# Department of Psychology Monthly Newsletter

#### DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS

#### **Behavioral Neuroscience Seminars**

Seminars are held from 12:30pm — 1:30pm in Davie 202.

(unless otherwise indicated)

September 11th: Charlotte Boettiger, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Department of Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill

September 25th: **Joyce Besheer, Ph.D.** 

**Assistant Professor** 

Department of Psychiatry, UNC Chapel Hill

#### Clinical Lunch Series

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

September 7th: Professional Development

Alexis Franzese, Ph.D.

"Self-care/self reflectiveness practice for clinical psychologists"

September 14th: Diversity Journal Club

September 21st: John Curry, Ph.D.

**Duke University** 

September 28th: Last Friday Free

# Cognitive Talk Series

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

September 10th: Neil Mulligan, Ph.D.

Professor, Director of Cognitive Psychology, UNC

"The Negative Repetition Effect"

September 17th: Joe Hopfinger, Ph.D.

Professor, Dept. of Psychology, UNC

September 24th: Kelly Giovanello, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychology, UNC

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# Upcoming Dates:

Labor Day	Sept. 3
First Faculty Meeting	Sept. 5

#### DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS

# **Developmental Lunch**

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

September 5th: To Be Determined

September 12th: Anna Sabatino

Department of Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill

September 19th: Timothy Platts-Mill, M.D.

School of Medicine, UNC Chapel Hill

September 26th: George Michael, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill

#### **Quantitative Forum**

Meetings are held from 12pm — 1:15pm.

September 10th: Andrea Hussong, Ph.D.

Director, Center for Developmental Science

Location: CDS Basement

September 17th: Yang Liu (Quant Student Presentation)

Location: Davie Hall, room 347

September 24th: Lisa Gennetian

The Brookings Institution

Location: CDS Basement

#### Social ORG Talk Series

Meetings are held from 4pm — 5:30pm in Davie 310.

September 5th: Labor Day—NO ORG

September 10th: Melanie C. Green, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill

"Guide to Grad School"

September 17th: Sam Swift

**UC-Berkeley** 

September 24th: Nina Strohminger

**Duke University** 



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AUGUST 2012 GRADUATES!

Caroline Adelman, Ph.D. Clinical Psychology

Prerna Bholah, M.A Cognitive Psychology

Lisa Brownstone, M.A. Clinical Psychology

Alex Christodoulou, Ph.D. Cognitive Psychology

Danielle Dean, M.A. Quantitative Psychology

Melanie Fischer, M.A. Clinical Psychology

Megan Freeman, Ph.D. Clinical Psychology

Clare Marks Gibson, Ph.D. Clinical Psychology

John Guerry, Ph.D. Clinical Psychology

Jasmine Hudepohl, Ph.D. Clinical Psychology

Richard Hutton, M.A. Quantitative Psychology

Daniel Lee, M.A. Clinical Psychology

Diane Losardo, Ph.D. Quantitative Psychology

Jolynn Pek, Ph.D. Quantitative Psychology

Milton Picklesimer, M.A. Cognitive Psychology

Diana Rancourt, Ph.D. Clinical Psychology





# WELCOME BACK Faculty, Staff & Students!

The Department of Psychology would like to welcome returning faculty, students and staff back to UNC. We would also like to welcome our new faculty members and our new cohort of graduate students to their respective programs!

#### RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

#### For Faculty:

NIH

Small Grants for Behavioral Research in Cancer Control

PA-12-035 (R03)

National Cancer Institute

Application Due Date: October 18, 2012

Secondary Analyses and Archiving of Social and Behavioral Datasets in Aging (R03)

RFA-AG-13-004

National Institute on Aging

Office of Research on Women's Health Application Due Date: October 20, 2012

Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS) (R01)

RFA-MH-13-110

National Institute of Mental Health

Application Due Date: October 23, 2012

AHRQ Small Grant Program for Conference Support (R13)

PA-09-231

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Application Due Date(s): October 22, 2012 and December 20, 2012

Global Partnerships for Social Science AIDS Research (R24)

