

PSYCHTALK

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Departmental Transitions

Dr. Neuhoff will be on sabbatical this coming academic year. While he is away he plans to pursue research related to the National Science Foundation grant he was awarded to assess the possible link between the rhythm in an individual's speech patterns and rhythm one produces in music.

This summer we will say goodbye and good luck to **Dr. Wickline** who has taught as a Visiting Assistant Professor for three years. She will begin a tenure-track position with Miami University of Ohio (Middletown Campus). She will promote service-learning (getting students involved with community organizations as interns and volunteers) and continue research on cultural adjustment for international students in the U.S. and Americans going abroad.

This fall we will welcome

Dr. Karazsia into a tenure-track position in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Karazsia joins us after receiving his M.A. and Ph.D. from Kent State University in Clinical Psychology (Major Concentration: Child and Family Studies; Minor: Quantitative Methods) and B.S. in Psychology from Denison. His primary research interests include behavioral risk factors of pediatric injuries and psychosocial influences on body image and risky body change behaviors. He

will begin teaching Personality, Abnormal and other clinically relevant classes.

This fall we will also welcome **Dr. Jewell** into a two-year position. Dr. Jewell received his B.A. from Lebanon Valley College and his Ph.D. in Sensation and Perception from Kent State University. He has been hired, in part, through the Center for

Entrepreneurship to promote creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial education. He will teach Introduction to Psychology, advise IS and offer specialized courses in those areas.

Faculty News

Dr. Clayton is celebrating the recent publication of her 2009 book written in collaboration with Dr. Gene Myers entitled: *Conservation Psychology: Understanding and promoting human care for nature*. "This textbook introduces the reader to the new and emerging field of Conservation Psychology, which explores connections between the study of human

behavior and the achievement of conservation goals. The authors integrate a wide body of published literature to demonstrate how and why psychology is relevant to promoting a more sustainable relationship between humans and nature."

Dr. Garcia has a paper in press: Miller, Cronin, Garcia, and Branscombe. The Relative Impact of Anger and Efficacy on Collective Action is Affected by Feelings of Fear. Group Processes and Intergroup

The Psychology department hosted the 23rd Annual Ohio Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference on April 18, 2009. It was a very successful conference with 55 presentations, 12 of which were led by CoW students. 18 Northeast Ohio colleges/universities were present with over 140 registered applicants. The following CoW students did a fantastic job presenting their work: Jon Brumbaugh, Sara Falkoff, Sarah Gerlach, William Reid, Morgan Schweighoefer, Polly Weigand, Danielle Behnke, Rachel Gaines, Sarah Garcia, Natalee Noche, Bob Fitzgerald, Quinn Denzer, Emmeline Ayers, Joshua Clark, Crystal Hardman, Jessica LaToya Jones, Katie Long, Bryan Loy, Jessica Winchell, Rebecca Worthington

Relations. In addition she attended the annual SEPA and SPSSI conferences and the International Congress of Psychology in Berlin.

Dr. Neuhoff gave a talk over the summer in Paris at "Acoustics '08", a joint meeting of the American, and European Acoustical Societies entitled "'Behavioral Relevance' as a guiding principle in investigating the perception of sound source properties". He also has a paper with former Wooster student Rianna Planisek ('05) in press: Neuhoff, J. G., Planisek, R., & Seifritz E. Adaptive sex differences in auditory motion perception: Looming sounds are special. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*.

Dr. Stavnezer presented data related to the hormonal and genetic influences on maternal care for mouse pups and the relationship between that maternal care and cognitive abilities in adulthood at the Annual Society for Neuroscience Conference in Washington, DC.

Dr. Thompson gave a paper at the 3rd Annual National Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at Liberal Arts Colleges at Wabash College. Dr. Thompson had researched "Metacognitive Strategies of Teaching and Learning in Introductory Psychology Classes" over the past year with funding from the Teagle Foundation. She found that: Instruction about metacognitive theories of learning did not help all students; but for students with less strong study skills and habits, there was a positive correlation between use of metacognitive strategies of learning and test performance.

Dr. Wickline recently had an article accepted (in press) by the *Journal of Genetic Psychology* entitled, "Cultural In-Group Advantage: Emotion Recognition in African American and European American Faces and Voices." In addition, she and Val Spektor ('10) are presenting "Small

Residential Colleges: Researching International Student Issues" at a roundtable discussion at the NAFSA (Association of International Educators) National Conference in May.

