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The Department of Psychology Advisory Council Rides (Writes?) Again



What do a college administrator, a vice-president for security of a major professional sports league, a regional manager for a leading bar-and-grill chain, and an attorney in a federal court all have in common? Well, as it turns out . . . *LOTS OF THINGS!* First of all, they're all proud graduates of K-State's Department of Psychology. Secondly, they have a desire to help that department continue to thrive

and to provide opportunities to new generations of students—just as those opportunities were provided to them. Perhaps even more importantly, they all share the energy and commitment to serve on the department's Alumni Advisory Council.

The official definition and purpose of the Advisory Council is as follows: The Department of Psychology Advisory Council is a group of business, government, academic, and professional leaders who are committed to the vitality and relevance of the Department of Psychology at Kansas State University. The council advises the department on ways to strengthen its instructional and research programs, improve its facilities, expand its base of support, and serve its students, faculty, and alumni. In addition to attending council meetings and, in most cases, making financial donations to the department, Advisory Council members take it upon themselves to stay informed about the mission, programs, and activities of the Department, help the Department establish partnerships with individuals, corporations, and foundations, advise the department head regarding perceived trends and needs in psychology education, and represent the Department of Psychology to the Kansas State University community and beyond.

Last year's Advisory Council meeting, which took place at the Alumni Center on September 19, 2008, focused largely on how to help undergraduate Psychology majors connect to internships and other field experiences. This was part of a broader discussion on preparing undergraduate majors for the workplace and/or graduate education. Although much of this attention was focused on upper-level undergraduate experiences, the importance of early foundational experiences (such as the Freshman Seminar in Psychology) was embraced as critical to this endeavor. Bill Deeds assumed the role of Chair

of the Advisory Council during the meeting and presided over the election of a Chair-Elect (yours truly), so that leadership on the Council can transition smoothly from year to year.

Under Bill's leadership, the Council has been active since our last meeting, and we are looking forward to our next gathering on October 9, 2009. At that meeting, we will be further analyzing and planning to utilize the results of two different surveys that we conducted over the summer: one, a survey of current Advisory Council members about their views on how best to contribute; and the second, a survey of current Department of Psychology faculty members on areas they perceive that the Council can be helpful. Included on our agenda will be discussions of strategic fundraising by the Council, mentoring of graduate students, helpful ways that Council members might partner with individual faculty members, and the future composition and tasks of the Advisory Council. Whew!!! I'm getting tired already!

We certainly hope to see as many faculty and students as we can while we're on campus in October. We absolutely love staying involved with this wonderful department, and will strive to find ways to contribute constructively.

Cheers,

—Kenneth Sewell (B.S. 1986), Ph.D.
Associate Vice President for Research
University of North Texas

K-State Psychology Advisory Council Chair-Elect

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Dr. William (Bill) Deeds Honored as a 2009 Alumni Fellow



Dr. William (Bill) Deeds, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, was honored as one of eight University Alumni Fellows at a banquet on February 26, 2009. Dr. Deeds spent the day visiting with undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty in the Department of Psychology and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Deeds earned his Master of Science ('77) and a Ph.D. ('79) in experimental psychology in our department. After receiving his Ph.D., he went on to Moravian College in Bethlehem PA., where he spent 19 years as a faculty member, eventually becoming chair of the Department of Psychology and later Associate Dean and Dean for Academic Affairs. He is now the Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, where he lives with his wife, Pam Hoadley ('80 M.S., Institutional Management).

Dr. Deeds is highly committed to understanding and promoting effective leadership in the academic environment, as can be seen in many of his papers and publications. Given his administrative responsibilities, his continuing publication in psychology is impressive. His membership in professional organizations related to psychology, as well as administrative groups, are a further testament to his professional involvement. At our Alumni Conference in 1996, Dr. Deeds presented a paper titled "Hiring Faculty at a Liberal Arts College: A Dean's Perspective." Dr. Deeds is a founding member of our department's Alumni Advisory Council and has been a major force in the development of our Alumni Council and its activities. This past year Dr. Deeds was the chair.

Dr. Deeds commented when he received his award, "My continued relationship with K-State is mutually beneficial. One of the best faculty members I've ever hired has come from K-State's Psychology Department, and Morningside has sent one of its students to the K-State Department of Psychology for graduate study. Everything I experienced at K-State has been instrumental in my career, and I'm honored by this recognition."

—Jerry Frieman (frieman@ksu.edu)

Greetings from the Department Head



I am sure you have read about how the current recession has affected state budgets and how this in turn has affected university budgets. The situation in Kansas is not as bad as in some other states, but it has required the state legislature to call back money in the fiscal year that ended on June 30 and to reduce the University budget for the current fiscal year.

Currently, the State General Fund (SGF) accounts for about 54% of the revenue coming into Kansas State University with tuition accounting for about 42% and the remaining 4% from grants and contracts and other extramural funds. Reductions in funding from the State of Kansas only impacts the SGF allocations to the University. Ninety-seven percent of the money our department spent last year came from the College of Arts and Sciences allocation of tuition and SGF money to the University. The remaining 3% came from indirect costs generated by grants and contracts obtained by our faculty and from your donations to the Psychology Developmental Fund at the KSU Foundation. Ninety-five percent of our department's budget is for salaries (faculty, staff, graduate teaching assistants, student workers), and 5% is for operating expenses.

