



**ADVISING APPOINTMENTS**

As the fall semester winds down, the advising staff invites students to schedule an academic advising appointment to discuss any issues of concern. Call 970.491.3799 (between 7:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.) to schedule an appointment. Times fill quickly, so call today.

Advising Staff

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**Important Dates – Fall 2008**

December 15 – Final examinations week begins

December 19-20 – Commencement Ceremonies

**Important Dates – Spring 2009**

January 19 – Martin Luther King Day - No Classes

January 20 – Classes Begin

**GOOD LUCK & CONGRATULATIONS!** As we head into finals, we encourage you to hang in there and stay focused.

**Congratulations** to all of our Fall 2008 graduating seniors! All of your hard work has finally paid off and we wish you all the best as you move on to your next great adventure.

**Congratulations** as well to all students who will be returning in spring. You made it through another semester. We hope you have a fabulous winter break and we look forward to seeing you again in spring if not sooner.

End of Fall 2008 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.

**Gone But Not Forgotten**

This past summer the Psychology Department suffered a tragedy when two of our graduate students, Marc Richard and Will Szlemko, were struck by lightning on campus and killed. Some of you may have taken classes with these two gifted instructors. What you may not know is that both of them left behind young families. With the holidays approaching, to let them know they are in our thoughts, there is a card for Marc's wife and daughter in the Psychology Main Office (Clark C36). If you knew Marc, please take a moment to stop by there and sign it.



We will also be putting together a collection to help Marc's family a little financially through this Holiday Season. If you would like to contribute, please bring cash along to the Main Office. If you would rather send a check, the Tess Richard Fund set up in Marc's memory to help with the welfare of his daughter will remain active as long as they continue to receive donations. Details are available through a link on the Department of Psychology's main webpage. This memorial fund webpage also contains details of how to contribute to the scholarship set up in memory of Will Szlemko.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

**Final Exams Are This Week** – The Fall 2008 Final Exam Schedule can be found on the Registrar's website: http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Registrar/FA08%20final%20exams.html. Be sure scroll down the entire length of the exam schedule for courses that have a common final exam and to confirm with your instructor the day/time/location for each of your final exams.

**Morgan Library is now open late.** The library has been and will continue to be open extended hours during Finals Week. (Hours listed below). CSU Police would like to remind students to be alert when walking around campus late at night. The Safe Walk Program provides escorts and can be reached at (970) 491-1155.

Morgan Library Fall 2008 Extended Building Hours
Monday-Thursday December 15-18 6:30 a.m. – 2 a.m.
Friday December 19 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Academic Probation** – Some of you have expressed concerns that you may be placed on academic probation at the end of Fall 2008. Academic probation is defined by a student's cumulative GPA being below a 2.0. If you are in this situation, please call (970) 491-3799 to schedule an advising appointment. We would like to discuss your options for repairing your GPA ASAP.

**Seniors Graduating in Spring 2009** – Please plan on coming to Clark C-10 on Tuesday, January 20 to sign your GRADUATION CONTRACT. If you miss this date, you may come to Clark C-36 (the main office) in early January (during the ADD Period). That is your last double check to make sure that you're taking the right courses and number of credits to graduate in May 2009.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY** – The CSU Scholarship Application (CSUSA) is available on-line via RAMweb and is due March 1, 2009. Transcripts and letters of recommendation need to be submitted to the College of Natural Sciences Dean's office by Friday, February 27, 2009. There are several scholarships available through the department and college as well as those available university-wide. We recommend you pull this up and take a look. For more information about CSU and other scholarships visit the Student Financial Services Scholarship Information web site at: http://sfs.colostate.edu/j21000.cfm.

**Composition Placement/Challenge Examination Dates** – There will be one more proctored test session on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 4:00pm in Eddy 212. Students don't need to sign up for the test session, just show up with a pen and a photo ID. It's best to show up early—students have reported long lines for available test seats!! 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. More information about the exam is available online at http://writing.colostate.edu/comp/placement.cfm.



**Has an instructor/professor made a significant impact on your life?** Nominate them for the 2009 Best Teacher Awards. Nomination deadline is February 1, 2009. For more information or to submit a nomination, please visit <http://www.csualum.com/site/c.eflPK1OAJOG/b.2177283/>.

## FACULTY CONNECTIONS



Recently we talked to **Dr. Patricia Aloise-Young**, who will teach section 001 of PSY 250, Research Methods in Psychology, in the spring. We talked to her about what drew her to her area of interest in the field of Psychology, what PSY 250 will be like, and her life away from CSU. Here is what she shared with us.

**Dr. Aloise-Young, tell us a little about your work.** Well, even though I'm one of the faculty in the Applied/Social Psychology area of the department at CSU, I'm actually a developmental psychologist. We look at all aspects of development and change across the lifespan: cognitive, social, and physical. I'm particularly interested in social development, especially in children and adolescents. I went to the University of Florida for both my undergrad and phd. I actually started out as an engineering major, but as soon as I took my first psychology class I was hooked.

