

# January 2007 Psychology Newsletter

## From the Chair:

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new semester. In December the department hired two new faculty in Industrial Organizational Psychology: Dr. Stefanie Johnson, who received her Ph.D. from Rice University in 2004 and Alyssa Gibbons who will be receiving her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Champaign Urbana this spring. Both individuals will join the CSU faculty this summer. These two hires will bring the faculty in Psychology, as of the 2007-2008, academic year are female. This is a tremendous accomplishment for the department given that only five years ago we had only 6 female faculty members.

Another important news item is that one of our alumni Dr. Richard Doty, who received his B.S. degree from CSU in 1966, was selected as a Monfort Professor in Residence. Dr. Doty is currently the Director of the Smell and Taste Center at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center in Philadelphia and has held this position since the Center was founded in 1980. The Center encompasses not only the Medical School's Smell and Taste Center, but also the first NIH-funded Clinical Research Center in the United States devoted to the senses of taste and smell. The center has achieved world-wide prominence for both its research and clinical activities. Dr. Doty will be on campus March 22, 2007 and will be giving a public lecture at 3:45 P.M. on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Faculty News:**

Dr. Kurt Kraiger will be one of the featured speakers on February 15 at the "Green & Gold Professional Development Series" a Lunch and Learn program designed to assist in career development. His presentation is entitled: Leadership for the Changing Workplace. The series will meet at the CSU Denver Center, 410 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1400, at 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Lorann Stallones was invited to serve on the National Academy of Science review of the NIOSH Agriculture, forestry and fishing research

program. She also received two grants from the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment: Enhancing state capacity to address child and adolescent health through violence prevention (\$22,414) and Community based interventions to reduce motor vehicle injuries (\$15,000)

Dr. Kurt Kraiger has helped create and establish the Center for Organizational Excellence here on the CSU campus. This Center has its first two clients, Larimer County Government and The TRACOM Group in Highlands Ranch.

Dr. Deana Davalos was a part of a panel that filmed a two-part video series for Poudre School District on adolescent brain development entitled: "The Teen Brain".

Dr. Lucy Troup will again be organizing the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Retreat for ISTeC (Information Science and Technology Center) at CSU. <http://istec.colostate.edu/> This is a chance to get involved in collaborative research across the University in Information Science and Technology. The retreat will be held in the Lory Student Center, Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration by February 21, 2007 is required at <http://ISTeC.ColoState.edu> .Childcare will be available by advance request by Friday, February 9, 2007

### **Psi Chi:**

Dr. Ken Watanabe, a local psychiatrist, spoke on Thursday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. His talk on Forensic Psychiatry was very well attended! We hope to invite him back next year.

A new program entitled: Psychology Week is coming up on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Psi Chi will have a table set up in the plaza (or in Clark A in case of bad weather) every day with fun activities relating to the department.

Monday: Cognitive Day. The activity will be the Stroop Twister.

Dr. Ben Clegg will be speaking at 5pm in Clark A 202.

Tuesday: I/O Day. The activity will be Career counseling. Dr. Kurt Kraiger will be speaking at 6pm in Clark A207.

Wednesday: Applied Social Day. There will be a healthy food/junk food bake sale to raise money for Psi Chi. Dr. Jennifer Harman will be speaking at 6pm in Clark A207.

Also on Wednesday, Psi Chi will hold their first General meeting after Dr. Harman's talk. We will be making Valentine's cards for local nursing homes at the general meeting.

Thursday: Counseling Day. We will continue to make Valentine's cards at the activity table. Dr. Bryan Dik will speak at 6pm in Clark A 207.

Friday: Brain and Perceptual Science Day. There will be Drunk Goggles from the FCPD at the activity table. Dr. Deana Davalos will be speaking at 1pm in Eddy 212. From 3pm-5pm we will be having a department-wide game night, starting in room C72, and then moving to C68. Come win a name for your department and mix with students and grad students!

Thank you to all of you who volunteered to speak for us!

Psi Chi has three dates scheduled to be running Ram Ride: Sat. March 3rd, Fri. March 30th, and Fri. April 20th. We have had excellent member involvement with Ram Ride! At least a dozen students have volunteered for each night.

Psi Chi and PSA applications will be due on Friday, Feb. 23rd! They can be picked up and dropped off in Clark B201. We will be accepting Officer Applications until Feb. 19th, and will hold Officer Elections on Feb. 22nd at 6pm in Clark C72. Induction of new members and officers will be on March 22nd, prior to the faculty dinner.