Our administration has done a good job protecting academic programs from the full impact of these callbacks and cuts, but all departments had to return some money last spring and

reduce our budgets for the current academic year. Our department had to return 1.5% of the allocation we received from the College last spring, and that allocation was reduced by 3.68% for the current academic year.

I can report that with some creative ideas for dealing with the budget we have been able to protect our undergraduate and graduate students because we did not have to terminate any faculty or staff, reduce the funds to support graduate student stipends, eliminate any programs, or cancel any classes. Among these ideas are my donating 10% of my salary to the Psychology Developmental Fund and Dr. Shanteau reducing his appointment to nine-tenths. We are covering the remainder of the budget reductions with indirect costs generated by grants and contracts obtained by our faculty and from your donations to the Psychology Developmental Fund.

We can reduce the impact of budget cuts when our faculty can obtain more grants and contracts and when our alumni and friends donate to our department. We greatly appreciate the financial support from those of you have made contributions to our department. In the past your contributions have allowed us to do things we might not be able to do with the allocations we receive from the University. For example, for the past four years, President Wefald gave us additional funds from his discretionary account. We used those funds to purchase a poster printer, to supplement other funds we received from the College of Arts and Sciences to create both a computer classroom and a technology classroom in Bluemont Hall, to purchase a high volume printer for our graduate student computer lab, and to purchase and install a plasma screen in one of our

seminar rooms. However, in each case there were additional expenses that were not covered by the allotted funds. I was able to use the Psychology Developmental Fund to cover the difference. Now I find myself relying on the Developmental Fund for more routine expenses.

Given the number of alumni we have, if each of you donated even a small amount every year, we would be able to maintain what we have built until the economy recovers. Then we can use that money to fund student scholarships and do even more to enhance the educational experiences of all of our students. Contributions can be made from our website (www.ksu.edu/psych) under the Alumni tab on the left column where there is a link to the Psychology Department Funds at the KSU Foundation.

Despite our budget problems I can report that our department is doing well. If you have been following my columns you know that over the past 5 years we have added eight new faculty. Now over half of our full-time faculty have been here

5 years or less. All of them are productive scholars and good teachers, and they are starting to be recognized for these achievements. Last year Dr. Don Saucier was selected for the Office of Student Life's 2008 Putting Students First Award, a well-deserved honor. This year he was promoted to associate professor with tenure. This year Dr. Mary Cain was awarded the Commerce Bank Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award.

One of the strengths of our department is the involvement of our undergraduate students in research. Check out the News section on our department home page (www.ksu.edu/psych). For 2009 alone there are 38 entries about the activities of our students and faculty, and we still have 3 more months to go. Take a few minutes to look at our website. I think you will be impressed at what we have to offer to our students. Our goal is to always use our resources appropriately and wisely, and we take pride in the educational experience we provide. We will continue to do so even during these difficult times.

—Jerry Frieman (frieman@ksu.edu)

Dr. Mary Cain Receives 2009 Commerce Bank Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award



Dr. Mary Cain, Associate Professor of Psychology, was awarded the 2009 Commerce Bank Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award for her outstanding performance as a teacher and mentor. Whether she is teaching General Psychology, Drugs and Behavior, Psychobiology, or Principles of Learning, the evaluations she receives from students are outstanding because she engages

them in critical thinking and discussion. She says that one of her most rewarding experiences as a teacher is to have students say things like, "Wow, you made the brain understandable", "Hey, the brain is actually fun to learn about," and "This brain stuff is really cool. How can I learn more?"

In 2006, Dr. Cain was selected by students to be the first Arts and Sciences Faculty Member of the Month. Testimonials from students in her classes and laboratory document why she deserved this honor: "Taking a course with Dr. Cain is simply invigorating. It seems as though every class she had something out of the ordinary to either show or tell us. I always left her classes feeling excited, enthralled, motivated, and very confident of my decision to pursue a career in psychology."

As an extension of her outstanding teaching in the classroom, Dr. Cain supervises undergraduate students who help

conduct research in her laboratory. The syllabus for those students includes specific learning objectives that are assessed through presentations they give at the end of the semester to demonstrate what they have learned. Her students also present their work at the Annual Undergraduate Research Convocation in our department, and many present their work at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Dr. Cain has also mentored two McNair Scholars, a SUROP student, a Developing Scholar, and a Veterinary Scholars Research Program Student.

Dr. Cain has also contributed to the scholarship of teaching as co-author of a paper on teaching students about ethical issues in animal research and as a co-presenter at our 2007 Teaching Renewal Retreat. She participated in the K-State LEA/RN Program sponsored by the College of Engineering and is a member of the LEA/RN network. She participates in our department's Graduate Teaching Apprenticeship Program by showing others how to demystify the brain for students in General Psychology courses and sharing her strategies for dealing with portable electronic devices in the classroom. She helps new faculty develop syllabuses and assignments for their courses.

