THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

PSYCHOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE NEWSLETTER

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DEPARTMENT NEWS



The UNC Psychology Club

will be hosting an Academic Advising event on **Thursday**, **February 12th, at 6:30pm** in **Davie Rm. 112**. Dr. Elizabeth Jordan, a faculty advisor in the

Academic Advising Program as well as Senior Lecturer and Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Psychology, will be present to offer her knowledge regarding recommended course paths, major requirements, and more. This event will be an excellent opportunity to get all of your questions answered before spring class registration! Refreshments will be served!

The UNC-CH Chapter of Psi Chi cordially invites you to apply for membership. Psi Chi is the International Honor Society, and membership depends upon class standing and academic achievement.



- 1. Be a Psychology major
- 2. Have completed at least 9 credit hours in PSYC courses (this does NOT included current enrollment)
- 3. Have at least a 3.2 overall GPA
- *You must be at least a 2nd year Sophomore, and if you are a transfer student who has not been inducted by a previous institution, you must have attended UNC at least one semester. Please complete the application here, attach a \$75 check (or cash), and return to Lori Shamblin in Davie 235 by 2/6 at 4pm.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Event	Date
PSYC Club	2/12
Spring Break	3/9-3/13
Holiday	4/3
Spring Commencement	5/10





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A Small Miracle in Raleigh is seeking habilitation technicians/para professionals to work one-on-one with individuals with intellectual/ developmental disabilities. The position pays \$8.50-\$13 per hour, and offers an excellent opportunity to make a difference and gain valuable experience!

For more information, visit the <u>website</u>. Please send any questions Assistant Program Director, Beth Gaul at beth.gaul@asmallmiracleinc.com.

Uniformed Services University (USU) in Bethesda, Maryland is seeking two highly motivated college students to serve as research coordinators for a therapy trial aimed at preventing eating disorder and reducing excessive weight gain in adolescent military dependents. This position is ideal for individuals planning to pursue graduate work in clinical psychology or medicine. A two-year commitment is requested. Position will begin Spring or Summer 2015.

If interested, please send letter of interest and CV to Rachel Ress, BA, Study Coordinator, at Rachel.ress.ctr@usuhs.edu.

Yale School of Medicine is seeking highly qualified graduating seniors for their pre-doctoral fellowship in the Toddler Developmental Disabilities Clinic/Yale Early Social Cognition Lab. The position will commence June 2015 and will be 2 years in duration.

Interested students should send materials no later than February 13, 2015. Additional information can be found on their <u>website</u>.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

UNC's Professional Science Master's programs represent a relatively new approach to graduate education, allowing students to pursue advanced technical training and development of workplace skills at the same time. The flexible curriculum combines rigorous science education with courses on business and organizational management, and includes an internship with a business, nonprofit or government organization. All this, and students can earn a graduate degree in 16 months of full-time study.

Contact Heidi Harkins for more info.

The University of Chicago is accepting graduate applications for their Department of Comparative Human Development which is a unique, interdisciplinary department in which development is approached from psychological, biological, anthropological, and applied statistics perspectives.

Contact <u>lrichland@uchicago.edu</u> for more info and check out the website.

Florida International University's Legal Psychology Doctoral Program is accepting applications. The application deadline is December 15.

For more information, contact Nadja Schreiber Compo or Steve Charman.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

SCD Lab Summer Internship spearheaded by Dr. Yarrow Dunham, research in the Social Cognitive Development Lab at Yale University, is most general concerned with children's understanding of the social world—what do kids understand about how individuals and groups interact with/relate to one another?

For more information about SCD Lab, please visit http://scdlab.yale.edu

Application deadline: March 22, 2015, 11:59 p.m. PST

Green Corps is recruiting students from UNC Chapel Hill for the class of 2016. Members of Green Corp will be on campus in February conducting interviews, and are encouraging students who are interested to apply as soon as possible. Green Corps is a yearlong paid program with intensive training in the skills you need to make a difference in the world.

For more information, visit the <u>website</u>, or contact Rita Frost at rita@greencorps.org.

Child Development Library at the University of Maryland is inviting outstanding and motivated undergraduates to apply for a summer internship program. This competitive program presents a unique opportunity to work in our laboratory alongside graduate students and post-docs, on one of the many ongoing research projects.

Summer interns will participate in weekly research meetings and will gain exposure to a range of methods and experimental paradigms. This is a volunteer position, but those applying are encouraged to seek outside funding from their own university.

Must be able to commit to at least 20 hours/week for 8 weeks between 6/1 and end of July. Application deadline 4/1/15.

For more information, email staples 3@umd.edu

Yale Autism Program at the Yale Child Study Center in the Yale School of Medicine is interested in recruiting highly qualified students from the University of North Carolina for an exciting pre-doctoral fellowship for current graduates or graduating seniors. The positions will commence June 2015 and will be 2 years in duration.

Interested students should send materials no later than February 21st in order to be considered for the position.

For more information, visit the <u>Child Study Center</u> website, or e-mail the McPartland Lab at mcp.lab@yale.edu

The Early Development Lab at the University of Virginiat, directed by Professor Angeline Lillard, is looking for exceptional undergraduate students for a summer internship in cognitive development. Interns will gain hands-on experience with all aspects of the research process.

Visit their website for more information.

Attention Graduate & Undergraduate Student Researchers

ANNOUNCING

NC Psychological Foundation/Association Poster Session



Saturday, April 25, 2015 The Friday Center – Chapel Hill, NC 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

in conjunction with NC Psychological Association's Spring Conference April 24th & 25th

Deadline for submitting abstract: Friday, March 20, 2015

Two categories for submission

Graduate Student Research

Undergraduate Student Research

Note: Submissions from all areas of psychology are welcomed

Reasons to participate:

Your submissions will be reviewed by individuals with research experience

Posters will be seen and reviewed by psychologists interested in your work

Gain experience in presenting your research to others

Meet student researchers from other universities and learn about their work

Show graduate schools and potential employers your research interest and motivation

Build your curriculum vitae

Abstract must include the following information to be considered for the conference:

Title of research
Date of IRB or IACUC Approval
Poster category (graduate or undergraduate)
Name of student author(s)
Name of university or college
Contact person: Name, mailing address, phone number & email address
Faculty sponsor or supervisor: Name, email address, & phone number
300 Word (maximum) Abstract: Must include Introduction, Method, Results, & Discussion sections

Note: Data analysis MUST be completed by submission in order for poster to be accepted

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Megan Villegas, a Junior majoring in Psychology and Biology, who is conducting research with Dr. Anna Bardone-Cone in the Department of Psychology

Tells us about your research.

In previous semesters, I have worked in the Alcohol Studies Center on projects modeling attentional biases to drugrelated cues that are often seen in drug addicts. The latest project I worked on examined if depleting the available



supply of dopamine in the brains of rats that had been exposed to nicotine would influence the way they responded to rewards. Currently, I am assisting with a study that focuses on characterizing the course of recovery from eating disorders and determining what factors predict full physical, behavioral, and psychological recovery.

What made you choose to work with the lab/group/mentor you're with?

I've been interested in conducting research on eating disorders and related body and eating cognitions/behaviors for a while now. Dr. Bardone-Cone is a fabulous researcher and has done some really amazing work in her field. Her current major study, Road to Recovery from Eating Disorders (RRED), is something that I think will have a great impact on the eating disorder literature and the way future researchers and clinicians define recovery. I'm really honored and excited to have a part in it!

Do you think you might want a career that involves research?

Absolutely. As of right now, I want to go to graduate school and get my PhD in clinical psychology. I'm really interested in both the research and practice sides of the field, so my goal is to be both a researcher and a clinician.