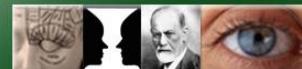


**September 2009
Undergraduate Newsletter**



Department of
Psychology



Colorado State University

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CONGRATULATIONS on completing your first week of classes! We hope things are off to a great start and encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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>.

ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

As the Fall semester gets underway, the advising staff would like to remind students that it's never too early to schedule an academic advising appointment. We encourage you to call **970.491.3799** (between 7:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.) to schedule an appointment. Times fill quickly, so call today.

Important Dates – Fall 2009

September 2 – Student Involvement Fair/Expo – (LSC Plaza – 10am-3pm)

September 7 – Labor Day – No classes

September 9 – Last day to Add/Drop (most classes – check class schedule for individual course deadlines)

September 15-17 – Career Fair (LSC Main Ballroom – 10am-3pm)

September 18 – Graduation Contracts due

September 25 – Study Abroad Fair (LSC Main Ballroom – 10am-3pm)

October 19 – Individual course withdrawal period ends (Please note that University withdrawal ends December 11, 2008)

October 19 – Repeat/Delete Requests due (last day)

November 23 – Fall Recess begins

December 11 – Classes end

December 11 – Last day to complete a University Withdrawal from all courses

December 14 – Final examinations week begins

December 18-19 – Commencement Ceremonies

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

FALL 2009 Graduating Seniors ~ Have you signed your graduation contract?

If not, please come to C-36 (between 7:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.) to sign your **GRADUATION CONTRACT**. That is your last double check to make sure that you're taking the right courses and number of credits to graduate in December 2009. Grad contracts for seniors graduating at the end of Spring will not be available until January.

Seniors ~ The College of Natural Sciences has developed a website specifically for the senior class which can be found at <http://www.natsci.colostate.edu/students/seniors.cfm>. The purpose of this site is to keep all seniors updated on everything concerning graduation and your senior year. We encourage you to check this site often as it will be updated regularly.

Composition Placement/Challenge Examination Dates ~ Proctored test session dates are 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!!

Thursday, October 22, 2009 – 4:00pm, Engineering 100

Wednesday, November 11, 2009 – 4:00pm, Clark A205

Thursday, November 19, 2009 – 4:00pm, Engineering 100

Thursday, December 3, 2009 – 4:00pm, Engineering 100

Thursday, January 14, 2010 – 4:00pm, Eddy 212

Students can check their placement on their homepage of RAMweb – under Records, select Composition Placement/Challenge Exam Results. If you have questions, please call Sue Russell at 491-1898 or email Sue.Russell@colostate.edu. More information about the exam is available online at <http://writing.colostate.edu/comp/placement.cfm>.

Still Looking for a Psychology Course to Take This Semester? ~ The following courses still have seats available and may be just what you're looking for! Check out on the Fall class schedule for meeting times and prerequisite information.

PSY 354 – Human-Computer Interaction – Theoretical and applied areas of psychology and computer science in the area of human-computer interaction. Students in this course will investigate the interaction between man and machine. Obvious things like interface design will be addressed but also less obvious things like the role and implications of the internet and applications (for example social networking sites, searching, & internet as global consciousness.

PSY 392 – Honors Seminar: Current Topics in Psychology – Overrides into this course are being given to students with a 3.5 or higher GPA who have also taken PSY 100 and PSY 250. In this class students will research areas in psychology, and read and discuss current journal articles. Contact a Psychology Advisor for a possible override.

★**New** ★ **PSY 492D (section 001) – Seminar – Industrial Organizational Psychology** – 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 this class. This course will introduce students to the field of occupational health psychology and will include lecture, discussions, and interactive activities.

Seats are also still available in:

PSY 340 / 341 – Organizational Psychology / Lab
PSY 352 – Learning and Memory
PSY 452 – Cognitive Psychology
PSY 370 / 371 – Psychological Measurement and Testing / Lab
PSY 454 / 455 – Biological Psychology / Lab
PSY 456 / 457 – Sensation and Perception / Lab

FACULTY/STAFF CONNECTIONS

Meet the Psychology Department's Main Office Staff!

If you call our department to make an appointment with an advisor, have a general question about the department, are looking for forms or need to sign your graduation contract, you will most likely find yourself talking to either Barb Schrekinger or Ginger Lacy-Gill, our fantastic administrative staff! Remember, you can call (970) 491-3799 to make an appointment.



Ginger Lacy-Gill

How long have you been at CSU, Ginger? Since 2001, so eight years.

What is your favorite thing about working here? I like how it changes all the time. Every year there are new and different people—keeps things interesting!

What do you like to do away from work?

I like to play with my baby, hike, camp, and shop!

Anything you'd like the students to know? Yes, if you call our office and we don't answer, *please* leave a message! We're probably talking to another student just then, but we *promise* to call you back.