Dr. Cain earned her BS in Psychology from Manhattan College in New York and her MA and Ph.D. from the University of Vermont. She joined us in 2004 as an assistant professor in our behavioral neuroscience area. She was promoted to associate professor and awarded tenure in 2008.

—Jerry Frieman (frieman@ksu.edu)

Psi Chi, the National Honorary Society in Psychology

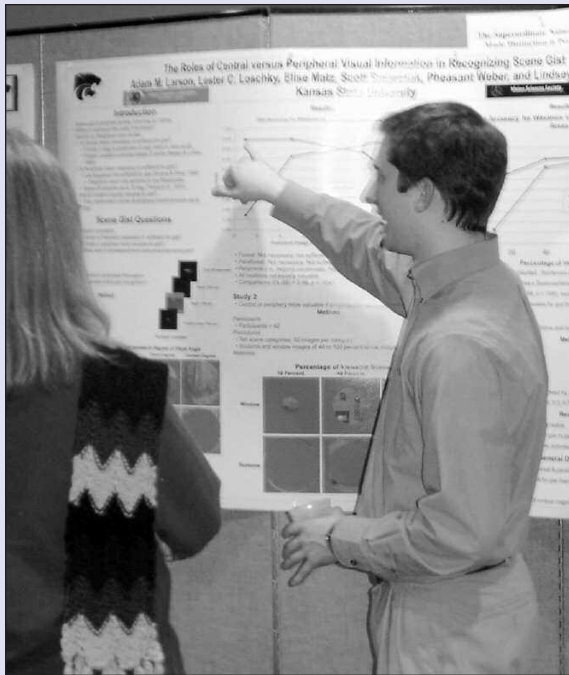
Psi Chi continued its usual activities during the 2008-09 school year, including a field trip to the Glore Psychiatric Museum, pizza party, holiday party, t-shirt design and sales, training rats to walk the tightrope for KSU Open House, and the spring banquet. A highlight of this year's banquet at Valentino's was a game guessing the identity of old photos of KSU Psychology faculty as toddlers. Also new this year were two food drives for the Flint Hills Breadbasket organized by Psi Chi for the Psychology Department. The officers for 2008-09 were Lindsay Cook (President), Jonathan Collum and Christopher Rodeheffer (Vice-Presidents), Matt Hopkins (Secretary), and Amanda Millet (Treasurer). Officers for 2009-10 are Mason Burns (President), Laura Dare (Vice-President), Diego Kientz (Secretary), and Dana Johnson (Treasurer).

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



Psi Chi member Andrew Miranda helps a local child get acquainted with the tightrope-walking rat.

Graduate Association of Psychology Students (GAPS)



Grad student Adam Larson explains a point on his poster at the First Annual Graduate Student Research Convocation.

Kansas State University's Graduate Association of Psychology Students (GAPS) seeks to improve the climate and resources for graduate students in the Department of Psychology. During the 2008-09 academic year, GAPS hosted several successful, well-attended social events for faculty and students (Orientation Week BBQ, Halloween and holiday parties). GAPS members also participated in K-State's Telefund, raising money for K-State, the Psychology Department, and GAPS. GAPS members participated in the biannual Graduate School Council's Ice Cream Socials, held both in the Fall and Spring semesters. Lastly, GAPS also surveyed graduate students at the end of the academic year about their experiences and concerns. Hopefully, this information will help set the agenda for this coming year. In the 2009-10 academic year, GAPS plans to continue its usual constellation of events, but also hopes to host a number of professional developmental workshops by faculty (e.g., grant writing, applying for academic jobs, mentoring undergraduates). GAPS 2009-10 officers are Megan Strain (President), Sara Smith (Vice-President), Will Weyhrauch (Secretary-Treasurer), and Jen Livengood (Mentor Chair).

—Russell Webster (webster@ksu.edu)

Master's in Industrial/Organizational Psychology (MIOP)

MIOP continues to grow and be successful. This is the tenth year of the program and we have graduated over 80 students in this time. The drop-out rate for the program is below 5%, which is unheard of in distance education. This year we admitted twelve new students from all over the country. The annual series of kickball was once again won by the second-year students to keep this incredible sporting streak alive. Two more tattoos were procured, making a total of three in the last two years. We are seriously considering renaming the program MIOP Inc. Maura Mills, the GTA for the program, accepted an internship with Sirota Consulting in New York, and Chris Waples has taken her place. There is a wonderful endorsement of the program by one of our past alumni, Joel DiGirolamo, at this web address: <http://www.optionsplus.k-state.edu/joel-digirolamo.shtml>.

—Clive Fullagar (fullagar@ksu.edu)



Professor Clive Fullagar

Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowships

Four psychology majors were selected to receive the first-ever Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowships. Mason Burns, Laura Dare, Scott Fluke, and Emily Reinhardt were each chosen among an impressive list of nominees to receive a \$500 award.