The Wooster chapter of Psi Chi inducted 10 new members and recognized their outstanding academic achievement. We would like to thank this year's officers for all their work on behalf of Psi Chi this academic year:

Sarah Garcia (President), Mike Karoglan (Vice President), Natalee Noche (Treasurer), Alex Rusbley (Secretary), and Skye Gillispie (Historian). This year's newly inducted members are:

Madeleine Bennett	Michael Bernstein
Casey Biggs	Jon Brumbaugh
Sara Falkoff	Elissa Lauber
Amelyne Major	Emma Shriver
Evan Slanczka	Rebecca Worthington

Recent Graduates

Maria Gonzalez ('07) is in a Master's Program for School Psychology at Cleveland State.

Steven Frankland ('07) has been accepted into a Cognitive Psychology Ph.D. program.

Sarah Hess ('06) will complete her M.S. in Animal Sciences at Purdue University and begin as a Clinical Research Associate at Med Institute.

Leah Michelson ('08) has started a graduate program in Animal Behavior at Hunter College in NYC.

Aleisa Myles ('05) will begin a clinical psychology program at Widener University.

Missy Petkovsek ('08) has started a Master's Program in Forensic Psychology at Tiffin University.

Sarah Reynolds ('06) will begin Boston College's School of Social Work.

Aaron Rezendes ('08) will be attending the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology for a PsyD.

Brandon Schechter ('08) will start a Master's Program at Boston University.

Courtney Segovis ('05) completed her M.S. at Durham University in England and will begin as a research assistant at Vanderbilt this summer.

James Sliwinski ('07) will begin a graduate program in Health Sciences at Texas State University.

Lakshman Swamy ('05) has started medical school and an MBA program at Wright State University along with founding the first entirely medical-student run talk show, entitled "Radio Rounds."

Alan Wedd ('08) will be going to Michigan State for a Ph.D. program in Cognitive Psychology.

Emily Wilson ('08) has been accepted into a Psy.D. program.

Senior Plans

Justin Aichele plans to work with mentally challenged individuals and toward a master's degree in psychology and philosophy.

Kaylee Daussin will pursue a 3-4 program for a Doctorate in Nursing Acute care at Case Western Reserve University.

Quinn Denzer will attend Kent State University for graduate school beginning this summer for a 3-year M.Ed/Eds. School Psychology Program.

Skye Gillispie will begin a Ph.D. program in Industrial/Organizational at Clemson University.

Erika Hanuschak will teach Spanish as a foreign language for Teach for America in the Charlotte, NC.

Alysia LaBonte will enter Simmons College School of Social Work to complete a Masters in Social Work.

Bryan Loy will begin a masters programs in the Kinesiology department at The University of Illinois for Psychophysiology.

Mike Karoglan will attend graduate school in criminology/forensics or intern at the FBI.

Alex Rushley will work toward a Master's of Social Work at Washington Univ of St Louis in order to become a child and family therapist.

Becca Thomas will teach Spanish as a second language for Teach for America in Memphis, TN.

Polly Weigand will be a Research Assistant in a Molecular Biology lab at OSU

Summer Plans

Mike Bernstein ('11) will conduct research with Dr. Garcia.

Carolyn Cahill ('11) will conduct research in the University of Oregon Summer Program on cortical processing of audition.

Ashita Gurnani ('10) will conduct cell biology research at the OARDC.

Allie Kibler-Campbell ('10) and **Michelle Mate** ('11) will conduct handedness research with our Capuchin monkeys with Dr. Thompson

Ryan Radtke ('10) will intern in the Health and Psychophysiology Lab at Harvard University.

Rachel Waggoner ('11) will intern in the Child and Adolescent Day Hospital at Sheppard Pratt Mental Health Hospital in Baltimore, MD.

Conference Presentations

We continue to have a very active year with student conference presentations. Conferences are a fantastic way for students to share their data with interested scientists in the field and also to learn about cutting-edge research. Often times students meet and talk with leading researchers.

Katie Long, Becca Worthington and Josh Clark (advisor Neuhoff) presented at **APCAM** in Chicago.

Polly Weigand and Erin Wright (advisor Stavnezer) presented at **Society for Neuroscience** in Washington, DC.

We will have a great group of **17** presenting their empirical research at the **Midwestern Psychological Association** meeting in Chicago on April 30th. Congratulations to Val Spektor who won one of this year's Regional Research Award from Psi Chi to travel to MPA. The students include:

Meredith Gavin, Alex Rushley, Natalee Noche, Danielle Behnke, Skye Gillispie, Sarah Garcia, Polly Weigand, Becca Thomas, Val Spektor, Ashita Gurnani, Claire Burgess, Rachel Gaines, Chris Collen, Ben Neilsen, Steph Gray, Kara Mitchell and Sara Falkoff.

Psych Club

sponsored a trip to the Akron Zoo, the Archives of the History of American Psychology and hosted an alumni brunch this year.

Next year's officers are Katie Long and Rachel Gaines.

