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Newsletter**



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FROM THE CHAIR:

We are at the close of another academic year. There have been a number of difficult issues this year with the year beginning with the deaths of two of our graduate students, Will Szlemko and Marc Richards, followed by a major national recession that led to budget cuts in all programs across the University, and now the spring semester comes to a close. On the positive side of things our department has received funds that allowed us to endow the Oetting Fellowship and both the Viney and Vattano Scholarships, our grant funded research has increased, and we have been able to develop at least one new program. Donations to the new Szlemko Fellowship in honor of Will allowed us to create the fellowship and we awarded the first ever Marc Richard Graduate Student Teaching Award. All of our lives are punctuated by both difficult trials and glorious occurrences and our department is no different. Our faculty remain astoundingly productive, our students continue to matriculate, our staff work hard, and our friends donate their time and funds to the ongoing mission of the department. We all remain committed to the teaching, research and service mission of the University and our department's accomplishments over the last three months are summarized in this newsletter. Thank you all for your continued support and hard work and enjoy a quiet but full summer.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Dr. Karla Gingerich in cooperation with Dr. Sue Doe from English had their proposal titled "The Role of Direct Instruction and Assessment Criteria in the Development of Writing Skills and Efficiencies of Grading: Empirical Results for Review and Discussion" selected as one of the 2009 WPA Research Grant recipients. The project assesses the outcomes of the writing portion of PSY100. The project will be fully funded for a total of \$1980.

Dr. Carol Seger has been invited to become a permanent member of the NIH Cognitive Neuroscience study section.

With the Annual Conference of the Society for Industrial-Organizational Psychology (Division 14 of APA), Kurt Kraiger began his term as the Society's President.

Fred Beauvais (PI) and Randy Swaim (Co-PI) were awarded a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse entitled, Drug Use Among Young Indians: Epidemiology & Prediction. This five year grant of \$1,568,885 (direct costs) will continue an ongoing grant that has been funded by NIDA for the previous 21 years. During the next five years, in addition to the ongoing epidemiology of

drug use among reservation-based American Indian youth, the grant will investigate more thoroughly what has now become the near normative use of marijuana on reservations.

Dr. Richard M. Suinn, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, was elected to the Board of Directors of APA's Division 12, Society of Clinical Psychology. He was also appointed to serve on the Division 12 Nominations and Elections Committee.

Elger Abramhamse a graduate student from the University of Twente in the Netherlands just completed a 6 month visit to Ben Clegg's lab as a Fulbright Scholar. At the time of his trip, Elger was the only graduate student in psychology to be receiving support from Fulbright to visit the US. In addition to collaborating on a series of studies, Elger gave talks at CSU and at CU-Boulder, and attended the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society. He wanted to thank everyone at CSU for their kindness and generosity during his stay.

Silvia Sara Canetto was awarded a 2009 Jack E. Cermak Advising Award. The Cermak is the most prestigious award for graduate academic advising on the CSU campus.

George Thornton made a presentation "Grade 12 National Assessment of Educational Progress: Measuring Preparedness for College and Work" at the 20th Anniversary Conference of the National Assessment Governing Board on March 4, 2009. Other presenters included Arnie Duncan, Secretary of Education. George has two recent publications: along with Alyssa Gibbons, "Validity of Assessment Centers for Personnel Selection," in a special issue of Human Resource Management Review; and along with Diana Krause, "Selection versus development assessment centers: An international survey of design, execution, and evaluation," in the International Journal of Human Resource Management. George participated in two panel discussions at the 24th Annual Conference of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology in New Orleans: one on validity evidence and legal defensibility; the other on whether assessment centers can assess complex executive performance dimensions.

The Center on Aging is pleased to welcome Tammi Vacha-Haase, Ph.D., to its leadership team. Dr. Vacha-Haase has started to serve as the Center's Associate Director for Community Relations and Outreach. Dr. Vacha-Haase is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology and has been a faculty member at Colorado State University (CSU) since 1998. Dr. Vacha-Haase is joining Dr. Manfred Diehl, the Director, and Dr. Christine Fruhauf, the Associate Director for Education.

David McCabe received a scholarship to attend the RAND Summer Institute on Aging this summer in Santa Monica.

The Colorado State University Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Connection announced Tracy Richards was selected as a 2009 Best Teacher Award Recipient.

Mike Steger was asked to be a part of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Task Force, focusing on Spiritual Fitness.

Professor Emeritus Ross Loomis received the RMPA Distinguished Service Award at the 2009 RMPA in Albuquerque.