The Fellowship was established by Dr. James Shanteau, a University Distinguished Professor in Psychology, in memory of his wife, Doreen. The Fellowship is designed to support upper-division undergraduate students in psychology to work with a faculty mentor on some dimension of psychological research. The award recipients are expected to conduct their research projects over the 2009-2010 academic year in collaboration with their faculty mentors. They are expected to both present their findings at the Psychology Department's Annual Undergraduate Research Convocation at the end of the Spring semester and to submit their findings for publication in a psychology journal.

Mason Burns will conduct a study to examine how an individual's levels of narcissism (i.e., inflated feelings of self-worth) influence his or her reaction to positive or negative feedback following a mortality salience cue. Mason predicts that individuals higher in narcissism will be more likely to respond antisocially after they receive negative feedback from potential dating partners and have had their mortality made salient. He will conduct his project with his faculty mentor, Dr. Donald Saucier, in the area of social psychology.

Laura Dare will conduct a study to examine the relationship between the ability of nicotine to enhance experience and impulsive choice (choosing small immediate rewards over larger delayed rewards). Laura predicts that rats that are more impulsive will be more sensitive to the reward enhancing effects of nicotine; she will test her prediction using a paradigm in which rats will respond for sucrose reinforcers in a delay choice task. She will conduct her project with her faculty mentor, Dr. Matthew Palmatier, in the area of behavioral neuroscience.

Scott Fluke will conduct a study to examine how individuals may use superstition to reduce the anxiety they may feel as a result of their mortality. Scott predicts that when participants are provided with the opportunity to use superstition, they will increase their perceptions of control, lower their degrees of anxiety, and will consequently better manage their fear of death. He will conduct his project with his faculty mentor, Dr. Donald Saucier, in the area of social psychology.

Emily Reinhardt will conduct a study to examine if enriched rearing conditions during childhood and adolescence will reduce the symptoms of anxiety in rats. Emily predicts that rats raised in enriched conditions with novel stimuli will have their levels of anxiety reduced more quickly than rats raised in other conditions; she will test her prediction using a Pavlovian conditioning paradigm. She will conduct her project with her faculty mentor, Dr. Mary Cain, in the area of behavioral neuroscience.

—Donald Saucier (saucier@ksu.edu)



From left to right: Scott Fluke, Mason Burns, Emily Reinhardt, Laura Dare.

Psychology Department Trivia

1. Who on the KSU psychology faculty have twins or triplets in their families? [hint: there are several]
2. What pair of unprecedented events happened to KSU Psychology faculty in Spring 2009?
3. How many Psychology Department faculty have been hired since 2004?
4. What is the current gender, ethnic, and international breakdown of Graduate Student in Psychology at KSU?

Answers on page 11



Professors Tori Culbertson and Mary Cain show off their children Matthew Culbertson and Delaney Cain Saucier at the GAPS Fall Picnic, August 2009. Professor Laura Brannon looks on.

Obituaries



Leon Rappoport (1932 - 2009) died on September 10, 2009 at home after a short bout with inoperable cancer. Leon was a member of our faculty from 1964 until his retirement in 2003. Leon earned his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from New York University in 1953. After a 2-year tour of duty in the US Army, he worked for Elmo Roper in public opinion research before enrolling in the graduate

program at the University of Colorado where he earned his Master's degree in 1962 and his Ph.D. in social psychology in 1963. Kenneth Hammond was his major professor. Leon was an NSF Post-doctoral Fellow at the Psychologist Institutt at Oslo University in Norway from 1963 - 1964 before joining our department.

Over the course of his career Leon published papers and books on human judgment in social interactions, personality development, psychohistory, the Holocaust, transpersonal psychology, what he called "foodways," and ethnic humor. Among the courses he taught were Life Span Personality Development, Varieties of Consciousness, and Psychology of Ethnic Humor, all popular courses.

Leon was a good friend and colleague. He always had a cheery greeting when he saw you and a wonderfully quirky sense of humor. Leon could see things in a way that most of us missed at first. He is survived by his wife his wife Karen, son Alex and his wife Katie, and grandchildren Lula and Niko. A memorial has been established in Leon's name for Homecare and Hospice through Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan KS 66502.

Betty Phares (1926-2009), widow of long-time Psychology Department Head E. Jerry Phares, died on June 19, 2009 in Manhattan after a short illness. Betty is survived by her daughter Lisa Richards and grandchildren Andrea Fuller of Salina and Jared Richards of Manhattan. Originally from Columbus OH, Betty moved to Manhattan when she married Jerry Phares in 1955; they had 52 years together until his death in late 2007. Long-time Psychology Department members will long remember her as the gracious hostess of all job candidate parties and a person who always showed interest in one's families. Betty was active politically with the local Democratic Party and a generous supporter of many local causes, including Sunset Zoo, the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, and, most recently, the renovation of Bluemont 449 into the E.J. Phares Memorial Classroom. She will be greatly missed.

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.

1970

Arthur Pelletier (B.A.) is an archival assistant. He and his wife Marsha (Mingle) Pelletier live in Dover NH. Their son John is a college junior in New York.

1971

Robert Hand (B.S.), the first President of the K-State Psi Chi chapter, finished his master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling in December 2008, 32 years after he started it! Bob is Executive Director of the Rehabilitation Counseling program at California State University in Fresno CA.

1976

Cia Verschelden (B.S.) recently began serving as Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Highland Community College in Highland KS. She and sons John and Abe Denner live in Hiawatha KS.

1978

Kristi Harper (B.S.) continues her work as Pre-Psych advisor in the Department of Psychology at K-State. Kristi also meets with prospective students and their parents and other advising issues. Kristi and her husband Skyler live in Manhattan. Son Jason, a K-State grad in Art, was recently married. Daughter Jennifer lives with her husband and children in Oregon.

1979

William Deeds (M.S., 1977, Ph.D.) continues as Vice Provost at Morningside College in Sioux City IA. Bill was honored as

one of K-State's alumni fellows in February 2009. He and his wife Pam visited the campus to receive this award and also met with faculty and students. Bill also chaired the Psychology Department Alumni Advisory Council in 2008.

Mark Larson (B.S.) spent two years riding his bike, working in Nepal and Papua New Guinea, and most recently in Zaire helping at a refugee camp for Rwandan exiles. Eventually he ended up in medical school at KU. Mark is now a Primary Care physician in Ellensburg, Washington and reports that at least half of his work is related to mental health issues in one way or another. He is also the County Public Health Officer, the Medical Director for a local Nursing Home, and started a free clinic for the uninsured six years ago. He is also working on his MPH (Master's in Public Health) degree from the University of Washington. Mark was married in 1995 and has two children, Elle (9) and Isak (7).

Jeffrey Reed (Ph.D.) was appointed Founding Dean of the new School of Business at Marian University in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin in August 2008. He recently published (with Pam Baxter) "Using Reference Databases" (Chapter 5) in the new Second Edition of The Handbook of Research Synthesis and Meta-Analysis, by Cooper, Hedges, & Valentine (2009, Russell Sage Foundation). He has been selected as a lay staff member for the Mid-West Leadership School (MWLS), held each summer at Beloit College, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association. He also serves as Secretary of Region 4 for the International Assembly of Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) and in fall 2008 served as chair of the Region 4 IACBE Conference held at Marian University.

1980

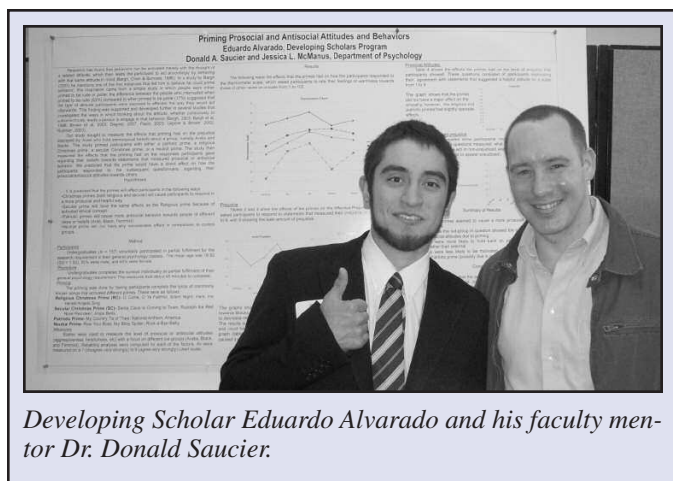
Marlesa Roney (B.A.) earned her Ph.D at Purdue University and later worked there until 2000 in Institutional Research and as Registrar. She was Vice-President for Student Affairs at the University of Akron from 2000-2003 and since 2003 has been Vice Provost for Student Success at the University of Kansas. In this position she oversees 850 regular employees and 1500 student employees in 20 units such as Counseling, Health Services, Student Housing, Registrar, Financial Aid, Admissions, Academic Achievement, Legal Services, Multicultural Affairs, and Disability Resources.

1981

Bernardo Carducci (Ph.D.) saw the second edition of his textbook titled The Psychology of Personality: Viewpoints, Research, and Applications published recently by Wiley-Blackwell. Bernie is in his 29th year of teaching at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany IN, offering courses in personality psychology, social psychology, and introductory psychology. (E-mail: bcarducc@ius.edu)

1983

Bryan Hanson (B.S.) lives in Charlotte NC with his wife Janet and two sons, one who plays football for UNC. Bryan gave up the corporate life after many years to become an actor. He does primarily commercials and voiceovers.





Laura Dare, Psi Chi Vice-President and Phares Research Award recipient.

1985

Karl Kuhnert (Ph.D.) continues on the faculty in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at the University of Georgia in Athens GA. He and his wife have two children.

1986

Pat Tetreault (Ph.D.) served for 15 years as the Sexuality Education Coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. During the 2006-2007 academic year she worked in a split position that combined her former position as Sexuality Education Coordinator at the University Health Center with the GLBT Programs & Services position in Student Involvement. Since August 2007 she has been full-time with the newly-named LGBTQA Programs & Services and the LGBTQA Resource Center in the Nebraska Union. Information about the program can be found at <http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa>. E-mail: ptetreau@unlnotes.unl.edu

1988

Donna F. Ekart (B.S.) is Communications Coordinator for K-State Libraries. She lives in Manhattan.

1989

Roger Holt (B.S.) earned a master's degree in Mental Health Nursing from the University of Texas at Houston in 1996 and now works as a Mental Health Nurse Practitioner in a private psychiatric practice in Statesville NC. He and his wife live in Mocksville NC (e-mail: RLHBOND@yahoo.com).

1992

Clifford Mulenga (B.S.) lives with his family in the metro Atlanta area, working in logistics management. He is also trying to develop his export business for a small company that exports agricultural implements to southern Africa, mostly

Zambia, Cliff's native country. He recently celebrated 24 years of living in the U.S.

1993

Christina Sinisi (Ph.D.) continues as a full professor in Psychology on the faculty at Charleston Southern University in Charleston SC. She has been faculty advisor to her school's chapter of Psi Chi for the last ten years and has twice won the award for the outstanding Psi Chi advisor for the southeastern region. The chapter has also won the National Chapter of the Year award. Christina lives in Goose Creek SC with her husband Kyle Sinisi, a history professor at The Citadel, and their son (16) and daughter (12).

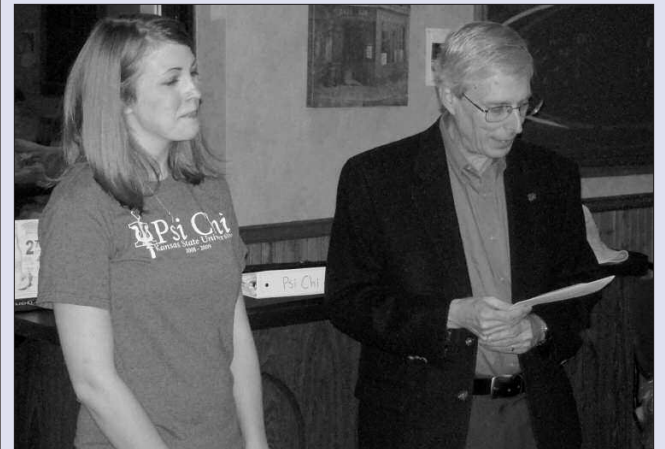
1995

Brian A. Buford (B.S.) received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 2001 and works as a trainer for Target at their Headquarters in Minneapolis MN.

1996

Julia Pounds (Ph.D.) has accepted a promotion to Manager of Research and Analysis for the FAA's Air Traffic Oversight Service (AOV) in Washington, D.C. As an Air Traffic Safety Inspector and Audit Team Leader, she has had opportunities to participate in and lead several field audits while also working in AOV's Policy and Standards Branch where they developed Safety Oversight Circulars as guidance for air traffic services. Although she joined the FAA in 1997, she decided to take a job in DC in 2007 to pursue career goals, to see what "east coast life" is like, and to be closer to her brother and his family who live in the Boston and NY areas. Before moving to northern Virginia, she worked as a human factors research psychologist for the FAA's Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI) in Oklahoma City. During that time she participated in several research projects with colleagues in Europe and Asia, and made several trips to Europe for conferences and technical interchange meetings.

Although each trip has been memorable, she took two particularly unique trips in 2004 and 2006, respectively, when she was invited to give presentations at the Civil Aviation Flight



Psi Chi President Lindsay Cook receives the Peterson Prize from Dr. Jerry Frieman.

University of China (CAFUC) in Guanghan City, Sichuan Province and the Civil Aviation University of China (CAUC) in Tianjin, near Beijing. Information on human factors research on air-traffic controller performance being done by the FAA was discussed with students, faculty, pilots and controllers. This all supported the relationship being developed between the FAA and the aviation community in China.

1997

Michael Tebbe (B.S.) has lived in Chicago since 2003 with his wife Karla and sons Andrew (4) and David (2). He is a business librarian with the financial advisory/investment banking firm Duff & Phelps.

1998

Gregory Doring (B.S.) is in his fourth year as Regional Director of the Great Plains for FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students—focusonline.org). He married Adrienne Hynek in June 2008 and is also working toward an Executive MBA degree through Benedictine College. He lives in Kansas City MO. (E-mail: gregory.doring@gmail.com).

Michael Renfro (M.S.) has recently moved back to Kansas after several years in Colorado. He now lives with his wife Laura and their children Eli, Sol, and Abi in Randolph KS.

1999

Steven Hoekstra (Ph.D.) and his wife Anne welcomed their first child, daughter Thea, born in July 2009. They live in Salina KS, where Steve continues as Associate Professor of Psychology at Kansas Wesleyan University.

Angela Karrasch (Ph.D.) is a research psychologist with the Center for Army Leadership (CAL) at Fort Leavenworth KS. In this capacity she helps supervise and mentor some K-State graduate students on internships there.



Danielle Zanotti after receiving the Phares Research Award.