Please get involved!

Class of 2009 IS Titles

- Justin Aichele: Defining Agency: An Empirical Study Observing the Effects of Sense of Agency and its Influence on the Philosophical Discussion of Agency, Action, and Free Will
- Staci Alario: Aggression and the appropriateness of aggressive behaviors in different contexts.
- Gillian Anderson: Production and Perception of Musical Rhythm by Musicians and Music Novices
- Emmeline Ayers: The Impact of the Wii on Self-Rated Health, Cognition, and Depression in the Elderly
- Jon Brumbaugh: A Present Mind: The Effect of Mindful Meditation on the Executive Network of Cognition”
- Joshua Clark: Follow the Leader: A Study of Transformational and Transactional Leadership, Employee Satisfaction, and Gender Stereotypes
- Christopher W. Collen: A Study Examining the Relationship between Young-Adult Egocentrism and the Propensity to Lie, Lying Effectiveness, and Deception Detection
- Robert James Crumpler, II: Social Facilitation, Competition, and Personality: Individual Differences in Simulated Bowling Performance
- A. Quinn Denzer: Gingerism: The Negative Stereotyping of Redheads
- Alexander Dreussi: Professor's Perceptions of the Pierced Population: Too Cool For Schoolwork?
- Robert Fitzgerald: Self-Determination Theory and Wilderness Experiences.
- Sarah L. Garcia: The Effect of Disrupted Circadian Rhythms on Episodic and Procedural Memory
- Meredith Gavin: Why Can't We Get Along?: An Analysis of the Influence of Attachment Style and Drive to Marry on Conflict Resolution
- Skye K. Gillispie: Tension-Reduction Hypothesis: The Effects of Anxiety and Restraint Stress on Ethanol Consumption in Female Rats
- Kathleen Golis: Theory and Evidence for Interactions Between Race, Type of Offense, and Prejudice on Decision-Making Concerning Punishment
- Stephanie Gray: Social values, temporal perception and existential terror: Determinants of environmental helping behaviors.
- Erica Hanuschak: There Are Places I Remember -- Maybe: The Effects of Age and Memory Techniques in the Creation of False Memories.
- Crystal Hardman: Musical Emotions: The Effect of Happy and Sad Music on Mood
- Ryun Ivory: Perceptions of Drug Addiction: Is Addiction More Acceptable Under Certain Circumstances?
- Jessica Jones: Self Perceptions of Stereotypes and Race and how they Effect Expectancy for Success
- Mike Karoglan: Reconsidering Human Pheromones: Can the Effects of Men's Axillary Secretions on Women Predict Degrees of Visual Attractiveness?
- Alyssa Lynn Labonte: Perceived Social Support and Coping Strategies Among Adolescents: Comparing Private Boarding, Private Day, and Public High Schools
- Bryan Loy: What Makes Me Smile When I Sweat?: How Components of Exercise Influence a Change Between Pre and Post-Exercise Mood
- John MacVarish: Dispositional Outlook and the Failure Response: Optimism as a Component of Success After Disappointment
- Kara M Mitchell: Other-Race Face Perception: An Investigation of the Perceptual-Expertise Hypothesis
- Benjamin Neilsen: The Effects of the Presence of an Animal on Anxiety and Communication
- Natalee A. Noche: Does Prenatal and Postnatal Restraint Stress Have an affect on anxiety in CD-1 Mice?
- Alexandria Rushley: Do You Know What I Know? The Effect of Language Ability on Verbal and Nonverbal Theory of Mind Tasks
- Andrew K. Salata: The Effects of Priming on Responses to Projective Techniques
- Stephanie Schab: Expertise and Attractiveness in Advertisements: What Entices you to Buy a Product?
- Andrew Steigbigel: Fast Paces and Famous Faces: The Effectiveness of Advertisements Based on Varied Message Sensation Value, The Use of a Celebrity, and Viewer Sensation Seeking Tendencies
- Maggie Strome: Reducing Proactive Interference Through Constructivist Learning Instruction
- Rebecca Thomas: The Effects of Tradmill Exercise on the Progression of Alzheimer's Disease in a Transgenic Mouse Model
- Jessica Twombly: How Challenge and Subtle-Gendered-Threat Affect Athletic Performance
- Chris Walton: The Influence of Film Music on the Perspective assumed within a Narrative.
- Pauline Weigand: Examining a preventative treatment for Alzheimer's disease: Exercise enrichment induces cell genesis in the hippocampal dentate gyrus but does not enhance spatial learning and memory in mice.
- Jessica A. Winchell: Without a Hand to Stand On: Behaviors of Capuchin Monkeys (*Cebus apella*) Reflect Postural Support Theory of Handedness.