

**March 2010
Newsletter**



Department of
Psychology



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FROM THE CHAIR:

As we come to the middle of the spring semester of 2010, the department continues to grow and build on its scholarly reputation. I have just completed the annual reviews for our faculty and I am honored to report that in 2009 the Psychology faculty published over 90 refereed research articles and 18 book chapters. They also received 18 grant awards and have increased our total grant dollars 41% over 2008, and almost half (48%) of our faculty have grant awards. What is even more remarkable about these numbers is that they come at a time in our department when the size of our classes has increased and the faculty have managed to maintain an extraordinarily favorable teaching ratings from our students. New programs have been developed such as the Campus Corp and our online and Continuing Education courses have increased dramatically. These are amazing accomplishments and the faculty in our department deserve a great deal of credit for their hard work and commitment. The department also learned recently that a “mainstay” within the department Ms. Joanne Moran will be retiring in June of 2010. Joanne joined the department as Dick Suinn’s assistant in 1973 and has worked in the department ever since. Many graduate students began and ended their time here in the department in Joanne’s office and the department owes her a debt of gratitude for her service and commitment over these 37 years.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Tammi Vacha-Haase was selected as a Fellow of Division 17

Justin Lehmler has had his research on secret romantic relationships profiled in several print and online media outlets, including *Men’s Health* magazine and PsychologyToday.com.

Both Dr. Zinta Byrne and Dr. Karla Gingerich were nominated for the CSU Alumni 2010 Best Teacher Award.

Dr. Richard M. Suinn gave an invited address at Michigan State University on "Anger, a proven health hazard: empirical evidence & a treatment approach".

Dr. Richard M. Suinn has been appointed to the masthead editorial board of the Asian American Journal of Psychology, of APA.

Dr. Silvia Sara Canetto delivered the invited annual Boyer Memorial lecture in November 2009. The title of her lecture was "Why global gender perspectives matter: The case of women and suicidal behavior". The Annual Boyer Memorial lecture is sponsored by the Women's Interdisciplinary Studies Program, thanks to a gift from Dr. Boyer, a CSU professor emerita.

Paul Bell, at the invitation of the National Park Service, attended a workshop on Winter Use Policy at Yellowstone National Park in February

George Thornton will participate in a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the Society For Industrial and Organizational Psychology with regard to the implications of the Supreme Court decision in Ricci v City of New Haven. The case has implications for I/O psychologists who provide consulting and expert witness testimony in employment discrimination litigation.

Campus Corps, an interdisciplinary effort between the Psychology, HDFS, Health and Exercise Science and Spanish departments is up and running this semester. This is a service learning mentorship program funded by a \$500,000 grant which pairs CSU students and at-risk youth referred by the Center for Family Outreach, a community organization in Fort Collins. This semester we have approximately 50 CSU students and 50 adolescents involved who meet weekly to focus on academic and vocational success, increased prosocial involvement, and participation in positive enrichment activities. Dr. Tracy Richards is the instructor for one of the Campus Corps mentorship groups. Recruitment of mentors is now beginning for Fall 2010. Additional information is available at: <http://sites.google.com/a/rams.colostate.edu/campus-corps/> or by calling 492-4004.

Advising News

In an effort to increase undergraduate students' marketability after graduating from CSU, the psychology advising team has emphasized to students the importance of "customizing your education to make you more competitive" in the workforce or graduate/professional school application processes. Participating in experiential education (Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant and Field Placement opportunities are primary examples) is a great way of developing that competitive edge. In the period of 3 years (using FA06-SP07 as a baseline), our department experienced a 108% increase in undergraduate participation in experiential education.

Below are the enrollment numbers for the department since fall 2007 for students enrolled in PSY296, 495 and 496 for research:

Fall 2007 – 71

Spring 2008 – 99

Fall 2008 – 93

Spring 2009 – 122

Fall 2009 – 117

Spring 2010 – 163 (this includes 120 enrolled in PSY496)

The advising center staff have also applied advising codes to all undergraduate students' accounts. In order to register for future semesters, students will need to meet with a member of the team to discuss plans from now until graduation (including not only courses, but also finding a mentor, getting experience prior to graduation and post-graduation plans). This initiative is being conducted on a trial basis in an effort to prevent students from falling through the cracks during their CSU experience.

Undergraduate and Psi Chi News

Tony Ho and Jeremiah Lujan have been named this year's Distinguished First Generation Scholars. Five students attending CSU were named to this award this year and two come from Psychology.

Psi Chi at Colorado State University has been very active during our 46th anniversary as a Psi Chi chapter at Colorado State University. Early in the semester, we were present at the Student Involvement Fair, where we informed prospective new members about our organization. We continue to host monthly general meetings for our members.

We would like to congratulate the 50 new Psi Chi members that will be inducted this academic year. We recently held a career panel, where guests were invited to share their work and educational experiences with students. The speakers came from a range of educational backgrounds, from the Bachelor, Master's and Doctoral levels. Some areas of expertise included art therapy, organizational development, cognitive disabilities, and working with patients in private practice. We will have Dr. Justin Lehmler speaking on April 13th about his research on Secret Relationships. We continue to maintain an active presence in our local community and are looking forward to doing CSUnity this spring.

Psi Chi would like to thank the Psychology Department for its support of our organization, and we hope to continue being involved with our local community and the university.