Sarah Krehbiel-Murphy (B.S.) married Patrick Murphy, a petroleum engineer, whom she met on a drilling rig in the Rockies. Sarah works as a saleswoman for a directional drilling company in the petroleum industry. Sarah and Patrick split their time between their homes in Denver and New Orleans. They spend their spare time crabbing in Lake Pontchartrain and fly fishing in the Colorado mountains. Email: Pedanticallyverbose@hotmail.com

2000

Marcia (Darr) Hornung (B.A.) works as Education Coordinator for the UFM Community Learning Center in Manhattan. She also finished her Master's degree in Public Administration at K-State. Her husband Shawn teaches at Wamego High School and also at Highland Community College as an adjunct instructor. They have a three-year-old daughter, Ava, and live in Manhattan.

2001

Laura Hancock Baker (B.S.) was married in 2007 to a computer programmer and business analysts with an MBA. They live in Overland Park KS. Laura is in her second year of a Ph.D. program in Clinical Health Psychology at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), where she plans to specialize in clinical neuropsychology. She previously earned an M.A. in Clinical Psychology and worked at Osawatomie State Hospital.

Nick Lander (B.S.) is Assistant Director of Housing and Dining Services at K-State.

2002

Susan R. Burns (Ph.D.), Assistant Professor of Psychology at Morningside College, received one of the three 2008 Sharon Walker Faculty Excellence Awards. The recipients were selected from a field of nominees by a panel of three outside evaluators and each received a \$10,000 honorarium and \$3,000 to use for faculty development. Criteria for selection include: teaching excellence, effective advising, scholarship, and service to Morningside College. Susan began teaching psychology at Morningside in 2002. She has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in psychology from Emporia State University and a Doctorate in personality and social psychology from Kansas State University. In her Walker Award citation, the evaluators praised Burns' "high quality teaching, advising and research at Morningside" and noted her national prominence in the field of psychology as managing editor of the *Journal of Psychological Inquiry*.

Tony Kubina (B.S.) completed his M.A. in Clinical Psychology at Washburn University and now works for Mercy Health Center in Manhattan in a variety of capacities, including the weight loss clinic and psychological assessments and evaluation. His wife **Lindsay Smith Kubina** (B.S. 2002, M.S. 2006) continues in the doctoral program in Psychology at K-State.



Developing Scholar Francisco Velasquez and his mentor Dr. Mary Cain.

2003

Frank Ferraro (Ph.D.) is on the faculty at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln NE. Earlier he completed postdoctoral research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Desirae (McKenzie) Moreno (B.S.) completed her M.A. in Clinical Psychology at Wichita State University in December 2008 and is continuing there working on her Ph.D.

Michael Tagler (Ph.D.) is Assistant Professor of Psychology at Ball State University in Muncie IN

2004

Christopher Barlett (B.S., M.S., 2007) is completing his Ph.D. in Social Psychology at Iowa State University with a research emphasis on studying aggression and effects of video games. (Cpb6666@iastate.edu).

Lana (McCarthy) Eklund (B.S.) lives with her husband Kevin and their two dogs in Columbia MO where she is a photographer with their business Art and Soul Photography.

Rebecca Schlegel (B.S.) recently completed her Ph.D. in Social Psychology at the University of Missouri-Columbia and has joined the faculty at Texas A & M University in College Station TX as a tenure-track Assistant Professor.

2005

Amy (White) Dvorak (B.S.) is married and living in Kansas City MO. She has worked as a Branch Inventory Analyst for Grainger since 2007.

Kristen Geri (B.S.) recently moved to Lynden WA, on the Canadian border near Vancouver BC. Her husband Chad is a veterinarian there. They are expecting their first child in April 2010 (e-mail: kristengeri@gmail.com)

John Raacke (Ph.D.) is now Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke. He continues to teach part-time in psychology. He and his wife Jennifer Bonds-Raacke (Ph.D., 2004) live in Laurinburg NC with their daughters Callie and Brooke.

Laura Wagner (B.A.) earned a master's in urban planning from the University of Kansas and is a historical reservation specialist with the Kansas Historical Society. She married fellow K-State alum Justin Waggoner in May 2007.

2006

Ross Baldassaro (B.A.) received his M.S. degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Capella University in June 2008. He and his wife Sarah, a fourth year medical student at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita, live in Wichita with their daughter Isabel, 2. Ross works in human resources in Wichita.

Stephanie Black (B.A.) earned her Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia, and is now back home in the Pacific Northwest working in her first "real" (non-internship) therapy job! She works at Family Preservation Services of Washington, where she works on reunification plans with foster children and their biological (or best-fit) parents. She is also working online through Northcentral University in Prescott Valley, Arizona to earn her Ph.D. in Psychology with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy and a specialization in Couples and Sex Therapy. Stephanie lives in Olympia WA. E-mail: Sjb5555@gmail.com

Pamela Cook (B.S.) teaches psychology at Manhattan Area Technical College and is also working on her master's in Curriculum and Instruction at K-State, with an emphasis in community college teaching.

Janis Crow (Ph.D.) is currently on the faculty in the Department of Marketing at K-State, where she has won numerous teaching awards. She previously completed a post-doctoral research assignment at Ohio State University.

Travis Flewelling (M.S.) is completing his Ph.D. in School Psychology at Northern Illinois University. He has completed coursework and recently began a one-year internship in Streator IL. After that he will only have his dissertation to complete. He and his wife Amy have a daughter Morgan Marie, born in 2008.

Whitney (Dawley) Henley (B.S.) recently began work for a Master of Public Health degree at Saint Louis University, where she hopes to earn a joint concentration in Epidemiology and Behavioral Science/Health Education.

Michael Hinkin (B.S., M.S., 2009) recently began studies at Washburn University School of Law in Topeka KS. He lives in Lawrence KS.

Anne Pingnot (Ph.D.) is now Director of Research in the Department of Nursing at California State University, Stanislaus, in Turlock CA. Previously she completed a Postdoctoral Research Assignment at the University of Stirling in Stirling, Scotland.

2007

Markus Oerberg (exchange student Fall 2007) completed his Master's Degree in Denmark in summer 2008 and now works at Danfoss, a large Danish engineering company. He reports that his statistical knowledge and skills acquired in his semester at K-State have helped him in his new job.

Jamie Travis (B.S.) recently began studies for her doctorate in clinical psychology at Auburn University in Auburn AL.

Laura Platt (B.S.) continues in medical school at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City KS

Abigail Werth (B.S.) recently began graduate studies in Interdisciplinary Cognitive Science at Mississippi State University in Starkville MS. Prior to that she worked for two years in human factors research at Sprint Corporation in Overland Park KS.

2008

F. Reid Begnoche (B.S.) is working in marketing in the Kansas City area.

Kyle Bures (B.S.) is now a Transfer/Career Advisor in Student Support Services at Neosho County Community College in Chanute KS..

David Egleston (M.S., 2002, Ph.D.) is teaching part time in the K-State Statistics Department and also starting up his own consulting company.

James Fullagar (B.S.) recently began studies for his M.S.W. degree in Social Work at the University of Kansas. He plans to specialize in clinical social work.

Karlie Mann (B.A.) took a job as an ELL aide after graduation to see how she liked being in a school setting and found she absolutely loved it. She has been able to use her excitement for language and second language acquisition, her love for kids, and her heart for Hispanic kids all in one job. She is now working on her Masters in Education, as well as a certification, through Rockhurst University in Kansas City MO.

Steven Pittenger (B.S.) recently began doctoral studies in Neuroscience at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Christopher Rodeheffer (B.S.) is beginning studies for his doctorate in Psychology at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth TX. He was married to long-time girl friend Kimberly Grieves in Topeka on July 11, 2009. His groom's cake was a phrenological head picture.

John P. Steele (Ph.D.) is a research psychologist with the Center for Army Leadership at Fort Leavenworth KS.

Ciara Warden (B.S.) is beginning work on her Master's in Social Work at the University of Kansas.

Andrew Wefald (Ph.D.) is a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Department of Leadership Studies at K-State. He is married to **Melissa (Urban) Wefald** (B.S., 1993); they have two daughters and live in Manhattan.

2009

Cristina Brown (B.S.) is working as a case worker in Manhattan.

Jonathan Collum (B.S.) is beginning graduate studies in school psychology at George Washington University in Washington DC.

Lindsay Cook (B.A.) now works as a case worker for Wyandot Center in Kansas City KS. She works with severely mentally ill adults and lives in Overland Park KS.

Gerald Deehan, Jr. (Ph.D.) is now working in a postdoctoral research position at the Indiana-Purdue Medical Center in Indianapolis IN.

Marisha Eck (B.S.) is continuing some non-degree undergraduate studies at K-State in preparation for applying to grad school.

Amanda Higley (Ph.D.) is now working on postdoctoral research at the Scripps Institute in La Jolla CA.

Katerina Kudlacova (B.S.) recently began graduate work in Sport Psychology at Florida State University.

Zachary Maier (B.S.) is now using his other major (Electrical and Computer Engineering) as an Associate Project Manager with Google. He lives in San Francisco CA.

Andrew Miranda (B.S.) is taking courses and doing research in Human Factors Psychology at Wichita State University.

Sarah Pavelka (B.S.) is beginning graduate studies in School Counseling in the College of Education at K-State.

Rachel Witham (B.S.) recently began graduate studies in School Counseling in the College of Education at K-State.

Answers to Psychology Department Trivia (p. 6)

1. Jerry Frieman and Ron Downey are grandparents of twins. Richard Harris is the father of twins. Mary Cain is an aunt to triplets, and Laura Brannon is a recent aunt to twins.
2. Two professors delivered babies during the semester—Dr. Mary Cain (Delaney Cain Saucier) and Dr. Satoris Culbertson (Matthew James Culbertson). (Photo on p. 6)
3. Eight (Professors Cain, Saucier, Loschky, Brase, Kirkpatrick, Palmatier, Culbertson, and McDaniel), over half the Psychology faculty, have been hired since 2004. These represent replacements, not growth, in some cases replacing retirements and resignations from years earlier.
4. Of the 53 current students (not counting MIOP distance education MS students), there are 17 men and 36 women. 40 are Caucasian, 6 Asian or Asian American, 4 African American, and 3 Latino. Overall, 9 are international, from Mexico (2), India (2), Brazil, Taiwan, Canada, Korea, and Jamaica.

—Richard Harris

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