RFA-HD-13-012

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development

Application Due Date: December 7, 2012

Behavioral Science Track Award for Rapid Transition (B/START) (R03)

PAR-12-251

National Institute of Drug Abuse

Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Senior Scientist Research Award (K05)

PA-12-148

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Research on Teen Dating Violence (R01)

PA-09-169

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development

National Institute on Drug Abuse

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Office for Research on Women's Health

Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Alcohol Research Resource Awards (R24)

PAR-12-237

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Substance Use and Abuse, Risky Decision Making and HIV/AIDS

PA-11-006 (R01)

PA-11-007 (R21)

PA-11-008 (R03)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Application Due Date: Standard AIDS application due dates apply

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Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development NICHD Research Short Courses (R25)

PA-12-207

Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

Standard NIH due dates for all activity codes including new submissions, renewals, and resubmissions can be found <u>here</u>.

**NSF** 

Research on the Science and Technology Enterprise: Statistics and Surveys

NSF 12-545

Application Due Date: January 15, 2013

Social Psychology

PD-98-1332

Application Due Date: January 15, 2013

Developmental and Learning Sciences

PD-08-1698

Application Due Date: January 15, 2013

Law & Social Sciences

NSF 12-507

Application Due Date: January 15, 2013

Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics (MMS)

12-510

Application Due Date: January 16, 2013

Decision, Risk and Management Sciences (DRMS)

PD 98-1321

Application Due Date: January 18, 2013

Cognitive Neuroscience

09-0563

Application Due Date: January 24, 2013

#### For Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars:

APA Dissertation Research Award

link to guidelines

Application Due Date: September 15, 2012

contact Charlie Weiss (<u>fcwiss@email.unc.edu</u>) for more information

APA Early Graduate Student Researcher Award

link to guidelines

Application Due Date: September 17, 2012

contact Charlie Weiss (<u>fcwiss@email.unc.edu</u>) for more information

SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (SPRF)

NSF 12-591

Application Due Date: October 29, 2012

NIH Mental Health Research Dissertation Grant to Increase Diversity (R36)

PAR-12-103

Application Due Date: December 21, 2012

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA)

PA-11-111 (F-31 Predoctoral)

PA-11-112 (F-31D Predoctoral Diversity)

PA-11-113 (F-32 Postdoctoral)

Application Due Date: Standard due dates apply

#### **FACULTY NEWS**

The Greater Good Science Center at the University of California, Berkeley, in collaboration with the University of California, Davis, recently announced that **Drs. Sara Algoe** and **Andrea Hussong** are recipients of research awards to expand the scientific understanding of gratitude. Dr. Algoe's project, "Unpacking the Mechanisms of Gratitude's Benefits with Close Relationships", and Dr. Hussong's project, "The Socialization of Gratitude through Parent-Child Interaction" are part of the Expanding the Science and Practice of Gratitude project, which is supported with funding from the John Templeton Foundation.

Anna Bardone-Cone was awarded tenure in June. She also received funding for her R01 on eating disorder remission and recovery (NIH) in July. Congratulations, Dr. Bardone-Cone!

Beth Jordan was awarded the Abbey Fellowship, effective January 2012 through December 2015. The Abbey Fellows Program in the College of Arts and Sciences was endowed in 2003 and is meant to strengthen faculty presence in the advising process in the largest departments in the College. Abbey fellows serve as mentors and leaders for faculty-based advising in their own academic departments, provide models that can be followed in other departments, and help coordinate the relationship between departmental and College-based advising. While the fellowship acknowledges past accomplishments, it carries with it the requirement of developing new initiatives. Congratulations, Dr. Jordan!

Each semester, the University Research Council (URC) of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill awards research grants to support the scientific, scholarly or artistic efforts of faculty. In Spring 2012, Enrique Neblett (Assistant Professor, Psychology) was awarded \$5,000 for his project Racism-Related Stress and Health: Underlying Mechanisms and Processes. Joseph Hopfinger (Professor, Psychology) was also a recipient of the URC research grant for his project: The Neural Mechanisms of Attentional Disengagement: A New EEG index and fMRI localization. Congratulations to you both!