Our chapter of Psi Chi is currently entered in two national competitions, one for the chapter as a whole, and one for our lovely website, which can be viewed via the link on the department webpage. Go CSU Psi Chi!!

### **Graduate Student News:**

The I/O graduate program was selected to host the 2008 annual IOOB student conference (OB=Organizational Behavior). This was a competitive process, with 99% of the work being done by a subset of students, Martin Lanik, Alex Rechlin, Erin Crane, and Jenny Pitts. The I/O faculty are very proud of their efforts.

Megan O'Grady (Applied Social) was just elected to serve as a Member-at-large on the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Graduate Student Committee.

Students in the I/O program are engaged in several practicum projects this semester with private and public organizations. A team of students is in the final stage of developing a method to certify the customer service competencies of staff in the global services division of Sun Microsystems. Also for Sun, another team is in the initial stages of developing an 18-month long leadership development program for high-level managers; this program will emphasize "leaders training leaders" and will be highly experiential. Three other groups of students are doing projects for the State of Colorado. One team is establishing a developmental assessment center for supervisors in the Department of Transportation. Two other teams are initiating projects with the Colorado Division of Human Resources: one project will involve an audit and revisions where needed,

of tests for various job categories; the second involves competency modeling to clarify key requirements of jobs throughout the State. George Thornton is serving as the faculty supervisory of these projects, but the projects involve on-site guidance from established I/O psychologists and human resource specialists.

Five graduate students in IO passed their written comprehensive exams in December. The five students were: Konstantin Cigularov, Mike Potemra, April Smith, Mark Mazurkiewicz, and Rachel Johnson

Jenifer Thomas (Applied Social) defended her thesis entitled: An Examination of Moderators of Stress and Illness Behaviors in College Students. This project was also accepted for the Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. on March 21-24, 2007.

Itsumi Kakefuda (Applied Social) M.S. will visit Karolinska Institutet, Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of Social Medicine, Stockholm, Sweden, to take 5-week course "Research in Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion: Designs, Methods and Analysis." (22 January- 23 February)

Kate L. Martin (Counseling) was selected to receive the National Multicultural Conference and Summit student travel grant award.

Benfield, J.A., Szlemko, W.J., & Bell, P.A. (2007). Driver personality and anthropomorphic attributions of vehicle personality relate to reported aggressive driving tendencies. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 42, 247-258. was incorporated into news stories in the fall that appeared in numerous outlets such as the *Washington Post*, *Time Magazine*, *Louisville Journal and Courier*, *Rocky Mountain News*, *Denver Post*, *Fort Collins Coloradoan* (front page), and the major television news channels in Denver.

Brandi Chew, Counseling, successfully defended her dissertation entitled: Mental Health Services in a Northern Colorado Head Start Program.

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

Dr. Don Moss completed his BS, MS and Ph.D at Colorado State University in 1973. He was the first doctoral student for Dr. David Avery. Dr. Moss has published extensively in areas of behavioral and biochemical involvement of acetylcholinesterase in learning and memory. Probably the highlight of his career was culminating about 20 years of work in this area by running a human clinical trial of the drug

that he developed. This research resulted in receiving a patent for the use of this drug in the treatment of dementia, and a second patent is pending for its use in the persistent amnesic syndrome secondary to stroke. Dr. Moss will be retiring from the University of Texas at El Paso where he has been a professor for 31 years. His new objective, as he and his wife spend time in their remote cabin adjoining the Routt National Forest, north of Steamboat Springs, is to write his first novel. This is something he has wanted to do for several years.

Chelsy Lum received her B.S. from Colorado State University in 2006, and took the summer to work as a faculty advisor for the medical program with the National Youth Leadership Forum in Phoenix, which is a program for high school students who want to pursue careers in the medical field. She is currently employed as a coordinator of a living-learning community called Network CSU at Colorado State University. It is one of the Center for Advising and Student Achievement's newest living-learning communities and although they are only 36 students strong, it appears to be a successful support system for the students. Ms. Lum is interviewing for a graduate position in the Counseling program at the University of California- Santa Barbara.

Michael J. (MJ) Miranda received his B.S. from CSU in 2006 and is currently employed by the Texas Legislative Council in Austin, TX as a Legislative Office Consultant for the Senate Support Team.

Amy Flack received her B.S. from CSU and went on to get her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology. She completed her internship at the VA in Denver in 1998. She was then hired at the Denver Women's Correctional Facility (part of the Colorado Department of Corrections) where she treats mentally ill female offenders. After 7 years of working full time in that environment, she opened a part time private practice in Greenwood Village, Colorado.