Rachel Bedard was awarded our Psi Chi Distinguished Teaching Award for 2008-2009. She was selected based on nomination essays submitted by students.

Dave McCabe had media coverage in the New York Times on a paper he is a coauthor on investigating memory in Alzheimer's disease: <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/05/health/05agin.html?ref=health>

Deana Davalos was granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor by the Board of Governors.

Advising News

Becky Villalpando, Heather Matthews and D. Tobiassen Baitinger are all involved in the Professional Advisors campus committee as well as the Coalition for Proactive Strategies to Support Student Success. Both groups focus on improving the undergraduate experience at CSU.

Staff in the Advising Center have collaborated with faculty to reach out to students who are struggling academically in some lower-division classes. This effort is both to provide a safety net to our students and also to reinforce the messages and expectations faculty set in the classroom.

In an effort to keep students from “falling through the cracks”, the advising center staff is meeting with all undergraduate students who are on academic probation, are entering their junior year or who are first year students who are exempt from taking PSY 192 (first year seminar). These proactive steps are intended to assist students to find an appropriate major (as necessary) and to stay on track for a timely graduation.

Undergraduate and Psi Chi News:

Psi Chi at Colorado State University has been very active during our 45th anniversary as a Psi Chi chapter at Colorado State University. Early in the semester, we were present at the Student Involvement Fair, where we told prospective new members about our organization. We have also had two general meetings discussing the recent events in our organization.

We would also like to congratulate the 46 new Psi Chi members that were inducted this academic year. We have also elected a new team of officers for the 2009-2010 academic year. We had an overwhelming number of officer applicants and were able to elect 12 new officers. They are:

Psi Chi President: Chris Beard

PSA President: Kyla Dvorak

Psi Chi VP: Tony Ho

PSA VP: Sarah Huff

Secretary: Lauren Leary

Treasurer: Wendy Christensen

Service Chair: Cheri Wynstra

Service Co-Chair: Jessica Smeins

Fundraising Chair: Kara Misheff

Fundraising Co-Chair: Noel Rothschild-Beck

Historian: Patrick LaCount

CNS Representative: Ashley Waymire

Psi Chi would like to thank the Psychology Department for its support of our organization, and we hope to have a long, collaborative relationship with the Department in the coming years.

Sincerely,
Andrew Stewart
Outgoing President, Psi Chi

We would also like to congratulate Ava Carey and Andrew Stewart for being accepted into Ph.D. programs in psychology. Ava will be attending the University of Colorado at Denver's Clinical Health Psychology program, and Andrew will be attending the University of Connecticut's Social Psychology Ph.D. program beginning in the Fall, 2009. Ava will be working with Dr. Evelinn Borrayo, and Andrew will be working with Dr. Felicia Pratto.

The following students were awarded scholarships this spring:

Tony Ho was awarded the Gloria and Frank Grimaldi Memorial Scholarship

Sarika Steinhaus was awarded the Dr. A. Wayne Viney Psychology Undergraduate Scholarship

Autumn Sheridan was awarded the Dr. Frank Vattano Psychology Undergraduate Scholarship

Alumni News:

The 2009 Environmental Psychology Symposium at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association in Albuquerque was dedicated as a memorial tribute to CSU alumnus Will Szlemko, who presented 28 papers at RMPA over the previous five years and won RMPA awards for two of those papers co-authored with undergraduates.

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

Gwen Schmidt (Cognitive 2006) recently accepted an offer of a tenure track faculty position at Hope College in Holland Michigan. She will be in the Psychology department, and will participate in the interdisciplinary program in Neuroscience as well. Hope College has a strong emphasis on undergraduate research, and Gwen plans to have an active lab examining language processing (especially figurative language) using EEG/ERP and behavioral methods. She also plans to continue her research in autism. Her main teaching responsibilities will focus around physiological psychology courses and labs. For the last three years she has been a postdoc at the University of Pennsylvania.

Scott Bates (Applied Social 2002) holds a position at Utah State University and was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure.

Graduate Students:

Heidi Bemowski (Counseling) successfully defended her dissertation titled “Opinions of Mental Illness and Help-Seeking Among College Students” on February 19th. Heidi has accepted a psychologist position within Health and Wellness Services at St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI.

Eddie Bitzer (I/O) successfully defended his dissertation titled “An Exploratory Investigation of Organizational Security Climate in a Highly Regulated Environment” on March 3rd.

