

Department of Psychology

Monthly Newsletter

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Behavioral Neuroscience Seminars

Seminars are held from 12:30pm — 1:30pm in Davie 302.
(unless otherwise indicated)

- Mar. 13th: **John Wagner, Ph.D.**,
Professor, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, UGA
College of Veterinary Medicine
Title: "Dopamine-mediated Effects on Synaptic Transmission and
Plasticity in the Hippocampus"
- Mar. 20th: **C.J. Malanga, M.D., Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, UNC
Title: TBA
- Mar. 27th: **Janet Neisewander, Ph.D.**
Professor, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University
Title: "Getting high with a little help from friends: Social influences
on drug reward observed using animal models"

Clinical Lunch Schedule

Lunches are held from 12pm — 1pm in Davie 261.

- Mar. 2nd: Professional Development
- Mar. 9th: **SPRING BREAK**
- Mar. 16th: Sergeant Dewey Perdue (US Air Force)
- Mar. 23rd: Fourth Friday Free
- Mar. 30th: Student Presentations

Cognitive Tea

Meetings are held from 4pm—5pm in Davie 347.

- Mar. 5th: **SPRING BREAK**
- Mar. 12th: Jason Kahn, UNC
- Mar. 19th: TBD
- Mar. 26th: Elise Rosa, UNC
Title: "The Effects of the Cognitive Representations of Language
within a Discourse Context"

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ANNUAL ENROLLMENT:

This year's State Health Plan annual enrollment period will run from Mar. 19 to Mar. 30. The employee premium rate will increase by 5.3 percent. It is anticipated that the deductible, co-pay and coinsurance will remain the same. The comprehensive wellness initiatives have been removed, which means only employees who wish to make changes will be required to log in. We will communicate additional plan information and enrollment procedures as the date approaches.

Upcoming Dates:

Spring Break	Mar. 5-9
Commencement Information Day	Mar. 14

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Developmental Lunch

Lunches are held from 12pm — 1pm in Davie 347.

- Mar. 7th: **NO LUNCH—SPRING BREAK**
- Mar. 14th: **TBD**
- Mar. 21st: **Susan Ennett, Ph.D.**
Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC
- Mar. 28th: **Christy Buchanan, Ph.D.**
Department of Psychology, Wake Forest University

Quantitative Forum

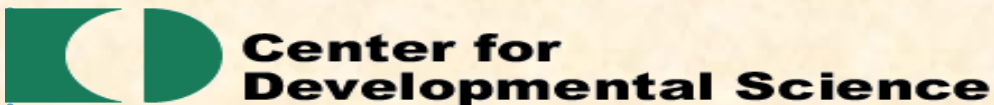
The Forum is held on Mondays from 12pm—1pm in Davie 347.

- Mar. 5th: **NO FORUM—SPRING BREAK**
- Mar. 12th: **Scott Novak**
- Mar. 19th: **Hally Quinn**
- Mar. 26th: **Andrea Howard**

Social ORG Talk Series

ORG takes place on Mondays from 4:00—5:30pm in Davie 310.

- Mar. 5th: **NO ORG—SPRING BREAK**
- Mar. 12th: **Amy Canevello, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor, UNC Charlotte
- Mar. 19th: **Patty Van Cappellen**
Research Assistant, Université catholique de Louvain
- Mar. 26th: **Shuimul Melwani, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor, UNC, Kenan Flagler Business School



Carolina Consortium on Human Development

Monday Evenings: 5:00-6:30 pm

Center for Developmental Science, Lower Level Classroom

- Mar. 5th: **NO SESSION—SPRING BREAK**
- Mar. 12th: **Carl Lejuez**
University of Maryland
Title: "Measuring Positive and Negative Reinforcement Processes Underlying Adolescent Risk-Taking Behavior"
- Mar. 19th: **Marilyn Essex**
University of Wisconsin
Title: "From Birth thru Adolescence: The Interplay of Individual & Contextual Factors in the Development of Health-Risk Behaviors"
- Mar. 26th: **Jed Rose, Ed Levin, and Scott Swartzwelder**
Duke University

The RAISE project conducts filming at Evergreen, UNC Psychology Clinic



In January, there was a 5-day film shoot held at the UNC Psychology Evergreen clinic, directed by Robert Griffiths of FireDancer Productions (Carbondale, CO) and produced by Sharon Shepard-Levine of Twin Start Productions (South Orange, NJ). The shoot was done as part of the Recovery After An Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE) study. The RAISE project is examining the effectiveness of comprehensive treatment services (individual therapy, family therapy, supported employment, and medication management) compared to standard treatment for individuals who have just experienced an initial schizophrenia episode. This study is being conducted in 17 states and aims to recruit over 400 individuals. It is the largest psychosocial treatment study for first episode psychosis ever funded by NIMH!

Dr. David Penn (Site PI; member of the RAISE executive committee; wearing tie), and Dr. Piper Meyer (Research coordinator; first row on left), with the film crew. Drs. Penn and Meyer completed the film shoot with members of their lab (Elizabeth Bowman, Ben Buck, Kelsey Ludwig, Charles Olbert and Adrienne Nye). The aim was to create training videos for the therapy program (Individual Resiliency Therapy; IRT) developed by Drs. Penn and Meyer, and colleagues from RAISE. Hopefully, these videos will be available on the NIMH website, which should facilitate the dissemination of IRT to clinicians around the country.



