

**March 2008
Newsletter**



Department of
Psychology



Colorado State University

FROM THE CHAIR:

The department continues to grow with two new faculty hired for the coming academic year (2008-2009). Dr. Michael Steger who received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 2005 and has held an appointment at the University of Louisville the last three years will be joining the faculty and the Counseling program. Justin Lehmillier who is expected to receive his Ph.D. from Purdue University this summer will also join the faculty and the Applied Social program. These two hires give us the largest number of faculty in the history of the Psychology department here at Colorado State University, and are evidence of the continued growth and quality of our department.

The IO graduate students hosted the 29th annual IOOB (Industrial-Organizational Organizational-Behavior) Conference in Denver on March 14th through 16th. The conference entitled: "Shifting the Paradigm: Work in the 21st Century," was attended by 115 participants from all over the United States...including Hawaii. There were 4 keynote speakers (one from Germany), 12 workshop presenters, and 19 sponsoring organizations. The IO graduate students deserve congratulations on all the work involved in organizing and hosting this conference. The following students were on the IOOB planning committee; Natalie Wolfson, Paige Gardner, Zachary Steiner, Christa Palmer, Stefanie Putter, Alex Rechlin, Jenny Pitts, Martin Lanik, Brian Hurd, Josh Liff, Lauren Duarte, Anne Hansen, and Erin Crane.

Dr. George Thornton will be retiring at the end of this academic year in May. Dr. Thornton joined the department in 1966 and along with Dr. Jack Hautaluoma developed and nurtured our Industrial Organizational Psychology program over the last 42 years. Dr. Thornton is also an international expert on Assessment Centers and two years ago received the Society of Industrial Organizational Psychology's achievement award. Join me in wishing Dr. Thornton well and in honoring him for his many achievements and contributions to our department.

Dr. Thornton is the eleventh faculty member to retire while I have been chair of the department. We have lost well over 400 years of accumulated service and experience with the retirement of these important figures in our department and although we have done an excellent job of hiring exceptional new faculty we will never replace these individuals. We are an organization made up of individuals who have committed their lives to education and to the training of students and these individuals dedicated most of their working hours to CSU and the Psychology department. We have all been honored to know them.

FACULTY NEWS

On January 9 & 10, 2008, students enrolled in Bonnie Cowen's AP Psychology courses at Poudre High School visited the A-wing basement for a field trip. A number of lecture/demonstrations, and a discussion session about psychology study at CSU, were presented by Lucinda Baker, Dan Lopez Paniagua, Marc Richard, Carly Yadon, Heather Mong, Armando Trujillo and Vicki Volbrecht. Ms. Cowen was also able to introduce her students to Frank Vattano, who had been her advisor when she was developing her AP Psychology course.

Dr. Kurt Kraiger moderated a Science Forum co-sponsored by SIOP and The Federation for Behavioral, Psychological, and Behavioral Sciences on the topic of "Psychological-Organizational Science Contributions to the Management of an Aging and Age-Diverse Workforce" held in Washington D.C. for agency directors and congressional staff members.

Dr. Kurt Kraiger is the president elect for the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology.

Dr. Kim Henry delivered an invited presentation at an open forum on truancy and school dropout hosted by the Open Society Institute in Baltimore, Maryland on March 18th.

The Applied Computing Technology degree in Human and Computer Systems has been approved by the University Curriculum Committee and is awaiting approval from Faculty council. The Human Computer Interaction course developed by Dr. Lucy Troup is a part of this program and is being offered for the first time this spring. This new undergraduate course has 15 students enrolled with almost a 50/50 split between CS majors and Psychology majors.

Silvia Sara Canetto was interviewed about her research on men and suicide by "The Globe and Mail," the leading, Toronto-based national newspaper in Canada. The story, entitled "Quiet desperation: Why do suicide rates peak among middle-aged men?" was published on February 23, 2008. She was also elected Fellow of the APA Division of Trauma Psychology.

Dr. Frank Vattano was named CSU department of Psychology Alumnus of the year for 2008. Dr. Vattano was an undergraduate here at Colorado State University.

