



Newsletter from the Chairman's Office

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*Welcome to the new
academic year!!!*



Dear Colleagues:

Welcome back from what I hope was a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Since our last newsletter was published (October 2008) there have been many exciting events involving our faculty, graduate students, and staff. Below are some of the many faculty and student achievements since last Fall.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shaw
Chair

Psychology Executive Committee 2009-2010

Newly elected members include:

- Celia Brownell
- Susan Campbell
- Julie Fiez
- Thomas Kamarck
- John Levine
- Michael Sayette

Kudos Corner – Faculty

Susan Campbell

Received the 2009 Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring



Eric Donny

- received a grant from NIDA entitled "Polymorphisms Related to Dopamine Receptor Function and Smoking"
- promoted to Associate Professor on September 1, 2009

Irene Frieze

- named Chair of the University Advisory Committee to the IRB for Social and Behavioral Research Concerns
- appointed to the University Plant Utilization & Planning Committee which is one of the University Senate's standing committees
- named a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology

Bruce Goldstein

- The 8th edition of his book, *Sensation and Perception*, was published by Wadsworth this past February. This full-color textbook is the leading text in the field and is used at over 250 universities
- edited the two volume *Encyclopedia of Perception* which will be published by Sage in December 2009. The encyclopedia contains 375 entries written by authorities in the field



Martin Greenberg

named a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology

John Levine

Co-edited two books this past year:

- Levine, J. M., & Hogg, M. A. (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of group processes and intergroup relations*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage
- Butera, F., & Levine, J. M. (Eds.). *Coping with minority status: Responses to exclusion and inclusion*. New York: Cambridge University Press



Tim Nokes

received a grant for which he is PI (John Levine is co-PI) from the National Science Foundation, Pittsburgh Science of Learning Center entitled "Dialectical Interaction and Robust Learning"



Michael Pogue-Geile

elected President of the Society for Research in Psychopathology

Chris Schunn

named a Fellow of the APA Division 3 Executive Committee

Daniel Shaw

Received three new grants:

- "Health Promotion in Early Adolescence: Sleep, Activity, and Emotion Regulation," National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, along with R. Dahl, A. Gill, D. Rofey, E. Votruba-Drzal, and T. Goldstein
- "New Methods in Basic and Applied Research on Drug Use Risk," Senior Research Scientist Award (K05), National Institute on Drug Abuse
- "Substance Use in Young Men: Genes, Brain Function, and Early Social Development," National Institute on Drug Abuse, along with E. Forbes, A. Hariri, J. Cheong, R. Conger, D. Williamson, and K. Moilanen

An empirically-validated family-centered intervention, in collaboration with Dr. Tom Dishion at the University of Oregon, and other members of a multi-site team, is being tested or implemented outside of the United States. In the coming year, an implementation program is being carried out in Sweden on school-age children and an efficacy trial tested in Australia with toddlers

Mark Strauss

named President of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Autism Speaks

Kudos Corner -- Graduate Students

Kat Belendiuk

- masters was accepted for publication in the journal of *Bipolar Disorders* and will be published this fall
- ran 6 marathons (1 in Antarctica), 3 ultra-marathons, and completed an Olympic triathlon!! Kat is currently training for the JFK50, a 50 mile race, being held in Maryland



Excellent

Jennifer Cerully

received the inaugural Dr. Ruth L. Myers Memorial Graduate Award in recognition of her research achievements

Kasey Griffin

received a two-year training fellowship (National Research Service Award) from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Kristin Long

received the inaugural Dr. Ruth L. Myers Memorial Graduate Award in recognition of her research achievements

Julie Michael

received an Elizabeth Baranger Excellence in Teaching Award in the spring of 2009



Excellent

Danielle Novick

- began her internship in New Orleans at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System in July 2009. During her spare time she's been volunteering for an animal rescue organization that cares for dogs and cats lost or abandoned during Hurricane Katrina (<http://www.humanela.org/pawstorebuild.htm>)
- recipient of the 2009 Pennsylvania Psychological Foundation's Education Award
- comprehensive exam was accepted for publication in the journal of *Bipolar Disorders* and will be published this fall

Melanie Nyhof

received the inaugural Bonka Boneva Intercultural Research Award



Excellent

Aarthi Padmanabhan

received a Trainee Travel Award for the Human Brain Mapping Conference held in San Francisco



Meaghan Parlade

- selected as a recipient of a 2009 American Psychological Association Dissertation Research Award
- selected for a highly competitive Weatherstone Predoctoral Fellowship from Autism Speaks
- received the Tim Post Award for Research Excellence
- received a Bassell Student Publication Award
- received the A. David Lazovik Award to support her research
- awarded an Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship

Nikole Patson-Huffman

- awarded a Sloan Fellowship (Summer 2009)
- received a travel award from the Experimental Psychology Society



Ben Paul

received a Trainee Travel Award for the Human Brain Mapping Conference held in San Francisco

Aric Prather

received a Bassell Award for Excellence in Clinical Psychology Graduate Studies

Keiran Rump

received the A. David Lazovik Award to support her research

Sarah Tarbox

- received the A. David Lazovik Award to support her research
- received a Bassell Award for Excellence in Clinical Psychology Graduate Studies





WELCOME



Ella Vanderbilt-Adriance

received a Bassell Award for Excellence in Clinical Psychology Graduate Studies

Christine Walther

nominated by one of her students to be part of the Football Teams' Guest Coaches Program and was a guest coach for the Pitt game against Syracuse on November 7

Comings

New Graduate Students

A special welcome to our new graduate students:

Joel Chan, Cognitive Program (advisor: Chris Schunn)
Chelsea Eddington, Cognitive Program (advisor: Natasha Tokowicz)
Catharine Fairbairn, Clinical/Health Program (advisor: Michael Sayette)
Lindsay Harris, Cognitive Program (advisor: Charles Perfetti)
Brandi Hawk, Clinical/Developmental Program (advisor: Bob McCall)
Melissa Levin, Biological & Health Program (advisor: Eric Donny)
Man Yu Li, Individualized Program (advisor: Irene Frieze)
Portia Miller, Developmental Program (advisor: Elizabeth Votruba-Drzal)
Liz Richey, Cognitive Program (advisor: Tim Nokes)
Mike Sayers, Clinical/Health Program (advisor: Michael Sayette)
Alba Tuninetti, Cognitive Program (advisor: Natasha Tokowicz)
Andrea Weinstein, Clinical/Health Program (advisor: Kirk Erickson)

Goings

The following graduate students left for their clinical internships:

Holly Gastgeb
Danielle Novick
Aric Prather
Ian Reed
Keiran Rump
Carrie Sheets
Sarah Tarbox
Ella Adriance-Vanderbilt
Camilla von Stauffenberg

Recent Graduate Milestones

Masters (April 2009)

- Joo Young Jang
- Karen Munoz
- Jeffrey Phillips
- Desiree Wilkinson
- Laura Zajac

PhD

- Patricia Matestic (December 2008)
- Sybil Streeter (December 2008)
- Stephen Wilson (December 2008)
- Charles Geier (April 2009)
- Deborah Scharf (August 2009)

And, on a personal note...

We have engagement announcements for:

Julie McCarville (Main Office) to Jared Magee

Sarah Ordaz to Scott Rosenblum

Desiree Wilkinson to Nick Sinclair

A new baby girl!!!!

Beth Barthen Braunsdorf in our Advising Office welcomed a second daughter, Becca, on June 21. Beth's oldest daughter, Ally, is thrilled to be a big sister.