Dr. Sandra D. Haynes received her Ph.D, Counseling, from CSU in 1990 and for the past 3 years she has served as the Dean for the School of Professional Studies at Metropolitan State College of Denver

Dr. Susan Maise Strauss received her Ph.D, Counseling, from CSU in 1988 and is currently the Assistant Director for the Syracuse University London Program. She recently co-authored a chapter, "The Scientist Practitioner in a Counseling Psychology Setting" -

Tara Cashel received her B.S. in 2000 and is currently working as a Drug, Alcohol and Gambling Counselor in Ely, Nevada for the Drug Court Program. She has approximately 20 clients. From 2000-2002 she was a Peace Corps Volunteer working as a Community Development Worker,

and from 2003-2005 she was a VISTA Volunteer working with low-income families in smoking. She has also worked with non-profits and Native American communities in various diabetes and wellness program.

Brian Oppy earned a B.S. in Psychology from CSU in 1987, a M.A. in Experimental Psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1989, a second M.A. in Psychology from the University of California, Davis in 1994, and a PhD in Cognitive Psychology from UC Davis in 1995. Since 1995, he has been on the Psychology faculty at California State University, Chico, and was promoted to Full Professor in 2006. The faculty recently elected Dr. Oppy to the role of department chair, effective June of 2007. His research area is emotion and memory. Dr. Oppy has been married for 17 years, and he and his wife have two children: a 10-year-old boy and a 7-year-old girl.

Robert Llamas graduated with his B.S. in 1989 and has worked in different parts of local, county and state government, including employment and training, and community corrections. He is currently with the Judicial Branch in the state of Colorado, where he is employed for the last 11 years as a probation officer.

Bill Black received his BS in 1980 and in 1981 moved to Atlanta Ga. and began working with his brother in the martial arts industry. Buying the studio in 1983. In 1984 he received his Black Belt. In 1997 his studio was ranked in the top 5 martial arts schools in America by the Prof. Martial Arts Magazine. In 2005 he received a patent on an invention, the first motorized golf spike cleaner, named Samnic after his daughter. He and his wife have two children and live in Windsor, CO.

Gerrian Wuts received his BS from CSU in 1989 and his Doctoral Degree in Psychology in Amsterdam the Netherlands, his home country. From 1991-1998 he worked in private practice in Singapore. From 1998-2002 he attended California School of Professional Psychology and where he received his Ph.D. From 2002-2005 he was employed in Community Mental Health. He was recently promoted to Clinical Director of the Violence Intervention Program.

Janine Giese-Davis received her BS in 1979 and went on to receive her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1994. She is currently a Senior Research Scholar in Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at Stanford University School of Medicine

## **Awards/Honors:**

Itsumi Kakefuda, a graduate student in Applied Social and Erin Winterrowd, a graduate student in Counseling, were named student

fellows to the Society for Public Health Education and the CDC. Six student fellows have been selected for 2007 as Student Injury Prevention Fellows

Dr. Aki Hosoi, a graduate student in Counseling, has been elected as a Graduate Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Fels Institute of Government, University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Richard M. Suinn, emeritus faculty member, was the recipient of the Outstanding Service to the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Award. The award was given at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, Illinois in November, 2006.

Megan O'Grady, a graduate student in Applied Social, was elected to serve on the 2007-2008 Graduate Student Committee for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

## **Presentations:**

Deffenbacher, J. L. (2006, September). *Angry drivers: Vulnerabilities and Clinical Interventions*. Invited lecture presented at the V Ibero-American Congress on Clinical and Health Psychology, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Deffenbacher, J. L. (2006, September). *Strategies for anger reduction*. Half-day workshop presented at the V Ibero-American Congress on Clinical and Health Psychology, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Canetto, S.S. (2006, November). Suicidio e il desiderio di morire nei maschi (Suicide and the wish to die in males). Invited workshop, Istituto di Terapia Cognitiva e Comportamentale, Rimini, Italy (in Italian).

Canetto, S.S. (2006, November). Suicidalita': Fatti e quesiti, diagnosi, interventi e prevenzione (Suicidality: Facts and questions, intervention and prevention). Invited workshop, Istituto di Terapia Cognitiva e Comportamentale, Rimini, Italy (in Italian).

Canetto, S.S. (2006, November). Suicidio, suicidio assistito e eutanasia: Teorie, ricerca, interventi e etica, (Suicide, assisted suicide and euthanasia: Theories and research, interventions and ethical dilemmas). Invited workshop, Istituto Miller, Firenze, Italy (in Italian).