Alumni News

Jacob Benfield (Applied Social, Ph.D. 2008) has accepted a position as Assistant Professor, Psychological and Social Sciences, Penn State Abington, effective August, 2010

Dr. Alan Panches (Experimental, 1991) recently joined Ohio University-Zanesville as an associate dean. He is coming to Zanesville from Maine, where he served as vice president and academic dean at Northern Maine Community College. He has also served as dean of arts and sciences at Redlands Community College in Oklahoma, assistant professor of psychology at Briar Cliff

College in Iowa, visiting assistant professor at Fort Lewis College in Colorado, instructor of psychology at Colorado State University and visiting assistant professor of psychology at Ohio University's main campus in Athens. Dr. PUNCHES and his wife, Elizabeth, who is an artist, have three sons, Chris, Dustin, and Andy.

Dr. J.R. Hap Cox (Counseling, 1986) has joined Roanoke College this year as director of the counseling center. Prior to joining the college, Cox was a senior psychologist at New River Health Care in Boone, N.C.

Dr. Daniel C. Condit (B.S. 1995) has joined ThedaCare Behavioral Health at its Midway Road clinic in Menasha. A clinical neuropsychologist, Condit specializes in treating adults with a wide range of neurological, medical and psychiatric conditions. He has a special interest in traumatic brain injury, mild head injury, and concussion, dementia and mild cognitive impairment. Dr. Condit received his master's degree in clinical psychology from the University of Texas. He earned his doctorate in clinical psychology at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and completed his post-doctoral residency in clinical neuropsychology at Evanston-Northwestern Healthcare in Evanston, Il.

Robert C. Bob" Johnson, Ph.D. (Counseling, 2001) has joined Barger, Cowart & Kenney, LLC (BCK), an Atlanta-based Corporate Psychology firm. Dr. Johnson's previous experience includes serving as Division Psychologist in the United States Army while stationed in Germany, as well as serving as Chief of Combat Stress Control Services during a tour in Iraq. The addition of Dr. Johnson to the Barger, Cowart & Kenney team will strengthen and add further depth to the services we provide," Dr. Johnson has served extensively as a psychological consultant to a variety of populations, including executive level leadership, medical professionals, school district administrators, teachers, and parents. He has also provided expert forensic testimony on numerous occasions. For more information visit www.bargercowartkenney.com.

Graduate Students

Krista Hoffmeister and Erica Ermann (I/O) were announced by the MAP ERC as the winners of the Second Annual Research Symposium on November 13th, 2009.

The following Counseling students were placed for internships at the following sites:

Elizabeth Asta- University of Oregon Counseling Center

Elyse Corbett - University of New Hampshire Counseling Center

Timothy Doenges - VA Med Ctr.--Denver, Colorado

Carla Pallares - University of Colorado- Denver- Primary Care Psych- Rural

Adam Sargent- Colorado State University Counseling Center

Lindsay Sharp - Denver Health Medical Ctr.- Health Psych/Inpatient Psych

Sydney Felker - University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota

Natalie Brescian (Counseling) has accepted a one-year, Clinical Geropsychology/Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellowship position at the Miami Veteran's Affairs Healthcare System. The fellowship offers 6 months of training in the Neuropsychology Clinic and 6 months of training split between the Palliative Care Unit and the Pain Clinic.

Lindsey Harkabus (Applied Social) was awarded the Psi Chi Graduate Research Grant. Lindsey's proposal submitted for the November 1 Psi Chi Graduate Research Grants has been selected for the \$548.51 she requested in funding.

Aki Hosoi (Counseling) has accepted a post doc position at the San Francisco VA.

Amanda Sensenig (Cognitive) has been a teaching fellow for the last two years and she has received this year's CNS Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award. She has also accepted a teaching position at Bluffton University in Bluffton, Ohio.

Jenny Pitts (I/O) has accepted an Assistant Professor tenure-track faculty position at Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. Jenny will start the position in August, 2010.

Presentations

Deffenbacher, J. L. (2010, January). *Cognitive behavioral psychotherapy for problematic anger*. One-day workshop presented at Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla, Puebla, Mexico.

Deffenbacher, J. L. (2010, January). *Angry drivers: Characteristics and intervention*. Invited address presented at Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla, Puebla, Mexico.

Deffenbacher, J. L. (2010, January). *Characteristics of individuals high in driving anger: Prevention and intervention*. Colloquium presented at Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla, Puebla, Mexico.

Deffenbacher, J. L. (2010, January). *Dealing with anger while driving—your anger and theirs*. Paper presented at Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla, Puebla, Mexico.

Lehmiller, J. J., & Spoor, J. R. (2010, January). *“Psychology of women” versus “psychology of gender”: The impact of varying diversity course titles on student interest.* Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Reynolds, M., **Troup, L.**, & Reiser, R. (2010) Effect of foot placement on Wii Fit™ measured standing weight-bearing asymmetry. *American College of Sports Medicine: Rocky Mountain Chapter Annual Meeting.* Golden, Colorado, February 26-27.

Senior, A. M., **Canetto, S. S.**, MacPhee, D., Lessner, L., & **McLaren, M.** (2010, February). Perceptions of career and family among atmospheric sciences doctoral students: A case study. Poster presented at the National Science Foundation and Center for Multi-Scale Modeling of Atmospheric Processes Student Poster Session, Fort Collins, CO.

Vacha-Haase, T. (February, 2010). Training session, “Gentle Introduction to Meta-Analysis” Southwest Education and Research Association; New Orleans, LA

Vacha-Haase, T. (February, 2010). Plenary Session, “Practica for Emerging Service Delivery Models for Changing Demographics: Aging” Council of Chairs of Training Council, Joint Conference of Training Councils in Psychology; Orlando, FL

Winterrowd, E., Canetto, S. S., Biasioli, A., **Mohajeri-Nelson, N., Hosoi, S. A., & Raymond, K.** (2010, February). Depictions of ethnicity and gender in elementary school science materials. Poster presented at the National Science Foundation and Center for Multi-Scale Modeling of Atmospheric Processes Student Poster Session, Fort Collins, CO.

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