Barb Schrekinger

Barb, how long have you worked at CSU, and what is your favorite thing about being here? I've been here for 5 years and I really enjoy interacting with students.

What else do you like to do, away from CSU?

I like to spend time with my schnauzer, Graucho Marx, and I just planted my first tomatoes this summer!

Any advice for students who call in for an appointment? Yes, if you have to leave a message when you call, please be sure to leave your phone number because we don't have caller ID. Thanks!

Many of you already know the advising team, but we'd like to reintroduce ourselves to you.



Becky Villalpando

Office in Clark C-14

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"Hello everyone! Hope the first week of classes went smoothly and that you're getting into the swing of things again. I've been an Academic Support Coordinator in the Department of Psychology since July 2007. I love spending time with my kids, reading, and hanging out with friends. I believe that each and every person can make a difference so don't settle in life. Set high expectations for yourself and go for it! Let us know if you ever have questions or just need some encouragement. We're here to help. Best wishes for a terrific semester!"



D. Tobiassen Baitinger

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"Welcome back! Hopefully you had a chance to do something liberating over summer break. I LOVE road trips (my favorite was 22,000 miles and landed me in Alaska). If you took one, come tell me about it! I really want you to be successful at CSU. Part of that success is creating experiences YOU want to have. Come see me to talk about internships (field placements). Also, don't forget: you can drop or withdraw from *most* courses if you need to. We're here to answer your questions and help you think creatively about your future."



Heather Matthews

Office in Clark C-13

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"Hi there, and happy fall to you! I've been here since 2007 as an Academic Support Coordinator. My passions include supporting students along their journeys, riding my bike (even in bad weather!), and creating art. This semester, be sure to utilize your resources on campus—there is something for everyone, whether the context is serious or fun. Come see us if you're ever looking for something in particular."

FALL 2009 RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED!!

Becoming a research assistant (RA) is a fantastic way to develop job and research skills, connect with faculty or graduate students in a small setting, build your resume, and is a critical component of a graduate school application. Plus, you can get academic credit for participating. Visit <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Psychology/ra.shtml> to see what options might be out there. **Deadline for adding research credit to your fall schedule is September 9. Don't procrastinate! Apply today!** If you don't make it by the deadline, it is still a good idea to participate on a volunteer basis. **The following 2009 RA opportunities are still available:**

Project: Behavioral assessment of first year college students in regards to transferable job skills. Extensive training will be provided. Relevant to those who are looking at careers in human resources, counseling, or as a clinician.
Open RA positions: 15-20. **Minimum requirements:** Sophomore standing or higher, must not be currently enrolled in PSY 192. Requires 10 hours a week (but scheduling those hours is flexible) and you can register for 3 credits of RA credit. Individuals will be selected based on academic standing, availability, and seniority.
Contact: Adam VanHove, avanhove@lamar.colostate.edu, **no later than September 2, 2009**

Projects: Cognition and Driving; Cognition and Motor Performance; and Cognition and Training. This work will include some research for a dissertation. **Open RA positions:** 9. **Minimum requirements:** minimum 3.0 GPA. Prefer sophomore standing or higher, but incredibly motivated freshmen are okay. Prefer students who are looking to pursue graduate school. **Contact:** Heather Mong at heather.mong@colostate.edu. Alternately, her RA application can be found at <http://lamar.colostate.edu/~icemouse/RAapp.shtml>

Project: Research study to design and evaluate an intervention program to encourage men to seek help for body image/eating disorder issues. **Open RA positions:** 1 or 2 positions. **Minimum requirements:** Prefer junior or senior with 3.0 GPA who has taken PSY 250. Will consider motivated sophomore as well! Students interested in assisting for multiple semesters will be given preference. **Contact:** Caitlin Shepherd, M.S., caitlin.shepherd@colostate.edu or (970) 491-6197.

Project: Master's Thesis - Effectiveness of a school-based program to increase body satisfaction in middle school boys and girls. **Open RA positions:** One. **Minimum requirements:** 3.0 GPA requirement, preferred that they have taken PSY 250 – Research Methods and have a strong interest in body image and eating disorders. **Contact:** Tiare MacDonald, tiarem@gmail.com

Project: Collecting and analyzing event-related potential (ERP) data in children and adults. **Open RA positions:** 3. **Minimum requirements:** minimum 3.0 GPA, be comfortable working closely with children, and be willing to sign up for research credits (working at least 6 hours per week). **Contact:** Carly Yadon, carly.yadon@colostate.edu or (970) 491-3284

