



ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

Do you still have questions about your Summer or Fall schedules? Are you concerned that you might not get the grades you thought you would this semester? If so, please schedule an advising appointment today to discuss your options. Our schedules fill quickly so call 970.491.3799 (between 7:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.) to schedule an appointment. Call today to secure a time slot that works for you!

- Advising Staff
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 - ~ Clark C-13
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 - ~ Clark C-24

Important Dates

- May 8 – Classes end
- May 8 – Last day to complete a University Withdrawal from all courses
- May 11 – Final examinations week begins
- May 15-16 – Commencement ceremonies
- May 15 – Summer Session classes begin
- Aug. 24 – Fall Classes Begin

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Good Luck Students! As we head into the last two weeks of the semester, we encourage you to stay focused and hang in there. The end of the semester is just around the corner and we want to wish you all the best as you head into finals. For information on CSU's final examination policies or to view the Spring 2009 final exam schedule go to: <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Registrar/finalexams.htm>. Good luck!

College of Natural Sciences Commencement Information - If you have questions, please contact Kelly Kemple in the Dean's office at 491-1300.

Time & Date: Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

Place: Moby Arena, CSU Campus

Check-in: for all graduates will begin at 2:15 PM in the Intramural (small) gym at Moby Arena. You must be checked in no later than 3:15 pm

ATTENTION SENIORS graduating in MAY or SUMMER...

Before you graduate, please complete the graduation survey found at <http://studentvoice.com/csu/graduationsurveyCNS0809>. This will only take you about 2-3 minutes to complete. The information you provide will stay with CSU; it will not be sold to any outside vendors. The information is very valuable to us. Thank you!

Did you know... that The Career Center and your career liaison are here to assist you at no charge for 1 year after graduation? All on-line services including CareerRAM are yours to use forever. You may also attend workshops and career fairs and other special events as a CSU alumnus. If you still need assistance to figure out your future plans, please contact Judy Brobst at 491-1190 or judy.brobst@colostate.edu to schedule an appointment.

Also NEW this year - join the College of Natural Sciences alumni and students on LinkedIn! This professional networking site will keep you in touch with your friends as you leave CSU. If you're already on LinkedIn you can find us in the groups section <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1913698>. Not a member of LinkedIn? Join today for free at www.Linkedin.com.

May 2009 Undergraduate Newsletter

To learn more about what faculty, staff, students and alumni from the Department of Psychology are up to, be sure to check out the department newsletter at: <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Psychology/newsletter.shtml>.



CSU Summer and Fall 2009 Registration is well under way. If you have not yet registered for either session, please do so ASAP – classes are filling quickly!!

Students currently enrolled in degree programs at CSU may register for Summer Session courses according to the registration procedures listed on RAMweb <http://RAMweb.colostate.edu>. **BEFORE** registering, all students should read "Pertinent Registration Information" available at: <http://www.summer.colostate.edu/regindex.cfm?dispq=pertinfo>.



ATTENTION: If you were planning on taking STAT 301 in fall, please consider taking **STAT 311-002** instead. This section was developed specifically for psychology majors. This class will meet: MWF 10am – 10:50am.

If you are taking BMS 300 in fall please note: BMS 200 – Concepts in Human Anatomy and Physiology, which we often recommend students take concurrently with BMS 300, is not currently on the schedule for fall. Dr. Walrond, who teaches BMS 300, hires students who have successfully completed his course to tutor others in it. We encourage you to utilize this **free tutoring** option for BMS 300 in the fall. We also recommend you utilize **free tutoring for BMS 300** offered by the Science and Mathematics Tutorial Hall during the fall to help with this class. BMS 300 is a challenging class so you need to utilize all available resources to help you be successful in it. Keep your eye on the fall schedule in case BMS 200 is added to the schedule.

Composition Placement/Challenge Examination Dates – Proctored test session dates listed below. Students don't need to sign up for a test session, just show up with a pen and a photo ID. It's best to show up 10-15 minutes early--testing will begin promptly!!

Monday, June 15, 2009 – 4:00pm, Chemistry A103
Friday, August 21, 2009 – 3:30pm, Plant Science C101
Friday, August 21, 2009 – 5:00pm, Plant Science C101
Saturday, August 22, 2009 – 9:30am, Plant Science C101

Students can check their placement on RAMweb - under Records, select Composition Placement/ Challenge Exam Results. If you have questions, contact Sue Russell at 491-1898. For more information visit <http://writing.colostate.edu/comp/placement.cfm>.