Undergraduate and Psi Chi News:

Psi Chi and The Psychology Student Alliance held their first general meeting on Tuesday, February 5th. They discussed community service, fundraising, exciting guest speakers, and website news at the meeting. At the end of the meeting, Professors and graduate students described their research in order to recruit potential research assistants from their membership. New

membership applications for Psi Chi were due on February 29th. Be on the lookout for a Spring mixer for everyone in the department later in the month.

Krista Hoffmeister a junior honor's student majoring in Psychology and Spanish received a University Honors Enrichment Award. She also had two papers accepted for presentation at the 7th International Conference on Occupational Stress & Health and the AAS conference in Boston.

Matt Jaramillo, Janean Anderson, and Jeff Nepute all members of Psi Chi accepted offers from the Counseling program here at CSU.

Ava Carey a junior psychology major was given a Distinguished first generation scholar award for 2008.

John Carson a senior psychology pre-med major has been accepted to the medical school at the University of Minnesota.

Congratulations also to Dr. Zinta Byrne and Serena Enke for receiving the first ever Psi Chi's Outstanding Teacher Award for the 2007-2008 year.

Drs. Karla Gingerich and Bryan Dik received the SOAR Gratitude Advisor Award. The Student Leadership, Involvement, and Community Engagement (SLICE) office organizes the SOAR (Student Organizations and Advisor Recognition) awards to thank all student organizations and their advisors for their contributions throughout the year, as well as recognizes groups and individuals in the following categories: leadership, marketing, programming, community service, character and advising. The Advisor Gratitude Awards recognize two Colorado State University student organization advisors for volunteerism and commitment to building meaningful communities. Recipients of this award must be a CSU faculty/staff member or graduate student. This means that of all the advisors in the university, the two chosen were our very own Dr. Karla Gingerich and Dr. Bryan Dik.

Psi Chi and The Psychology Student Alliance have elected new officers for the 2008-2009 year. Congratulations to:

Andrew Stewart- Psi Chi President

Ava Carey- Psychology Student Alliance President

Liz Keneski- Psi Chi Vice President

Ryan Baumann- Psychology Student Alliance Vice President

Calvin McGill- Treasurer

Cassidy McIntosh- Secretary

Kendall Evans- Community Service Chair

Wendy Christensen- Fundraising Chair

Psi Chi has also accepted 20 new inductees this semester. They are:

Michelle Blesener
Cara Cook
Tawny Dela Cruz
Kyla Dvorak
Sarah Huff
Danielle Keller
Mary Lee
Lauren Millard
Amanda Pala
Christine Parker

Jessie Savre
Nicole Scott
Sarah Shelton
Jessica Smeins
Alexandra Stephan
Kelly Taylor
Ashley White
Jessie Youngblood
Dimitri Zaugg
Alisha Zellner

Also, from April 17th through 18th, Psi Chi/PSA will be hosting Dr. David Campbell. For more information about his visit you can go to our website at csupsichi.com.

Alumni News:

Laura Lovato, B.S. 2006, has been accepted into the University of North Carolina Charlotte's Ph.D. Clinical Health Program.

Amy VanDeWeghe, B.S. 2006, will be receiving her Master's in School Psychology from the University of Colorado Denver in May of 2008.

Jodie Kocur, Counseling 2008, and her husband Jack had their second child, Sadie Louise Kocur, on March 7th. She was 8 lbs, 3 oz. (their first, Camden, is 20 months.) A week before her birth, Dr. Kocur was informed of an offer for a tenure-track faculty position at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, CA which she accepted. She will begin in the fall, teaching Child Development, Abnormal Psychology, and Testing and Assessment.

Graduate Students:

Lucinda S. Baker, Perceptual & Brain Sciences, was selected to receive an NEI Travel Grant to provide partial travel support to attend the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) 2008 Annual Meeting in Fort Lauderdale, FL in April. She was selected from over 1,500 applicants based upon her abstract.

Lucinda Baker also received the Legacy of the Wishing Chair-Stout/Baird Memorial Scholarship.

Helena Chui and Megan O'Grady received the Carol L. Baird Memorial Scholarships.

Itsumi Kakefuda, Applied Social, defended her dissertation entitled "Identifying factors associated with bicycle helmet use behavior among college students" Articles on her dissertation appeared in both the Coloradoan and in Today at CSU. Ms.