**Has having children affected your perspectives in teaching and research?** Absolutely! Textbooks can really only generalize what kids are like and when a child will do something. For example, every book will tell you that kids start talking at 12 months. What I've learned from having kids is the wide variability of individuals. There isn't anything that is true for every child in regard to development.

**What kind of research are you working on?** I do research with children and adolescents between the ages of 9-15, specifically in regard to cigarette smoking. I am interested in parent and peer factors in adolescent cigarette smoking as well as images associated with smoking. Cultural images are of particular interest. I look at developmental changes, for example, how do their views change over time that might affect their experimentation with cigarettes?

**What can students expect from your section of PSY 250 in the spring?** Lots of WRITING! This class will prep students for all the other courses they'll take in our major, and writing and research are the centerpieces of our field. One goal of the class is for students to have a strong grasp of the research process in psychology. My second goal is for students to have a strong foundation in writing papers using APA style. They'll write one paper and then have a chance to revise it.

**What do you enjoy doing away from CSU? What is something students don't know about you?** Well something most people probably don't know about me is that I am an avid Florida Gators fan!! I bleed orange and blue! I especially love basketball and football. I also really love hanging out with my kids, ages 5 and 12. We like to go to the zoo a lot. When we can get a babysitter, my husband and I like to go to the movies. When we lived in California, we got to go to advance screenings of films (before they're officially released). Based on our feedback, the ending for one of the movies was changed! That was pretty cool.

**Any words of wisdom for our students?** Yes! For students who are more family-oriented and worry about, once you have a family, the idea of balancing family life and work, this is the type of field where you can find that balance. There are so many jobs in this field that can be flexible with working parents. Also, for you 1st generation students, I have lots of empathy. I was a 1st gen student and understand what it is like to come from a home where parents don't understand what it's like to be in college or why you might be interested in even going further with your studies onto grad school. I just want you to know that there are people like you in academia who understand where you come from and the potential you have to go far in whatever area you want to go.

Thanks Dr. Aloise-Young!

## NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TUTORIAL HALL

**The Science and Mathematics Tutorial Hall** located in the basement of Ingersoll Hall offers **FREE TUTORING** for a wide range of science and math courses to all CSU students. *The tutorial hall is closed during finals week and university holidays.* For more information visit: <http://www.natsci.colostate.edu/tutoring/index.cfm>.

## WRITING ASSISTANCE

The Campus Writing Center closed for the semester on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. They look forward to assisting you when classes resume in January. For more information visit: <http://writing.colostate.edu/wcenter/>.

## PSI CHI & PSA NEWS

Psi Chi and the Psychology Student Alliance hope you have a great break! Thank you all for a great semester! We are so glad that it ended on a high note with Dr. Mark Benn. We hope that you have a great break, and we will see you next semester. Remember to check back in January for more information on events we will be hosting/participating in for next semester!



Coming Next Semester: Psi Chi Applications Due Spring Semester; Officer Elections; Speaker on Behavior Genetics; CSUnity; RamRide. SEE YOU NEXT SEMESTER!

## 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.

## EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Career Counseling with Judy Brobst**, Career Center Liaison, College of Natural Sciences  
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](mailto:judy.brobst@colostate.edu) or 970-491-1190. Walk-in Counseling Hours for Spring 2009 will be posted in January.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES (REU) PROGRAM

Here's a great 1 year study opportunity for students interested in **PSYCHOLOGY and LAW**. Must have a 3.0 GPA or above and be sophomore standing by the end of Spring 2009. A \$3200 stipend + room/board are provided and more. Check it out!

The University of Nebraska/Lincoln's Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program brings 8 to 10 undergraduate students to UNL to study law and psychology in their program for a full year. Undergraduate students are provided with room and board for 1 year, along with a stipend for working in law and psychology research laboratories. They spend time working with joint law and psychology doctoral (JD/Ph.D. and MLS/Ph.D.) students. Faculty will mentor these undergraduate students, helping them gain valuable experience to assist in preparing them for graduate school in psychology. Program description and application materials are available on the following website: <http://www.unl.edu/psychlawreu/>.

Review of applications for the Psychology and Law REU will begin on February 1, 2009. Applications will continue to be accepted until all spaces are filled. Students who apply early will have an advantage in this competitive selection process.

## GRADUATE PROGRAM IN FAMILY STUDIES & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Are you considering graduate study in human development, personal relationships or family studies? Consider the University of Arizona! Faculty in Family Studies and Human Development at the University of Arizona focuses on five core areas of research, teaching, and outreach: Adolescent Development and Transition to Adulthood; Family Relationships and Health/Well-being; Social and Emotional Development In Childhood; Romantic and Sexual Relationships; Applied Research.

For more information about this program, contact Noel Card, Graduate Program Advisor ([fshdgp@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:fshdgp@cals.arizona.edu)), or check out their website: [http://cals.arizona.edu/fcs/fshd/graduate/fshd\\_graduate.htm](http://cals.arizona.edu/fcs/fshd/graduate/fshd_graduate.htm).