Project: Cognition and Training. Most work will be with a computer program and running subjects through experiments during the semester. **Open RA positions:** 2 RA positions available to work on this project for Fall 2009 and you will probably have the opportunity to stay on for the Spring 2010 semester as well. **Minimum requirements:** Sophomore standing or higher, around a 3.5 Psychology GPA, and though completion of a cognitive psych course is not required, it will get you brownie points! **Contact:** Robert Gutzwiller, robert.gutzwiller@colostate.edu or (970) 491-2675 (on-campus phone)

Project: Evaluation of Suicide Prevention Trainings. Responsibilities include data entry, basic data analysis, and attendance at weekly research team meetings. Opportunities for working on other projects and exploring own research interests are available. **Open RA positions:** One (10 hours min time commitment per week). **Minimum requirements:** Must have a GPA of at least 3.5. Must have taken PSY250. **Contact:** Taylor Moore, jeffery.taylor.moore@gmail.com

Project: Individual difference characteristics and work context (i.e., working virtually versus face-to-face) and effects on individuals working in a group setting in an engaging team marketing competition. The goal of this research is to help organizations understand factors that influence task performance and reactions to actual feedback on the job. **Open RA positions:** 10-12. **Minimum requirements:** Sophomore standing or higher. **Contact:** Josh Liff, (970)430-6891 or josh.liff@gmail.com

Project: A National Science Foundation-sponsored study that investigates psychological and social factors in the educational and career choices of students and professionals in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines. The study focuses in particular on students and professionals in Atmospheric and Geo Sciences. **Open RA positions:** 2. **Minimum requirements:** Students who are reliable, responsible, detail-oriented, organized, and self-motivated. GPA of 3.0 or greater and a background or strong interest in diversity studies (including gender, ethnicity, and international studies) are preferred. Being willing and able to participate in a one-hour Monday lab meeting is also a plus. **Contact:** Lauren Lessner or Dr. Silvia Sara Canetto, laurenlessner@yahoo.com or silvia.canetto@gmail.com, Office: Clark C49, Phone: 491-5415

Project: A longitudinal study focusing on the health and well-being of nurses and nursing students. **Open RA positions:** One. **Minimum requirements:** The position is open to all class levels. A minimum GPA of 3.5 is preferred. **Contact:** Paige Gardner or Julie Sampson paigegardner2@yahoo.com or Sampson.julie@gmail.com, or 491-2143 (email is best)

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. **The organization listed below has a position available for Fall 2009. Contact them for more information.** Please come talk with advisors about other opportunities for Fall 2009. The deadline to add Field Placement to your schedule is Sept. 9.

- ❖ **TEAM Fort Collins** is a local nonprofit organization working to prevent alcohol and drug use and abuse among youth and their families. TEAM Fort Collins is currently seeking a research assistant who will report directly to the Research and Evaluation Specialist. Applicant requirements, job responsibilities, etc. are as follows:

Field Placement Application Requirements:

- Minimum junior status
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Knowledge of PsychLIT and SPSS a plus
- Completion of PSY 250
- Interest in substance use issues a plus

Field Placement responsibilities include: enter data from student surveys; work closely with Research and Evaluation Specialist to analyze program effects; write report to communicate program effects; attend project planning meetings and monthly Board of Directors meetings; literature review on specified prevention strategies and issues; Other opportunities may exist (survey development, classroom teaching, etc.)

TEAM Fort Collins is an equal opportunity employer. The work environment is casual and hours are flexible. Candidate should have his/her own computer. Work space is available and some work may be done from home. **This is a two-semester, 10 hr/wk position.** Please send resume or vitae to dawn@teamfortcollins.org.

EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Drop in Career Counseling with Judy Brobst, Career Center Liaison, College of Natural Sciences

Mondays – Lory Student Center 8:30 am – 12:30 pm room 116

Thursdays – Clark C-10 1:30 – 4:30 pm (starting September 24th)

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. General walk in hours in the Lory Student Center for the Career Center are Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 4:30.

Moore Elementary School in Fort Collins is looking for volunteers to serve as mentors for students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade. A mentor is assigned to one student and meets with that student once a week for 30-45 minutes for the entire school year (or for as long as needed or what is workable for the mentors) on Moore's campus. For more information contact: Rhonda Palic, Assistant Principal/Mentor Coordinator at 970-488-8269 or rpalic@psdschools.org.

PSI CHI & PSA NEWS



Psi Chi and the Psychology Student Alliance have the following upcoming events that may be of interest to every psychology major.

- Join us at the Student Involvement Fair Wednesday, September 2, 2009, from 10am – 3pm in the Lory Student Center Plaza to find out how you can get more involved in the College of Natural Sciences
- First meeting of the semester will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 5 p.m. in Clark C-72.
- Fall Mixer will be on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, Noon – 2pm on the Monfort Quadrangle just east of Clark B. This is an excellent opportunity to mingle with everyone else in the Psychology Department!

NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TUTORIAL HALL

Do you need to place into MATH 117? If so, the PassELM! Program may be for you. The College of Natural Sciences invites all Psychology majors needing assistance with the Entry-Level Mathematics (ELM) Tutorial to participate in this free program. The PassELM! Program offers super intensive study/review sessions designed to help students pass the ELM Tutorial's Prerequisite exam, earning a spot in MATH 117. Students in the program will meet one evening a week, 6:00- 8:30pm, for five weeks. To sign-up for the program email Allen Barclay at tutorial@lamar.colostate.edu. In your email include your: Full name, CSU ID#, Email address, Phone number, What night works well for you (from 6-9pm).

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 open the second week of classes of the fall term.** 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>.

WRITING ASSISTANCE

The Campus Writing Center can help you with starting, drafting, revising, researching, and polishing your papers. While they will not proofread or edit a paper for you, they can help you develop your ideas and improve your paper's organization, clarity, and cohesion. The Writing Center is located in Willard O. Eddy Hall Room 6. For more information visit: <http://writing.colostate.edu/wcenter/>.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Student Involvement Expo

Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Lory Student Center Plaza

The Student Involvement Expo is an opportunity for students to find ways to get involved at CSU through registered student organizations and in the Fort Collins community through a variety of agencies. The Expo showcases the diverse array of involvement possibilities available to students with over 135 student organizations and 65 community agencies represented. Come check it out!



Internship Networking Event - RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Sutherland Sculpture Garden (on west side of Lory Student Center)

Need a Cool internship before you graduate? Here's your chance to learn more! Come network with local, regional and national employers who are looking for people just like you to fill their outstanding internship positions! Plus, you will get the chance to talk with fellow CSU students who have recently completed an internship. Reserve your spot now at <http://www.career.colostate.edu/news-and-events/internship-networking-event.aspx>!

Fall 2009 Career Fair & Graduate School Fair

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 – Thursday, September 17, 2009, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM each day
Lory Student Center, Main Ballroom

The Fall 2009 Career Fair is a 3 day event with different companies attending each day! Graduate schools and professional programs have also been invited to participate. For a complete list of who is coming and who they are looking for check out the Career Center website: <http://career.stuser.colostate.edu/find-a-job-or-internship/career-fairs.aspx>.

Day 1: Focus on Science, Environment, Health, and Social Services

This day will focus on career opportunities in Science, Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Recreation & Tourism, Sports Medicine, Health, Wellness, Social Services, and Criminal Justice. Opportunities for employers to conduct next-day interviews will be available. In addition to employers, graduate schools and professional programs in Science and Health fields will be invited to attend.

Day 2: Focus on Management, Finance, Liberal Arts, and Marketing

This day will focus on career opportunities in Business Management, Hospitality, Accounting, Finance, Real Estate, Marketing, Communications/Media, Retail, and Sales. Opportunities for employers to conduct next-day interviews will be available. In addition to employers, graduate schools and professional programs in Business fields and Law Schools will be invited to attend.

Day 3: Focus on Engineering and Technology

This day will focus on Engineering, Information Systems, Computer Science, Math, & Physics. Opportunities for employers to conduct next-day interviews will be available. In addition to employers, graduate schools and professional programs in Engineering and Technology fields will be invited to attend.

Get it and Go – Career Workshop Series

Career development workshops provide ongoing opportunities for the exchange of information on résumés, job search techniques, interviewing, and a whole lot more. Workshop topics include: How to Get an On-Campus Job; Career Fair Prep; Resume Writing; Interviewing Skills; Networking; Grad School Checklist; CareerRAM; and more. For “Get it and Go” details and times visit: <http://career.colostate.edu>.

Study Abroad Fair – Explore...Engage...Discover!

Friday, September 25, 2009, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Lory Student Center, Main Ballroom

Where in the world will YOU be next semester? Imagine yourself studying Marine Sciences in Tasmania, Maori Studies in New Zealand, Latin American literature in Mexico, or Cultural History in Prague... Explore the international opportunities for work, study, volunteering, or internships awaiting you at the Study Abroad Fair! At this semester's fair, pick up a passport application, and get your passport photos taken with CSU Communications & Creative Services - right at the fair! Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about what study abroad has to offer you!

TILT Learning Programs Academic Skills Workshops

Do you want to learn strategies for being a more successful student while also having fun? If so, join TILT's *Learning Programs in room 105 of the TILT Building* for workshops on things such as: Time Management, Taking Great Notes, Presentation and Speaking Skills, Critical Reading Techniques, and much, much more. All workshops are **FREE**, last 50 minutes, and snacks will be provided. For a complete list of workshops coming up visit: <http://tilt.colostate.edu/learning/>. If you have questions about these workshops, please contact Heather Landers at heather.landlers@colostate.edu or 491-1324.