**Mitch Prinstein** was selected as the recipient of the ABCT Mentor Award, given once every two years to one person in the field who is chosen for great mentoring in clinical psychology! Congratulations, Dr. Prinstein!



The Department of Psychology is pleased to announce that **Dr. Stacey Daughters** will join the Clinical Psychology program on January 1, 2013, and she will bring her outstanding program of research on adult stress, health, and addictions to UNC. Welcome, Dr. Daughters!

The Department of Psychology is pleased to announce that **Dr. Paschal Sheeran** will join the Social Psychology program and the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center on July 1, 2013 as Full Professor. Dr. Sheeran is currently a Professor of Psychology at the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom, and earned his B.A. and M.A. from the University College Dublin in 1984 and 1988, respectively, and his Ph.D. from University of Sheffield in 1997. Dr. Sheeran's research centers on self-regulation, defined as how people direct their own thoughts, feelings, and behaviors to achieve their goals. Within this overarching theme, the bulk

of his research program targets health behavior change, with a smaller and more recent strand of work focusing on emotion regulation. Welcome, Dr. Sheeran!

### **NEW FACULTY**



**DR. STEVEN BUZINSKI, Lecturer and Director for Undergraduate Research in Psychology,** received his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Maryland in 2011. An award-winning graduate teaching assistant and Lilly teaching fellow at the University of Maryland, Dr. Buzinski subsequently secured a one-year post-doctoral teaching fellowship at Lebanon Valley College. He now joins the Department of Psychology as a lecturer and the Director of Undergraduate Research. A social psychologist by training, Dr. Buzinski has research interests in self-regulation, prejudice, and the

scholarship of teaching and learning. His personal interests in food and travel were facilitated by his love of basketball. After his college basketball career, Dr. Buzinski spent a year as a Washington General, battling the irrepressible Harlem Globetrotters across Europe, Asia, and the United States, amassing a professional record of 0-176 before returning to his academic pursuits.



**DR. KURT GRAY, Assistant Professor,** grew up in Canada, completed his undergrad at the University of Waterloo and his Ph.D. at Harvard. He was almost a geophysicist instead of a social psychologist, but a cold night stranded and stalked by lynx in Northern Alberta convinced him otherwise. Unsurprisingly given the title of the lab, he is interested in mind perception and morality. He enjoys surfing and photography, but if forced to choose, would rather do research than either.



**Dr. Desiree Griffin, Lecturer and Psychology Club Advisor,** is originally from Mobile, Alabama, and she was raised a die-hard Alabama fan. Therefore, it was only natural that she attend the University of Alabama for her undergraduate education. She decided to pursue a doctoral degree in clinical psychology, and stayed at the University of Alabama to work with Stan Brodsky because of his significant contributions to the field of forensic psychology. She and her husband, Michael,

moved to Durham, North Carolina in 2010 so she could complete her clinical internship through the UNC Department of Psychiatry. After falling in love with this area they decided to stay and raise their son, Andrew, to be a Tar Heel fan. She took a clinical position with Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute where she worked with individuals receiving treatment after being found not guilty by reason of insanity. Now, she is very excited to begin working as a lecturer in the Psychology Department at UNC where her teaching focus will be on clinical and forensic psychology.



**DR. KRISTEN LINDQUIST, Assistant Professor,** is a social psychologist with training in social cognition, psychophysiology and neuroscience methods. She received her B.A. from Boston College in 2004 and her Ph.D. from Boston College in 2010. From 2010-2012 she was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University and the Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging/Massachusetts General Hospital. She is broadly interested in the basis of human emotion—in answering what emotions are, how they are created by

the brain, and how they shape social behavior. Her on-going lines of research are united by the hypothesis that emotions are constructed of more fundamental psychological "ingredients" that are general to all mental states. In this view, emotions arise from the combination of basic affective responses, concept knowledge, and attention. She is interested in how these more basic psychological ingredients interact during the experience and perception of emotions, and in how emotions alter with variation in any ingredient. Her other research interests include questions about the embodied representation of emotion knowledge, how language shapes emotion perception and experience, individual and sex differences in emotional experience, how attention during emotion shapes experience and behavior, and how, more generally, the ingredients that constitute emotions can be mapped to the brain.

