



ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

The advising staff invites you to schedule an academic advising appointment by calling **970.491.3799** (between 7:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.). Times fill quickly, so call today.

Advising Staff

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Important Dates

April 7 – Fall 2008 registration begins for continuing students
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
August 25 – Fall 2008 Semester Classes Begin

Advising Holds on Juniors

The Department of Psychology has placed advising holds on the accounts of students who are or will soon reach junior status. In order to remove that hold, you need to schedule and participate in an academic advising meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to better assist students achieve on-time graduation. If you are in this situation, please call 970.491.3799 (between 7:45 am – 4:45 pm) to schedule an advising appointment. Plenty of appointment times are available before fall registration begins but these slots fill quickly so call for an appointment today.

Composition Placement/Challenge Examination Dates for Spring 2008:

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, April 3, 2008 – 4:00pm, Clark A102
Wednesday, April 16, 2008 – 4:00pm, Glover 130
Thursday, April 24, 2008 – 4:00pm, Clark A102
Thursday, May 1, 2008 – 4:00pm, Clark A102
Monday, June 16, 2008 – 3:00pm, Eddy 212
Friday, August 22, 2008 – 3:30pm, Clark A103
Friday, August 22, 2008 – 5:00pm, Clark A103
Saturday, August 23, 2008 – 9:30am, Clark A103

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.

April 2008

Undergraduate Newsletter

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.

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. Stefanie Johnson**, who co-teaches PSY 210 (Psychology of Differences), and this summer will teach PSY 325 (Psychology of Personality). We talked to her about her path from high school to becoming an assistant professor in Psychology at CSU, her research interests, life away from CSU, and any advice she might have for our current undergrads. Here is what she shared with us.

What captured your interest in Psychology, and what did you do in the field before working here at CSU?

I would say that my interest in Psychology actually began when I was a high school student. I declared Psychology as my major as soon as I went to college. I started working on research with a faculty member during my freshman year and continued doing research throughout college. Immediately after college I went to graduate school to complete a masters and PhD in industrial/organizational psychology. After that I taught classes at business schools in Wisconsin and Denver before coming to CSU.

What most excites you about working at CSU, and what are you doing in research right now? I love teaching undergraduate classes! Students here are nice and really bright so it's a lot of fun to teach them. Also, I am constantly inspired by the graduate students with whom I work. We are doing some really interesting projects regarding work/family balance, leadership, and gender stereotypes. I work with two amazing undergraduate students on these projects (Talia and Danika) but am always looking for more!

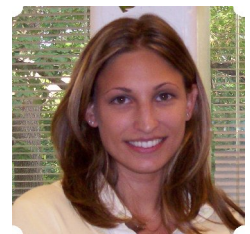
What are you passionate about in your personal life? Oh lots of things: I love to travel, I take Spanish classes, I dance salsa and swing, and I do Pilates. I really enjoy spending time with my two cats and my husband, too.

What is one thing you wished you'd known as an undergraduate? I really enjoyed my college experience, but I wish that I would have spent more time learning things just for the sake of knowledge. There were so many great opportunities to learn about things like Art and Literature from brilliant professors; and learn about these things along with my best friends. I do not feel that I took full advantage of those opportunities. Later in life, there is not as much time to learn about cool things like that, and it is definitely harder to wrangle my friends into taking classes with me.

Do you have any advice for our undergraduate Psych majors? Get to know a faculty member! We have office hours—you can come by just to introduce yourself and say hi—and there are other ways to meet us, like doing research and participating in group study. Knowing a professor or two can really come in handy later!

Where can students learn more about Industrial/Organizational Psychology? Check out www.siop.org, the website for the Society of Industrial/Organizational Psychology! Tons of great resources or come to my office ☺ .

Thanks so much Dr. Johnson!



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

- **R.A.P.P. (Raising Awareness of Personal Power)** youth suicide prevention program has two internships available for the 2008-2009 school year. RAPP is a 90-minute interactive program presented in the Health classes in junior high and high schools in Larimer County. The curriculum focuses on the issues of depression, bipolar disorder and suicide. We teach students about the warning signs, how to help someone who is struggling, and resources that are available to them in the community. Interns will go through an in-depth training and will have the opportunity to observe presentations until they feel comfortable teaching.

Minimum qualifications for these positions include: excellent public speaking and communication skills; ability to work well with youth; ability to deal with a crisis situation if necessary; reliable transportation; and availability during school hours (7:30am to 3:30pm). Personal experience with depression, bipolar disorder or suicide is preferred. Average minimum weekly commitment of between 5 and 10 hours. Hours will vary from week to week. A full school year commitment is also preferred. For more information contact: Nikki Dahl, R.A.P.P. Program Coordinator phone: 970-635-9301, e-mail: dahl@suicideresourcecenter.org.
- **Summer and Fall Internship Opportunities at Turning Point.** Turning Point is a treatment center for high-risk adolescents. In order to accommodate interest there are several opportunities to learn about our programs and what an internship involves. In addition, there is time for group interviews built into the process for those wanting to move forward.