Helena Chui (Applied Social) has been accepted to attend a summer workshop, titled “Scholarship and a Free Society,” sponsored by the Institute of Humane Studies, George Mason University. Details: At Scholarship and a Free Society, sixty students from leading graduate programs around the world will gather for a week at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. While there, participants will engage both the principles of the classical liberal tradition and the leading academic issues and research agendas of our time. Though rooted in scholarship, the seminar will also connect issues in the academy to world events. In addition to the many fundamental questions being raised in economics, participants will explore the impact of the world crisis on law,

government, and the conception of the state. Faculty for this seminar will include Peter Boettke, James Otteson, David Friedman and Jacob Levy.

Helena Chui received the CSU College of Applied Health Science scholarship, the Columbine Health Systems Scholarship.

On January 14 & 15, 2009 Heather Mong & Lucinda Baker visited Ms. Bonnie Cowen's AP Psychology classes at Poudre High School and gave the students the opportunity to test their sensory systems and perception as part of the class unit on Sensation & Perception.

Barbara Banz, Josh Edler, Megan Littrell, Sarah Tauber, Vanessa Loaiza-Kois, Lucinda Baker, Lisa Blalock, Alana Campbell, Bogdan Kostic, Anthony Ryals and Heather Mong all volunteered to present a poster on "Vision and the Brain" during the Brain Awareness Week program at Preston Junior High March 23-27. Each year the Society for Neuroscience designates a week during which events are held around the world to increase public awareness about the brain. These graduate students from the basement of the A-wing presented information and gave 9th grade biology students the opportunity to try some hands-on tests and experiments dealing with vision, perception and visual illusions.

Kate Martin (Counseling) has accepted a one-year clinical postdoctoral position in Geropsychology at the VA Palo Alto Healthcare System in Palo Alto, CA.

Michele Baranczyk (I/O) has accepted a position as assistant professor at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA starting this fall.

The following counseling graduate students will be going on internship next year:

Krystle Archibald, University of Oregon

Natalie Brescian, VA Medical Center, Miami

Megan Cole, Denver Health Medical Center

Jodi Coochise, Suffolk University

Brandy Eldridge, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Aki Hosoi, VA Medical Center, Denver

Steffany Malach, University of Texas Health Sciences, San Antonio

Erin Tracy, University of California, Davis

Erin Winterrowd, University of Utah, Counseling Center

Megan O'Grady (Applied Social) has accepted a position, which she will start in Fall 2009, as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the NIAAA funded Alcohol Research Center in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Connecticut Health Center School of Medicine.

Lindsey Harkabus (Applied Social) has been selected as the winner of the Psi Chi Distinguished Teaching Award for Graduate Student Instructors for the 2008-2009 academic year!

Natalie Brescian (Counseling) was chosen as this year's student representative for the national organization Psychologists in Long-Term Care. There were three individuals who applied for the 2009-2010 rotation to serve as a Student Representative to the PLTC Membership and the Board of Directors.

The following students were awarded scholarships this spring:

Julie Maertens and Kristina Wilson were awarded the Carol L Baird Memorial Scholarship

Alana Campbell was awarded the Legacy of the Wishing Chair-Stout/Baird Memorial Scholarship

Gretchen Nurse was awarded the first Will Szlemko Memorial Fellowship

Erin Winterrowd (Counseling) received the WINS travel and research award.

Gretchen Nurse was accepted to a summer program entitled, "FirstSTEP: Summer school on Theories in Environmental Psychology". It will take place in July at University of Groningen in the Netherlands. She will be studying how to change behavior via community approaches.

Presentations:

Abrahamse, E. L., **Clegg, B. A.**, & Verwey, W. B. (2009). The nature of perceptual-motor sequence learning. Poster presented at ESF-JSPS Frontier Science Conference for Young Researchers, Acquafredda di Maratea, Italy, February 27th - March 4th 2009.

Fuller, K., **Wilson, K.**, Cerbana, C. & **Henry, K.** (2009). Parenting Styles as a Function of Ethnicity: An Examination of Pre-Intervention Data. Poster presented at the 2009 annual Celebrate Undergraduate Research and Creativity poster session. Won Honors for College of Natural Science.

Law, A. T., **Lehmiller, J. J.**, & Williams, K.D. (2009, May). *Disclosing HIV+ status and relationship initiation: Can stealing thunder help?* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Lehmiller, J. J. (2009, February). *Secret romantic relationships: Consequences for personal and relational well-being.* Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Tampa, FL.