#### STUDENT NEWS



**STEVEN HOLOCHWOST** (Graduate Student, Developmental, Advisor: Drs. Jean Louis Gariepy and Martha Cox) was awarded the James J. Gallagher Dissertation Award by Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute. Congratulations, Steven!

**KATIE KELM** (Postdoc, Advisor: Charlotte Boettiger) received a Young Investigator Travel Award to attend the 2012 Research Society on Alcoholism meeting at the end of June, where she spoke in a symposium and presented a poster. Also, her Society for Neuroscience (SfN) abstract entitled "Age moderates the Effect of Acute Dopamine Reduction on Passive Avoidance Learning" was selected for an oral presentation in a Nanosymposium at this year's SfN meeting in October.

**EROL OZMERAL** (Graduate Student, Cognitive, Advisor: Dr. Peter Gordon) was awarded an NRSA Predoctoral fellowship. Congratulations, Erol.!



The American Psychological Foundation (APF) is pleased to announce that **CHRISTINE PAPROCKI**, **M.A.** (Graduate Student, Clinical, Advisor: Dr. Don Baucom) is the recipient of the **2012 Randy Gerson Memorial Grant**, which awards up to \$6,000 for graduate student projects in family and/or couple dynamics, and/or multi-generational processes. Christine Paprocki is a graduate student in the clinical psychology doctoral program. She studies the effectiveness of couple-based treatments for a variety of psychological disorders and physical health conditions.

Ms. Paprocki will use her Gerson grant to fund dissertation research that will focus on excessive relationship-based reassurance-seeking (e.g., repeatedly asking a partner for affirmations of positive regard in order to reduce anxiety), and developing a brief intervention to address this maladaptive communication pattern in couples. Congratulations, Christine!

**CHRIS SMITH** (Graduate Student, Behavioral Neuroscience, Advisor: Charlotte Boettiger) received an NC TraCS pilot grant entitled "Investigating the Impact of Genetic Polymorphisms in Dopaminergic Signaling on Immediate Reward Bias Behavior".





**ELLEN FITZSIMMONS-CRAFT** and **JOE FRANKLIN**, graduate students in the clinical program, have received both of the Psychology Department's Earl and Barbara Baughman Dissertation Research Awards. Given annually, the award is intended to promote and support innovative dissertation research within the Department. Congratulations to Ellen and Joe!



**DARYL CAMERON** (Graduate Student, Social, Advisor: Dr. Keith Payne) was the recipient of the Christopher R. Agnew Research Innovation Award. He was awarded a \$100 prize for his highly innovative research on compassion and morality, as exemplified in his article, "The Cost of Callousness: Regulating Compassion Influences the Moral Self-Concept" which appeared in "Psychological Science" in 2012.

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LAHNNA CATALINO (Graduate Student, Social, Advisor: Dr. Barb Fredrickson) received the Chester A. Insko Best Publication Award. She was awarded a \$100 prize for her article, "A Tuesday in the Life of a Flourisher: The Role of Positive Emotional Reactivity in Optimal Mental Health," which appeared in the "Emotion" journal in 2011.

#### **ALUMNI NEWS**

#### From Clinical Psychology Graduates

**DAVID ROBERTS, Ph.D.** (Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio) has received a National Association for Research in Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD) Young Investigator grant for his project, "Testing a novel social cognitive intervention for schizophrenia."

