



Psychology Undergraduate Newsletter

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The University of
North Carolina at
Chapel Hill

 Greetings Psychology Majors! 

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Congratulations on
(almost) making it
through another semester! I
know most of you will be very
busy with final exams and
getting ready for break, but
please take a moment to peruse
this newsletter, as it features a
number of job, internship,
academic, and scholarship
opportunities. Best of luck on
your finals and I hope you all
have an enjoyable and relaxing
break!



SPOTLIGHT on Undergraduate Instruction

Welcome! Our inaugural spotlight on undergraduate instruction features Dr. Steven Buzinski's **Psyc 566 Attitude Change** class's Public Service Campaign projects. The charge that Dr. Buzinski gave his students was simple: utilize the psychological principles of attitude change & persuasion in order to benefit the University of North Carolina and local community. Four teams, consisting of approximately nine members each, met that challenge.

The teams, **Tar Heels 4 Change**, **UNC P.A.C.T.**, **the Informants**, and **team I.M.P.A.C.T.** first conducted extensive preliminary research in order to choose social causes, which were reducing food waste, preparing for persuasive attempts, supporting Nike's reuse a shoe campaign, and combating the "freshman 15" respectively. They then hypothesized, revised, filmed, and marketed Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos that delivered their messages to a world-wide audience through YouTube. Finally the projects culminated in high-pressure defenses to a board of 7 University of North Carolina psychologists, an experience that Dr. Buzinski describes as similar to "presenting research at a professional psychology conference."

All four PSAs can be found at the [UNC.DoPUR YouTube channel](#). Dr. Buzinski would like to finish by extending his sincere thanks to **Tar Heels 4 Change**, **UNC P.A.C.T.**, **the Informants**, and **team I.M.P.A.C.T.** for their creativity, resilience, and dedication to their social causes!



HELP US highlight your interesting psychology research projects and activities each newsletter in this section. Please send all submissions to Professor Charlie Wiss at cwiss@email.unc.edu.

Internships & J-O-B(s)

Do you have a passion for reproductive rights? Are you looking to gain non-profit experience and to develop connections in the progressive community?

NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina is seeking self-motivated, dependable, and organized interns to work 10-15 hours per week remotely and in our Raleigh office. We are currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Communications internship
New Media internship
Community Organizing internship
Legislative & Policy internship
Campus Representatives



For descriptions of each position's qualifications, responsibilities, and benefits, please visit our website: <http://www.prochoicenc.org/about-us/jobs-and-internships.shtml>.

To apply, please email your resume and a brief cover letter (and writing sample where requested) to our Internship Coordinator at info@ProChoiceNC.org. In your cover letter, please explain why you are pro-choice and what you hope to gain from your internship with NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina. Include the title of the internship you are applying for in the subject line of your email. **Applications will be considered until Friday, December 14, 2012.**

NCPIRG Activist Internships

Meet new people, get involved in your community, learn important skills, and make a difference on the issues that matter. Interns take on a leadership role within a campaign, and in many cases are able to receive course credit.

Spring 2013 Campaigns:

Energy Service Corps; Make Textbooks Affordable; 21st Century Transportation; & Hunger Cleanup.

Apply for a NCPIRG internship [here](#).



The Urban Prep Fellows Program: A Unique Year of Service Opportunity in Urban Education

In Chicago, just one in forty African-American boys in public schools earns a college degree by age 25. But for three years in a row at Urban Prep Academies, the nation's first network of all-male charter public high schools, 100% of seniors have gained admission to attend four-year colleges and universities. Do you have the skills, passion, and energy to help us continue to make this vision a reality? Consider applying to join the **Urban Prep Fellows Program**, a distinctive full-time, one-year service fellowship opportunity for recent college graduates.

Urban Prep Fellows augment and support regular classroom learning by building bonds with students through academic and personal advising, managing after-school activities, communicating with families, and leading a small-group seminar course. During their service year, Fellows are provided with housing, transportation, health and dental insurance, and a monthly living stipend.

Learn more about Urban Prep by viewing this [short video](#), visiting the Urban Prep Fellows website at <http://www.UrbanPrep.org/fellows>, finding us on [facebook](#) and [twitter](#), or contacting the Fellows Program Director, Jacob Wertz, at jwertz@urbanprep.org or 312-276-0259 x1109.

more...Internships & J-O-B(s)!

Summer Camp Staff **WANTED** at Camp Lakey Gap in Black Mountain, NC

Learn new skills and techniques through training specific to working with people with autism.

Gain experience in working with children and adults with autism ranging from 4 years of age to adulthood.

Develop relationships with other camp staff and campers.

You may be able to **earn college credit!**

Receive **\$250 + free room and board**, and a **paid week of training**.

Complete an application and submit two references ASAP! Forms found at www.christmount.org/camplakeygap/.



*For additional information contact **Heath Holt** at camplakey@gmail.com or call (828) 669-8977

Exciting Summer Field Placement Opportunity in Vermont

What is Camp Akeela? It is an overnight camp in VT for boys and girls ages 9-17. Many of our campers have been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome or a non-verbal learning disability. All are very bright, charming and well-behaved boys and girls who struggle to connect with their peers.

Who should apply? Our staff members are primarily college and graduate school students in the **fields of psychology**, education, special ed, PT, OT, SLP, social work, outdoor education, etc.

Staff will not be providing "therapy" in the traditional sense, but will be a key part of a program that integrates a therapeutic approach to recreation and community living. Staff will have the opportunity to work first-hand with children and see the practical applications of their studies, while providing an incredible, life-changing camp experience.

