



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 (May 2008) there have been many exciting events involving our faculty, graduate students, and staff. The first "event" is that after 10 years of invaluable service, during which time the prominence of the Department was greatly enhanced, Tony Caggiula stepped down as Chair of the Department, effective September 1, 2008. I will do my best to fill Tony's shoes and look forward to the challenge of moving the Department to even greater heights. Below are some of the many faculty and student achievements since last Spring.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shaw
Chair

Psychology Executive Committee 2008-2009

Newly elected members include:

- Susan Campbell
- Julie Fiez
- Martin Greenberg
- Jana Iverson
- Anna Marsland
- Michael Sayette

Clinical Program

Our Clinical Program was reaccredited for the maximum number of years (7) by the American Psychological Association in April.

Kudos Corner – Faculty



Celia Brownell

- was elected as a Fellow, American Psychological Association, Division 7
- received a University of Queensland Travel Award for International Research

Eric Donny

- received an R01 from NIDA, along with **Tony Caggiula**, supporting their preclinical research on nicotine self-administration.
- received a grant from Pfizer supporting his research on the neurobiological basis of individual differences in nicotine dependence in humans.

Julie Fiez

- was elected as a Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science.
- became a secondary faculty member of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.



Irene Frieze

- was selected for an oral history of her life as one of the “Influential Leaders of the Women’s Movement” in Pittsburgh in the late 1900s.
- was recognized by the Dean of Students for service to undergraduate students.

Martin Greenberg

- was the recipient of the 2008 Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching and Mentoring by the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.
- was elected as a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI), Division 9.

Anna Marsland

Anna was promoted to Associate Professor of Psychology on September 1, 2008.

Michael Pogue-Geile

Michael hosted the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, September 25–28, 2008 at the Pittsburgh Hilton.





Erik Reichle

- was elected a Fellow of the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (Hanse Institute for Advanced Study), Delmenhorst, Germany.
- was appointed Chair of the Cognitive Program, September 1, 2008.

Lauren Resnick

Lauren was elected as a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association.

Janet Schofield

- was elected as a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association. This is the first year in which AERA has had a Fellows Program and Janet was one of about 280 out of 26,000 members selected as a Fellow. She, along with five other first-year Fellows, will serve on a committee that annually selects additional Fellows in the future.
- Janet's research was cited by two Supreme Court Justices in opinions they issued in the Meredith v. Jefferson case, which dealt with whether school districts can voluntarily consider race in assigning students to schools in an effort to enhance diversity.



Chris Schunn

Received four grants:

- Integrating Social and Cognitive Elements of Discovery and Innovation. National Science Foundation, Principal Investigator, 9/1/08 – 8/31/10, \$253,882.
- The 21st Century Research and Development Center on Cognition and Science Education. Institute for Educational Sciences, Co-Principal Investigator with J. Merlino, A. Porter, J. Cromley, N. Newcombe, & **T. Nokes**, 7/1/08 – 6/30/13, \$9,995,038.
- Connecting Research and Teaching Through Product Realization: The Pittsburgh Quality of Life RET Site. National Science Foundation, Co-Principal Investigator with M. Lovell, A. Landis, & S. Balouris, 6/1/08 – 5/30/11, \$489,700.
- Training in Arithmetical Fluency. National Science Foundation, Co-Principal Investigator with **J. Fiez**, 9/1/08 – 8/31/11, \$1,241,567.



Kudos Corner -- Graduate Students

Judith Carroll

- gave birth to her second daughter, Aubrianna Marissa Carroll, on August 17, 2008. Aubrianna weighed in at 8 lbs. 1 oz.
- received a Provost Development Fund Fellowship.

Jennifer Cruelly and **Bill Klein** received funding from the University of Pittsburgh Clinical and Translational Science Institute to study clinical trial decision-making.

Victoria Egizio received a Bassell Publication Award.

Nicole Hill received a Provost Development Fund Fellowship.

Luke Hyde and Julie Michael will serve as the student representatives to the Graduate Education Committee. Special thanks to **Sara Nichols** for the excellent contributions that she made while a member of this committee.

Elizabeth Mezick received a Cardiovascular Behavioral Medicine Training Fellowship.

Aimee Midei

- was married to Patrick John Herward on July 14, 2008 in Riviera Maya, Mexico. Congratulations!!!
- received a Cardiovascular Behavioral Medicine Training Fellowship.