AMY PINHAM, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor of Psychology at SMU) recently had her dissertation named as one of the most cited articles published in Schizophrenia Research (impact factor: 4.78) since 2007. The full citation is: Pinkham, A.E., Hopfinger, J. B., Pelphrey, K.A., Piven, J., & Penn, D. L. (2008). Neural bases of impaired social cognition in schizophrenia and autism spectrum disorders. Schizophrenia Research, 99, 164-175. <a href="http://www.journals.elsevier.com/schizophrenia-research/most-cited-articles/">http://www.journals.elsevier.com/schizophrenia-research/most-cited-articles/</a>

Shannon Couture, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor of the Practice of Psychology; Director of Psychology Services Center, USC) recently had one of her articles from UNC named the 9th most cited article in Schizophrenia Bulletin (impact factor: 8.80), <a href="http://schizophreniabulletin.oxfordjournals.org/reports/most-cited">http://schizophreniabulletin.oxfordjournals.org/reports/most-cited</a>. The full citation for this article is: Couture, S.M., Penn, D. L., & Roberts, D. L. (2006). The functional significance of social cognition in schizophrenia: A review. Schizophrenia Bulletin, 32 (supplement 1), S44-S63.

#### From Quantitative Psychology Graduates

**LI CAI, PH.D.** was named one of 96 researchers to receive the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the United States Government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers.

# From Social Psychology Graduates

**BETHANY KOK, PH.D.** began a Postdoc on August 1st in the Department of Social Neuroscience, Max Planck Institute for Human Cognition and Brain Sciences, in Leipzig, Germany.

**PAUL MICELI, PH.D.** recently began his new position as Assistant Director of Graduate Student Career Services in the Duke University Career Center. Congratulations, Paul!



# CAUSAL INFERENCE IN DEVELOPMENTAL SCIENCE FALL 2012

#### MONDAYS 12:00 - 1:15 PM

#### Basement Classroom of the Center for Developmental Science Corner of Franklin and Columbia Streets

Date	Speaker	Title
August 27	Class Meeting Only	
September 3	No Speaker: Labor Day	
September 10	Andrea Hussong Director, Center for Developmental Science UNC-Chapel Hill	Framing the Question of Causality in Developmental Science
September 17	No Spec	ıker: Rosh Hashanah
September 24	Lisa Gennetian The Brookings Institution	Poverty and Children's Development
October 1	Fan Li Duke University	Causal Effects in Randomized Experiments with Noncompliance: The role of Multivariate Outcomes
October 8	Thomas D. Cook Northwestern University	Within-Study Comparisons of Experimental and Adjusted Non-Experimental Estimates: Which Quasi-Experimental Procedures Reproduce Experimental Estimates?
October 15		
October 22	Jerry Reiter Duke University	Missing Data in Longitudinal Studies: The Case for Refreshment Samples
October 29	Felix Thoemmes Cornell University	The Use of Propensity Scores in Developmental Science: Promises & Pitfalls
November 5	Patrick E. Shrout New York University	Thinking about Daily Support as Causal Events
November 12	E. Michael Foster University of Alabama at Birmingham	Mediation Identification and Plausibility: An Illustration Using Children's Mental Health Services
November 19	Group Discussion	TBA
November 26	Ken Bollen UNC-Chapel Hill	Causality and Measurement Models
December 3	Steve Raudenbush University of Chicago *Presentation will take place in Hyde Hall	TBA

#### STAFF UPDATES



**JENNIFER WORKMAN**, Executive Assistant and Webmaster, has accepted a position at Alamance Community College where she will be providing administrative support to the Vice President and Dean of Curriculum Programs. This position offers growth in responsibility as she will supervise two staff members. Jennifer has served the department exceptionally well in her role as Assistant to the Chair for two years, and she will be greatly missed. Jennifer's last day with the department will be Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. We wish her the very best in this new phase in her life!

## The Department welcomes the newest members of the Student Services staff!



**DANIEL FREEMAN**, Student Services Assistant, joined the Department of Psychology in June. Daniel earned a B.S. in Psychology from UNC-CH this past May, and is very happy to have made the transition from student to member of the work force. Daniel wants to stay at Carolina forever, and we are glad to welcome him back to the Psychology Department!



CHRISSIE GREENBERG, Student Services Manager, joined the Department of Psychology in July. Chrissie earned a B.A. in English from UNC-CH in 1994. She previously served as Career Services Manager and Student Advisor for Health Policy and Management Department in the UNC School of Public Health (SPH) for nearly four years, and most recently served as Business Manager for the Department of Instructional Systems at SPH. Chrissie took some time off work to start her family, and

we welcome her to the Department!

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