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Lehmiller, J. J. (2009, May). *The nature of secret romantic relationships*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Lehmiller, J. J., VanderDrift, L. E., & Kelly, J. R. (2009, May). *Gender differences in approaching “friends with benefits” relationships*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Taylor, J., Barrett, K. C., Youngblade, L. M., & Graber, J. A. (2009, April). *Anger, Sadness, and Romantic Relationships during Emerging Adulthood*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, Colorado.

Winterrowd, E., Canetto, S. S., Biasiolli, A., **Mohajeri-Nelson, N., Hosoi, S. A., & Raymond, K.** (April, 2009). *Gender and ethnicity representations in elementary science materials*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Child Development, Denver, CO.

Winterrowd, E., Canetto, S. S., & Chavez, E. (April, 2009). *Suicidality and friendship problems: Common and unique patterns in Mexican-American and European-American youth*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Suicidology, San Francisco, CA.

Winterrowd, E., Raymond, K., Biasillo, A., **Hosoi, A.,** Bennell, S., Chan, E., **Canetto, S. S.** (January, 2009). *Gender and ethnicity lessons in elementary science book stories*. Poster presented at the National Multicultural Conference and Summit, New Orleans, LA.

SIOP Presentations:

Byrne, Z. S., & Eisenberger, R. (2009, April). *Perceived organizational support: New perspectives*. Co-chair of a symposium at the 24th annual conference of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Byrne, Z. S. (2009, April). *Political skill: A sneaky way to be Machiavellian*. Invited facilitator for interactive poster session at the 24th annual conference of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

***Hurd, B., Byrne, Z. S.,** & Gross, M. (2009, April). *Moderation of Communication Medium Richness on Reactions to Task Feedback*. Presented as a paper at the 24th annual conference of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

***Pitts, V., Byrne, Z. S., *Chiaburu, D. S., & *Steiner, Z.** (2009, April). *Organizational support and psychological contract theories: An empirical integration*. Presented in a symposium at the 24th annual conference of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

***Steiner, Z., Byrne, Z. S., Wilson, C., & *Pitts, V.** (2009, April). *Trusting the Fair Supervisor: The Role of Supervisory Support*. Presented as a paper at the 24th annual conference of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

RMPA Presentations

Gutzwiller, R. S., & Clegg, B. A. (2009). The generation effect on route memorization in a navigational task. Paper presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 16th-18th 2009.

Murchison, N., **Mong, H. M., & Clegg, B. A.** (2009). Effect of conformal and non-conformal arrow placement on the safety of a heads-up display navigation aid. Poster presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 16th-18th 2009.

Sawyer, B. D., & **Clegg, B. A.** (2009). Cognitive versus motor components of text messaging impairment of driving. Poster presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 16th-18th 2009.

Sawyer, B. D., Ahmed, A. N., **Mong, H. M., & Clegg, B. A.** (2009). Virtually there: A comparison of conventional navigational aids with HUD alternatives. Poster presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 16th-18th 2009.

Deffenbacher, J. L. (2009, April). *Anger: From practice to science and back*. Psi Chi Distinguished Speaker address presented at the 79th Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Benfield, J. A., & Bell, P. A. (2009, April). *The territorial behaviors scale and residence hall room evaluations*. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Albuquerque, NM.

Nurse, G. A., Thilmany, D., & **Bell, P. A.** (2009, April). *Going local: Exploring consumer purchasing behavior and motivations for local food purchases.* Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Albuquerque, NM.

Szlemko, W. J., & Bell, P. A. (2009, April). *A proposed explanatory mechanism for how the built environment influences utilitarian physical activity.* Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Albuquerque, NM.

Benfield, J. A., Bell, P. A., & Loomis, R. J. (2009, April). *The life and work of William J. Szlemko, Ph.D.* Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Albuquerque, NM.

Davis, B. R., & **Benfield, J. A.** (2009, April). Comparing apples to apples: Food presentation affects caloric estimation. Presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Albuquerque, NM.

Publications:

Archibald, K. B. (2009). Nomen-culture: Name changes after marriage. *Feminist Psychologist.*

Bell, P. A., Mace, B. L., & **Benfield, J. A.** (2009). Aircraft overflights at national parks: Conflict and its potential resolution. *Park Science*, in press.

Brinkman, B.G. & Glick Brinegar, M. (in press). Tackling violence on college campuses [Review of the book Understanding and Preventing Campus Violence]. *Psychology of Women Quarterly.*

Byrne, Z. S. (in press). What we don't know about justice: Behaviors and bridging the scientist-practitioner gap. *Industrial and Organizational Psychology: Perspectives on Science and Practice*, 2(2).