Suinn, R. (Nov. 2006). "Professional Development: Tips from the Experts." Invited Panel, Annual Meeting, Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, Illinois.

Suinn, R. (Nov. 2006). "Developmental Progress, Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies". Invited panel, Annual Meeting. Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, Illinois.

Martin, K. L., Baraczyk, M. C., & Vacha-Haase, T. (2007, January). Predictors of Staff Reactions to Same-Sex Sexual Contacts in Long-Term Care Residents. Poster to be presented at the National Multicultural Conference and Summit, Seattle, WA.

Kraiger, K, (2007, January) Invited address at the University of Akron: Research on Learner Control: A Look Backwards, Sideways, and Forwards.

O'Grady, M.A., Wilson, K., & Harman, J.J. (August, 2007). Accuracy and bias in HIV risk: A dyadic analysis. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology annual conference. Memphis, TN.

Acosta, S (2007, January) Multicultural Themes Describing Hispanic Parents Views on Sex Education. Poster to be presented at the National Multicultural Conference and Summit, Seattle, WA

## **Publications**

**Beseler C., Stallones, L.** (in press). Structural equation modeling of the relationships between pesticide poisoning, depressive symptoms and safety behaviors among Colorado farm residents. *Journal of Agromedicine*.

**Deffenbacher, J. L., Kemper, C. C., & Richards, T. L.** (in press). The Driving Anger Expression Inventory: A validity study with community college student drivers. *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment*.

**Cleary, A. M.** & \*Specker, L. E. (in press). Recognition without face identification. *Memory & Cognition*.

**Cleary, A. M.,** Morris, A.L., & \*Langley, M. M. (in press). Recognition memory for novel stimuli: The structural regularity hypothesis. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*.

Rojas, D. C., Peterson, E., **Winterrowd, E.**, Reite, M. L., Rogers, S. J., & Tregallas, J. (2006). Regional gray matter volumetric changes in autism associated with social and repetitive behavior symptoms. *BMC Psychiatry*, 6, 56-68.

**Henry, K.L.** & Huizinga, K.L. (in press). Truancy's effect on the onset of drug use among urban adolescents placed at-risk. *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

Huizinga, D.H. & **Henry, K.L.** (in press). The effect of arrest on subsequent behavior: Findings from longitudinal and other studies. In Lieberman, A. (Ed.) *What Have We Learned from Recent Longitudinal Studies of Crime and Delinquency: Implications for Policy and Practice*. Springer Publishing.

**Dik, B. J.**, & Hansen, J. C. (in press). Following passionate interests to well-being. *Journal of Career Assessment*.  
Groeger, J. A., & Clegg, B. A. (in press). Systematic changes in the rate of instruction during driver training. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*.

**Vacha-Haase, T., & Fitzpatrick, K.** (in press). Counseling the elderly. In F.T. L. Leong (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of Counseling, Volume One: Changes and challenges for counseling in the 21st century*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**Vacha-Haase, T., & Martin, K. L.** (in press). Aging. Encyclopedia of Counseling. In F. T. L. Leong (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of Counseling, Volume One: Changes and challenges for counseling in the 21st century*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**Vacha-Haase, T., Brescian, N. E., & Balhan, K. M.** (in press). Gerontology. In F. T. L. Leong (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of Counseling, Volume One: Changes and challenges for counseling in the 21st century*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**Vacha-Haase, T., & Enke, S.** (in press). The Giest Picture Interest Inventory. In E. A. Whitfield, R. Feller, & C. Wood (Eds.), *A counselor's guide to career assessment instruments (5th ed.)*. Alexandria, VA: National Career Development Association.

Atallah, H. E., **Lopez-Paniagua, D.**, Rudy, J. W., O'Reilly, R. C. (2007). Separate neural substrates for skill learning and performance in the ventral and dorsal striatum: evidence for an actor-director system. *Nature Neuroscience*. 10(1); 126-131.

Tregellas, J. R., **Davalos, D. B.**, Rojas, D. C., Waldo, M. C., Gibson, L. M., Wylie, K., Du, Y. & Freedman, R. (in press). Increased hemodynamic response in the hippocampus, thalamus and prefrontal cortex during abnormal sensory gating in schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Research*

**Brandi Chew & Lee A. Rosén.** (in press). Autism and Asperger's Syndrome. In E. Altmaier & B. Johnson (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Counseling*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications