# **Alumni Advisory Council Activities 2009-10**

Amy Gross - Chair, Ron Downey - Faculty Liaison

During this last year Advisory Council members have engaged in a variety of activities. At the annual meeting in October of 2009 we set out an agenda of various initiatives. I (Amy) was honored to be selected as chair-elect and will serve from October 2010 to October 2011. I would like to briefly summarize the events from last year's meeting.

Dr. Jerry Frieman provided a brief review of current activities within the department. This included outcome assessments procedures for undergraduate and graduate students, a discussion of service learning for undergraduates by faculty members, and an overview of undergraduate advising.

Damon Fairchild, Development Officer from the KSU Foundation, provided a brief overview of the Foundation and its activities. He noted that funds raised from the annual Telefund event went for student scholarships. A discussion ensued about what the Advisory Council members could do to help support fund raising. A sub-committee was formed, chaired by Gail Antenen. They have been working on a number of things through the year, with a focus on developing communication strategies to inform graduates about the needs of the department in challenging economic times. You may be hearing more from us!

Dr. Ron Downey summarized the results of a survey of Council members and department faculty members about Council activities. It was noted that in general, these two groups were very similar in their responses.



Prof. James Shanteau with 2010-11 Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowship winners Lea Folsom, Melissa Klein, and Jaree Basgall. (Not Pictured: Tannis Sears)

During the lunch hour and after, the Council members broke into three groups to discuss the following issues. One group discussed mentoring of recent graduate students by Council members and discussion of how the Council could assist with internship opportunities. Another group discussed matching Council members with faculty members. The third group discussed how to encourage greater Council involvement with mid-career faculty. Details are contained in the minutes which are available upon request - please contact Dr. Downey for a copy.

The annual Advisory Council meeting will be held Friday, October 15, 2010. At this time we have not set the formal agenda, and I hope to have some input from faculty about what they would find useful. I expect the agenda to include the following items:

A fund raising report.

A departmental update.

Results from the survey on mentoring.

A report on web site development.

A report of student assessment results if possible.

Planning for the 60th anniversary of the Department of Psychology.

The Advisory Council is a wonderful way to contribute to the Department. If you have any interest in serving in the future, please contact Dr. Frieman or Dr. Downey.

-Amy Gross

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### **Greetings from the Department Head**



Our faculty and students continue to be recognized for their outstanding achievements. Dr. Don Saucier received two awards this year. He was selected for the University Distinguished Faculty Award for the Mentoring of Undergraduate Students in Research and a William L. Stamey Teaching Award from the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Kim Kirkpatrick was awarded a \$1.2

million grant from the National Institute of Health to support her research on timing, reward processing, and choice. Undergraduate student Ryan Ringer was awarded a \$1,000 fellowship by the Kansas NASA Space Grant Consortium to study Aerial vs. Ground-based scene perception. The award was one of only two given to undergraduates at Kansas State University. Undergraduate student Jaime Arreola won the James R. Coffman Award of Excellence for a First Year Scholar in the Developing Scholar Program.

Some recent changes in the Department include our firstever grad student recruiting weekend in February 2010. It was very successful, as we had 12-15 prospective students attend, and several accepted offers to enter our program. Our entering class for Fall 2010 is one of the largest and highest quality ever. Some of the GTA and GRA stipends have been supplemented by Donoghue Scholarships provided by the Graduate School.

Also for the first time, our annual Undergraduate Research Convocation included a poster session, as well as oral talks. The entire event was held in the Psychology Department in Bluemont Hall and was very successful.

I am also pleased to announce that in 2009, every member of our faculty and staff donated to the KSU Foundation as did 60 percent of our current graduate students. Only one other academic department on campus can boast of that kind of commitment from its faculty, and I doubt that there is another department that had anywhere near that kind of support from its graduate students. This past year we also received more donations from our alumni and friends than in previous years. Through prudent management of our resources and the generous contributions from our faculty, staff, graduate students, and alumni, we continue to be able to provide our students the kind of education they came here to receive. But we continue to need your help. Perhaps we can have the highest proportion of alumni giving of any academic department at Kansas State University.

-Jerry Frieman (frieman@ksu.edu)

### **Some Historical Reflections**

LOGIC AND PHILOSOPHY.—The art of reasoning correctly is aided by a study of systematic logic, both deductive and inductive. Special prominence is given to methods for exact observation and experiment, and correct principles of classification. The previous researches and experiences of the student are made to illustrate these principles.

A short course in Psychology gives the general principles of intellectual and moral philosophy. Perception, understanding, reason, feelings and volition, are topics of explanation and analysis. Theories of right and wrong, and correct principles of action, are made the basis of a clear understanding of individual rights and duties.

Books of Reference.—Mill's, Jevon's and Fowler's Logic, Bascom's Psychology, Porter's Human Intellect, Fairchild's Moral Philosophy, Cousin's The True, the Beautiful and the Good, and works of Spencer, Hamilton and others

First psychology course description at K-State (1880)

In 2011, we will celebrate our 60th anniversary as a separate department. I have asked our Alumni Advisory Council to consider how we can involve as many of you as possible in this celebration. We will keep you posted on our plans, and I hope you will be able to participate.

My interest in the history of our department was aroused last January when I had to create a two-page fact sheet for President Schulz. (You can view it on our web site.) While gathering information, it occurred to me that I needed to provide some historical context for how we got to where we are today. In addition to what I provided for President Schulz, I also learned a lot about our history from the Special

Collections section in Hale Library, and I want share some of that with you.

I discovered that a course in Psychology is first mentioned in the University Bulletin published in 1880 under Logic and Philosophy. The description of the course appears to the left. This course was offered in the fourth year of study. The textbook was *The Principles of Psychology* by John Bascom. (Copies of various editions are available on line.) The instructor for the course may have been University President George T. Fairchild, Professor of Logic and Philosophy.

By 1902-1903, the textbook for the course was William James' *Principles of Psychology*. A freshman course was introduced that year, and in 1905 the instructor, William McKeever, Professor of Philosophy, published a textbook titled *Psychology and Higher Life*. (You can read it on Google Books.) By 1911, psychology courses were taught in the Department of Philosophy. In 1915, two psychology courses were taught in the newly created Department of Education: Education 101 – Psychology, and Education 109 – Educational Psychology. Dr. John Peterson, for whom the Peterson Prize is named, was hired in 1917. He may have been the first psychologist hired at Kansas State University. Dr. Peterson retired in 1954.

Roy Langford was hired as an instructor in 1925 and promoted to Assistant Professor in 1933. He retired as a full pro-

fessor in 1973. Dr. Langford taught a popular course in the Psychology of Art. In 2009, his family gave the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art more than 70 of his paintings and drawings.

In 1933, separate courses in Psychology and Education were listed in the catalog under the Department of Education in the Division of General Science. In 1946, the Department of Education became the Department of Education and Psychology in the School of Arts and Sciences (which was established in 1942). In 1951, the Department of Education and Psychology split into two separate departments, the Department of Education and the Department of Psychology.

Dr. Arthur Brayfield, our first department head, was one of

the 31 faculty at the University of California fired because they refused to sign the loyalty oath. (That group included eminent psychologists Nevitt Sanford and Edward Tolman.) President James McCain hired Dr. Brayfield to head our department. He left us in 1958 to chair the Department of Psychology at Penn State (1958 – 1962) and later at Claremont Graduate University (1968 – 1981).

In 1952, the first Master's degree was awarded by the Department of Psychology. In 1957, we were authorized to offer Ph.D. in Industrial Psychology, and in 1962 the first Ph.D. in Psychology was awarded.

-Jerry Frieman (frieman@ksu.edu)

### **Faculty News**

Mark Barnett and his students have recently published studies on children's anticipated responses to (a) ambiguous teases and (b) peers with undesirable characteristics (such as being extremely aggressive or overweight). Mark's daughter and son-in-law, Megan and John Brennan, are attorneys in Minneapolis, Minnesota and are expecting their first child in late November. His son, Neil, is a sales agent for Kansas Farm Bureau in Olathe, Kansas.

**Tori Culbertson** and her husband James became parents for the second time in June 2010, with the birth of Ryan David, who joins older brother Matthew James, born in April 2009

Clive Fullagar and Dorothy Farrand are building a new house on the east side of Tuttle Creek Lake near the Spillway State Park. Their youngest child Thomas Fullagar graduated from Manhattan High School and is now at the University of Kansas.

**Lester Loschky** reports that his biggest news this year is being granted tenure with promotion to Associate Professor at K-State. In other news, he has been actively collaborating with



Prof. Lester Loschky visits with people at the annual GAPS fall picnic.

numerous colleagues on research projects in the area of visual perception. This work has produced several papers, including one on how eye movements are used to rehearse information in visual working memory (*Memory & Cognition*), how memory for views of scenes and objects in scenes are not integrated (*Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*), scene gist perception (*Journal of Vision and Visual Cognition*), how the statistical properties of visual masks affect scene gist perception (*Attention, Perception & Psychophysics*), and the effects of stress and working memory capacity on reading comprehension (with Dr. Richard Harris), especially for text involving inferences (*Language Learning*).

In addition, he has been collaborating with Dr. Kim Kirkpatrick on scene gist perception by pigeons, scene gist perception of aerial views (satellite photos) versus terrestrial views (ground-based photos), and brain scanning using Magnetoencephalography (MEG) while people view aerial versus terrestrial scene images. Finally, he has also been collaborating on two projects related to issues in education, with Dr. Sanjay Rebello (K-State Physics Dept) and others to investigate how eye movements can influence understanding of physics and math problems involving graphs and figures.

Les' wife Miki is working on her PhD. in Education (Curriculum & Instruction) at K-State and is currently collaborating with her Advisor, Dr. Socorro Herrera, and Dr. Harris on a project that will hopefully turn into her dissertation research. They are investigating how children's abilities to draw inferences while reading in their first language (Spanish) affect their abilities to do so in their second language (English). Their younger daughter, Sophie, is an undergraduate student studying genetics at KU, and is working in a laboratory doing research on the genetics of fruit flies. Older daughter, Althea, is preparing to enter graduate school in the Boston area to study Mathematics Education in order to become a middle school Math teacher."

# Faculty News (continued)



Prof. Kim Kirkpatrick peers intently into her microscope in the Histology lab.

**Kimberly Kirkpatrick** was recently granted tenure and was awarded a large research grant from the National Institutes of Health. Her former postdoc from Britain will soon be joining her lab in Manhattan.

Patrick Knight and his wife Diane Knight became grandparents for the first time in Spring 2010, when their son Malachi (Mac) and his wife had a son Liam Grayson Knight in Eudora KS, where Mac is a high school music teacher.

James Shanteau's academic travels this past year included professional presentations at conferences in Los Angeles, London, and Oklahoma City. His personal travel this past year included trips to Washington DC, Columbia MO, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, and Honolulu, HI. The second year of the Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Awards were given to Jaree Basgall, Melissa Klein, Lea Folsom, and Tannis Sears.



Doreen Shanteau Fellowship winner Jaree Basgall beside her poster.

# Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology

This was a successful year for the K-State chapter of Psi Chi. In addition to usual activities such as graduate school information panel, training rats to walk a tightrope for K-State Open House, pizza parties, and designing and selling department t-shirts, Psi Chi also coordinated two successful food drives for the Flint Hills Breadbasket to provide food for the needy in our community. The chapter was pleased to receive a travel grant from the national Psi Chi office to help two students (Gabriel Hughes and Nicole Simonson) to present their research at the Midwestern Psychological Association meeting in Chicago. Officers for 2010-11 are Diego Kientz (President), Emily Meyer and Jaree Basgall (Vice-Presidents), Sol Erdozain (Secretary), and Samantha Coup (Treasurer).

-Richard Harris (rjharris@k-state.edu)



Psi Chi member Rachel King shows a tightrope-walking rat to a young admirer at K-State Open house.

# **Collaboration with Middle East Technical University**

K-State President Kirk Schulz signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Middle East Technical University, located in Ankara, Turkey, on May 20, 2010. The signing creates opportunities for collaborative cross-cultural research between faculties at both universities. "Middle East Technical University is recognized as one of the leading universities in Turkey," said R. Michael Philson, associate provost for international programs at K-State. "The agreement will help spread awareness of our quality K-State programs overseas, provide opportunities for direct interactions in person and online between faculty and students from both universities, and help facilitate an increasingly global perspective."

K-State's affiliation with the technical university developed through the psychology departments at both institutions. Clive Fullagar, Professor of Psychology at K-State, and Psychology Professors Nebi Sumer and Canan Sumer of Middle East Technical University initiated a proposal for a dual Master's degree in Psychology. The Sumers first worked with Dr. Patrick Knight, Dr. Clive Fullagar and Dr. Catherine Cozzarelli as doctoral students at K-State in the early 1990s. "We already had good relations with the Middle East Technical University Psychology Department," Fullagar said.

"Nebi Sumer and Canan Sumer are presently heads of the Psychology Department and the Industrial/Organizational Psychology program, respectively." With K-State's existing web-based Master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology attracting students mainly within the United States since its inception in 2000, K-State faculty sought to expand the program overseas through international collaboration.

"We really wanted to establish a cross-cultural sensitivity in industrial/organizational psychology with a country that had a very different cultural profile from that of the United States," Fullagar said. "The signing with Middle East Technical University will play a very strong role in developing a broad academic exchange with Turkey. The joint degree would lay down a blueprint for similar arrangements with universities in all parts of the world." Curriculum development for the dual master's degree, including technological connectivity and support, bridging cultural barriers, meshing educational systems and ensuring security and logistics of course delivery, is currently underway. The program includes both on-campus and online delivery methods.

Rosanna Vail and Richard Harris

# **Graduate Association of Psychology Students (GAPS)**

The 2009-2010 school year was an exciting and productive year for the Graduate Association of Psychology Students (GAPS). We began conducting a series of events named "Table Talk," in which professors in the department shared their knowledge and experience about issues that affect graduate students but that may not be commonly addressed in classes or lab meetings. Topics included the imposter phenomenon and balancing career and family life. Each event had a good turnout, and we intend to hold more of these in the coming school year on topics such as supervising undergraduate students and women in academics. Another accomplishment from this past school year was the initiation of an annual computer lab fee. With a nearly unanimous vote from active GAPS members, the fee was initiated in the spring and will continue to be collected at the beginning of each spring semester. The money will be set aside for maintenance and future computer lab equipment needs. Lastly, the GAPS officers made it a point to improve communication with faculty by expressing several students' feelings and opinions on significant issues affecting current and incoming graduate students.

This year, in addition to continuing our Table Talk series, GAPS will work on developing a checklist of important submission and graduation deadlines in both the Department and Graduate School to streamline that process and make it easier for students and faculty. As always, computer lab maintenance and communication with faculty will be continued,

and we hope to increase the cohesiveness of the department by holding all our annual social events.

> -Megan Strain, GAPS President 2010-11 -Will Weyhrauch, Secretary-Treasurer 2009-10



Grad students Jorge Piocuda, Ryan Hinds, and Stephen Nettelhorst, with Prof. Gary Brase and wife Sandra and son Alex in the background

### **Undergraduate Program Committee Report**

This committee has been busy during the past year. Prof. Donald Saucier (chair) worked with Drs. Mary Cain, Richard Harris, Brenda McDaniel, and Tori Culbertson, as well as Pre-Psych Advisor Kristi Harper, in evaluating the undergraduate curriculum in psychology. We have accomplished a number of tasks this past year. 1.) We proposed, and had approved, a new course called "Advanced Psychological Research Methods" that will prepare undergraduates better for the rigors of doing research in graduate school. The course will be offered for the first time next year. 2.) This Fall our department will offer one of the first "CAT Community Courses" (Course Across Topics) as part of the K-State First Program designed to increase student engagement and retention. The course, "Psychology of Prejudice," will bridge General Psychology and Introduction to Women's Studies. If the program goes well, it is likely that more of these course pairings will be explored in future Fall semesters. 3.) We are seeking to have more undergraduates involved in our Practicum in Teaching Psychology course by making the experience more easily connected to any course in our undergraduate curriculum. This would mean our undergraduates will have more opportunities to serves as apprentices to teaching

faculty to better prepare them for teaching careers. Those were some highlights from 2009-2010, we look forward to a productive 2010-2011 academic year.

-Donald Saucier



Teaching Practicum Students celebrate the conclusion of their teaching experience in December 2009 by showing off their new nameplates.

### LEON, FROM OLD TO NEW SELVES

(Poetic Tribute to the Late Leon Rappoport)

Leon and I,

A pair of old talking shoes,

Walked in the valley of Minnesota's Redwood River

And along the crest of a Manhattan Kansas hill.

Gently contradicting,

We laughed our way along.

On foot and phone,

We stirred each other up.

We, like old scientist Volta,

Electrified each other's old frog legs

With jolts of notions and ideas.

Leon read me on bypass, golf, and family history,

I read him on diet, humor, and self

Our costumes were few.

But we took off masks

With cracking alacrity and glee.

The net of differences strung between

A tall, tennis-playing, motor-cycle-riding, psychologist, Zen Buddhist.

New York Jew

And a short Catholic ethnic golfing philosophizing Catholic historian

Did not slow the volley of our rising topspin verbal shots.

Free of the hangars of orthodoxy

We flew straight up.

Upside down.

We looped the loop of ideas,

Barnstorming isolated pockets of false sincerity

And whole complexes of manufactured enlightenment.

I marveled when once I saw Leon,

In an unexpected burst

Dive straight down

And mercilessly strafe the growing holocaust complex.

On the way back up,

He tipped his wing

To the reveling aces

Of Jewish and Black ethnic humor

Whose self -mocking, taunting jokes,

Get their people out, up,

And beyond themselves.

So Leon and I were two postmodern aviators of inner skies

And changing times.

I never quite reckoned

That Leon would quit the runway of Conversation,

And force me to join

Trudging, hurting, and fleshy folks here below,

In clumsy song and prayer,

Mourning, wishing,

That Leon now be graced,

Beyond his keen and tethering mind,

For greater flight.

Friend,

Joe Amato October 5, 2009

# What Can You Do With A Psychology Degree?

Whether you are a recent or a long-ago graduate of the Department of Psychology, you may have asked yourself: "What will I do with my degree?" When you started this journey, it was difficult to see what the future might hold for you. The following short stories of five members of the Department's Advisory Council clearly demonstrate the many paths you may encounter in your future.

-Ronald Downey

#### Milton (Milt) E. Ahlerich

I grew up on a farm in Kansas and graduated from K-State with my BA degree in psychology in 1968. As a commissioned ROTC Army officer I entered active duty after graduation. It was the height of the Viet Nam conflict. My psychology degree had an immediate impact. Without a request, the Army assigned me to the Adjutant General Corp, and I became the Officer in Charge of the Mental Testing Section for an Armed Forces Entrance and Examination Station in Brooklyn. Daily, our group administered mental acuity tests to hundreds of potential recruits being considered for the draft or enlisting. After the military I was accepted into the FBI as a Special Agent. As a field agent I had diverse experiences and assignments from chasing bank robbers and truck hijackers to terrorist matters. I was assigned to New York City, Chicago, New Orleans, New Haven CT, and several times to Washington, DC. I was promoted to a variety of positions in the field and at FBI Headquarters was the Chief Spokesman for the FBI and Chief of the Bureau's office of Public and Congressional Affairs. I ended my 25-year career with two years' service as the Director of the FBI's Forensic Laboratory. In 1996 I was recruited by the National Football League to be the League's Chief of Security. Responsibilities include all investigations, stadium security, game security to include international games and Super Bowl security. I have been blessed by having outstanding colleagues and superiors and very good fortune.

#### **Gail Burgess Antenen**

I finished my undergraduate degree in the fall of 1979. I worked on my graduate degree in the spring of 1980. I walked through graduation from K-State in spring of 1980 with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. I was going to Arkansas to attend graduate school. My then boyfriend said, "Let's get married" and we became engaged. I attended Fort Hays State University to pick up hours in history and education. I decided that was a better fit in western Kansas since there wasn't a counselor within 60 miles. My goal was to use my degree to become a high school counselor. After I was married and completed my work at Fort Hays, I substituted in the schools around the area waiting for a teaching position to open. In 1983, I was offered a job with the State of Kansas as a Court Services Officer. I was hired to be an arbitrator in child custody investigations for all parents going through a divorce. I decided who would get custody of the children. After a judge change in our judicial district, I began to mediate child custody problems. In the summer of 1990, I asked to be switched to strictly probation services. In a very small judicial district, I do everything related to probation services. I supervise a caseload of adults and juveniles, and I write pre-sentence reports and travel almost every day of the week. About 12 years ago, I started teaching Psychology and Human Growth and Development for Dodge City Community College. I will be retiring from the State of Kansas in about three years.

#### **Paul Detrick**

I graduated from K-State with a BA in psychology in 1971. I knew from my sophomore year that I wanted to become a psychologist and was determined to pursue this goal. Eventually I received my MA in psychology from East Texas State University and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi. I did my internship at the VA in Topeka and subsequently obtained my first job as a psychologist with a community mental health center in Joplin, Missouri. I stayed there for three years and then took a job as director of a hospital-based alcohol/drug treatment center in St. Louis. I remained there for seven years and then went into private practice, where I continue to practice. My wife and I own a group practice in St. Louis that has been a satisfying, yet at times very challenging, experience. Today I specialize in the area of police psychology, providing pre-employment and fitness-for-duty evaluations to numerous local, state, and federal agencies. I also conduct forensic-related evaluations including risk assessments and independent medical (psychological) exams. I believe an important benefit of being a psychologist is the many related but varied roles you can assume during your career. I have been fortunate to have held a variety of different positions, and this has kept my career challenging and interesting to me. Although I am an applied psychologist, I have maintained relationships with local psychology departments (primarily St. Louis University) and serve as an assistant clinical professor with the St. Louis University Medical Center, Department of Community and Family Medicine. This relationship has allowed me to pursue my interests in research and publishing. I can't imagine myself doing anything else.

#### John Hill

As a third generation K-Stater, it is fair to say that my destiny as an undergraduate at our fine university was somewhat predetermined. At K-State I majored in psychology and participated in the Industrial/Organizational Psych Technician option where I received my first taste of the Human Resources field via an unpaid internship at Manhattan's Memorial Hospital. After graduating from K-State in '96, I pursued an MA in Human Resources and Industrial Relations at the University of Minnesota and interned at General Electric in Connecticut. My internship was during the Jack Welch years at GE, a fast-paced, competitive, progressive HR environment - fascinating. As an HR generalist, I partner with business clients and provided guidance and service in a variety of HR areas: employee relations and labor law, training, organizational development, compensation, and staffing. From 1998-

2006, I worked as an HR professional in manufacturing industries, AlliedSignal (now Honeywell) and Ingersoll-Rand in Ohio, Virginia, New Jersey, Texas, and Georgia. The variety of assignments and places early in my career was an amazing learning (and life) experience, and enabled me to make some great friends and work with extremely talented people from all over the country. In 2006, I joined Turner Broadcasting System (a division of TimeWarner) in Atlanta as an HR manager. Turner has approximately 11,000 employees (8,000 in Atlanta) and a large family of networks. I provide HR generalist support for approximately 600 employees from two groups who fall into that technical space: CNN Broadcast Engineering and Systems Technology and Turner Enterprise Applications. An HR career in the media industry has indeed turned out to be fascinating. I still find myself drawing upon things I learned in the K-State psych program 12 years ago!



Award-winning Mentor Prof. Donald Saucier with his Developing Scholar Eduardo Alvarado

#### **Amy Gross**

I received my B.A. in psychology/sociology/human services counseling from Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska. After earning my Ph.D. in industrial/organizational psychology at Kansas State University in 1995, I worked with a team of industrial/organizational psychologists in the Strategy and Process Planning Team at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. Following my passion for teaching, learning, professional improvement, and delivering exceptional customer service, I joined The IDEA Center (Manhattan, Kansas; www.theideacenter.org) in 1997 as their associate director working on academic program assessment for Kansas State University. To better serve its national clientele, the Center became a non-profit organization in 2001, and I became the Vice President for Integrative Client Services. In September 2010 I will begin serving as the Vice President for Knowledge Management and Special Projects. Work at The IDEA Center has allowed me to follow my professional passion, balance my personal family life, and apply my I/O background in the "industry" of higher education.

As you can see from these stories, there are a multitude of ways that a degree in psychology can drive your life and career. I hope each of you have just as exciting stories to tell.

## **Obituaries**

**Dr. Steven Klacsman** (M.S., 1977) died at his home in Manhattan in July 2010 at age 64. He most recently worked at Big Lakes Developmental Center in Manhattan.

**Lora Marietta** (posthumous B.S., 2010) was killed instantly in a car accident near her home town in northwest Kansas near the end of her senior year at K-State. Lora was an exemplary cadet in the ROTC program and an honor student.

### **ALUMNI NEWS (compiled by Richard Harris)**

The news below comes from numerous alumni from our undergraduate and graduate programs across several decades. It is always so interesting and gratifying to hear that majoring in psychology can prepare students for an extremely wide variety of careers. While some of our graduates are actively pursuing careers doing exactly what they prepared for at K-State, many others are using their psychology in ways they probably never dreamed of when they were here. Please continue to send us news and pictures for future newsletters. Here is this year's news, by order of graduation years. Note that K-State degree is in parentheses after name and news is alphabetized by last name within graduation year.

#### 1968

**Milton Ahlerich** (B.S.) is Vice President for Security for the National Football League. See story above.

#### *1970*

**Paul Muchinsky** (M.S.) is on the faculty in the Department of Management and Marketing at the University of North Carolina.

#### 1971

**Candy Clendening** (B.S.) is Senior Vice-President for Human Resources for Union Bank.

**Paul Detrick** (B.A.) is a clinical psychologist with Florissant Psychological Services in the St. Louis MO area. See story above.

#### 1972

Vince Shalkoski (B.S.) is now retired and living in Wellsville KS.



Anna Wilkinson lovingly holds a research pigeon between testing in Prof. Kim Kirkpatrick's lab.

#### 1973

**Steve Baumgardner** (Ph.D.) is a Professor Emeritus in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

#### 1974

**Doris Wright-Carroll** (B.S.) is Associate Professor of Special Education, Counseling, and Student Affairs at K-State.

#### 1977

**C. Michael Troutman** (Ph.D.) is President of Marketing Analytics and Consulting.

### 1979

**Mitchell Brigell** (Ph.D.) is a Senior Clinician II in Translational Medicine and Ophthalmology for Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research.

### 1980

**Gail (Burgess) Antenen** (B.S.) is a Court Services Officer for the State of Kansas in Ness City KS. See story above.

### 1982

Tony Dubitsky (Ph.D.) After working for many years in market research, Tony currently works at Kaiser Permanente in Denver CO in a Health Care/Information Technology role that is part SAS programmer, part liaison to Nurses/LPNs, etc. on their measurement issues. After his first wife Jaime passed away of cancer, he met Debbie, a real-estate developer, and they have been together nearly nine years. He also enjoys his two grown stepsons. Tony also reports that he is still playing the viola and has resurrected his old hobby of photography. He shoots strictly large format 4×5 film with a camera and bellows and a dark cloth in the back.

### 1984

**Gary Gaeth** (Ph.D.) is an Assistant Dean at the University of Iowa in Iowa City IA.

**Jim Wright** (B.S.) is Regional Manager for Carlos O'Kelly's restaurant.

#### 1986

**Ross Livingston** (B.S.) does marketing research for Advantage Research and lives in Loveland CO.

**Ruth (Sturm) Purcell** (M.S.) lives in Madison WI and has had her own communications consulting business, Purcell Communications—www.purcellcomm.com, for the last 12 years. Before that, she worked in media relations at two different hospitals.

**Kenneth Sewell** (B.S.) is Associate Vice-President for Research at the University of North Texas in Denton TX. Previously he was on the faculty in the Psychology Department at UNT.



Some of Prof. Mary Cain's rats enjoy their enriched environment.

#### 1987

**Vera** (McMinimy) Bothner (B.S.) is a Managing Partner for Bothner and Bradley, Inc, in Communications and Consulting in Wichita KS.

**Marilyn Horsch** (B.A.) is an artist and attorney in private practice.

Lawrence M. Schoen (Ph.D.) is an American author, publisher, psychologist, and expert in the Klingon language. In 2007 he was a nominee for the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. He lives in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania and serves as the director of research and chief compliance officer for a medical center which provides mental health and addiction treatment service works throughout Philadelphia.

Schoen is the founder of the Klingon Language Institute and has published Klingon translations of Shakespeare's plays *Hamlet* and *Much Ado About Nothing*, as well as the epic of *Gilgamesh* and the *Tao Te Ching*.

Schoen's work as an author include "The Sky's The Limit" (originally published in *All Star Zeppelin Adventure Stories*, which made the preliminary ballot for the 2005 Nebula Awards), as well as the *Amazing Conroy* series of science fiction stories about a space-traveling stage hypnotist. In April of 2010 he was nominated for a Hugo for his short story, "The Moment."

Schoen is also the publisher and chief editor for *Paper Golem*, a speculative fiction small press started in November, 2006. The first book published by *Paper Golem* was **Prime Codex**, an anthology of previously published stories by members of the Codex Writers Group, of which Schoen is a member.

**Daphne Ulveling** (B.S.) later earned her M.S. in Counselor Education at K-State. She lives in Omaha NE and volunteers at St. Leo the Great Parish.

#### 1988

**Sandra McCoy Kramos** (B.A.) earned her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and is now in private practice in Manhattan KS. She regularly speaks to the Junior Seminar class at K-State about clinical psychology.

#### 1989

Therese Meyer-Cox (B.S.) writes the following: "I was the president of Psi Chi . . . One of my greatest achievements while at K-State was getting a hold of nearly all the psych. professors' baby pictures (without them knowing it) and using it for the annual faculty roast sponsored by Psi Chi. I received my B.S. from K-State in 1989. Since then, I've received my Master's and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Auburn University. I then completed a 3 yr. fellowship in Rehabilitation Psychology (specializing in spinal cord injury) at the University of Missouri, School of Medicine. I now work as a senior psychologist at a medical center in Springfield, IL where I specialize in the evaluation and treatment of burn injury, spinal cord injury, renal transplant, neurological disorders (including completing neuropsychological evaluations), and chronic medical illness. I work with a large variety of medical populations. I obtained my diplomate status with the American Board of Professional Psychology in 2004 in the specialty of rehabilitation psychology. I've published a few articles here and there in peer-reviewed journals and wrote a book chapter on the psychological aspects of a mutilating hand injury (the book was edited by plastic/hand surgeons). I am married with one young son and live in a scenic old river town. I am doing very well."

#### *1990*

Margaret ("Peggy") Stockdale (Ph.D.) is Professor and Director of the Applied Psychology Program at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale IL.

#### 1991

**Jinkook Tak** (Ph.D.) is Professor of Industrial Psychology and Chairperson of the Department of Coaching Psychology in the Graduate School of Education at Kwangwoon University in South Korea.



Melody Lloyd celebrates her election to honor society Phi Beta Kappa.



Profs. Lester Loschky and Richard Harris celebrate the acceptance of a paper with student co-authors Lindsay Cook, Manpreet Rai, and Patricia Barros.

#### 1992

Edmond Leboeuf (B.S.) earned a Certificate in Public Management from the University of Kansas in 2008 and will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Washburn this Fall. He is an approved mediator who has handled over 100 mediations concerning youth in Shawnee County, Kansas. He has gone scuba diving in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans in the past two years. In 2009 he performed in two plays at Washburn, and in April 2010 he ran his first marathon. (edmond.leboeuf@washburn.edu)

### *1993*

Matthew Baker (B.S.) is Dean of Students at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville MO, where he supervises the areas of Campus Activities and Greek Life, Volunteer and Service Learning, International and Intercultural Center, and student conduct and behavioral intervention. Matt received his doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2009. He and his wife Jill live in Maryville MO with their son Patrick (10) and daughter Avery (7).

**Michael Dougherty** (B.S.) is Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Maryland in College Park MD. Mike earned his Ph.D. at the University of Oklahoma.

**Melissa (Urban) Wefald** (B.A.) is an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher with USD 383 in Manhattan KS.

#### 1995

**Amy Gross** (Ph.D.) is Vice-President for Integrative Client Services for the IDEA Center. Amy and her husband John Pagan and son John Doyle live in Manhattan KS. See story above.

**Michael Heck** (Ph.D.) is a practice executive with Global Business Services of IBM.

#### 1996

**John Hill** (B.S.) Is Human Resources Manager with Turner Broadcasting Systems of TimeWarner. See story above.

**Julia Pounds** (Ph.D.) is a research psychologist and Air Traffic Safety Inspector with the Federal Aviation Administration in the Washington DC area.

**Nebi Sumer** (Ph.D.) and **Canan Sumer** (Ph.D.) are both on the faculty in Psychology at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. Nebi is Department Chair. Nebi and Canan have been working with us to establish a joint degree in psychology between K-State and METU.

#### 1998

**Jacob Arnett** (B.S.) graduated from University of Kansas Medical School in 2002 and was an anesthesiologist in Wichita for several years. Since July 2010 Jake has been a Fellow in Pediatric Anesthesia at Harvard University. He and his wife Carrie (McDaneld) have two children.

**Michael Renfro** (M.S.) has his own consulting business, Renfro Consulting, which he runs out of his home office in Randolph KS, where he lives with wife Laura and children Eli (17), Sol (15), and Abi.

### 1999

**Rebecca Sourk** (B.A.) is an attorney with the U.S. District Court for the Western Division of Missouri.

#### 2000

**Kelly Burke** (Ph.D.) is Director of Staffing and Human Resources for Payless Shoes.

**Joshua Moshier** (B.S.) is a Grant Specialist with the Graduate School at K-State. Josh and his wife Tara (Hoyt) had a son Decker Eli on March 8, 2010. They live in Manhattan.

**Christina Scott** (Ph.D.) has now joined the faculty in the Psychology Department at Whittier College in Whittier CA after several years at St. Marys College in Moraga CA.

**Molly White** (B.S.) is a Clinical Psychologist with Parker Pediatrics and Adolescents, P.C.

#### 2002

**Susan Burns** (Ph.D.) was recently named Associate Dean at Morningside College in Sioux City IA, where she has been on the faculty in the Psychology Department since leaving K-State.

#### 2004

**Jennifer Bonds-Raacke** (Ph.D.) recently was appointed Department Chair in Psychology at Fort Hays State University in Hays KS.

**Jodi Foura Craig** (B.S.) earned her M.S. in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at Middle Tennessee State University in 2006. Currently she lives in Hattiesburg MS, where she is a Human Resources Generalist. She was married in 2009.



Prof. Brenda McDaniel and her Developing Scholar Jaime Arreola in front of his award-winning poster.

**Kelli Rodvelt** (B.S.) completed her Ph.D. in Cognition and Neuroscience at the University of Missouri--Columbia in May 2010. Currently, she is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience at The University of Chicago.

Fred Sanborn (Ph.D.) was recently granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor at North Carolina Wesleyan College. He was also recently named Director of the new Teaching and Learning Center on the NCWC campus, something that he proposed. Fred and his partner Tony continue to rehab a lake house between Raleigh and Rocky Mount NC. Although it sometimes seems like a never-ending process, he reports that living in such peaceful rural surroundings is worth it.

#### 2005

**Chelsea Mueller Bartel** (B.S.) and her husband Jonathan welcomed their first child, daughter Evelyn Mae, in early summer 2010. Chelsea is working on her Ph.D. in School Psychology at North Carolina State University in Raleigh NC.

**Kat Blackburn** (B.S.) received her Master's in Business Management and Human Resources from K-State in 2008 and now lives in Rapid City SD.

**Kristen Geri** (B.A.) and husband Chad welcomed their son Jonathan Christopher into the world on March 30, 2010. They live in Lynden WA (near Bellingham), where Chad is a veterinarian.

**Shannon (Phillips) Horton** (B.S.) lives in Manhattan and was recently married.

**John Raacke** (Ph.D.) has joined the faculty in Psychology at Fort Hays State University in Hays KS.

#### *2007*

**Katherine Buchanan** (B.A.) earned a M.S. in Education from Grand Canyon University. She married Brian Tadtman (K-State, '06) in February 2010; they now live in Overland Park KS.

**Breeanna** (Calvin) McSpadden (B.A.) is a Research Associate with Harman Atchison Research Group in the Kansas City area.

**Racheal Nekuda** (B.S.) is a case manager for Pawnee Mental Health in Manhattan. She married Michael Rasmussen in Manhattan on January 16, 2010.

#### 2008

**Rachel Bloom** (B.S.) recently began studies for her M.S. in Gerontology through Continuing Education at K-State. She lives in Wichita KS.

**Timothy Burrell** (B.S.) has worked almost two years as a microbiology technician in Madison WI but recently has moved to Fort Collins CO, where he is working in a lab and enjoying the outdoor activities of Colorado

**James Fullagar** (B.S.) recently began his second year in the Master's in Social Work program at the University of Kansas.

**Bernardo de la Garza** (M.S.) recently began teaching fulltime in the Psychology Department at the University of Texas at Brownsville while he completes his Ph.D. at K-State. Prior to that, he worked for six months as Coordinator of Institutional Research at UT-Brownsville.

Mari Gutierrez (B.S.) recently began her final year of study for her M.S. in Clinical Psychology at the University of Texas at Tyler. Her thesis is on social cognition detection and treatment in traumatic brain injured patients. She also recently began her clinical practicum seeing clients in the general public. She will be applying for Ph.D. programs for Fall 2011.

**Kelsey Jo (Dorshorst) Feyes** (B.S.) recently completed her master's degree in Special Education at Bowling Green State University and now is working in Special Education.

**Daniel Moody** (M.S.) works for Briljent, LLC in Indianapolis IN doing workforce development and learning management systems design and implementation (catalyst1980@gmail.com).

Christopher Rodeheffer (B.S.) is in his second year of study in the doctoral program at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth TX, specializing in Cognitive Evolutionary Psychology. He and his wife Kim, a K-State grad in accounting, recently bought a house in Euless TX.

**Christopher Vowels** (Ph.D.) has moved from Fort Knox KY to Fort Hood TX. He and his wife Nicole and daughter Victoria live in Temple TX.

#### 2009

**Kevin Bowen** (B.S.) recently began work on his Master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology at Missouri State University in Springfield MO.

**Lindsay Cook** (B.A.) recently began graduate studies in School Psychology at Columbia University in New York City.

**Dana Johnson** (B.S.) is working in a pharmacy in Sioux Falls SD as she completes some additional undergraduate requirements for application next year to pharmacy school.

**Jennifer Livengood** (M.S.) has joined the faculty in Psychology at Missouri Valley College in Marshall MO while she completes her Ph.D. at K-State.

**Andrew Miranda** (B.S.) recently began doctoral studies in Human Factors Psychology at Wichita State University in Wichita KS

**Jamie Parker** (B.S.) recently began graduate studies in Psychology at the University of Kansas, studying under Dr. Paul Atchley, in Human Perception and Performance.

**Alicia Staats** (B.S.) has been working for the US Census Bureau.

**Danielle Zanotti** (B.S.) is working for the Athletic Department and women's basketball at K-State.

### 2010

**Patricia Barros** (M.S.) recently began graduate studies in Marriage and Family Therapy at K-State.

**Jason Brunner** (Ph.D.) is working in Human Resources in the Denver CO area.

**Mason Burns** (B.S.) is a special graduate student in social psychology at K-State

**Laura Dare** (B.S.) was married to James O'Brien in Hutchinson KS on July 16, 2010.

**Alex Elliott** (B.S.) is beginning work on her master's degree in clinical psychology at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg KS.

**Scott Fluke** (B.S.) recently began doctoral studies in School Psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Margaret (Maggie) Gill (Ph.D.) recently began postdoctoral work in the Department of Neuroscience with Dr. Ron See at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston SC.

**Jonathan Graves** (B.S.) is remaining at K-State for a year acquiring more research, teaching, and volunteer experience before applying to grad school in Clinical Psychology.

**Christina Hackney** (B.S.) recently began graduate school for a degree in Religious Studies at the University of Colorado in Boulder CO.

**Allyson Hermé** (B.S.) will shortly begin study for her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda CA.

**Gabriel Hughes** (B.S.) is continuing his education by beginning graduate school in the Psychology department at K-State, working with Prof. Lester Loschky.

**Cathleen Klausing** (B.S.) is working for a Women's Shelter in Ellis KS.

LaToya Malone (M.S.) has returned to the U.S. Air Force.

**Maura Mills** (Ph.D.) recent began teaching on the faculty in I/O Psychology at Hofstra University in Hempstead NY.

**J. Kale Monk** (B.S.) recently began graduate studies in Marriage and Family Therapy at K-State.



Downey Award winner and doctoral graduate Maura Mills with Profs. Jerry Frieman, Ron Downey, and Clive Fullagar.

**Gwendolen Powell** (M.S.) recently began doctoral studies at Luther Seminary in St. Paul MN.

**Emily Reinhardt** (B.S.) recently began studies for her psychology Ph.D. program at the University of Kentucky. She is working with Professor Chana Akins in Behavioral Neuroscience and Psychopharmacology.

**Ryan Ringer** (B.S.) is a special graduate student in Psychology at K-State, continuing his undergrad research with Prof. Lester Loschky. He recently was awarded a NASA research fellowship.

**Disha Rupayana** (Ph,D.) is now working in consulting in Philadelphia.

**Nicole Simonson** (B.S.) recently began studies for her M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy at Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe KS.

**Margo Woller** (M.S.) recently began the doctoral program in Human Factors at Psychology Michigan Tech University.

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