Dr. Piper Meyer (left) and Kelsey Ludwig, playing a client.

Pictured below: Drs. Piper Meyer and David Penn receiving instructions from the Director.



Psychology Department hosts Interview Day

Interview Day 2012 took place on Friday, February 17, with all six programs participating. The morning and afternoon receptions were held in the parlor of Hyde Hall, allowing the 80 visitors to speak informally with faculty while enjoying light refreshments. Five additional applicants visited the department prior to Interview Day. The morning session began with brief remarks by Don Lysle, Chair, and Mark Hollins, Director of Graduate Studies, welcoming the visiting applicants. Visitors were then escorted to Davie Hall for a day of meetings and interviews with faculty, postdocs, and graduate students in their respective programs. The Clinical Program's Diversity Committee hosted a Department-wide brunch for minority applicants on Saturday, February 18th. Individual programs scheduled a variety of social events for Friday evening and other times. Interview Day continues to be a valuable part of the Department's efforts to recruit top applicants to our graduate programs.



Research Opportunities

For Faculty:

NIH

Neural Processes Underlying Sex Differences Related to Risk and Resilience for Mental Illness

[RFA-MH-13-020](#) (R01)

[RFA-MH-13-021](#) (R21)

National Institute of Mental Health

Office of Research on Women's Health

Application Due Date: March 13 and March 14, 2012

Modeling Social Behavior (R01)

[RFA-GM-13-006](#)

National Institute of General Medical Sciences

National Institute of Mental Health

Application Due Date: April 3, 2012

Substance Use and Abuse, Risky Decision Making and HIV/AIDS (R21)

[PA-11-007](#)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Application Due Date: June 16

Small Grants for Behavioral Research in Cancer Control

[PA-11-006](#) (R01)

[PA-12-035](#) (R03)

[PA-11-007](#) (R21)

National Cancer Institute

Application Due Date: June 19, 2012; October 18, 2012

Phased Services Research of Drug Use Prevention, Addiction Treatment, and HIV in an Era of Health Care Reform (R21/R33)

[RFA-DA-13-001](#)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Letter of Intent Due Date: July 22, 2012

Standard NIH due dates for all activity codes including new submissions, renewals, and re-submissions can be found [here](#).

NSF:

Social Psychology

[PD-98-1332](#)

Application Due Date: July 15, 2012

Developmental and Learning Sciences

[PD-08-1698](#)

Application Due Date: July 15, 2012

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For Faculty:

Cognitive Neuroscience

[09-0563](#)

Application Due Date: August 27, 2012

Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics (MMS)

[12-510](#)

Application Due Date: August 16, 2012

For Graduate Students:

NIH Individual National Research Service Awards (Standard)

[PA-11-111](#) (Pre-doctoral F31)

[PA-11-113](#) (Post-doctoral F32)

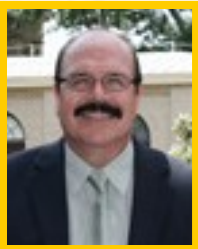
Application Receipt Date: April 8, 2012

NIH Individual Predoctoral Fellowships (F31) to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research

[PA-11-112](#)

Application Receipt Date: April 13, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Donald Lysle has agreed to serve another term as Chair of Psychology. Before resuming the role of Chair, Don will take a one-year research leave to recharge his research program! Congratulations, Don on your research leave and thank you for your unwavering commitment to Psychology!



While Don is on leave next year, **Regina Carelli** has graciously agreed to serve as Interim Chair of Psychology beginning July 1, 2012. The Department appreciates her taking on this important responsibility and will support her in this role next year!



FACULTY NEWS

Patrick Curran was named the 2012-2013 recipient of the Chapman Family Teaching Award in honor of distinguished undergraduate teaching at UNC. He will serve as a Fellow at the Institute for the Arts and Humanities in the spring of 2013.

STUDENT NEWS

Jim McGinley (Quantitative, Advisor Patrick Curran) received a three-year grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse to support his research focused on the development of novel statistical models for the study of substance use and abuse.

Audrey Wells (Fuchs Lab) was selected to present her research "Extracellular signal-related kinase in the basolateral amygdala, but not the nucleus accumbens core, is critical for the reconsolidation of cocaine memories that underlie instrumental cocaine seeking in rats" in the form of an oral presentation at the 2012 College on Problems of Drug Dependence Scientific Meeting, in Palm Springs, California.

Dr. Xiaohu Xie (postdoc in the Fuchs Lab) was selected to present his research "Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor stimulation is critical for the ability of cocaine-paired contextual stimuli to control impulsive decision making in rats" in the form of an oral presentation at the 2012 College on Problems of Drug Dependence Scientific Meeting, in Palm Springs, CA.

The Department of Psychology nominated five Fall 2012 graduate student applicants and all five received Recruitment Fellowship offers from The Graduate School!

Do you have a recent accomplishment or research news that you would like to share in the April newsletter? Please send your submissions to jworkman@unc.edu.

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