



ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

As Fall registration nears, the advising staff reminds you 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.

Advising Staff

~ **Office Location:**

- Heather Matthews
~ Clark B-204
- Becky Villalpando
~ Clark B-203
- D. Tobiassen Baitinger
~ Clark B-222.

We look forward to meeting with you.

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Important Dates – Spring 2008

- March 15 – Spring Recess begins
- March 24 – Individual course withdrawal period ends (Please note that University withdrawal ends May 9, 2008)
- March 24 – Repeat/Delete Requests due (last day)
- March 25 – Summer Session Registration begins
- May 9 – Classes end
- May 9 – Last day to complete a University Withdrawal from all courses
- May 12 – Final examinations week begins
- May 16-17 – Commencement ceremonies

Reminder - Academic Probation

The Department of Psychology has begun placing advising holds on the accounts of students who are on Academic Probation. 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 options for repairing your GPA ASAP.

SUMMER 2008 registration begins March 25, 2008

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

FALL 2008 Registration Dates

- April 7 – Honors Students & Student Athletes
- April 8 – Seniors
- April 11 – Juniors
- April 18 – Sophomores
- April 25 – First Year Students

Check on RAMweb to find your specific registration date and time and be sure to complete "Registration Ready" before attempting to register.

March 2008
Undergraduate Newsletter

CONGRATULATIONS to the following faculty and graduate students who were nominated by students for the 2008 Best Teacher Awards:

- Dr. Zinta Byrne
- Dr. Ernie Chavez
- Dr. Jerry Deffenbacher
- Dr. Karla Gingerich
- Dr. Dave McCabe
- Dr. Matt Rhodes

Graduate student and teaching fellow nominees:

- Jake Benfield
- Serena Enke
- Marc Richards

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>.

FACULTY CONNECTIONS

Recently we sat down with **Dr. Randall Swaim**, who teaches PSY 250 (Research Methods) and PSY 360 (Psychology of Drug Addiction Treatment) this semester, to talk with him about his research interests, work at CSU, his life away from CSU, and any advice he might have for our current undergrads. Here is what he shared with us.



Tell us a little about your past and current research.

Over the last 20 years, the majority of my research has been on cross-cultural adolescent substance use. More recently, I have focused on school violence and the media. Just last summer, I did a project working with rural high school students. They came here to CSU for a week and lived in the dorms while we worked on anti-tobacco advertising campaigns that they could take home and present to middle schoolers in their home towns. That was a lot of fun.

The Psychology Department has just started offering CAC certification. What does this entail and why is it important?

In a recent national study, Colorado scored as having a high need for Certified Addiction Counselors (CAC), something like one of the top five highest need states. Working through the steps of certification can potentially lead our students to solid jobs after graduation. There are four levels one must complete in order to become CAC certified. Our classes, PSY 360, PSY 362, and PSY 311 (lab), partially address the first level. In these classes, a student can complete 4 of the 6 requirements necessary for completing CAC level 1, and we give them resources for completing the other 2 requirements. The other levels of certification are CAC II, CAC III, and finally the licensure process, which includes 1000 hours of supervised addiction counseling in the community.

What is something you are passionate about in your personal life?

Music! I play bass and guitar in a couple of Blues bands. And sometimes my wife and I play together. She is a keyboardist.

What is one thing you wished you'd known as an undergraduate?

I wish I had fully understood the diversity of things one can do with a major in Psychology. There are so many ways you can use the field in your work. When I was an undergrad, I thought the possibilities after college were limited, but I've learned since that having a psychology degree helps in pursuing many areas of interest.

Do you have any advice for our undergraduate Psychology majors?

Find a good track for yourself. What I mean is, find what you are really passionate about, where you really fit well. Look ahead and do your research to find out where your track lead you. Don't just go through the motions... find out what you love to do and do it.

Thanks so much Dr. Swaim!

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. Hours of operation are Sundays through Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Specific course tutoring times for the Spring 2008 semester are posted on-line. For more information visit: <http://www.natsci.colostate.edu/tutoring/index.cfm>.

FIELD PLACEMENT/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Come to B-219 Clark (the Psychology Department main office) to request a list of field placement agencies. It's never too early to start looking for summer or fall opportunities. All advisors are happy to talk with you about this process. It's important for you to get hands-on experience prior to graduation!

EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Walk In Career Counseling with Judy Brobst**, Career Center Liaison, College of Natural Sciences
Tuesdays – Lory Student Center 12:30 – 4:30 pm (Next to Sweet Sensations)
Fridays – Clark B 228 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Services offered: Internships & volunteer experiences, resume development, choosing/changing majors, graduate school, on-line assessments, job search skills, etc.
Or to setup an appointment contact: Judy at judy.brobst@colostate.edu or 970-491-1190.

EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY

Gerontology Interdisciplinary Studies Program (GISP) College of Applied Human Sciences – Center on Aging

GISP is an interdisciplinary studies program that provides students with the opportunity to **earn an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate certificate** in gerontology. GISP also helps students develop an understanding of the aging process including the biological, psychological and social aspects of adult development and aging.

The United States Administration on Aging reports that by 2030 one in five individuals will be age 65 years and older. Furthermore, it has been estimated that there will be 70 million older persons, more than twice the number in 1999. Because of the "Graying" of America, **qualified and well trained professionals will be greatly needed** to support successful aging and older adults.

Students who earn a certificate in gerontology **in addition to** their bachelor's degree may pursue employment opportunities as a: Adult Educator focusing on continuing education and career development, Dietitian for older adults, Elder Law Advocate, Exercise Physiologist, Geriatric Care Manager, Housing Specialist focusing on the needs of older adults, Long-Term Care Administrator, Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy focusing on the needs of older adults, Physician's Assistant, Geriatric Clinician, Public Relations Specialist, Recreation Therapist/Activities Director in a long-term care facility, and Retirement Counselor. Please note this is not an exhausted list of opportunities. Other career choices may be pursued.

Scholarships are available to students enrolled in GISP. To learn more about GISP please visit: www.cahs.colostate.edu/coa/GISP.html. Students are also encouraged to set-up an appointment with the project coordinator, Dr. Christine Fruhauf, to discuss the program and career opportunities. Dr. Fruhauf can be reached at cfruhauf@cahs.colostate.edu.

Upcoming Events

Psi Chi and The Psychology Student Alliance
invite you to join us for

Dr. David Myers' presentation
"The Powers and Perils of Intuition"

On Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 2 pm
In the Chemistry Building, Room A101

Please also join us at the reception (prior to the talk) which will be in Clark C-68 from 1 – 2 pm. Dr. Myers is the author of the PSY 100 textbook and is an expert in positive psychology and education.

Colorado State University Premedica Presents
The 34th Annual Barbara Joyce Symposium
"The True ER...Breaking the Entertainment Myth"

Saturday, March 8, 2008
9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Lory Student Center Theatre

For further information, contact Victoria Kysela at 303-263-1477. The public is invited to attend this free symposium made possible in large part through a grant from ASCSU.