PSYCHOLOGY SUMMER CLASSES

Are you thinking about taking classes at CSU this summer to catch up in credits or to get ahead? If so, we encourage you to take a look at the summer schedule (on RAMweb) and to register for classes as soon as possible to secure a seat. Here are just a few of the psychology classes being offered this summer:

- **PSY 260** (Child Psychology) and **PSY 460** (Child Exceptionality and Psychopathology) – great options if you're looking to work with kids! **PSY 260 will not be offered in fall 2009.**
- **PSY 320** (Abnormal Psychology) – two sections being offered this summer because it is so popular and always fills up during the academic year!
- **PSY 325** (Psychology of Personality) – what a great opportunity to take a class from Dr. Tracy Richards, Winner of CSU's 2008-2009 BEST TEACHER AWARD!
- Complete or start one of the psychology **lecture/lab pairs** (seats still available in **PSY 370/371**-Measurement & Testing, **PSY 456/457**-Sensation and Perception, **PSY 452**-Cognitive, and **PSY 454**-Biological,) – great time to tackle a lecture/lab pair or at least start with the lecture component!
- **PSY 492** (Seminar-Eating Disorders) – **only offered in the summer.**
- **PSY 496** – Cover some really interesting topics and because they are weekend classes you can get them done quickly! Seats are still available in sections: 002 – **Conflict Resolution**; 003 – **Psychology of Sport and Exercise**; 004 – **Intro to Clinical/Counseling Psychology**; 005 – **Movies and Mental Health**; and 007 – **Psychology of Happiness**. **When registering for PSY 496 courses, be sure to change the number of credits for the course to 3 credits.**

PSYCHOLOGY FALL CLASSES

- Have you received an **unexpected prerequisite error message** when trying to register for **PSY 352, PSY 452, PSY 454, or PSY 456**? Are you on the **yellow check sheet** (started the psychology major in Spring 2007 or earlier)? If so, you may need a *prerequisite override. (The new prerequisite for these classes is PSY 252 Mind, Brain and Behavior—if you don't have it, you will not be able to register for the course in the traditional way.) In order to request a prerequisite override, please contact your advisors (Becky, Heather or D) for assistance. Do **NOT** wait until the first day of classes to request an override from the instructor – **we can help you get into these classes now.**

**This is only applicable if you are on the yellow check sheet (3 page check sheet for students who started the psychology major in Spring 2007 or earlier). Students on the purple check sheet (1 page check sheet for students who started the psychology major in Summer 2007 or later) need to complete PSY 252, the new prerequisite for these courses, prior to taking them.*

- Are you looking for a way to find Research Assistant opportunities? Are you seeking 2 credits to complete your Fall 2009 schedule? If so, consider PSY 392.

PSY 392 – Current Topics in Psychology

Mondays 12:00 – 1:40 p.m.

Clark A27

Prereqs: PSY 250 and 3.5 GPA or higher; junior or senior standing

- Small class (10 students) – *hurry, only 5 seats left!*
- Seminar format (reading papers by faculty in the department and discussing them)
- Great way to become familiar with on-going research in the department and potentially seek working in someone's laboratory during or after the seminar.

If you are interested in registering for PSY 392, please contact one of your advisors (Becky, Heather or D). We'll confirm that you meet the prereqs and override the honors requirement (if needed).

- Are you interested in Occupational Health Psychology (OHP)? OHP is an interdisciplinary field that focuses on the promotion of wellness and the prevention of injuries and illnesses in the workplace. If so, consider PSY 492D section 001.

PSY 492D (section 001) – Seminar-Industrial Organizational Psychology

Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

Clark A27

Prereqs: PSY 100

- This course will introduce students to the field of occupational health psychology (OHP)
- Course will include lecture, discussions, and interactive activities
- Topics covered in the class will include: Healthy People 2010, Occupational Health Disparities, Research Methods in OHP, Individual and organizational stress management, Counterproductive behaviors, and Work and life balance.

NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TUTORIAL HALL

The Science and Mathematics Tutorial Hall HAS MOVED!! The College of Natural Sciences, Science and Mathematics Tutorial Hall is now located in the **TILT Building** (Formally Music Bldg) located on the **Oval**. The Tutorial Hall is in the **Great Hall** (second floor). They will continue to provide the same great **FREE TUTORING** services during the same hours as before; Sunday – Thursday, 5 – 10 pm only in a new and better location! **The tutorial hall will be closed during finals week.** Specific course tutoring times are posted under the current tutoring schedule. For more information (and to see a Great Hall photo) visit: <http://www.natsci.colostate.edu/tutoring/index.cfm>.