Basic information: 1) The minimum age requirement is 20 with a preference for 21 years or older. 2) Interns must be able to make a commitment to do a minimum of 200 hours spread over a 15 week period. **Internships are not paid positions.** 3) Prospective interns must be able to pass both a drug screen and fingerprint background check. 4) Do not wait until the last minute as positions fill quickly.

The format for the Orientation/Interview meeting is as follows: The first hour will be informational, a time to ask questions. The second hour will be spent doing group interviews (2 half hour sessions) with those interested in a placement.

Dates are: Wednesday, April 2 from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm; Thursday, April 10 from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm; Thursday, April 24, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Please call or email to reserve a place for one of the listed times: Gwen Bell, 970-221-0550 x 102, gbell@turningpnt.org.
- **CONSIDER AN INTERNSHIP WITH SMART-GIRL – Become a Role Model | Make a Difference | Earn Credit –** What if you had the chance to make someone's childhood or teenage years better, would you be up for it? If you would like to make a difference in the lives of girls in your community, this program is for you! Smart-Girl is looking for confident, positive women to facilitate groups as Guides and Coaches (17yrs+). Attend the Smart-Girl Leadership Institute Training to get involved! Training courses will introduce you to the Smart-Girl curriculum, program and methods. You'll gain valuable leadership, facilitation, program management, and conflict management skills.

For more information visit the Smart-Girl website at <http://www.smart-girl.org/guide.html> or contact Sameen Noorulamin, Director of Programs, phone: 720-364-5973, e-mail: snoorulamin@smart-girl.org.

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) **OR** Fridays – Clark B 228 9:00 am – 12:00 pm **OR** to set up an appointment contact: Judy at judy.brobst@colostate.edu or 970-491-1190.

Services offered: Internships & volunteer experiences, resume development, choosing/changing majors, graduate school, on-line assessments, job search skills, etc.
- **For Graduating Seniors –** The Moral Cognition Lab (Greene Lab) in the Department of Psychology at Harvard University is currently seeking a full-time research assistant/lab manager to work on studies related to moral decision-making and its neural basis, to begin Fall 2008. Responsibilities will include assisting with the coordination and testing of human subjects, management and analysis of fMRI data, programming stimuli, managing laboratory computers, and supervising undergraduate research assistants. There will also be opportunities to make creative contributions to the laboratory's research.

Bachelor's degree in psychology, neuroscience, or related field preferred. Experience with fMRI and computer programming (e.g. E-Prime or MATLAB) preferred. Candidate must be highly motivated, organized, and have excellent interpersonal skills. Please direct inquiries to Joe Paxton: jpaxton@wjh.harvard.edu.
- **Larimer County Job Postings** sent to your mail box or RSS feed – it's your choice. Did you know that you can subscribe to Larimer County Job Postings and receive these postings to your email account? It's easy. Just go to <http://www.larimer.org/jobs/index.htm> and click on "subscription service" box on the right side of the page.
- If you are looking for a career working with children or just want to see what Cathedral Home is all about, this is the event for you! **Cathedral Home for Children's 1st Annual Career Fair** will be on Saturday, April 12, 2008, from 12pm – 4pm at 4989 North 3rd Street, Laramie, Wyoming. Please **RSVP** by Monday, April 7, 2008, to Human Resources Office 307-721-1511 or cjenkins@cathedralhome.org. *Cathedral Home is an EEO/AA Employer.*

EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

- ✿ **Colorado Nonprofit Job Search** – If you are looking to work for a nonprofit in Colorado, be sure to check out The **Colorado Nonprofit Job Board** at <http://www.coloradononprofits.org/board.cfm> for excellent job postings. This is a specific focused job board and by applying for jobs on boards like this you have a better shot at getting an interview than applying for positions on large sites like monster.com. Positions working as an event coordinator, fundraiser, program director, communication assistant, etc. are available and even though you are working for the common good, you still get paid! The big version of this would probably be **Idealist** <http://www.idealists.org/>. Look under nonprofit jobs for jobs in other countries or all over the US helping to promote issues like community development and addressing poverty.

To get experience for jobs like this you probably want to play up any internships with nonprofits or volunteer experience. Don't know how to get volunteer experience in an area of interest to you? Check out <http://www.firstcall211.org/> where the United Way has a **directory of cool volunteer positions in Larimer County**. Positions like grant writer, legal advocate, child advocate, and other volunteer positions can help you make connections while getting good experience for your resume.