Melanie Nyhof received a 2008-2009 Fulbright grant to conduct research on religious concepts in Indonesia.

Elisabeth Ploran Elisabeth received the 2007-2008 Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Organization Elizabeth Baranger Excellence in Teaching Award.

Maira Roazzi

- along with **Melanie Nyhof** received a Research Grant from the Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology of the Oxford University (Templeton Foundation: Cognition, Religion and Theology Project).
- was awarded a Fulbright/Capes scholarship for 2008-2009.





Rita Svetlova was awarded an Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship.

Sarah Tarbox had her specialty paper accepted for publication in July – Tarbox, S., & **Pogue-Geile**, M. F. Development of social functioning in preschizophrenia children and adolescents: A systematic review. *Psychological Bulletin*.

Jennifer Waller co-authored a book chapter – Reiter-Purtill, J., Waller, J. M., & Noll, R. B. (in press). Empirical and theoretical perspectives on the peer relationships of children with chronic conditions. In M. C. Roberts (Ed.), *Handbook of pediatric psychology* (4th ed.). New York: Guilford Press.

Jessica Yokley was the runner up for the Levin Award which goes to the outstanding student poster (34 applied for the award) – Poster Title: Genetic associations between Neuregulin-1 and cognition in a large multiplex pedigree family study of schizophrenia.

Congratulations

The following department members completed the 2008 Richard S. Caliguiri City of Pittsburgh Great Race held on September 28, 2008:

Anita Barber
Kat Belendiuk
Melissa Castle
Sarah Coddington
Stephanie Davis
Kasey Griffin
Amanda Koury
Jessica Nelson
Charles Perfetti
Jen Phillips
Sarah Ordaz



Kat Belendiuk, Stephanie Davis, and Kasey Griffin participated in the IKEA-Montour Trail Half Marathon on September 6, 2008.

Kat Belendiuk and Kasey Griffin ran the Chamber Classic Half Marathon on October 4, 2008.



Sarah Tarbox was invited this past Spring to represent the United States in the Pan American Judo Tournament that took place in Miami. She placed 4th in her division!

Comings

Kirk Erickson

Kirk joined the department as an Assistant Professor on September 1, 2008. He comes to us from the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he was a post-doctoral fellow. He received his doctorate in cognitive neuroscience from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. His research interests include aging, executive control, plasticity, genetics, and health.

Julie McCarville (Main Office)

Julie joins the department as a Receptionist in the Main Office. She comes to us from the Banfield Pet Hospital where she was an Office Manager. Julie replaces Samantha Ryan who went to work as a Document Specialist for Reed-Smith in Pittsburgh.

Kathryn Roecklein

Kathryn joined the department as an Assistant Professor on July 1, 2008. She obtained her PhD in medical and clinical psychology from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and completed her psychology internship at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Her research focuses on the interactions between genetic, behavioral, and cognitive risk factors for depression.

New Graduate Students

A special welcome to our new graduate students:

Lauretta Brennan who will be working with Daniel Shaw
Jeff Byham who will be working with John Levine
Amy Byrd who will be working with Rolf Loeber
Melissa Castle who will be working with Elizabeth Votruba-Drzal
Michael Dunbar who will be working with Saul Shiffman
Jeanette Garcia who will be working with Thomas Kamarck
Carolyn Gibson who will be working with Karen Matthews
Amanda Koury who will be working with Elizabeth Votruba-Drzal
Nina Leezenbaum who will be working with Susan Campbell
Darcy Mandell who will be working with Greg Siegle
Aarthi Padmanabhan who will be working with Beatriz Luna
Benjamin Paul who will be working with Greg Siegle
Jana Rea who will be working with Jana Iverson
Elizabeth Shelleby who will be working with Daniel Shaw
Sarah Siodmok who will be working with JeeWon Cheong
Kristine Wilckens who will be working with Mark Wheeler



Goings

Micki Chi has relocated to Tempe, Arizona where she is a Professor in the Division of Psychology in Education.

Bruce Goldstein

Bruce retired from the Department and University after 39 years of teaching and research. His good humor and keen "perception" will be missed by all.

Recent Graduate Milestones

Masters (April 2008)

- Elisabeth Ploran
- Leida Tolentino

Masters (August 2008)

- Melinda Ciccocioppo
- Jennifer Cerully
- Elizabeth Mezick

PhD (August 2008)

- Alison Gilbert
- Brandi Jones
- Tom Kirchner

