

FACT SHEET

Department of Psychological Sciences – July 2013

The Department of Psychological Sciences separated from the Department of Education and Psychology in 1951. We awarded our first Master’s degree as a separate department in 1952 and our first Ph.D. in 1962. The department faculty cluster into four program areas: **Behavioral Neuroscience, Cognitive Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and Social/Personality Psychology**. This organizational structure allows us to offer training and experience in these traditional areas.

Three things you might not know about the Department of Psychology

- We have offered a distance Master’s degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology (MIOP) since 2000. This was the second web-based Master’s program at Kansas State University.
- We have a great undergraduate research program. K-State undergraduates routinely co-author conference presentations at regional and national conferences (25 to 30 per year with many students serving as first authors) and peer-reviewed journal articles (4 to 6 per year). There are also 15 to 20 undergraduate students presenting at the department’s Annual Undergraduate Research Convocation (now entering its 27th year).
- The current CEO of Hershey Corporation and the Director of Human Resources for Ritz-Carlton Hotels both received their Bachelors degrees in Psychology at K-State.

Degrees Offered

- **B.A./B.S. Psychology**. 520 Psychology majors and Pre-Psychology students (average ~75 B.A./B.S. degrees/year)
- **M.S. Psychology**. 38 students (average 9 M.S. degrees/year)
- **Ph.D. Psychology**. 44 students (average 5 Ph.D. degrees/year)
- **Masters in Industrial/Organizational Psychology (MIOP)**. 18 students currently enrolled (average 8 degrees/year).

Student Credit Hours (FY 2011)

Lower Division (0-299 level)	7,769
Upper Division (300-699 level)	5,631
Graduate I (700-899 level)	733
Graduate II (900-999 level)	414
TOTAL	14,547

Psychology Alumni Employment (based on 1547 out of 3450 total alumni)

39% employed in private sector	4% in K-12
14% in higher education	3% in legal field
11% in social services	3% retired
7% in state and local government	2% in military
7% in medical fields	2% in federal government
5% self-employed or other	

Externally Funded Research in Psychology

From 2007-2011, the faculty received grant awards totaling \$2,240,640.

Faculty

Behavioral Neuroscience

- **Mary E. Cain**, Associate Professor. Neurobiological basis of drug abuse.
- **Jerry Frieman**, Professor. Social learning and operant conditioning. (*0.25 phased retirement*)
- **Stephen W. Kiefer**, Professor. Alcohol use and abuse, the taste mechanisms that guide alcohol consumption. (*Full-time director of the University Honors Program*)
- **Kimberly Kirkpatrick**, Professor. Timing and impulsivity in rats; visual perception in pigeons.
- **Chip Pickens**, Assistant Professor. Behavioral and neurobiological substrates of learning, memory and cognitive flexibility.

Cognitive Psychology

- **Heather Bailey**, Assistant Professor. Individual and age-related differences in memory and perception.
- **Gary Brase**, Associate Professor. Statistical judgments under uncertainty and social decisions from an evolutionary perspective.
- **Richard J. Harris**, Professor. Psycholinguistics and psychology of mass communication.
- **Lester C. Loschky**, Associate Professor. Scene perception, visual cognition, and language comprehension.
- **Michael Young**, Professor and Department Head. Decision making, causal learning, and impulsivity.

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

- **Clive J. A. Fullagar**, Professor. “Flow” or optimal experiences in the workplace.
- **Patrick A. Knight**, Associate professor. Individual factors affecting task performance and leadership.
- **Wendong Li**, Assistant Professor. Individual differences in leadership.
- **YoungAh Park**, Assistant Professor. Occupational health psychology issues, training, incivility.

Social/Personality Psychology

- **Mark A. Barnett**, Professor. Individuals' perceptions of and social-emotional responses to others.
- **Laura A. Brannon**, Professor. Persuasion (changing attitudes) and compliance (changing behavior).
- **Donald A. Saucier**, Associate Professor. Attitude measurement and change, prejudice and discrimination.

Other faculty (no FTE in Department of Psychology)

- **Gregory Monaco**, Research Assistant Professor, Director of Great Plains Network
- **Dorothy Farrand**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Undergraduate Clinical Psychology Certification
- **Jane Hansen**, Adjunct Assistant Professor
- **Andrew Wefald**, Assistant Professor (*1.0 FTE in Leadership Studies*)

Staff

- **Jan Schroll**, Accounting Specialist
- **Ila Axton**, Senior Administrative Assistant
- **Sarah Buchanan**, Academic Advisor (0.5 FTE)