Takefuda has accepted a post doctoral position and begins on June 1st at the Childhood Injury Prevention Engineering Council at Digital Human Research Center, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology. Tokyo, Japan.

Carla Pallares, Counseling, defended her Master's thesis entitled, "Latino teen birth rate: An exploratory study."

Konstantin Cigularov, IO, defended his dissertation entitled, "Achievement Motivation of College Students in the United States and Bulgaria: A Cross-Country Comparison" and has accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

Malinda Trujillo, Counseling, has accepted a postdoctoral fellowship position with Gainesville VA in Gainesville Florida.

Sylvia Acosta, Counseling has accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at Children's Hospital Los Angeles USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities in Los Angeles, CA.

Samantha Farro, Counseling, is the 2008 recipient of the Department of Psychology Wittich Memorial Scholarship.

Jenifer Thomas, Applied Social, defended her dissertation entitled "Indirect Effects of Gender on Illness Behavior Through Psychosocial Factors and Perceived Stress." This project was also accepted for poster presentation in Division 35 (Society for the Psychology of Women) at the 2008 American Psychological Association Convention in Boston MA.

Christina Wilson, IO, defended her masters thesis entitled: "Development of a Taxonomy of Security Performance" on March 27, 2008

Eight Counseling students were accepted for internship this year: Serena Enke, Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VAMC, Loma Linda, CA; Kate Martin, VA Palo Alto – Geropsychology; Nikki Eberle, Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC); Kate Fitzpatrick, Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial VAMC; Kim Miller, Oregon State University Counseling Center, Britney Brinkman, Counseling Center at University of Illinois and Champaign Urbana, Samantha Farro, University of South Florida's Florida Mental Health Institute, Samantha Strife, University of Colorado at Boulder

Megan O'Grady, Applied Social, was re-elected to serve a second term (2008-2009) as a member-at-large for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology graduate student committee.

Presentations:

Cole, M. T., Rosén, L. A., & Malach, S. M. (2008, March). Personality and resilience in college females. Poster presented at the International Counseling Psychology Conference, Chicago, IL.

Chapin, L., Yang, R. At-risk early adolescents' perceived social support: Exploration of gender differences. Poster presentation, Society for Research in Adolescence, March, 2008.

Chapin, L., Clemans, K., Youngblade, L., Graber, J., Barrett, K., Diehl, M. Individual Differences in Young Adults' Perceptions of Invulnerability to Risk Based on Gender, Mood, and Personality. Poster presentation, Society for Research in Adolescence, March, 2008.

Graber, J., Clemans, K., Youngblade, L., **Chapin, L.**, Diehl, M. Use of a Daily Diary Method to Examine Alcohol Use: The Role of Mood Variability and Alcohol Expectancies. Paper presentation, Society for Research in Adolescence, March, 2008.

Youngblade, L., Graber, J., Clemans, K., **Chapin, L.**, Barrett, K. Sitting on Top of the World: A Daily Diary Study of Mood, Invulnerability, and Risk Behavior in Emerging Adults. Paper presentation, Society for Research in Adolescence, March, 2008

Takefuda, I., Yamanaka, T., Motomura, Y., Nishida, Y., & Stallones, L. (2008).

Culturally sensitive injury prevention research: child restraint seat use and attitudes among Japanese mothers. 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion. Merida, Mexico.

Harman, J. J., Wilson, K. R., & O'Grady, M. A. (2008, July). The effect of causal attributions for communication during incarceration on mental health and relationship quality. Paper to be presented at the biennial International Conference of the International Association for Relationship Research (IARR), Providence, R.I.

Wilson, K. R., O'Grady, M. A., & Harman, J. J. (2008, July). Factors Influencing Condom Use Among Women Whose Partner was Recently Released from Prison. Paper to be presented at the biennial International Conference of the International Association for Relationship Research (IARR), Providence, R.I.

O'Grady, M. A., Maertens, J., & Harman, J. J. (2008, July). Perceptions of Jealousy Expressions in Intimate Relationships. Poster to be presented at the biennial International Conference of the International Association for Relationship Research (IARR), Providence, R.I.