FACULTY CONNECTIONS



Recently we talked to **Dr. Lucy Troup**, who will teach PSY 354 – Human-Computer Interaction, in the fall, and usually teaches PSY 454 – Biological Psychology at least once a year. We talked to her about her areas of interest in the field of Psychology and her path to CSU, what PSY 354 even is, and her life outside of work. Here is what she shared with us.

Dr. Troup, what area of psychology are you particularly interested in, and how did you come to be at CSU? Well I call myself a cognitive neuroscientist and I am very interested in brain function at conscious and subconscious levels. I do research in what's called "top-down bottom-up" brain function, which looks at when the brain starts to become aware of something even when the person

is not quite consciously aware of it yet, or ever! I started out in the Computational Neuroscience program at the University of Plymouth in England, which was just a budding program when I began (it is now the leading program in the UK, and I'm one of its first graduates!). After getting my PhD there, I worked at the University of the West of England in Bristol, as a Professor in the Psychology Department in their Cognitive and Cognitive Neuropsychology program. Then my husband got a job with HP here in Colorado, and so we packed up and moved to the States! I started working at CSU in the fall of 2002.

Tell us more about your research. Do you ever need research assistants? To say more about the top down-bottom up idea, we recently ran experiments in which people are shown images that flicker rapidly in front of them. The second image is slightly changed, and I track the point at which the brain starts to notice the change through a behavioral response. I have also done recent work on human face recognition and gaming technology. I am working with the computer science department here at CSU, looking at computer models of human visual perception. We'd like to build a computer system that can simulate human vision. I work with the business school too, working on a project funded by the US military to aid with locating and gathering information about people. And in the summer, I will be doing a study about older adults and the Wii Fit, as human interaction with computers and technology is a great interest of mine. And yes, if a student is enthusiastic and has passion for the research, I love to use RAs.

What is your class—Human-Computer Interaction (PSY 354) about? What if a student doesn't have all the prerequisites? Technology has changed dramatically in the last five years, or even three or two years. Everyone uses technology now: social networking like Facebook and Twitter, sharing recipes, sending photos of your kids to the family, sending research results in an email attachment... the list just goes on! It is important to understand technology properly, how we can use it to benefit us, and to clear up myths around it. In this class we'll look at the various ways technology has developed and how people interact with them, how teenagers use technology and how it has come to affect social culture, and also how technology helps aging adults to function at higher levels on their own. Contact one of the advisors for a prerequisite override if you've already taken PSY 100 and you'd like to take this class!

What do you enjoy doing away from CSU? What is something students don't know about you? Snowboarding is my thing—this year I was on the mountain 40 days and it was absolutely fantastic, until I suffered my first Traumatic Brain Injury during spring break, and was grounded until next season! I like to ride my bike a lot in the summer, and this year I'm going to get more into mountain biking! I have twin daughters, aged 12. I know the guy who owns the new fish & chips shop on College Ave. and everyone should go there. And I was going to be an actress before I got into psychology. I actually was short-listed to act in a film in the UK when I was 17—I was very serious—but I came in second and didn't get the part. Oh, and if you ever take one of my classes, Colin Farrell may likely pay us a visit!

Thanks Dr. Troup!

FIELD PLACEMENT/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Field Placement/Internships can be a great way to earn upper division academic credit for volunteering in the community and may help to confirm/clarify your areas of interest. Some field placement opportunities have turned into full-time employment post-graduation. They offer great opportunities to network, earn letters of recommendation, and to gain resume experience. Come to C-36 Clark (the Psychology Department main office) to request a list of field placement agencies. All advisors are happy to talk with you about this process.

🌿 **Forensic Psychology Assistant Internship Opportunity** – Ideal for a psychology undergraduate who plans to attend graduate school in clinical or counseling psychology, is interested in forensic work, and is looking for experience and mentorship. Intern will assist an experienced psychologist in private practice who has previously worked for many years as a tenured faculty member in a graduate psychology program. Intern will directly assist with evaluations of families undergoing court-ordered evaluations. Intern will learn how evaluations are conducted and gain real-world experience with the ethical, legal and psychological issues involved in conducting forensic evaluations. Internship will include observation of clinical interviews, depositions, and court testimony. Intern will be expected to write summaries of interviews, conduct telephone calls related to cases, research issues related to cases, and serve in a supportive role in managing ongoing cases.