JOBS AVAILABLE:

Activity Specialists: Ropes Course, Hiking & Camping, Nature, Farm & Garden, Arts & Crafts, Ceramics, Tennis, General Sports, Archery, Swimming, Boating, Sailing, Woodworking, Rocketry, Cooking

Bunk Counselors: Male only



2013 Summer Details

- ◆ Staff Dates: June 13-August 14, 2013
- ◆ Bunk Counselor Activity Specialist Stipend \$1900 + travel allowance + housing & meals
- ◆ Staff live in newly renovated cabins with 7-8 campers and 2-3 counselors
- ◆ Opportunities to enjoy days off in Boston, Montreal, Burlington VT, hiking in the mountains

To apply please visit www.campakeela.com or contact staff@campakeela.com



Volunteer Opportunity



Founded in 1973 in Rochester, NY the **Compeer program** now pairs some 5,000 volunteers with members of their **local communities** who are suffering from some form of **mental health affliction or challenge**. The program attempts to match same sex participants with the volunteers that best suit their personality and interests. The interactions are designed to **improve the social and interpersonal skills of the participants** and give them the confidence to pursue more opportunities that are available to them. Ultimately, it seeks to improve the quality of life of those suffering from mental health limitations by fostering friendships and close bonds that give participants the desire and skills to improve their lives.

The following is a link to Compeer's primary website : <http://compeer.org/Home.aspx> .

In addition, links are provided to the **organization's local affiliate based in Charlotte** as part of the Mental Health Association of the Central Carolinas and the **affiliate for the triangle area**. Their website also offers other opportunities to get involved through their advocacy workshops and their QPR suicide prevention training. MHA's website has a wealth of information and opportunity for people looking to make a difference:

www.mhacentralcarolinas.org or www.mhatriangle.org .

Finally, we have put together a short video to provide a little information about the Compeer program and promote it:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-TK2-vCRT0>. Enjoy the video!

Scholarship Opportunity

Future Counselors of America Scholarship

Annual scholarship awards **\$1,000** to U.S. undergraduates and graduates majoring in Psychology who seek a career in relationship counseling or a related field. Applicants will be judged based on academic achievement (minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA) and a minimum 500- to maximum 900-word essay entitled "The Psychology of Online Dating." The essay should address the psychological issues and challenges facing singles given the growing popularity of online dating, and how relationship professionals can help online daters navigate these challenges. See more details at: <http://www.datingadvice.com/scholarship>

Mail official transcript and original essay to:

Future Counselors of America Scholarship
c/o DatingAdvice.com
15 SE 1st Ave, Suite B
Gainesville, FL 32601



Entries postmarked by: June 30th, annually
Disbursement on: July 31st, annually

- Please title your essay "The Psychology of Online Dating"
- List your full name as recognized by your educational institution and a valid (.edu) email address
- Essay should be 12 point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, 1-inch margins
- Any resources should be cited using MLA format
- Any plagiarism or fabrication will disqualify student from award disbursement

Academic Opportunities



UNCG

UNC-G offers master's degrees (MS and MS/EdS) in clinical mental health counseling, couple and family counseling, school counseling, and college counseling/student development in higher education. At the doctoral level, we offer the newly revised PhD in **counseling and counselor education**. **All of our programs are accredited by the Council** for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). We are pleased to have been selected as the Outstanding Counselor Education Program at the national level three times and to have been ranked consistently in the U.S. News and World Report listings of counseling programs in Schools of Education (number 5 in the 2012 rankings).

For more information about the UNCG counseling program, including admissions requirements, generous financial assistance for doctoral students, faculty and student research, and alumni, please see www.uncg.edu/ced.

Carnegie Mellon University is now offering a new Master of Science degree for students with a background in **psychology**, education, computer science, design, information technology, or business who seek the knowledge skills, and techniques to develop and evaluate programs in formal and informal educational settings including schools, workplaces, homes, and museums that involve both face-to-face and online interactions.

Graduates will gain depth in the following areas (among others):

- ♦ psychometric and educational data mining methods
- ♦ interaction design
- ♦ cognitive and social psychology principles
- ♦ design, implementation, and evaluation of educational interventions



Fall Application Deadline: January 31, 2013

For more information visit www.lse.cs.cmu.edu.

Academic Opportunities (cont'd)

Diversifying Clinical Psychology Reception

This is an opportunity for outstanding undergraduates from underrepresented groups who are interested in getting a **Ph.D. in clinical psychology to meet informally with Directors from Clinical Ph.D. programs across the nation**. There will be an opportunity for students to present posters representing their research as well. While the reception itself begins at 5:00PM, students can participate in two workshops before the reception. One focuses on how to get into graduate school (beginning around 10 AM) and the other on how to best use your time during the reception (beginning around 11:30 AM). Interested students should fill out an application by clicking [here](#).

*Funding: In the past, student's undergraduate institutions or sponsoring organizations such as the McNair Scholars program, COR, MBRS, and MARC, have provided funds for students to travel to this conference.

Reservations—Use the link below or call in to book your room **BEFORE DECEMBER 27, 2012** to get the \$169 rate.

Book online: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go.cudcp>

Book by phone: Call Austin Hyatt at 512-477-4231 or 888-421-1442.

Ask for a room in the Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology room block.

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Thank you!

Don't forget to submit
your undergraduate
"spotlight" details! (See
page 2.)