Byrne, Z. S. & Miller, B.K. (2009). Is Justice the Same for Everyone? Examining Fairness Items Using Multiple-Group Analysis. *Journal of Business and Psychology*, 24, 51-64.

Deffenbacher, J. L. (2009). Angry drivers: Characteristics and clinical interventions. *Mexican Journal of Psychology*, 26, 5-16.

Dik, B. J., Duffy, R. D., & **Eldridge, B. M.** (in press). Calling and vocation in career counseling: Recommendations for promoting meaningful work. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice.*

- Dik, B. J.,** & Duffy, R. D. (2009). Calling and vocation at work: Definitions and prospects for research and practice. *The Counseling Psychologist*, 37, 424-450.
- Dik, B. J., & Eldridge, B. M.** (2009). Review of the Hall Occupational Orientation Inventory. In E. A. Whitfield, R. W. Feller, & C. Wood (Eds.), *A counselor's guide to career assessment instruments, 5th ed.* (pp. 257-261). Broken Arrow, OK: National Career Development Association.
- Dik, B. J., Strife, S.,** & Hansen, J. C. (in press). The flip side of Holland-type congruence: Incongruence and job satisfaction. *Career Development Quarterly*.
- Dik, B. J.** (in press). On being called to counseling. In J. Koch, M. Trotter, S. Sanger, & T. Skovholt (Eds.), *Voices from the field: Defining moments in counselor development.* New York: Routledge.
- Francis, A. P., Schmidt, G. L., Carr, T. H., & **Clegg, B. A.** (2009). Implicit learning of word string orders. *Psychological Research*, 73(1), 60-74.
- Henry, K.L.** (in press). Skipping School and Using Drugs: A Brief Report. *Drugs: Education, Prevention & Policy*.
- Henry, K.L., Stanley, L.R., Edwards, R.W., Harkabus, L.C. & Chapin, L.A.** (in press). Individual and contextual effects of school adjustment on adolescent alcohol use. *Prevention Science*.
- Hogler, R., Gross, M., & **Byrne, Z. S.** (2009). Making Governance Work In Academia: Organizational Justice, Dispute Resolution, And Nonunion Arbitration. *International Journal of Conflict Management*, 20(1), 31-45.
- Lehmiller, J. J.** (in press). Differences in relationship investments between gay and heterosexual men. *Personal Relationships*.
- Lehmiller, J. J.** (2009). Secret relationships. In H. T. Reis & S. K. Sprecher (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Human Relationships* (pp. 1402-1405). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Hoffman, A. M., Agnew, C. R., **Lehmiller, J. J.,** & Duncan, N. T. (in press). Satisfaction, alternatives, investments, and the microfoundations of audience cost models. *International Interactions*.
- Lehmiller, J. J.** (in press). Differences in relationship investments between gay and heterosexual men. *Personal Relationships*.
- Lehmiller, J. J.** (in press). Secret romantic relationships: Consequences for personal and relational well-being. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*

- Morett, L., **Clegg, B. A., Durrance Blalock, L., & Mong, H. M.** (2009). Application of multimedia learning theory to map learning and driving navigation. *Transportation Research Part F: Traffic Psychology & Behaviour*, 12(1), 40-49.
- 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.
- Steger, M. F., & Dik, B. J.** (in press). If you're looking for meaning in life, does it help to find meaning in work? *Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being*.
- Steger, M. F., & Kashdan, T. B.** (2009). Depression and everyday social activity, intimacy, and well-being. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, 56, 289-300.
- Steger, M. F., Oishi, S., & Kashdan, T. B.** (2009). Meaning in life across the life span: Levels and correlates of meaning in life from emerging adulthood to older adulthood. *Journal of Positive Psychology*, 4, 43-52.
- Steger, M. F.** (2009). Meaning in life. In S. J. Lopez (Ed.), *Oxford handbook of positive psychology (2nd Ed.)* (pp. 679-687). Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- Suinn, R.M.** (2009). Acculturation: Measurements and Review of Findings. In N. Trinh & Y. Rho (Eds.). *Handbook of Mental Health and Acculturation. in Asian American Families. N.J.:* Springer.
- Suinn, R.M.** (2009). Acculturation: Recommendations for Future Research. In N. Trinh & Y. Rho (Eds.). *Handbook of Mental Health and Acculturation. in Asian American Families. N.J.:* Springer.
- Tatum, P. T., **Canetto, S. S., & Slater, M. D.** (2009). Suicide coverage in U.S. newspapers following the publication of the media guidelines. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*.