Qualifications: • Psychology Major • **GPA: 3.0 and above** • Junior or Senior standing • Strong writing and verbal skills • Excellent organization skills • Ability to maintain the highest standards of professionalism and confidentiality

Internship specifics: Summer Internship, June-August, 2009, possibly longer. Unpaid - school credit may be earned. Approximately 8-10 hrs per week, flexible hours. Office is located on West Drake Road, approximately one mile south of campus

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, resume, and the names, title, and phone numbers of two references to kathleenmcmamaraphd@comcast.net. Please title your e-mail correspondence: "Internship Application".

(Field Placement/Internship Opportunities Continued)

- **Harmony House** is interviewing for Summer and Fall internships. Several positions available
 - Supervise parental visitation with children in warm, homelike setting
 - Provide support for the family unit during difficult situations such as divorce, drug/alcohol treatment, and open child welfare cases, etc.
 - Learn to prepare appropriate documents that can be submitted to the courts
- For more information contact:** Jill Liken, Harmony House Program Manager, 970-223-5966; hhfc.1@juno.com

- **Field Placement Opportunity: TEAM Fort Collins** (www.teamfortcollins.org) - TEAM Fort Collins is a nonprofit organization that has been doing drug and alcohol prevention among youth in Fort Collins for 20 years. TEAM Fort Collins is seeking a serious, graduate-school minded undergraduate to assist on various evaluation projects. **If you're interested, please contact:** Dawn Nannini, Ph.D., Research and Evaluation Specialist, TEAM Fort Collins, dawn@teamfortcollins.org or 970.224.9931 x11.

EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Need help with resumes, graduate schools, or what you're doing after graduation?**

Walk In Career Counseling with Judy Brobst, Career Center Liaison, College of Natural Sciences
Thursdays – Lory Student Center 8:30 am – 12:30 pm (Next to Sweet Sensations)
Fridays – Clark C-10 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Career Center walk in hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm (Wednesday night until 6:30 pm) in LSC

Services offered: Internships & volunteer experiences, resume development, choosing/changing majors, graduate school, on-line assessments, job search skills, etc. To set up an appointment contact Judy at judy.brobst@colostate.edu or 970-491-1190. **No appointment needed during walk in hours.**

PSI CHI & PSA NEWS

Thank you for a great year! Because of your support and dedication to the organization, this year was a great success! From Treatsylvania to Ramride, and from the Fall Mixer to Spring Induction, Psi Chi has once again demonstrated its significance to the undergraduate experience of all psychology majors. We hope you have a great year, and stay tuned for next year's events with the incoming officers!



~ Andrew Stewart, Outgoing President, Psi Chi

CAMPUS NEWS

- **CSU Libraries' Hours** – Spring 2009 - Pre-Finals Weeks 1 & 2

Morgan Library will be open extended hours for the two weeks leading up to Final Examinations, as well as during Finals Week. Extended hours begin Sunday, April 26 and continue through Friday, May 15. For the complete schedule visit: <http://lib.colostate.edu/about/hours/> or call 970-491-6190.

- **Stressbuster Week** at the Wellness Zone

Finals are stressful! So why don't you stop by the Wellness Zone to get away and de-stress? All week (finals week), the Wellness Zone will have remedies to help you relax. Stressbusters offered include chair massages, the relaxation station, and free snacks and drinks. You will also be able to create your own stress pack or get a paraffin wax hand dip. But if that is not enough, they will have the Human Attachment Bond in Colorado Dogs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. - perfect if you need to cuddle your stress away.

- **Cinco de Mayo Celebration** – Food, live music, dancing, & breaking of piñatas
Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 10:00 AM at the Lory Student Center Plaza

Scheduled activities includes: Music (10-10:45 a.m.), Ballet Grupo Folklorico Raices de Mexico (10:45-11:15 a.m.), Live music from Mariachi Grupo de Jalisco & breaking of Piñatas (11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.), and Grupo Folklorico Aztec Dance Group (noon-2 p.m.).

- **Fulbright Information for U.S. Students** – Teaching/researching abroad for a year, all expenses paid!
Thursday, May 7, 2009, 03:30 PM in Laurel Hall

Would you like to teach or research abroad for a year, all expenses paid? Consider attending this Fulbright information session for U.S. students. The event takes place on Thursday, May 7 at 3:30 p.m. in Laurel Hall. Learn about the Fulbright Student Program and begin planning your application.

For more information: Undergraduate Students, please contact: Heather Esterday, Coordinator @ (970) 491-6742. Graduate Students, please contact International Education @ (970) 491-5917; ask for Martha Denney, Director or Karen Gardenier, Coordinator.