Crowder, S., O'Grady, M. A., Wilson, K., & Harman, J. J. (2008, April) Gender Differences in Health Protective Sexual Communication: The Role of Concern for Appropriateness. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, ID.

Hoffmeister, K., Sampson, J., Cigularov, K., & Chen, P. (2008, March). What constitutes a competent mentor in the construction industry? Paper presented at the 7th International Conference on Occupational Stress & Health, Washington, DC.

Hoffmeister, K. K., Cigularov, K. P., Carey, A., Rohr, S., Gardner, P. C., Putter, S. E., Gibbs-Long, J., Chen, P. Y., Moore, J. T., & Martinez, J. M. (2008, April). Barriers to suicide prevention training transfer. Poster presented at the 41st AAS Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

Suinn, R.M. (2008, March). Improving mentoring of international and ethnic minority students. Symposium at the International Counseling Psychology Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

Wright, S. L., & **Canetto, S. S.** (2008, March). Stereotypes of older lesbians and gay men. Invited presentation, 33rd Annual Conference of the Association for Women in Psychology, San Diego, CA

Lorann Stallones. (March 15-18, 2008) Building Infrastructure to Reduce Worldwide Burden of Injuries: Experiences of the Fogarty International Center in Trauma and Injury Prevention China Agricultural Injury Prevention Training. (9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in Merida Mexico,

Marilyn Leff, **Lorann Stallones**, Cheryl Beseler. (March 15-18), 2008Poster Drinking patterns, depressive symptoms, and farm-work injuries (9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion in Merida Mexico,)

Publications:

Takefuda, I., Yamanaka, T., **Stallones, L.,** Motomura, Y., & Nishida, Y. (in press) Child restraint seat use behavior and attitude among Japanese mothers. *Accident Analysis and Prevention.*

Towler, A., **Kraiger, K.,** Sitzmann, T., Van Overberghe, C., Cruz, J., Ronen, E., & Stewart, D. (in press). The seductive details effect in technology-delivered instruction. *Performance Improvement Quarterly.*

Ford Wood, V., & Bell, P. A. (in press). Predicting interpersonal conflict resolution styles from personality characteristics. *Personality and Individual Differences.*

Cleary, A. M. (in press). Recognition memory, familiarity, and déjà vu experiences. *Current Directions in Psychological Science.*

Cleary, A. M. (2008). Using wireless response systems to replicate behavioral research findings in the classroom. *Teaching of Psychology, 35,* 42-44.

Langley, M. M., **Cleary, A. M.,** Woods, J. & **Kostic, B.** (2008). Picture recognition without picture identification: A method for assessing the role of perceptual information in familiarity-based picture recognition. *Acta Psychologica, 127,* 103-113.

D'Amico, R., Vermigli, P., & **Canetto, S. S.** (2007). Women as psychology academics: The case of Italy. In K. A. Fanti (Ed.), *Psychological science: Research, theory and future directions* (pp. 11-20). Athens, GR: Athens Institute for Education and Research.

Hochwarter, W. A., & **Byrne, Z. S.** (in press). The interactive effects of chronic pain, guilt, and perfectionism on work outcomes. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*.

Suinn, R. M. & Borrayo, E. A. (in press). The ethnicity gap – the past, the present, and the future. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*.

Borrayo, E. A. (in press). Challenging dialogues: Working through resistance toward multicultural understanding. In J. White & S. Henderson (Eds.), *Best Practices in Multicultural Competency Training*. Roman Littlefield.

Cigularov, K., Chen, P., Thurber, B. W., & **Stallones, L.** What prevents adolescents from seeking help after a suicide education program? *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*.38: 74-86. 2008.

Gallagher,L.M., Kliem, C., Beautrais,A., & **Stallones, L.** Suicide and occupation in New Zealand, 2001-2005. *Occupational and Environmental Medicine*. 14:45-50. 2008.

Francis, A. P., Schmidt, G. L., Carr, T. H., & **Clegg, B. A.** (In Press) Implicit learning of word string orders. *Psychological Research*.

Bugg, J. M., DeLosh, E. L., & McDaniel, M. A. (in press). Improving students' study habits by demonstrating the mnemonic benefits of semantic processing. *Teaching of Psychology*, 35, p. XX - XX.