alumnus for 2006. Dr Nylander received his Ph.D. in Psychology from Iowa State in 1977 and after graduation took a position with the University of Wisconsin-River Falls where he served as

Interim Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance,  
Associate Dean and Chair of the Department of Psychology.

Dr. Jerry Deffenbacher was honored with an Excellence in Education  
Award from Waterpik and the CSU Athletics Department

## **Presentations:**

Jennifer Harman, paper accepted (July 6-10, 2006) "Context and  
aggression: Predicting use of and responses to relationship aggression"  
2006 IARR Conference that will take place in Rethymnon, Crete.

Kurt Kraiger, (February 17, 2006) an invited address in the Psychology  
Department at Rice University, entitled: "Learner Control: Does it Matter  
and Do We Know it When We See It?"

Silvia Sara Canetto was a keynote presenter at the meeting of the Irish  
Association of Suicidology National Conference, Kilkenny, Ireland. Her  
invited talk was entitled "The gender paradox of adolescent suicidal  
behavior."

Cigularov, K. P., Thurber, B. W., Wilson, C., Chen, P. Y., & Stallones, L.  
(2006, April). Barriers to Utilizing a Suicide Prevention Program. Paper  
to be presented at the annual conference of the American Association of  
Suicidology, Denver/Broomfield, CO.

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Chen, P. Y., Rosecrance, J., & Hammer, L. B. (2006, April). Construction  
safety and work-family balance: A challenge and unexplored frontier.  
Paper to be presented at the National Occupational Research Agenda  
(NORA) Symposium. Washington, D.C.

Donald Dunn Memorial Safety Seminar was organized by a CSU team.  
This conference is working with UA Local 290 in Portland on will be held  
on Feb. 25. Dr. Jerry Deffenbacher, Dr. John Rosecrance, Christina  
Wilson, Michele Chapin Baranczyk, and Dr. Autumn Krauss from CSU  
will conduct workshops there. In addition, we invited Leslie Hammer  
from Portland State University, and Dov Zohar from Gallup Leadership  
Institute, University of Nebraska will conduct workshops

## **Publications**

Shevell, S.K. and Monnier, P. (in press). Color shifts induced by S-cone patterns are mediated by a neural representation driven by multiple cone types. *Visual Neuroscience*.

Monnier, P. & Troup, L.J. (2006). Classical definitions of chromatic induction are inadequate for induction with S-cone patterned backgrounds. VSS.

Takefuda, I., & Stallones, L. (2006). Comparisons of Colorado Women's Cancer Screening Practices by Residence: Metropolitan, Non-metropolitan, and Farm. *Journal of Agricultural Safety and Health*, 12, 56-59.

Hopp-Levine, P. J., Smith, C. A. P., Clegg, B. A., & Heggstad, E. D. (In Press). Tactile interruption management: Tactile cues as task-switching reminders. *Cognition, Technology, and Work*.

Tregellas, J.R., Davalos, D. B., & Rojas, D.C. (in press). Effect of task difficulty on the functional neuroanatomy of temporal processing. Neuroimage

Bugg, J. M., Zook, N. A., DeLosh, E. L., Davalos, D. B., & Davis, H. P. (in press). Age Differences in Fluid Intelligence: Contributions of General Slowing and Frontal Decline. Brain & Cognition.